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The Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee was held in the General Conference Chapel, April 5, 6, 1966.

PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, W. R. Beach, W. M. Adams, K. F. Ambs, Wesley Amundsen, G. T. Anderson, R. A. Anderson, R. R. Bietz, M. J. Blair, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, L. F. Bohner, J. W. Bothe, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, R. L. Cone, E. E. Cossentine, C. G. Cross, J. L. Dittberner, E. W. Dunbar, L. D. Dunn, N. W. Dunn, K. H. Emmerson, L. C. Evans, W. A. Fagal, E. J. Folkenberg, R. W. Fowler, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Hackett, Richard Hammill, John Hancock, Mazie A. Herin, W. A. Higgins, D. W. Holbrook, W. A. Howe, G. A. Huse, I. H. Ihrig, D. S. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, G. M. Mathews, O. O. Mattison, D. A. McAdams, F. R. Millard, E. L. Minchin, O. T. Moline

C. J. Nagele, G. R. Nash, P. S. Nelson, M.D., F. D. Nichol, R. H. Nightingale, W. B. Ochs, L. C. Osborn, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, F. L. Peterson, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, C. E. Randolph, M.D., M. H. Reeder, H. E. Rice, H. H. Schmidt, W. H. Shephard, H. D. Singleton, J. D. Smith, F. A. Soper, Carl Sundin, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, R. S. Watts, A. L. White, Neal C. Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT:

H. L. Dyer, W. G. C. Murdoch, J. D. Snider

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

"Lead on, O King Eternal," page 362 in the Church Hymnal, was sung, led by R. S. Watts, Vice-President of the General Conference.

The opening song was "Working With Thee," page 345 of the Church Hymnal, announced by R. R. Figuhr, President of the General Conference.

Prayer was offered by C. L. Torrey, Treasurer. He thanked our heavenly Father for having guided and blessed us in so many ways. He spoke of our seeing His Spirit being poured out upon the earth. He asked God's help and the blessing we need for today.

A solo was sung by Mrs. Claire Blackburn, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Dolly Weber. The chorus of the song read:

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"Jesus is a precious name,
 Jesus is a wondrous name;
 The name an angel brought to earth,
 For the Saviour's lowly birth;
 Glorious, matchless name of Jesus."

R. R. Figuhr said we are glad the Lord has brought us safely here to another Spring Meeting. Two or three of our members are off in foreign lands. Their interests are with us, and their prayers.

Luke 19 tells the experience of Zacchaeus, that tax gatherer whom the Jews hated, and who was depreciated and looked down upon by the religious people. When that incident finishes, the Lord tells this parable, because He was near to Jerusalem, and because the people thought the kingdom of God was soon to appear. Elder Figuhr then read and commented on the parable of the talents as given in Luke 19: 11-21. He said probably the reason the Lord told this parable then and there was because the religious leaders had lost a sense of their responsibility and direction. The Lord had turned something over to them; they had lost a sense of its meaning. They had neglected the talents, and did not manifest a whole-hearted interest in the welfare of their Lord's goods as they should have done.

In Matthew 23 is recorded a scathing rebuke. The Lord never gave such a rebuke to any other group as He did to the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Do what they tell you to do, He said, but do not follow their example. They loved position, the uppermost seats in the synagogue; they were unabashed about it; they were ambitious; they loved to be called Rabbi, Doctor, Master. Some one in the educational meeting held recently said, "I think some people have gone overboard for titles." To my mind the title of brother is still the most coveted, the most honorable among us. They loved position, they loved title. The Lord applied an epithet to them--hypocrite. They were acting a part; they were acting as though they were much better than they were. The Lord pronounced a sentence upon them, and classed them with the murderers of God's faithful. Those people thought the kingdom of God was near; they were waiting for it; they thought they were ready for it. How far off the track they were!

The Lord in this parable gave talents to his ten servants. A talent, mina, is equivalent to about \$20.00. To the one who traded and gained ten talents, he said, Well done, good servant; be thou over ten cities. To the one who had gained five pounds, he said, Be thou also over five cities. Maybe this person did not work as hard and selflessly as the other did, still he was given a magnificent reward. To the third one who was afraid because his lord was an austere man and had wrapped up his talent and kept it in a clean napkin, the lord said he was a wicked and slothful servant. In the Revised Version it reads, "You are not careful; you are a lazy rascal." He was unfaithful. He accepted responsibility and did not discharge it. He did not occupy for his lord. He was too busy with his own interests. Some one has said, "Faithfulness is ours to give; success is God's to bestow."

The man in the parable said, "I was afraid." Afraid of what? The insignificance of the task; afraid that people did not recognize him sufficiently; afraid of failure; afraid of what people would think when he failed. Was he afraid of a full dedication to his lord's interests? There are people like that, afraid to be too dedicated to details, too wholehearted in the Lord's work.

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About 30 billion people, in recorded history, have lived in this world. Only about 5,000 have done outstanding things. The others did ordinary things. They, the 5,000, were conspicuous for their deeds. They are found on the pages of history. Alexander the Great, Charlemagne, Napoleon, were among the 5,000. Alexander led great armies to victory, conquered cities, fought battles, killed lots of people. If that is all he did, I would not call him great. The Lord has His list of great ones. The Lord applies a different standard of measurement to people, "Do they occupy faithfully for the Lord."

Illustrating these principles, Elder Figuhr related a number of stories of faithful ones who have witnessed by their lives of service and loving deeds. The Apostle Paul recognized that there are various kinds of gifts, but there is the same Spirit. The Lord wants the same results from all these gifts. There are various kinds of sacrificial service and yet the same Lord. We need practical men, men who can attack their problems in a practical, realistic way; men who can give reliable information that we can depend upon.

We must be devoted to God, loyal to God, wholehearted in our allegiance to God and to His work. Humility--what a jewel of Christian virtue that is; one who is humble and sincere. We must be sincere in all of our Christian living. We want to be found faithful. I want to hear from Him "Well done." Some one has said the most happy words in all the Bible are the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Let us be true to Him in trading with our Lord's goods, and occupying until He comes.

In response to Elder Figuhr's invitation to the delegates to testify to their desire to be faithful and true, a large number of the delegates spontaneously stood, and individually gave expression to their wholehearted dedication to the finishing of the work of God.

The devotional service closed at 10:25 A.M., with prayer by C. J. Nagele.

The first business session of the Spring Meeting was called to order by R. R. Figuhr as Chairman.

DAILY PROGRAM:

VOTED, To adopt the following Daily Program:

Program

A.M.
8:00 -- 9:25
9:30 --10:00
10:00 --12:30

Special Committees
Devotional Study
Session

P.M.
2:00 -- 5:30

Business or Committees

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AGENDAS:

An Agenda of items for consideration during the Spring Meeting was distributed.

REGISTRATION CARDS:

Cards for registration were distributed and completed.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

W. R. Beach, General Conference Secretary, spoke words of welcome to those in attendance, mentioning the fact that we have with us for the Spring Meeting three new members of the General Conference Committee, as follows: L. F. Bohner, General Manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association; R. E. Osborn, Assistant Treasurer General Conference, and H. H. Schmidt, President of the Southern Union Conference.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY--REPORT:

The Statistical Secretary, R. J. Radcliffe, being overseas at present, L. D. Dunn, Associate Secretary in the Statistical Department, presented a report.

The first part of the report dealt with the statistics of church membership in the North American Division for the year 1965, with some comparisons made with the year 1964. There were 23,427 baptisms and professions of faith accessions in the year 1965 as compared with 20,359 in the year 1964--an increase of 3,068 or 15.1%. The total net membership increased by 10,167, a 2.8% increase as compared with 2.4% in the year 1964.

In the overseas divisions, the baptisms and professions of faith totaled 101,895 during the year 1965 as compared with 104,695 in the year 1964--a decrease of 2,800 or 2.7%. The greatest increase in baptisms and professions of faith is noted in the Trans-Africa Division, with the Far Eastern, the Inter-American, and the South American Divisions following close behind. The net increase in church membership for all overseas divisions totaled 60,281 for the year 1965 as compared with 70,894 for the year 1964--a decrease of 14.9%. The total church membership for all divisions in the world field increased by 70,448 during the year 1965, as compared with 79,704 for the year 1964. The total church membership for all divisions in the world field stands at 1,578,504 as at December 31, 1965.

The total tithe for 1965 in the North American Division was \$60,835,255.05 as compared with \$55,711,320.50 for the year 1964--an increase of \$5,123,934.55 for 1965 or 9.2%. The total North American mission offering amounted to \$15,214,048.43 as compared with \$14,301,817.02 in 1964--an increase of \$912,231.41 or 6.4%. The total increase in tithe and missions giving for 1965 amounted to \$12,584,311.24, or 12.5%.

The gospel is being proclaimed to fallen mankind and only eternity will reveal the true statistics of His Church in membership and sacrificial giving.

At 10:40 A.M. an intermission of ten minutes was given.

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As the business session was resumed at 10:50 A.M., J. W. Peeke, Secretary and Manager of the Insurance Service, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, also the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, had a copy of the Rand McNally Road Atlas for the United States, Canada, and Mexico, distributed to the delegates. This gift was greatly appreciated.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM:

R. R. Figuhr said he would later call on the union presidents for verbal reports concerning evangelistic progress in the union conferences.

TREASURY REPORTS:

C.L. Torrey, Treasurer, said he had the privilege of attending the West African Union Committee meeting this past winter. They have a membership of 35,000. There are 88,000 in the Sabbath schools. There are 15,000 in the baptismal classes. They have a goal to double their membership in five years or less. Ghana, Nigeria, the Gold Coast and Liberia, are on the march.

He spoke of the prosperous conditions at present. When he and O. A. Blake visited the European banking connections this past summer, he found they had as their slogan "We have never had it so good." In one instance they had erased certain words until the slogan read, "We've had it." He spoke of the Great Society provisions, Medicare, aid to education, antipoverty, and rent subsidies, stating these are costing our government billions of dollars. He referred to the possibility one of these days of our being cut off from forwarding funds overseas for our mission program due to a continued adverse balance of payments. He referred to these as some of the problems we think and pray about.

Reporting on the tithe for the world field, he said the tithe for 1962-1965 amounted to \$289,848,954.00; during 1958-1961 the amount contributed was \$223,845,402.51; or a gain of \$66,003,551.49.

In North America, the tithe for 1962-1965 was \$217,632,875.97; for 1958-1961, the tithe was \$171,112,064.16; or a gain of \$46,520,811.81. The total tithe since the General Conference was organized in 1863 is \$1,149,729,570.54.

He called on K. F. Ambs, Assistant Treasurer, to attempt to explain how much a billion dollars is. Elder Ambs said that a billion dollars would run the Federal government for about three days. It also means that each man, woman, and child would be contributing about \$1.65 a day to the running of the Federal government. If one took a billion dollars and made it into little bundles of 250 one would have four million bundles. To count one billion dollars in \$1.00 bills at one per second for each secretary would put 30 secretaries to work eight hours a day for three years and four months. One billion dollars placed end to end would go around the world three times and there would be enough left to go to Detroit, Michigan from Washington, D. C. and return twenty times.

Elder Torrey continued, stating the mission offerings for the world field from 1962-1965 were \$77,323,371.47; for 1958-1961, \$64,438,652.44; a gain of \$12,884,719.03 during the last four years. The total Sabbath School offerings during the past four years were \$38,059,269.56; a gain over the previous four years of \$7,096,792.73.

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The Ingathering in North America for the years 1962-1965 amounted to \$22,685,996.14; overseas, \$9,957,570.01; a total of \$32,643,566.15. This was a gain over 1958-1961 of \$4,211,311.87.

The total tithe and mission offerings for 1962-1965 for the world field was \$367,172,325.47.

The appropriations for 1962-1965 amounted to \$134,033,388.11. During the previous four years, the amount was \$108,820,930.34; or an increase of \$25,212,457.77.

The beneficiaries on the Sustentation Fund December 31, 1965, numbered 2,854. The number receiving sustentation on December 31, 1961 was 2,354; an increase of exactly 500. The total receipts for sustentation during 1961-1965 amounted to \$25,984,159.36; the total expense during the same period was \$21,360,049.19. The income exceeds the expense by \$4,624,110.17.

The Harris Pine Mills reported sales of \$53,083,094.00 during the years 1962-1965. During the previous four years the sales amounted to \$37,619,151.00 or a gain of \$15,463,943.00 during the last four years. The Harris Pine Mills has been successful; we are thankful for what has been accomplished.

An interesting feature of the Treasurer's Report was the distribution to the delegates of a copy of an audited report of settlement for November 19, 1883, which gave the names of a number of the leading workers at that time and the wages received. The number of workers at that time was 20. D. M. Canright's name appears on the list, and his salary was given as \$12.00 per week.

The Treasury Reports for the Spring Meeting of 1966 were distributed; also the Financial Statement for the Sustentation Fund as of December 31, 1965.

C. L. Torrey, Treasurer, requested O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, to present the Treasury Reports.

O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, presented the Balance Sheets, Statements of Operations, and Retained Net Worth for the twelve months ended December 31, 1965, for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. L. D. Dunn read the Auditor's Statement. O. A. Blake next presented the Balance Sheets, Statements of Operations, and Retained Net Worth for the twelve months ended December 31, 1965, for the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists. L. D. Dunn read the Auditor's Statement. The Balance Sheets, Statements of Operation, and Retained Net Worth for the twelve months ended December 31, 1965, for the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, were presented. The Auditor's Statement was adopted without having it read. A statement concerning the North American Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists was also presented.

VOTED, To accept the 1965 Treasury Reports for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, the statement concerning the North American Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists; the Auditor's Statements; also the Financial Statement for the Sustentation Fund, as of December 31, 1965, as follows:

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GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE CORPORATION

TREASURY REPORT
FOR THE
SPRING COUNCIL of 1966

April 5-7
Takoma Park, D. C.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

EXHIBIT ABalance Sheet
December 31, 1965ASSETSCurrent:

Cash and banks	7 075 426 22	
Investments, net (Schedule 1)	<u>25 788 780 77</u>	32 864 206 99
Accounts Receivable	1 311 988 96	
Notes and Mortgages Receivable	129 290 97	
Inventories, Prepaid Items & Deposits	<u>217 096 14</u>	<u>1 658 376 07</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

34 522 583 06

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

EXHIBIT ABalance Sheet
December 31, 1965LIABILITIESCurrent:

Accounts Payable	7 105 906 36
Trust Funds	3 042 195 33
Deferred Items	34 603 84
Accrued Payables	<u>513 896 21</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES

10 696 601 74

NET WORTHRegular:

Balance, January 1, 1965	10 460 706 95	
Net Increase for the year 1965	<u>211 940 97</u>	
Balance, December 31, 1965		10 672 647 92

Net Worth Reserves:

Balance, December 31, 1965	<u>13 153 333 40</u>	
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TOTAL NET WORTH

23 825 981 32

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

34 522 583 06

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
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EXHIBIT BStatement of Financial Position

Total Cash, Banks and Investments 32 864 206 99

Provision for the following:

1. Liabilities

Accounts Payable	7 105 906 36	
Trust Funds	3 042 195 33	
Deferred Items	34 603 84	
Accrued Payables	<u>513 896 21</u>	10 696 601 74

2. Net Worth Reserves 13 153 333 40

Total Commitments 23 849 935 14

Remaining Balance - Cash, Banks, and Investments 9 014 271 85

Other Current Assets:

Accounts Receivable	1 311 988 96	
Notes and Mortgages Receivable	129 290 97	
Inventories, Prepaid Items, & Deposits	<u>217 096 14</u>	
Total		<u>1 658 376 07</u>
Total Operating Capital		<u><u>10 672 647 92</u></u>

Required and Actual Operating CapitalActual Operating Capital:

Total Assets	34 522 583 06	
Less: Total Liabilities	<u>10 696 601 74</u>	
	23 825 981 32	
Net Worth Reserves	<u>13 153 333 40</u>	
Actual Operating Capital		10 672 647 92

Required Operating Capital & Fixed Reserves:

6% of 1965 appropriations & operating expenses \$39 695 317 22	2 381 719 03	
20% of 1965 appropriations & operating expenses \$39 695 317 22	<u>7 939 063 44</u>	
Total Required Operating Capital		<u>10 320 782 47</u>

Actual Operating Capital EXCEEDS Required amount by 351 865 45

EXHIBIT C

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1965

INCOMETithe:

North America:

Union Conferences 1%	609 056 07	
Local Conference percentage	11 980 663 24	
Special percentage for exchange	8 424 799 33	
Miscellaneous	<u>49 810 45</u>	21 064 329 09

Overseas Divisions:

Regular 1%		<u>207 974 68</u>
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Total Tithe Receipts

21 272 303 77

Mission Offerings:

North America:

Dollar-A-Week Funds, less Ingathering	9 139 017 62	
Ingathering - G. C. Share	2 377 239 09	
Ingathering - Unions Share	<u>3 565 858 64</u>	
Total		15 082 115 35

Misc. Mission Offerings		43 197 76
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Specific Mission Donations		<u>88 735 32</u>
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15 214 048 43

Overseas Divisions:

Revertible	2 812 637 60	
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Non-Revertible	<u>2 981 195 63</u>	<u>5 793 833 23</u>
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Total Mission Offerings

21 007 881 66

Miscellaneous Income:

Commissions and Discounts	10 904 58	
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Interest and Dividends	1 611 866 76	
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Legacies and Matured Annuities	69 372 25	
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Royalties	<u>56 643 64</u>	
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Total Miscellaneous Income

1 748 787 23

Total Operating Income

44 028 972 66

Total Operating Expense

39 695 317 22

Operating Gain

4 333 655 44

EXHIBIT CGENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1965

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Operating Gain		4 333 655 44
<u>Non-Operating Income:</u>		
Prior Year Adjustment	181 23	
Oregon Corporation - Interest Income	<u>271 71</u>	<u>452 94</u>
		4 334 108 38
<u>Non-Operating Expense:</u>		
Religious Liberty Department	182 65	
Frankfurt, Germany Center	20 930 34	
Religious Liberty Department - General	4 125 00	
Interest, Investment Installment Notes	271 71	
Church World Service	500 00	
Prior Year Adjustments	248 17	
Yearbook	<u>432 00</u>	<u>26 689 87</u>
		4 307 418 51
<u>Transfers In:</u>		
Central Europe Sustentation	3 952 80	
Displaced Persons	3 980 02	
J. Nussbaum Travel	1 510 88	
New York World Fair Tickets	<u>6 87</u>	<u>9 450 57</u>
		4 316 869 08
<u>Transfers Out:</u>		
Excess of Investment earnings over 2%	794 928 11	
To 1966 Special Appropriations	<u>3 310 000 00</u>	<u>4 104 928 11</u>
TOTAL INCREASE in Net Worth		<u>211 940 97</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1965

EXHIBIT CEXPENSESAppropriations:

Overseas Divisions:

Regular	15 102 870 23
Revertible Funds, Regular	2 812 637 60
Emergency Appropriation	88 780 00
Appointee Expense	2 863 81
Missions Extension	100 133 42
Spring in Tithes & Offerings	310 993 43
13th Sabbath Overflow	347 944 64
Specific Donations	88 735 32

Total

18 854 958 45

North American Division:

Regular	4 335 172 05
Reverted Funds	77 226 14
Camp Pastors Centers	-
Contingency Funds - North America	5 309 00
- General	151 020 00
- Workers	9 793 43
Autumn & Spring Council Expense	2 770 39
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	31 521 16
Cafeteria Loss	16 285 06
Defense Literature	842 06
Donations	29 200 00
Informant	3 178 16
Ingathering Expense	336 954 07
Ingathering Overflow	3 066 141 88
Non-Tithe Funds Exchanged	8 424 799 33
Inst. Relief - Comeback	1 816 351 71
P. R. W. Appropriations	98 714 77
Sustentation Fund Appropriation	168 062 07
History of the Sabbath Book	394 87
North American Missions - General	273 41
MINISTRY Magazine	9 198 81
Leave of Absence expense	3 722 99
Library Project	661 26
Miscellaneous travel	8 992 90
M.V. KIT	3 000 00
Missions Extension	9 160 36
Promotion of Offerings	44 452 19
Research Committee	243 86
Review and Herald Color Issue	10 670 85
Seminary Extension Travel	5 181 57
Workers Retirement & Transfer	25 448 37
Working Policy	2 985 25
Yearbook Account	3 268 20

Total Appropriations

18 700 996 17
37 555 954 62

EXHIBIT C

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1965

EXPENSESGeneral Operating Expenses:

Department Expenses

Salaries	954 877 56
Subsidies	337 601 09
Travel	422 349 11
General	337 721 80

Total	2 052 549 56
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Less Department Income	324 315 68
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Net Departmental Expenses	1 728 233 88
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Administrative Expenses:

Mail Room Stock	392 36
Transportation Offices	82 303 51
Medical Allowance	52 093 59
Book Allowance	1 795 16
Cables and Telegrams	2 259 02
Employees Medical Examinations	3 555 88
Entertainment	15 389 46
General Expense	32 533 92
Heating Expense	12 886 52
Insurance Expense	33 052 21
Library Expense	4 923 26
Light and Power	14 611 79
Luggage Allowance	2 006 35
Rent	100 800 00
Scholarship Grants	10 196 22
Social Security Expense	26 417 75
Social Welfare Expense	57 49
Station Wagon Expense	1 048 08
Xerox Expense	2 885 93
Funeral Allowance	700 00
Utility Allowance	11 220 22

Total	411 128 72
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Total	2 139 362 60
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Total Appropriations	37 555 954 62
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Total Operating Expense	39 695 317 22
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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Schedules for the 1965 Financial Statement

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Schedule 1 - Investments:

Government Bonds and Savings & Loan Assn. Accounts	1 939 894 11
Corporate Bonds and Notes	15 065 880 88
Common and Preferred Stocks	9 501 156 17
Mortgage	<u>20 000 00</u>
	26 526 931 16
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>738 150 39</u>
Net Investments	<u><u>25 788 780 77</u></u>

To the Members of the Executive Committee
General Conference of S.D.A.

The auditing staff of the General Conference have examined the Balance Sheet of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists General Fund and Sustentation Fund as of December 31, 1965, and the related Operating Statement and Retained Net Worth for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with auditing standards established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its internal auditors, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other recognized auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, as internal auditors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church the accompanying Balance Sheet of the General Fund, showing a total Net Worth of \$23,825,981.32, and of the Sustentation Fund, showing a fund balance of \$12,874,863.72, and the related statements of operations and retained net worth, present fairly the financial position of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at December 31, 1965, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted denominational accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

R. J. Radcliffe, C.G.A.
Auditor

Washington, D.C.
March 10, 1966

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1965

EXHIBIT AASSETSCurrent Assets:

Banks	35 978 37	
Investments - General	3 701 502 90*	
Investments - Specific	368 155 62	
Notes and Mortgages Receivable	57 552 75	
Accounts Receivable	26 238 68	
Prepaid Insurance	3 144 07	
Supply Inventories	49 069 23	
Accrued Interest Receivable	<u>17 794 69</u>	
Total Current Assets		4 259 436 31

Fixed Assets:

Land	306 497 68	
Land Improvements, net	17 306 27	
Buildings, net	1 481 696 83	
Equipment, net	<u>332 719 16</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		2 138 219 94

Other Assets:

Oregon Properties Investment	42 796 18	
Investment in Harris Pine Mills, Inc.	540 000 00	(See Note)
Investment in wholly-owned Subsidiary	<u>375 000 00</u>	
Total Other Assets		<u>957 796 18</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

7 355 452 43

NOTE: At the balance sheet date an agreement was in process of negotiation with Clyde and Mary Harris, providing for payment of life incomes to them in the approximate amount of \$30,000 per year, beginning in 1972. This contract, when executed, will represent consideration for a fractional part of the value of the Milton Box Company Stock transferred to the General Conference by Clyde and Mary Harris during 1963.

* Securities in the amount of \$300,000.00 have been designated as "funds functioning as endowment" for Oakwood College, the earned income from which is assigned to and becomes a part of the operating subsidy to Oakwood College.

EXHIBIT A GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1965

LIABILITIESCurrent Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	399 642 85	
Trust Funds	14 993 49	
Certificates of Deposit	<u>144 962 04</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		559 598 38

Long-Term Liabilities:

Annuities, net	741 677 30	
Trust Agreements	326 066 84	
Life Income Contracts	557 000 00	
Clyde and Mary Harris Contracts	<u>177 500 00</u>	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>1 802 244 14</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES

2 361 842 52

NET WORTHRegular:

Total, December 31, 1965 (Page 12) 3 722 078 54

Net Worth Reserves:

Total, December 31, 1965 (Page 12) 1 271 531 37

TOTAL NET WORTH, December 31, 1965

4 993 609 91

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

7 355 452 43

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GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1965

NET WORTH STATEMENTRegular:

Balance, January 1, 1965	3 524 174 59	
Add: Increase for the year 1965	<u>197 903 95</u>	
Balance, December 31, 1965		3 722 078 54

Net Worth Reserves:

Security Fluctuation Reserves, Balance 1-1-65	1 256 442 06	
Adjustment of Securities to Market	<u>7 033 68</u>	
	1 263 475 74	
Charities Fund Balance, December 31, 1965	1 036 03	
GeoScience Research Radiocarbon Equipment	<u>7 019 60</u>	
Balance of Net Worth Reserves, December 31, 1965		<u>1 271 531 37</u>
TOTAL NET WORTH, December 31, 1965		<u><u>4 993 609 91</u></u>

NOTE for page 13: 1965 Equipment Depreciation	48 858 45	
Less: Relief Warehouses	834 20	
Printing	3 476 47	
Insurance	<u>4 343 25</u>	
	8 653 92	
	<u><u>40 204 53</u></u>	

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1965

EXHIBIT BIncome from Properties and GeneralIncome:

Apartment Property gains	2 399 09	
Rental Income	<u>109 697 94</u>	112 097 03

Expenses:

Apartment property loss	244 39	
Depreciation, buildings	44 542 17	
Depreciation, Land Improvement	1 932 87	
Depreciation, equipment (See page 12)	40 204 53*	
General Expense	608 78	
Grounds Expense	2 155 21	
Legal Expense	4 140 06	
Insurance	4 254 59	
Repairs - buildings	24 147 58	
- equipment	5 576 91	
Salary	1 525 20	
Taxes	<u>5 294 22</u>	<u>134 626 51</u>
Net Operating Loss		(22 529 48)

Income from InvestmentsIncome:

Oregon Property	5 400 00	
Interest Income	3 459 18	
Investments - Dividends	97 256 89	
- Interest	86 563 60	
- Investment Sales Gain	<u>24 225 84</u>	216 905 51

Expenses:

Annuity payments	51 442 25	
Interest Expense	<u>9 950 96</u>	<u>61 393 21</u>
Net Operating Gain		155 512 30
Less Loss from Properties Operating		(22 529 48)
Total Net Operating Gain		<u>132 982 82</u>

Non-Operating Income and Expense:

	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Income</u>	
Relief Warehouse		182 00	
1965 Special Approp. for South Building		51 370 00	
Donations of Equipment		1 096 97	
Sale of 810 Houston property		18 004 83	
W. A. Patton		2 760 86	
Mrs. Theodora Austad		1 406 94	
Mrs. May Royer		5 089 45	
General Conference Library books		190 82	
Geo-Science Research Inst. books and equip.		5 084 14	
810 Houston Avenue Property	222 30		
Oregon Properties Interest prior years	11 049 85		
Interest Expense, Nellie C. Moody Trust	553 77		
Loss on Sale of Equipment	<u>1 419 36</u>		
Totals	<u>13 245 28</u>	<u>85 186 01</u>	
Net Non-Operating Income			<u>71 940 73</u>
			204 923 55

Transfer Out:

Geo-Science Research Radiocarbon Equip.	7 019 60
NET INCREASE TO REGULAR NET WORTH for 1965	<u>197 903 95</u>

To the Members of the Board of Trustees
The General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

I have examined the balance sheet of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1965, and the related operating statement and analysis of Net Worth for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with auditing standards established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its internal auditors, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, as an internal auditor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the accompanying Balance Sheet, and the notes appended thereon, showing a total Net Worth of \$4,993,609.91, and the related Operating Statement and analysis of Net Worth present fairly the financial position of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1965, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted denominational accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and in conformity also with applicable policies of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

R. J. Radcliffe, C.G.A.
Auditor
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Washington, D.C.
March 11, 1966

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
December 31, 1965

Investments:

Savings and Loan Assn. Accounts	100 000 00
Corporate Bonds and Notes	1 724 971 92
Common and Preferred Stocks	<u>1 932 494 13</u>
	3 757 466 05
Less: Reserve	<u>55 963 15</u>
Net Value	<u><u>3 701 502 90</u></u>

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1965

Investments	1	30 000 00
General Conference Corporation		25 201 05
Real Estate	200 00	
Less: Reserve	<u>200 00</u>	-
Accrued Interest Receivable		<u>356 25</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>55 557 30</u>

30 M General Finance Corporation, 4 3/4%.

30 000 00

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Balance Sheet
December 31, 1965

LIABILITIES

None

NET WORTH

Regular:

Balance, January 1, 1965
Add: Net Increase during 1965

54 143 05
1 414 25

Balance, December 31, 1965

55 557 30

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
Year Ended December 31, 1965INCOME

Interest and Dividends

1 425 00

EXPENSES

Filing Fee

10 75

Net Gain for the year 1965

1 414 25

To the Members of the Board of Trustees
The General Conference Association of S.D.A.

Auditor's Statement

I have examined the balance sheet of the General Conference Association of S.D.A. as of December 31, 1965, and the related operating statement and analysis of Net Worth for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with auditing standards established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its internal auditors, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

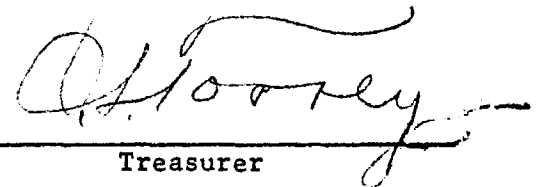
In my opinion, as an internal auditor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the accompanying Balance Sheet, showing a total Net Worth of \$55,557.30, and the related operating statement and analysis of net worth present fairly the financial position of the General Conference Association of S.D.A. as of December 31, 1965, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted denominational accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and in conformity also with applicable policies of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

R. J. Radcliffe, C.G.A.
Auditor
General Conference of S.D.A.

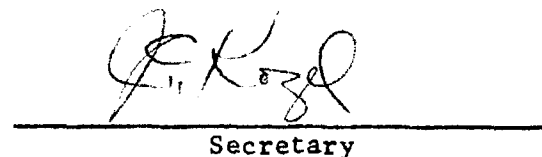
Washington, D.C.
March 11, 1966

NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE CORPORATION
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, has no known assets or liabilities. The Corporation is being continued in order to care for wills, legacies, or bequests which may have been written in favor of this organization; and to adjust property interests which may still exist in the name of the North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.



Treasurer



Secretary

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

SUSTENTATION FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DECEMBER 31, 1965

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Sustentation FundEXHIBIT ABalance Sheet
December 31, 1965ASSETSCurrent Assets:American Security & Trust Company
Investments, Net (See Schedule 1)1 618 174 58
11 256 689 14

TOTAL ASSETS

12 874 863 72

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Sustentation FundEXHIBIT A

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1965

LiabilitiesCurrent Liabilities:

Unredeemed checks

127 25

Fund BalanceRegular:

Balance, Jan. 1, 1965	12 041 516 20	
Increase for year	<u>808 220 27</u>	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1965		12 849 736 47

Fund Reserve (Disability Reserve):

Balance, Jan. 1, 1965	25 000 00	
Paid out in 1965	<u>500 00</u>	
	24 500 00	
From Surplus	<u>500 00</u>	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1965		<u>25 000 00</u>

Fund Balance, December 31, 1965

12 874 736 47

Liabilities and Fund Balance

12 874 863 72

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Sustentation FundEXHIBIT BStatement of Operations and Retained Funds
For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1965INCOME

From Union Conferences	487 244 89	
From Local Conferences	4 861 804 34	
From Book and Bible Houses	134 530 09	
From Sanitariums	780 653 18	
From Publishing Houses	333 893 55	
From Academies and Colleges	285 702 05	
From General Conference Appropriation	168 062 07	
From Miscellaneous Income	<u>51 059 14</u>	
Total Operating Income		7 102 949 31

EXPENSES

Disability Fund provision	142 058 98	
Less: Returned to Surplus	<u>141 558 98</u>	
Amount used in 1965		500 00
Medical payments		687 673 18
Regular monthly payments		5 072 302 07
Overseas charges		33 729 08
P.R.W. Fund provision	213 088 48	
Less: Returned to Surplus	<u>189 414 76</u>	
Amount used in 1965		23 673 72
Miscellaneous Office and General Expense		<u>3 330 31</u>
Total Operating Expenses		5 821 208 36
Operating Gain		<u>1 281 740 95</u>

Non-Operating Income:

Grace V. Isaac Trust	3 187 07	
Jean Smotherman	559 02	
Elizabeth Cowdrick	509 24	
Investment dividends	151 456 51	
Investment interest	<u>104 079 50</u>	
Total		259 791 34

Non-Operating Expense:

Excess Surplus returned to Unions	<u>733 312 02</u>	
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Net Non-Operating Expense

473 520 68

Net Increase to the Fund for 1965

808 220 27

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
SUSTENTATION FUND
December 31, 1965

Schedule 1 - Investments:

Government Bonds and Savings and Loan Association Accounts	1 476 425 00
Corporate Bonds & Notes	5 592 504 60
Common Stocks	<u>4 527 396 86</u>
	11 596 326 46
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>339 637 32</u>
	<u><u>11 256 689 14</u></u>

Spring Meeting

April 5, 1966

REPORTS:

Reports were made, on invitation of the Chairman, by C. J. Nagele, Manager of Harris Pine Mills Company; W. B. Ochs, retired General Conference Vice-President for the North American Division; and G. T. Anderson, President of Loma Linda University. Somewhat abbreviated, these reports were as follows:

C. J. Nagele: Our business continues to go forward. The brethren spoke this morning of how the Lord has blessed around the circle. Certainly that is true with our organization. Our business is very secular. We do not wish to get our eyes off the fact it is the great blessing of God that makes this a successful business.

He told an interesting story concerning a recent contact which he made with the Mayor of the City of Portland. Elder Nagele was voted in as President of the Chamber of Commerce. In accepting the position he said he would do so only on the basis of a definite understanding there would be a Vice-President who would carry on the work in his absence, because of his heavy travel schedules. Also, it would be distinctly understood there would be no activities on his Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. The latter statement aroused the interest of the Mayor who talked with him on two different occasions with regard to the explanation for the "sundown to sundown" business. Elder Nagele expressed a wish that he had studied his Bible doctrines when in school a little more carefully.

The Harris Pine Mills Company had its largest sales in 1965. In the first three months' period of 1966 they had \$4,295,000 worth of business, a gain of \$687,186 over the same period last year. In the twenty-three working days of March they had \$1,637,409 worth of sales. He said, however, he never wished to be so busy that he cannot step aside from his responsibility and give the spiritual emphasis to this business.

In answer to questions asked, he stated there are 15 plants across the country. 1,091 students were employed in some capacity last year. They have between 1,500 and 1,600 employees in these plants, depending on the season of the year; and 80 to 85 per cent of these are Seventh-day Adventists.

W. B. Ochs: As a retired worker, W. B. Ochs said that the sustenance family is a mighty good family to which to belong. He brought greetings from A. L. Ham, especially, who is well known to this group; also from A. H. Rulkoetter. He recently had a nice visit with A. H. Rulkoetter and his good wife. There are a number of sustenance folks at Angwin and St. Helena, California. He hears nothing but praise. They greatly appreciate the way they are taken care of by the General Conference. In response to an inquiry, he said that Mrs. W. E. Nelson is not well. She occasionally attends church service.

G. T. Anderson: We ought to recall now and then that we are engaged in the great work of evangelism. Even though we are training young people to heal the sick, we are able to make many contacts in behalf of the church.

Dr. Anderson told of having invited in a number of leaders and mayors of the towns around Loma Linda, California, for a little luncheon and a tour of the facilities. In connection with this the visitors were shown a few pictures of our worldwide medical work, and told about some of our needs. They did appreciate it.

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It is hoped to have soon a similar visit by educational leaders, and also representatives from the press. He told of several personal favorable contacts in behalf of our message and work.

He reports on an institution which calls for a lot of support. If we forget the basic purpose for which we have established the institution, we no longer merit the support of the church, which we appreciate so much.

During the recent Week of Prayer at Loma Linda University, H. M. S. Richards and the Voice of Prophecy Quartet were with them. Two meetings a day were held. There was a good interest and attendance. These meetings were climaxed by a community service on Friday evening. This was well attended. Large numbers of our student body and faculty participated in this concluding service.

At Loma Linda they are now occupied in the major building program. Along with this there are other things being done, in planning curriculum, planning regarding the faculty, and all the things that need changing, in making adjustments of this kind. The major medical center is now shut in. It will have eleven stories. The builders are finishing the interior, which will take about another year. We expect about March 1 the building will be turned over and we will begin furnishing, to be able to move in. It is a vast project, a very impressive thing that dominates the whole area in the concrete and the steel. One of the problems we face is maintaining the spirit of personal interest and personal ministry in an institution as large as this will be. There will be a residence hall for women completed by the opening of school, to house 164 young ladies. The Biochemistry building is now completed and operating. This is the last step in restoring the plant after the fire a little over a year ago.

The church likewise has faced problems of meeting the expanded membership there. Next Monday night they will open a new educational facility with many rooms for the young people and a chapel as well. For the first time the young people of the various departments will be able to meet on the grounds of the church.

The spirit of support and interest in the school is good. We have come through difficult times of division and almost rancor. Among our workers and elsewhere I find there is a feeling that even though at the time they did not favor it, now they feel it is for the best.

In closing Dr. Anderson said that April 9 the annual Loma Linda University offering is given. They have appreciated the fine support the workers have given us in the various fields. They have appreciated the understanding spirit and the support given. Continue to pray for the support of this institution.

Responding to questions, Dr. Anderson gave the information that the new institution will have a potential of 510 beds. They hope to salvage about 80 to 90 beds in the old hospital. They expect to have approximately 90 medical students finishing this year.

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Carl Sundin, Associate Secretary in the General Conference Medical Department, said it is his privilege to be at Loma Linda University and associated with it. He reported that the student body are on their own initiative sponsoring missions emphasis in the school. Not only the faculty and Dr. Anderson are concerned about this type of emphasis, but the student body has picked up this spirit as well.

Announcements were made by E. W. Dunbar.

Adjournment was taken at 12:25 P.M., until the next session called at 4 P.M.

Closing prayer by D. S. Johnson. He expressed thankfulness for these reports indicating God's blessing on the work. He asked that God would hasten our steps onward in carrying the message throughout our own land here and throughout the world.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman
W. R. Beach, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Thirty-First Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 5, 1966, 4:00 P.M.

The second session of the Spring Meeting convened promptly at 4:00 P.M., Elder M. V. Campbell serving as Chairman.

Opening prayer was offered by F. L. Bland.

The Chairman opened the business session by calling for several reports:

A. V. PINKNEY, President of Oakwood College:

Oakwood is now a member of the United Negro College Foundation, an educational organization founded in 1944 for ranking predominantly negro colleges, for the purpose of aiding negro institutions. Meetings are now being held on some day besides Saturday, recognizing President Pinkney's religious convictions. Last year Oakwood received cash grants of \$64,000. When grants and gifts become available to the Foundation, Oakwood receives a share.

Oakwood is considered a small college (but the enrollment is growing steadily--this year it has reached 500, their largest) -- yet, the Selective Service chose Oakwood College as a Test Center, and when it was learned it would not be possible for the tests to be administered at Oakwood on the Saturdays assigned, they co-operated and gave them on other days.

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The public relation image of the college has reached a new high: Strong ties of cooperation and recognition have been established with the Mayor's office. The Huntsville Chamber of Commerce has invited Oakwood to become a member. The strong faculty--more with doctor's degrees than ever before--is attracting students. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools have given the college an achievement status which has removed all doubt concerning their accreditation.

Industries are all showing gains: farm, dairy, laundry, bakery. They hope that the Harris Pine Mills' survey will result in the establishment of a branch for the Mill at Oakwood, thus providing another industry. The library is expanding rapidly and an entire building will have to be given over to it soon.

Oakwood College is adhering closely to the Blueprint for an Adventist College and they desire that it shall be kept that way.

W. E. PHILLIPS, Assistant Treasurer:

W. E. Phillips, Assistant Treasurer, reported that the General Conference investments are made only in safe and reliable companies. Trust and reserve funds are invested in the best possible place, risk free, and already this year considerable gains have resulted.

F. D. NICHOL, Editor, Review and Herald

F. D. Nichol mentioned the action taken last Autumn Council to reprint certain articles on the beginnings and growth of the work for the people of the south. These articles are appearing in the Review and Herald as planned, and may be published some time later in leaflet form. The booklet "The Southern Work" will be republished in an inexpensive edition of 96 pages at about 85¢ each. This will conclude the work of this committee.

C. L. TORREY, Treasurer:

C. L. Torrey reported that committees have been working since the last General Conference Session on details of the coming session in Detroit. He mentioned specific arrangements being made, and called upon three men to report on the work of various committees and progress in the planning.

E. W. DUNBAR, Associate Secretary:

Reporting for the Physical Arrangements Committee, E. W. Dunbar stated that the committee has worked hard on the many details connected with the session. They feel that the facilities are the nicest we can find. He mentioned the space available--halls and committee and exhibit space; elevators, escalators, ramps; cafeteria with four serving lines; first Sabbath plans--"Behold His Messengers," Mission Pageant; second Sabbath plans--"Behold His Glory," pageant. The main floor of the hall will be reserved for delegates and families. This hall seats a total of 12,000. Overflow meetings with closed-circuit color TV in Ballrooms A and B which open together to seat about 10,000, will care for the rest of the audience. There will be rooms for foreign language groups, daily showing of mission films, craft classes for children, the illuminated world globe, electrical mission map, and many other features.

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K. H. EMMERSON, Assistant Treasurer:

K. H. Emmerson mentioned the brochure on housing which is to be sent to lay members. The headquarters hotels are from four to nine blocks from the Convention Hall. The city-owned bus service has agreed to run busses at certain hours for the convenience of our members. The City of Detroit Convention Bureau have been very cooperative and the facilities are probably the best we can get anywhere in the United States.

K. F. AMBS, Assistant Treasurer:

K. F. Ambs described the two acres of exhibit hall, with assigned booths for exhibits, the theme center with the Illumidrama which was used at the World's Fair. Inside the panels surrounding the Illumidrama will hang original paintings of pictures in books published by our various publishing houses. Rest areas are planned in convenient locations throughout.

E. J. FOLKENBERG, Secretary of Temperance Department:

E. J. Folkenberg reported on the new slant they are planning to give to the Five-Day-Plan crusade to be carried out in Detroit preceding the General Conference Session, beginning April 23. They are working in cooperation with city organizations.

He mentioned the new format and increased number of the issues of Listen Magazine, so that twelve impacts are made instead of six each year. They are endeavoring to increase the circulation monthly.

Adjournment: 5:05 P.M.

Announcements of appointments.

Closing Prayer: W. M. Adams

R. R. Figuhr,
M. V. Campbell, Chairmen

W. R. Beach,
D. S. Johnson, Secretaries

Marjorie Marsh, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Thirty-Second Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 6, 1966, 9:30 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

After a song service led by R. E. Adams, a worker in the Temperance Department, F. L. Peterson, Vice-President of the General Conference, announced the opening song, "Come, Thou Almighty King," No. 3 in the Church Hymnal.

R. R. Figuhr spoke of the fact that he and W. R. Beach were over in Burma about the close of last year. A cable has now been received from R. S. Lowry, President of the Southern Asia Division, requesting special prayer in behalf of our work in Burma. Our overseas workers will have to leave Burma by the end of 1966. Three national workers have been appointed President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Burma Union. Several of our schools have been nationalized, and it is feared further schools will be lost. Certainly the leaders of Burma and our people need our earnest prayers and support.

R. R. Bietz, President of the Pacific Union Conference, led in the opening prayer. He thanked God for salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, that He has accepted us. We are His children, sons and daughters of the Lord. He expressed thanks for the spirit of unity. He asked that we might keep our eyes fastened on Christ, that we might always know what to do and to move in the right direction. He prayed for the people we represent. He remembered in prayer our educational institutions and workers in Burma.

"I Never Walk Alone," was sung by R. E. Adams.

M. V. Campbell, Vice-President of the General Conference, spoke of being "In Tune with God." We usually think of musical instruments being tuned to a certain pitch, but this can also be true of people. Sometimes a person is referred to as being "high-strung" or to another as "low-keyed." It is an excruciating experience to hear musical instruments which are out of tune played together. People who are out of tune are sometimes equally discordant.

Musical instruments which are in tune vibrate at the same frequency. Stringed instruments in exact tune will vibrate in response to each other. This is sometimes demonstrated when two pianos are in the same room, both with the damper pedal depressed, making it possible for the strings to vibrate freely. A chord is struck on the keys of one piano, the pedal is then released to stop the sound. The chord, however, is still heard, it comes from the piano whose keys have not been touched.

Buildings, too, throb and shake to certain musical notes. Nearly all have noticed in a church that when the pipe organ sounds a certain deep bass note that the whole building shakes. In one church the pipe with which the building was in tune was disconnected from the organ to avoid structural repairs!

When a radio or a television set is tuned to the frequency of a transmitting station, the audio or visual response comes over the loud speaker or the television tube. To communicate with God we must be in tune with Him.

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The whole universe was once in tune with God. It was "when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7). But suddenly the concert of heaven was rent by jangling discord. Sin had been conceived in the heart of Lucifer. Discord invaded our world and Adam and Eve hid from God. Ever since that day sinners have been trying to hide from Him.

The discrepancy between man's thoughts and those of God are revealed through Isaiah: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord; for as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8,9).

Sin has dropped man to an infinitely lower wave-length than that of God. He, however, desires to lift man's thoughts and ways back to His level. He sent His law which is the revelation of His character. It can be used as a tuning fork. He sent Jesus and the Holy Spirit to bring man back into tune with Him.

Jesus calls to sinners to come to Him and find rest unto their souls. It is only when in full harmony with God that man can find this rest. One who comes to Jesus surrendering to Him his will finds that his thoughts are lifted and his desires purified. He can communicate with God, he is in tune with heaven. God speaks to him through His word, he speaks to God through prayer.

It is possible for ministers, as well as for laymen, to be out of tune with God. How important it is for us as leaders in God's work to be in full harmony with heaven and in tune with our Creator and Redeemer. We, too, can come to Jesus, He can replace all our discordant thoughts by those in full harmony to His will. Christ's prayer was, "that they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us. . . I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one." (John 17:21)

This is the solution--God in Christ and Christ in us. It brings full unity with God. One is then in perfect tune with Him. Jesus desires to enter our hearts and bring them in harmony with His own great heart. Here and now and forever we can be part of the great symphony of heaven.

Theodore Carcich led in the closing prayer, asking that we might love righteousness and hate iniquity.

An intermission of ten minutes was given, and the third business session of the Spring Meeting was called at 10:15 A.M.

PROGRESS IN EVANGELISM:

R. R. Figuhr called for reports on evangelism from the ten union conference presidents in the North American Division. Enthusiastic and encouraging reports were given by them as to evangelistic efforts held, souls won, baptisms, and interesting incidents which occurred in connection with this work; as well as large plans being laid for the future. Reports were given by the following:

F. R. Millard
Neal C. Wilson
J. D. Smith

President Atlantic Union Conference
President Columbia Union Conference
President Lake Union Conference

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H. H. Schmidt	President Southern Union Conference
J. L. Dittberner	President Northern Union Conference
R. H. Nightingale	President Central Union Conference
W. J. Hackett	President North Pacific Union Conference
R. R. Bietz	President Pacific Union Conference
L. C. Evans	President Southwestern Union Conference
J. W. Bothe	President Canadian Union Conference

R. R. Figuhr spoke of the thrilling meeting this has been because of the reports given. We need to establish people in this truth. We want to bring them in and keep them in. We want 1966 to be outstanding.

R. R. Figuhr invited W. G. C. Murdoch, Dean and Teacher in the SDA Theological Seminary, to speak.

W. G. C. Murdoch said he had never been so happy to be a Seventh-day Adventist as this year, at a time when many theological professors do not believe in God, let alone a virgin birth, and have no message for this day. At the University of Pennsylvania where W. G. C. Murdoch was studying, a discussion was held about the church. A full day was used in an effort to define what the church is. Apparently some theologians do not know what the church is any more. They do not know how to train young men for something they do not know exists. For them the church is a community.

Then Elder Murdoch held up his hand, and said: "I would like to speak a little on the church. The Greek word for church is ecclesia--called out. So the church is composed of a group of people called out from the world into a brotherhood known as the church."

They said, "In this space age we do not believe that any more." And they are trying to discover what is the best training to give young ministers.

"We are one with you at the Seminary in the training of young men," said Elder Murdoch, "to give this last message to the last generation of people who will live on this earth. We believe at the Seminary that the hour is late, and there are a lot of things that do not mean anything to us, which should be eliminated from the curricula. Our one aim and desire is to train young men to win souls for this truth. Nothing else matters." He is anxious to get back to the Seminary to join with the brethren in this work.

E. C. Banks has written that we are planning this year eleven summer evangelistic schools where the young men from the Seminary will join with these evangelists. He expressed the hope that every union will have an Extension School of Evangelism, because that gives our young men such training as they do not get in the classroom. When they return to the Seminary they come back full of enthusiasm as to how they brought these folks into the message. There were many baptisms last year. More important even than the baptisms is the evangelistic fervor that grips the young men while out in the field.

Elder Murdoch expressed thankfulness for the Spirit of Prophecy. When we read it we know what to teach and what to preach, and we know what is coming in the world. He expressed appreciation to the union conference presidents for the young

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men they send to the Seminary. We want them to become fired with a greater zeal to win souls for the kingdom. He closed by saying, "My heart is greatly thrilled as we think of the wonderful prospects before us."

TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT--REPORTS:

R. R. Figuhr invited representatives from the Temperance Department to report.

Listen Big-City Sponsorship Program: Jesse O. Gibson, Associate Secretary in the Temperance Department, said at the 1965 Autumn Council it was voted to set aside \$10,000 toward a Big-City Listen sponsorship program. Since then, the American Temperance Society has added \$2,000. This total of \$12,000 is for sponsored Listen subscriptions to go into our big cities on a matching basis with the local union and conferences. Each union has \$1,000 available, to be matched by funds from that union, for use in the city chosen by that union. We hope this will encourage each field to develop a major project for each designated Big City within the union conference area. The balance of the funds will be used in New York City and Chicago.

In New York the health officials, the Narcotics Anonymous groups, the smoking and health coordinator, the Salvation Army, the various Teen Challenge groups, and other church circles have requested large numbers of sponsored Listens to help in their rehabilitation programs. Listen is now acclaimed by public officials, and many denominations, as being the outstanding journal today dealing with narcotics, tobacco, and alcohol.

Last week in New York, Mr. Livingston A. Wingate, executive director of Haryou-Act, Inc. (a Harlem antipoverty program), was honored by our Bethel church and the Northeastern Conference. After being awarded a special plaque, he stated in part: "I am more than grateful for this award. I am staggered by the weight of evidence that yours is a divine commission in the finishing of the work of human salvation. In fact, I ask myself: Is the Seventh-day Adventist movement the one which God has raised up to carry His closing gospel message unto them that dwell on the earth? As you and I await the second advent, I shall be gratefully searching my own soul for a reply."

Certainly our work for others will be amply repaid by a deep interest on their part in the message which we proclaim. The Big-City Listen program will help open doors to awaken this interest.

E. J. Folkenberg, Secretary of the Temperance Department, said that R. E. Adams has been asked to assume responsibility in the Temperance Department for promotion, sales, and shipping.

R. E. Adams said he is thrilled to see the response from the union brethren regarding the Listen Magazine, and their interest to see that the subscriptions grow in their area. It is our desire to see a tremendous growth in the circulation of Listen Magazine. He referred to F. A. Soper's work as Editor of Listen to make it the finest magazine that exists in this field of endeavor.

He told of the plan to enlist the boys and girls in taking subscriptions to Listen Magazine, and to give a camera free to each one for every subscription they are able to secure for the magazine. It is believed this plan will help the

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subscription list to grow. A camera is to be given to each union conference president to take homewith him to help him keep in mind the Listen subscription program.

After announcements by E. W. Dunbar as to meetings called, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Closing prayer by J. D. Smith, President of the Lake Union Conference.

R. R. Figuhr,
F. L. Peterson, Chairmen

W. R. Beach,
A. F. Tarr, Secretaries

Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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The fourth business session of the Spring Meeting was called to order by Chairman R. S. Watts.

Opening Song: "My Maker and My King."

Opening Prayer: By President W. H. Shephard, of Walla Walla College.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE:

We recommend, That the General Conference session provide for a change in the Constitution to authorize the establishment of an elective office on the General Conference level, to be known as Church Development Service, it being understood that in setting up this office the General Conference would arrange guidelines for its operation; and that similar offices be established in the North American Unions; also, that recommendation be made that the Divisions consider a similar plan.

ESTATE PLANNING AND INVESTMENT MEETING:

In order to implement the 1965 Autumn Council action regarding (1) the coordination of the deferred giving aspects of estate planning and investment of funds of associations, corporations, foundations, and institutions, and (2) the need to put this work on fund accounting at the earliest practical date, it was

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VOTED, That a meeting of appropriate association, corporation, foundation, and institutional personnel be held September 19-22, 1966 in Denver, Colorado, with the following being authorized to attend;

General Conference: Treasurer, Undertreasurer, Assistant Treasurer for Estate Planning and Investment Counseling, Assistant Treasurer for General Conference Investments, Corporation Secretary, Auditor and Associates, Vice-President for North America, Associate Secretary for North America, Attorney.

Unions: Union Treasurers and Auditors, Association Secretaries, Treasurers, and Head Accountants involved in fund accounting.

Local Conferences: Conference and Association Secretaries and Treasurers.

Institutions: Representatives involved in directing the deferred giving aspects of estate planning and investment of funds.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION COLLEGE AND UNION COLLEGE -- AFFILIATION:

VOTED, To approve the recommendation made by the Central and Southwestern Unions and the Department of Education, effecting an affiliation of the Southwestern Union College and Union College, the details of the agreement being on file with the Secretary's minutes in the General Conference. (Please see sheets following page 1463.)

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION MISSIONARY PROJECT

"THE WORLD VISITOR'S WEEK":

To implement the General Conference Committee action of June 10, 1965,

VOTED, 1. To approve the following Steering Committee recommendation as to organization, distribution of materials, and visitation procedure:

Organization:

a. The visitation team to be formed as far as possible by one North American and one overseas delegate.

b. Each team to receive five to seven copies of the book, A Century of Miracles, to be delivered to selected civic and business leaders in the Detroit and Windsor metropolitan areas.

c. All the names and addresses of those to be visited will be on file cards and grouped according to geographic proximity. In most cases the five calls will be in the same building and even on the same floor. The visitation program is concentrated in a square mile area with a very few exceptions beyond this limit. To make these five to seven calls probably will take 35 to 40 minutes.

d. Final guidance will be given during the Sabbath morning ten-minute missionary service.

e. These calls will be made sometime during the week June 20-24. The team will decide the day and hour for its calls.

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Distribution of Materials:

a. The North American delegate receives the books, names, and information sheet at the registration booth and at the time of registration.

b. The North American delegate also receives a file card with the name of his partner and looks for him in the overseas division seating section indicated on the card.

c. After the calls, the North American delegate returns the name cards to the Laymen's Activities booth in the exhibit area.

Visitation Procedure:

a. To make the entire visitation work easy, it is planned to visit first the mayors of the cities of Detroit and Windsor. On this occasion a public announcement will be made of similar calls to the civic leaders and businessmen of these two cities.

b. Also listed on the name cards given to the teams are the telephone numbers which can be used to make appointments.

c. Since the purpose of the visit is the presentation of the book, A Century of Miracles, as a gift to one of our friends and as a partial report of our worldwide work the call will be short, probably not longer than five minutes. (Payment of books--a joint arrangement shared by the Canadian and Lake Unions, the two local conferences involved, and the General Conference.)

d. The suggested canvass will be on the mimeographed sheet.

2. To invite every delegate to join in this "World Visitor's Week" and to help make it a real success taking advantage of this unusual opportunity to make friends for our world cause.

ATTENDANCE AT AUTUMN COUNCIL, 1966:

Since it is the practice to invite the North American local conference presidents to two Autumn Councils in the quadrennium,

VOTED, That the following persons be invited to attend the next Autumn Council October 19-24, 1966, in addition to the regular General Conference Committee members: Local conference presidents, Union conference secretary-treasurers; and that the General Conference Officers be authorized to invite up to twenty more.

CHAPLAINS' CONFERENCE 1966--CHANGE IN LOCATION:

The 1965 Autumn Council authorized the annual military Chaplains' Conference to be held August 7-11, 1966, in Washington, D.C. Due to a revision in plans, it seems best to hold this conference in Soquel, California.

VOTED, That the location for the 1966 Chaplains' Conference be Soquel, California, instead of Washington, D.C.

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1970 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--LOCATION:

Inasmuch as locations which might be suitable for the holding of a large gathering such as the General Conference session are booked up several years in advance,

VOTED, To authorize the General Conference Officers to set up a committee to study the matter of location for the next General Conference session; and make tentative reservations for the 1970 General Conference session.

CALL TO PRAYER:

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is confronted today with awesome but challenging responsibility. Restriction, stress and overt fighting beset our world mission in many areas. The "signs of the times" call for renewed and deeper consecration to God.

The church is approaching what should be the most important convocation ever held by Seventh-day Adventists, the fiftieth world session to be held in Detroit, and stands in need of a fuller understanding of God's will and grace to follow the counsels of Holy Writ and the Spirit of Prophecy.

The General Conference Committee in Spring Meeting appeals to ministry and laity alike to seek God most earnestly and to enter into a deeper and more sacrificial dedication to present truth and the finishing of His work. The Committee calls earnestly upon Seventh-day Adventists everywhere to seek divine guidance especially in the selection of leaders and the elaboration of plans for the coming quadrennium; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That a call to prayer be issued to our world membership, and that a special period of intercession, in public and private worship, begin Sabbath, June 4 and continue until the close of the General Conference session, Sabbath, June 25.

2. That the General Conference Officers be asked to implement the above call to prayer through the leadership of the churches and denominational journals.

REPORT--W. M. ADAMS:

In response to a request by the Chair, W. M. Adams reported on the text of the "conscience" amendment as approved by the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, a statement by the AFL-CIO Executive Council on Union Membership and Religious Objectors, and plans and prospects for the future.

REPORTS--PUBLISHING HOUSE MANAGERS:

Upon invitation of K. R. Figuhr, the General Managers gave brief reports of the work in the Southern Publishing Association, the Review and Herald, and the Pacific Press.

I. H. Ihrig--SPA: I. H. Ihrig reported on the status of their building plans. Although they have encountered some difficulties, they are of good courage. The book-of-the-year sold over 200,000, another printing of 100,000 is being made, and an order has been given for the fourth 100,000. Book sales in 1965 reached an

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all-time high, amounting to \$4,385,959.00. Some of their missionary endeavors included some parolees from the prison, and one of them is now studying theology at SMC.

C. E. Palmer--R & H: C. E. Palmer said the word is out. Something special happened at the Review. The year 1919 was the first million-dollar year. March of 1966 was the first million-dollar month. This wonderful "million-dollar report" from the Book Department represents only 55% of the volume of business that goes through the Review and Herald institution, and that is the reason for bringing in the Web press for the printing of periodicals. The new Web Offset Press being installed now will be occupied with periodicals, printing from a continuous web of paper going through the machine 1,000 feet a minute, printed on both sides, and folded.

L. F. Bohner--Pacific Press: L. F. Bohner mentioned the fact that the Pacific Press prints not only for the North American English-reading public, but for the foreign language groups in North America, and is the publishing house for Inter-American Division. Last year was by far the best year in sales, and at this date sales are above this same period of last year. Their books save souls as they go out to people via literature evangelists and other means. The press appreciates the fine work of the publishing men and the support of the presidents.

Closing Thought--We are praying for the presence of the Lord to a remarkable degree at the session in Detroit. The evidences of God's presence among us are many.

Announcements.

Adjournment of the Spring Meeting at 5:20 P.M.

Closing Prayer: R. A. Anderson

R. R. Figuhr,
R. S. Watts, Chairmen

W. R. Beach
N. W. Dunn, Secretaries

Marjorie Marsh, Recording Secretary

Recommendations:

1. That the Board of Management of Southwestern Union College approve during the period of transition from junior college to senior college status a closer affiliation of Southwestern Union College with Union College for the purpose of developing the ministerial training program and the elementary teacher education program to the level that may be necessary for the Bachelor of Arts degree and Bachelor of Science degree respectively to be conferred by Union College upon those who successfully complete these curriculums at Southwestern Union College.
2. That the Board of Union College, the Tri-Union Educational Organization and the General Conference Committee be asked to approve this plan of affiliation. Question the need of this going to the Tri-Union and its possible delay.
3. That the Board of Southwestern Union College be asked to seat as advisory members two members of the administration of Union College during the period of operation of the affiliation.
4. That upon approval of the plan the administrative officers of the two colleges be authorized to implement the program and set a starting date as early as desired and possible. SUC suggest target date of September 1965.
5. That the administrative details be worked out in such a manner as will give flexibility and continuing identity to each of the participating colleges under its own board of control.
6. That if at any time either college wishes to terminate the affiliation, it give notice of withdrawal not less than one year prior to such termination. Suggest that addition be made to insure that any possible termination date not interrupt any school year.
7. That one teacher for each of the curriculums be selected by Union College and recommended for inclusion on the teaching staff of SUC and that the term of service of such teacher or teachers be two academic years. Assume that teacher selected by Union College be from its staff.
8. That the teachers representing Union College be given the same classification at SUC they had in their own college, that they be paid at the senior college rate both salary and perquisites; and that their necessary movement to and from SUC college be paid by SUC at going rates.

9. That teachers participating in the affiliation program shall be on a leave status from their parent college with no break in service record, seniority or professional rank.
10. That quarters be provided by SUC of comparable quality as used by its own teacher families in the vicinity of the college and that provision be made for the moving of the visiting teachers' furniture and personal effects from Lincoln, Nebraska to SUC and the expense for the return of these items to Lincoln at the close of his term of service. The moving expense will be borne by SUC.
11. That the cost of movement, housing, storage and other unusual expenses be met by special appropriation from the Southwestern Union Conference but that costs which will continue after the transition period to senior college status at SUC be included in the regular college budget.
12. That during vacation periods the visiting teachers take church, camp meeting and camp appointments for the promotion of Christian education and of their particular program; or conduct summer classes in their respective disciplines on the campus of SUC.
13. That for the present the ministerial and four-year elementary education programs be included and that either of these may be initiated independently but that SUC may at a later time request that other majors be included.
14. That in all plans the ultimate objective be the independent senior college status for SUC.
15. That acceptance of students into either of these curriculums be on the same basis as acceptance of students at Union.
16. That each curriculum be set up by the proper authorities at Union College in consultation with the authorities at SUC and that any modifications in the curriculum should be handled the same way.
17. That as far as possible the courses in each curriculum be structured to parallel the courses at Union College in quantity and quality while leaving the usual individual freedom to the classroom teacher.
18. That the courses in each curriculum be taught by properly qualified teachers on the SUC faculty, that course outlines, texts and examinations be prepared and administered by the teachers involved but that they be subject to periodic review by the corresponding department at Union College.

19. That any general examinations and other academy requirements imposed on students at Union College in the curriculum areas offered in the upper division of Southwestern Union College be imposed and required of students on the SUC campus and be administered under the direction of the appropriate Union College officer. Request clarification of "general examinations."
20. That the library collection at SUC be prepared to meet the needs of the students and teachers in the curriculums involved in books, periodicals and other materials. Financial assistance should be sought for the increase of the library collection. Furthermore, clarification on the selections that need to be added, and, if necessary, professional assistance from Union College be arranged to make sure the expenditure of additional funds would result in adequate preparation in the area of library facilities and books.
21. That necessary instructional equipment and materials be provided in the equipment and supply budgets of the departments by SUC to meet the reasonable needs of students and teachers in the developing programs.
22. That the visiting teachers be given membership on the curriculum or academic standards committee of the college during their stay at Keene.
23. That one of the visiting teachers be designated by Union College as a representative of its administrative officers on the SUC campus and resident consultant in matters relating to the affiliation program.
24. That grades be issued by the teachers on each course and that they be recorded both at SUC and Union College; official transcripts and diplomas to be issued by Union College after clearance from the SUC business office until SUC achieves full senior college standing.
25. That the officers of the colleges negotiate some plan whereby the diplomas can be presented at the SUC commencement.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 7, 1966, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, D. S. Johnson, W. Melvin Adams, R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, R. R. Bietz, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, L. F. Bohner, W. P. Bradley, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cossentine, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, E. J. Folkenberg, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Hackett, Richard Hammill, Mazie Herin, W. A. Higgins, W. A. Howe, G. A. Huse, I. H. Ihrig, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, G. R. Nash, F. D. Nichol, Boardman Noland, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, M. H. Reeder, H. E. Rice, W. H. Shephard, H. D. Singleton, F. A. Soper, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, R. S. Watts, A. L. White, Neal C. Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT:

W. H. Beaven

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman, read from page 596 of the Church Hymnal the responsive reading entitled Christian Warfare, the scripture reference being Eph. 6: 10-18.

Opening prayer by Dr. W. H. Beaven, President of Columbia Union College.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 31, 1966, were approved.

FLORENCE PALMER--LOMA LINDA FOUNDATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference a call for Miss Florence Palmer, of the union office, to connect with the Loma Linda University as Secretary in the Foundation office.

WALTER E. TATE--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to Walter E. Tate, who has served as teacher of printing and in charge of the print shop at Caribbean Union College, and is permanently returning to the United States, a call to serve in the General Conference Printing Department.

1966 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--RETIRED WORKERS AND STAFF:

VOTED, That recommendations from the Committee on Veterans and Secretarial Staff for the 1966 General Conference session be adopted as follows:

1. That Mrs. J. R. Nelson be invited to attend the 1966 General Conference session in Detroit.

2. That M. H. Jensen and H. E. Clasing be authorized to assist in the SAWS exhibit; and that Harold Reiner be authorized to serve with the Radio-TV booth, at the 1966 General Conference session in Detroit.

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3. That Mrs. Grace Tucker be authorized to go to Detroit to serve in the stenographic pool at the 1966 General Conference session.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS--DATES:

VOTED, To approve the following dates for Board and Committee Meetings:

Faith for Today Board, New York City, Thursday, Sept. 15, 9:30 A.M.;
Estate Planning and Investment Meeting, Denver, Colorado, Sept. 19-22;
Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital Constituency and Board
Meetings, October 11 and 12, beginning at 9 A.M., the 11th;
Southern Publishing Association Board, October 13, 8:30 A.M.;
Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., at time of 1966 Autumn Council.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION--

RATE OF EXCHANGE FOR INDONESIAN RUPIAH:

In harmony with a recommendation from the Far Eastern Division, it was--

VOTED, That the fixed rate of exchange for the Indonesian Rupiah be changed from 40 Rupiahs (new Rupiahs) to the U.S. Dollar, or .025; to 50 Rupiahs to the U.S. Dollar, or .02 to the U.S. Dollar; effective April 1, 1966.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be approved as follows:

R. E. Adams--Washington, D.C., Conference on Children and Youth, April 12-15;
\$20.00 registration fee;
W. Melvin Adams--Northern California Conference, speaking appointments,
April 29, 30 (extension);
Wesley Amundsen--Cleveland, Ohio, Yugoslavian church dedication, May 7;
R. A. Anderson--College Heights, Alberta, Canadian Union College graduation,
May 27 -29, including a stopover at Winnipeg, Manitoba, for speaking appointments
en route to College Heights, Alberta;
O. A. Blake, F. L. Peterson--Oakwood College, Future Planning Committee,
May 2; Oakwood Board, May 3;
O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland--Riverside Sanitarium Audit Committee, May 4;
F. L. Bland to attend the Oakwood College Future Planning Committee, May 2;
Theodore Carcich, New York City, Ephesus Church, speaking appointments,
April 15-16;
E. E. Cleveland--release from College Heights, Alberta, Canadian Union
College graduation appointment, May 28, 29;
E. E. Cossentine--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Bible Teachers' Section meeting,
June 8-13 (en route to session);
E. J. Folkenberg--Detroit, re Five-Day Plan to be held prior to General
Conference session, April 8-13;
L. E. Froom--Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, May 30-June 9;
travel and entertainment expense to be met by Andrews University;
G. O. Gregory--Huntsville, Oakwood College, Youth Congress, April 22-24;
J. H. Hancock--Mountain View and Napa, California, Youth Rally, and speaking
appointments, April 15-25 (extension of two days)
W. A. Higgins--Allentown-Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, speaking appointments,
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D. S. Johnson--Brackway, Pennsylvania, church dedication, April 9;
Theodore Lucas--Council on Camping and Leadership at Berkshire Hills, New York, April 11-15;

G. R. Nash--Columbus, Ohio, Sabbath School Teachers' Training School, May 19-23;

R. E. Osborn--Atlanta, Georgia; Dallas, Texas; Glendale, California, April 12-14; Loma Linda, April 15-24; Walla Walla, April 25; Denver, April 26; Lincoln, April 27, 28; Berrien Springs, May 9, 10; Minneapolis and Oshawa, May 11, 12; New York City, May 13-15 (Association meetings and investment business);

F. A. Soper--New York City, National Commission on Alcoholism; Listen editorial work, April 11-17;

J. R. Spangler--Collegedale, Tennessee, Southern Missionary College speaking appointments, April 7-10;

Kenneth Stewart--Ohio Conference Insurance business, April 7-10; West Virginia Conference, Insurance business, April 11 (from Ohio).

ELDON J. GREEN--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION:

VOTED, To pass on to Eldon J. Green, a permanently returned worker from Helderberg College, a call to connect with the Loma Linda University Foundation.

DONALD ALDRIDGE--PERMANENT RETURN RESCINDED:

In harmony with a recommendation from the Far Eastern Division, it was--

VOTED, That the permanent return voted February 17, 1966, by the General Conference Committee, for Donald Aldridge, from the Far Eastern Academy in Singapore, be rescinded, it now being planned for him to go to Sunny Hill School in Kuching, Sarawak, as Headmaster.

PATIENCE NOECKER, M.D.--ASSIGNMENT TRANSFERRED:

On request of the Southern Asia Division, it was--

VOTED, That the appointment of Patience Noecker, M.D., be transferred from Ranchi, India, to Karachi, West Pakistan.

STANLEY STURGES, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. Stanley Sturges, who is at present under deferred appointment to the Southern Asia Division, be released, at his request because of his plans for further study.

W. W. LISKE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That W. W. Liske be released from deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division, in view of his desire to continue at Andrews University and study for a Ph. D. degree.

L. A. WALLINGTON, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That L. A. Wallington, M.D., be released from appointment to Pusan, Korea, he having declined the call because of the children's educational problems.

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BETTY DAVIS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Betty Davis be released from the call to teach church school in Saigon, she having declined because of her desire to remain in Florida for the present.

MALCOLM RUSSELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Malcolm Russell, son of Elder and Mrs. James S. Russell, of Beirut, Lebanon, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

L. R. DOWNING--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. R. Downing from the Southeast Asia Union College, in Singapore, on his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

MEDINA CHITTY--RWANKERI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Miss Medina Chitty, now at Collonges, France, to serve as Girls' Worker in Rwankeri; with the request that the Southern European Division process the call.

E. WEISSER--CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for E. Weisser, of Germany, to serve as Accountant for the Central African Union; with the request that the Central European Division process the call.

JUNE LeCLAIRE BISHOP--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College be requested to release Miss June LeClaire Bishop, Assistant Food Director at Walla Walla College, and that she be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Dietitian at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

A. E. ANDERSON--DESSIE, ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, That the Canadian Union and Alberta Conferences be requested to release A. E. Anderson, who was formerly a missionary in the Southern Asia Division, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Pastor-Evangelist for Dessie, Ethiopia.

ROSELYN WARD--CARIBBEAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That an invitation from the Inter-American Division be passed on to Miss Roselyn Ward, now attending Andrews University, to serve on the staff of the Music Department of Caribbean Union College, Trinidad; on the basis of a national returning.

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DORIS PHILPOTTS--WEST INDIES COLLEGE:

VOTED, That an invitation from the Inter-American Division be passed on to Miss Doris Philpotts, of Detroit, Michigan, to serve as Dean of Women at the West Indies College, in Jamaica; on the basis of a national returning.

WESLEY F. OLFERT--VINCENT HILL SCHOOL, INDIA:

VOTED, That the Canadian Union and Ontario-Quebec Conferences be requested to release Wesley F. Olfert, a Teacher, now studying at Andrews University, and who is to receive his M.A. degree in June, 1966; and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Teacher for Vincent Hill School, India.

GRACE KELLOGG--BANGKOK, THAILAND:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union and New York Conferences be requested to release Miss Grace Kellogg, a Teacher in Courtland, New York, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Church School Teacher in Bangkok, Thailand.

ROWENA R. RICK--FAR EASTERN DIVISION OFFICE:

VOTED, That Miss Rowena R. Rick, a permanently returned worker from the South American Division office, be invited to serve as an Accountant in the Far Eastern Division office.

CAROLYN SIBLEY--FAR EASTERN DIVISION OFFICE:

VOTED, That Miss Carolyn Sibley, a permanently returned worker from the South American Division office, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division office for secretarial work.

LILLIAN SANTO DOMINGO--BENGHAZI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call from the Middle East Division for Miss Lillian Santo Domingo, of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, to connect with the Benghazi Hospital as a Dietitian.

DALE HEPKER--MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the Central Union Conference and Union College be requested to release Dale Hepker, and that he be invited to connect with the Middle East College as Head of the English Department in Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon.

ANDREW B. FERRIER--FRENCH SWISS CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the Canadian Union and the Ontario-Quebec Conferences be requested to release Andrew B. Ferrier, of Montreal, Quebec, and that he be invited to return to the Southern European Division, to connect with the Swiss Union Conference as a Pastor-Evangelist in the French Swiss Conference; on the basis of a national returning to his homeland.

Adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman
D. S. Johnson, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Thirty-Fifth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 14, 1966, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, D. S. Johnson, K. F. Ambs, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, E. W. Dunbar, J. E. Edwards, E. J. Folkenberg, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, G. A. Huse, M. E. Loewen, Theodore Lucas, D. A. McAdams, E. L. Minchin, G. R. Nash, Philip S. Nelson, M.D., J. W. Peeke, M. H. Reeder, V. W. Schoen, H. D. Singleton, J. R. Spangler, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman, read from the Church Hymnal, page 604, the scriptures given under the topic Hope and Aspiration. Commenting, he said that if a person could have a realistic understanding and appreciation of the nearness of the Lord always it would make a great difference in his living and his work. We could live confidently, and we could work with confidence.

Some one has remarked that the religions of the Old Testament and the New Testament are very different. In both is that fundamental of religion--the all-important one, the personal relationship of the individual to God. How strikingly that appears in the book of Psalms. David knew his Lord. He was aware of the eye of the Lord upon him. He aimed to be careful all of the time to live so as to be assured of the Lord's presence. It is beautiful really how the Old and the New Testament are brought together, for the two are united. One is the complement of the other.

SERGIO COLLINS--PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for Sergio Collins, of the Casa Editora Sudamericana, to connect with the Pacific Press Publishing Association for French and Spanish editorial work.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS--ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

In harmony with a request from the Bureau of Public Relations, since they are losing certain of their stenographic and secretarial help, it was--

VOTED, To authorize the Bureau of Public Relations to reorganize and to invite an individual to be an Assistant Secretary in the department; and that Robert Nixon, of Takoma Park, Maryland, be appointed to this position.

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1966 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

SHIRLEY BURTON TO ASSIST IN NEWSROOM WORK:

On recommendation of the Committee on Physical Arrangements, it was--

VOTED, That approval be given for the Bureau of Public Relations to invite Miss Shirley Burton to assist in the newsroom work at the 1966 General Conference session.

CAMP-MEETING ITINERARIES:

A schedule for camp-meeting itineraries following the 1966 General Conference session, listing the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Faith for Today, and Voice of Prophecy personnel, was presented.

VOTED, To adopt the schedule of camp-meeting itineraries, a copy of which is on file in the Secretary's office. (See sheets inserted following page 1472.)

PROMOTION OF OFFERINGS COMMITTEE--W. E. PHILLIPS MEMBER:

VOTED, That W. E. Phillips be appointed a member of the Committee on Promotion of Offerings.

BIBLE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE--

ELSE NELSON MEMBER:

VOTED, That Miss Else Nelson, of the Pacific Union Conference, be appointed to serve on the Elementary Bible Textbook Committee, replacing Mrs. Elsie Tyson.

1966 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

TRAVEL ALLOWANCES:

VOTED, To adopt a revised schedule of allowances for those attending the 1966 General Conference session in Detroit, Michigan, on an all-inclusive basis; copies of the schedule having been placed on file in the Secretarial and Treasury offices. (Please see Officers' Minutes for April 11, 1966, page 66-121.)

C. H. HAMEL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of C. H. Hamel from West Pakistan, on his request, for family reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division. It was further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the twenty-six years of faithful service given by Elder and Mrs. C. H. Hamel to the work in India.

R. I. McFADDEN, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of R. I. McFadden, M.D., from the Karachi Hospital, West Pakistan, at his request, for family reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

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PHILIP A. PARKER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Philip A. Parker from Burma, on his request, because of the Government's unwillingness to continue visas; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division. It was further--

VOTED, To express our appreciation to Elder and Mrs. Philip A. Parker for their more than twenty years of work overseas, and the faithful service which they have given.

A. W. ROBINSON, JR.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of A. W. Robinson, Jr., from Ceylon, on his request, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division. It was further--

VOTED, To request the Secretary to express our appreciation to Elder and Mrs. A. W. Robinson, Jr., for their approximately seventeen years of service in the mission field, and the good work which they have done.

JOHN F. SIPKENS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of John F. Sipkens from Ceylon, at his request, for educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

L. R. BURNS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. R. Burns from India to Australia, on his request, for educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

VIVIAN M. LARSEN--BANGKOK, THAILAND:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Montana Conferences be requested to release Miss Vivian M. Larsen, a Teacher in Bozeman, Montana, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Church School Teacher for Bangkok, Thailand.

**PAUL HENRY DENTON--RUSANGU PREPARATORY AND
JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL:**

VOTED, That Paul Henry Denton, of Lodi, California, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as an Industrial Arts Teacher for the Rusangu Preparatory and Junior Secondary School, in Zambia.

WALTER D. MARSHALL--KWAHU HOSPITAL:

April 14, 1966

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences be requested to release Walter D. Marshall, Bible Teacher in San Fernando Valley Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Chaplain-Bible Teacher for the Kwahu Hospital, in Ghana, West Africa.

SUSAN ROZELL--POONA, INDIA:

VOTED, That Miss Susan Rozell, of Southern Missionary College, be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Church School Teacher for Poona, India.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee as follows:

K. F. Ambs, New York City, Hungarian Bible Conference, May 7-8 (in place of W. Amundsen);

F. L. Bland--Chicago area, committee meetings, May 9, 10 (extension);

O. A. Blake, K. H. Emmerson, W. L. Pascoe--Chicago, Medical Wage Scale, April 19-21;

E. E. Cleveland--Detroit area, Human Relations Seminar, May 7-10 (extension from Los Angeles);

Andrew Fearing--Chattanooga, church dedication, May 14;

W. A. Howe--Atlantic Union College, Pioneer Valley, Greater Boston Academies, May 11-15;

J. O. Iversen--South Lancaster, Melrose, Commencement address and Sabbath appointment, June 3, 4;

N. W. Litchfield--High Point, North Carolina, ESDA business, Furniture Mart, April 24, 25;

Marjorie Lloyd--Loma Linda, California, film business, April 12-19;

Harold Messenger--Central Union Insurance appraisals and inspections, May 22-June 10;

Myrtle McGhee, High Point, North Carolina, ESDA business, Furniture Mart, April 24-27;

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Chicago area, Human Relations Seminar, May 7-10;

J. V. Scully--North Pacific Union, visit schools in interest of Temperance, April 25-May 9 (extension);

H. D. Singleton--Chicago area, Human Relations Seminar, May 6-10;

G. E. Vandeman--Loma Linda, California, film business, April 11-15.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT--LITERATURE SALES:

As the meeting closed, G. A. Huse, Secretary of the Publishing Department, presented figures indicating a large increase in the sales of literature throughout the world field, during this past year, and this present quadrennium. The detailed report will be presented at the 1966 General Conference session.

Adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman
D. S. Johnson, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

CAMPMEETING ITINERARY FOR 1966
Group A

March 30 (Wednesday)	Southern California (Lynwood)
April 2 (Sabbath)	Southern California (Long Beach)
April 23 (Sabbath)	H. M. S. Richards to Southeastern California (Orange Show Fairgrounds)

Tour 1

June 3 & 4 (Friday, Sabbath)	Nebraska (Lincoln)
June 5 (Sunday)	South Dakota (Huron)
June 7 (Tuesday)	Indiana (Cicero)
June 10 & 11 (Friday, Sabbath)	Potomac (New Market)
June 13 - 25	General Conference Session (Detroit)
June 27 (Monday)	Grand Rapids, Michigan (Special Meeting)
June 28 (Tuesday)	Battle Creek, Michigan (Special Meeting)
June 29 & 30 (Wednesday, Thursday)	Berrien Springs, Michigan (Special Meetings)
July 1 & 2 (Friday, Sabbath)	Illinois (Broadview)
July 3 (Sunday)	Iowa (Nevada)

Tour 2

July 15 & 16 (Friday, Sabbath)	Oregon (Gladstone)
July 17 (Sunday)	Washington (Auburn)
July 19 & 20 (Tuesday, Wednesday)	Alberta (Lacombe)
July 22 & 23 (Friday, Sabbath)	British Columbia (Hope)

Tour 3

August 5 & 6 (Friday, Sabbath)	H. M. S. Richards to Grand Ledge, Michigan
August 6 & 7 (Sabbath, Sunday)	King's Heralds to Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)
August 7 (Sunday)	H. M. S. Richards to join King's Heralds in Oklahoma City
August 9 (Tuesday)	Texico (Sandoval)
August 10 (Wednesday)	Arizona (Prescott)
August 12 & 13 (Friday, Sabbath)	Central California (Soquel)

CAMPMEETING ITINERARY FOR 1966
Group B

April 2 (Sabbath)	Southern California (Long Beach)
April 23 (Sabbath)	Del Delker, Brad & Olive Braley to Southeastern California (Orange Show Fairgrounds)
<u>Year 2</u>	
May 27 & 28 (Friday, Sabbath)	Carolina (Lake Junaluska)
May 31 & June 1 (Tuesday, Wednesday)	Alabama-Mississippi (Eass Memorial)
June 2 (Thursday)	Arkansas-Louisiana (Baton Rouge)
June 3 & 4 (Friday, Sabbath)	Georgia-Cumberland (Collegedale)
June 5 (Sunday)	Kentucky-Tennessee (Portland)
June 7 (Tuesday)	Arkansas-Louisiana (Gentry)
June 9 (Thursday)	Southwest Region (Tyler)
June 10 & 11 (Friday, Sabbath)	Texas (Keene)
June 15 - 25	General Conference Session (Detroit)
June 29 (Wednesday)	Buffalo (Special Meeting)
July 1 & 2 (Friday, Sabbath)	Ontario-Quebec (Oshawa)
July 3 (Sunday)	Northeastern (Hyde Park)
July 4 (Monday)	Pitchburg, Massachusetts (Special Meeting)
July 5 (Tuesday)	South Lancaster, Massachusetts (Special Meeting)
July 6 (Wednesday)	Northern New England (Freeport)
July 7 (Thursday)	Greater New York (Camp Berkshire)
July 8 & 9 (Friday, Sabbath)	New York (Union Springs)
July 10 (Sunday)	Trenton, New Jersey -- War Memorial
July 15 & 16 (Friday, Sabbath)	Wayne Hooper to Monument Valley for the Navajo campmeeting

FAITH FOR TODAY
CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE
1966

June 3, 4	Ala. - Miss.	Lumberton, Miss.	Dalrymple and Quartet
	Potomac	New Market, Va.	W. A. Fagal
June 5	Texas	Keene, Texas	Dalrymple and Quartet
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June 6	Ark.- La.	Gentry, Arkansas	Dalrymple and Quartet
June 7	Ky. - Tenn.	Highland, Tenn.	Dalrymple and Quartet
June 10, 11	Indiana	Cicero, Ind.	W. A. Fagal and Quartet
June 13-23	GENERAL CONFERENCE	Detroit, Michigan	
July 2, a.m.	Greater N. Y.	Wingdale, N. Y.	W. A. Fagal and Quartet
p.m.	Northeastern	Hyde Park, N. Y.	W. A. Fagal and Quartet
July 3	North. New. Eng.	Portland, Maine	W. A. Fagal
July 4, 5	Illinois	Broadview, Ill.	Dalrymple and Quartet
July 6, 7	Iowa	Nevada, Ia.	Dalrymple and Quartet
July 8, 9	Missouri	St. Louis, Mo.	Dalrymple and Quartet
	Florida	Orlando, Fla.	W. A. Fagal
July 11, 12	Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minn.	Dalrymple and Quartet
July 13, 14	Man.-Sask.	Saskatoon, Sask.	Dalrymple
July 14, 15, 16	New York	Union Springs, N. Y.	W. A. Fagal
July 16, 16	North Dakota	Harvey, N. D.	Dalrymple and Quartet
July 17, 18	Wisconsin	Portage, Wisc.	Dalrymple
July 20, 21	Oregon	Gladstone Park, Ore.	W. A. Fagal and Quartet

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July 22, 23	Washington	Auburn, Washington	W. A. Fagal and Quartet
	S.N.E.	South Lancaster, Mass.	Dairymple
July 24	British Columbia	Hope, B.C.	W. A. Fagal and Quartet
July 29, 30	Michigan	Grand Ledge, Mich.	W. A. Fagal and Quartet
Aug. 5, 6	Colorado	Loveland, Colo.	W. A. Fagal
Aug. 7	Texico	Sandoval, N. Mex.	W. A. Fagal
Aug. 8, 9	Oklahoma	Okla. City, Okla.	W. A. Fagal
Aug. 10, 11	Central Calif.	Soquel, California	W. A. Fagal
Aug. 12, 13	Arizona	Prescott, Arizona	W. A. Fagal

REVIEW AND HERALD CAMPMEETING ITINERARY

July 3 - 10	Florida	Orlando, Fla	F D Nichol
July 21 - 24	Southern New England		F D Nichol
August 3-5	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, Okla	K H Wood
August 10-13	Arizona	Prescott, Arizona	K H Wood
August 18-20	Central California	Soquel, California	K H Wood
August 9 - 13	Arizona	Prescott, Arizona	H M Tippet
August 18-20	Central California	Soquel, California	H M Tippet

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Two Hundred Thirty-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 21, 1966, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. V. Campbell, W. Duncan Eva, R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, E. W. Dunbar, J. E. Edwards, A. C. Fearing, R. R. Figuhr, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, D. S. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, E. L. Minchin, W. E. Murray, G. R. Nash, H. D. Singleton, F. A. Soper, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield; M. O. Manley, Teacher of Missions in the SDA Theological Seminary.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

The 8th Psalm is by some called "The Psalm of a Religious Scientist." In commenting on it, M. V. Campbell, Chairman, stressed the excellency of God whose "glory is above the heavens." The Psalmist, gazing up into the starry sky, was impressed with the insignificance of man, saying, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" Modern man looking at the same stars figures the number of million light years they are away. The Psalmist could say, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Modern man might say "the heavens declare the glory of mathematics." The words "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" remind us that God did visit man. Jesus Christ came as a visitor and became a resident and citizen of earth. Throughout eternity He will be the Son of Man. The summary of the whole Psalm is found in the first and last verses which are identical, reading: "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"

Opening prayer by H. D. Singleton.

MINUTES of the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee, April 5 and 6, also for the meetings held April 7 and 14, 1966, were approved.

1966 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--INVITATIONS:

On recommendation of the Committee on Invitations to Veterans and Secretarial Help at the 1966 General Conference session, it was--

VOTED, That John G. Thomas, a long-time worker in the denomination, now living in Atlanta, Georgia, be invited to attend the 1966 General Conference session in Detroit, Michigan. It was also--

VOTED, That Mrs. Agnes Madden be included among those invited to the 1966 General Conference session, she to assist in the work of the Temperance Department and Narcotics Education, Inc.

April 21, 1966

CHAPLAINS' CONFERENCE--PLACE OF MEETING:

In the interests of economy, it was--

VOTED, That the 1966 Chaplains' Conference which was authorized to be held in Soquel, California, August 7-11, 1966, be held in Wawona, California.

LONDON TRANSPORTATION OFFICE--

AUTHORIZATION OF BANK SIGNATURES:

Resolved, That the Bankers, Lloyds Bank Ltd., of London be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, and/or L. M. Davison, and/or Anthony Roy Crouch, for the account which is in the name of the Mission Board of Seventh-day Adventists, Resident a/c No. 0078478, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money. All prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

Resolved, That the bankers, Lloyds Bank Ltd., of London be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, and/or L. M. Davison, and/or Anthony Roy Crouch, for the account which is in the name of the Mission Board of Seventh-day Adventists, External a/c No. 0078583, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money. All prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS--

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING:

VOTED, That the Committee on School Building Plans, authorized by action of the 1965 Autumn Council, and appointed by this Committee on March 31, 1966, meet at South Bend, Indiana, May 19, 1966.

1966 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

ADDITION TO MUSIC COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the name of Norman Krogstad, Music Teacher in the College at Andrews University, be added to the 1966 General Conference Session Music Committee.

LARGE CITY EVANGELISM FUND--

ITEMS REFERRED TO THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION:

VOTED, That inasmuch as the Large City Evangelism Fund has been set up for appropriations to the large cities of the North American Division, all items affecting this fund be referred to the North American Division Committee on Administration.

April 21, 1966

SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE--

NAME OF MISS HELEN MILLER REFERRED:

VOTED, That the name of Miss Helen Miller, who has served efficiently for many years in the General Conference Mailing Department, be referred to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration.

SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE--

NAME OF MISS BESSIE MOUNT REFERRED; APPRECIATION:

Miss Bessie Mount has served as a denominational worker since 1915. With the exception of a short time in the General Conference YPMV Department, she served in the China and Far Eastern Divisions from 1920 to 1952. In recent years she has been connected with the Ellen G. White Publications office at the General Conference as an Assistant Secretary. Her efficient and devoted service is greatly appreciated.

VOTED, That the name of Miss Bessie Mount be referred to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration. It was further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the valued service given by Miss Bessie Mount both in the work overseas and in the General Conference office.

MRS. DOUGLAS E. ERMSHAW^R--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference a call for Mrs. Douglas E. Ermshaw, to connect with the General Conference office for secretarial work.

JOYCE GRIFFITH--GEM STATE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Joyce Griffith, of the General Conference Bureau of Public Relations, a call from the North Pacific Union Conference for her to connect with the Idaho Conference as an English Teacher in the Gem State Academy.

MAX PHILLIPS--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to Max Phillips, a student at Andrews University, a call from the Southern Publishing Association for him to serve as Assistant Editor of These Times.

ATILIO R. DUPERTUIS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Atilio R. Dupertuis be released from the call to the East Venezuela Mission as Pastor-Evangelist, he having requested release in view of his present work of raising funds and building a church.

JOHN O. HARRISON--KERALA, INDIA:

VOTED, That John O. Harrison, of Hialeah, Florida, be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Laboratory Technician for Kerala, India.

April 21, 1966

L. F. HARDIN--EAST PAKISTAN SECTION:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conferences be requested to release L. F. Hardin, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as President of the East Pakistan Section.

JAMES D. McCLELLAND--SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That James D. McClelland, of Oxford, Ohio, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as English Teacher in the Southeast Asia Union College, in Singapore.

LILLIAN RAMSAY--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and Ohio Conferences be requested to release Lillian Ramsay, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as an Accountant/Secretary; definite assignment to be made later.

RAYMOND G. AUUIL, M.D.--TAIWAN:

VOTED, That Raymond G. Auvil, M.D., of Sanitarium, California, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as relief Doctor for one year, his first assignment to be at our Hospital in Taiwan; the Far Eastern Division to assume transportation and salary.

WILLIAM EPHRAIM BROWN, M.D.--BENGHAZI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That William Ephraim Brown, M.D., of Monterey Park, California, be appointed as relief Doctor for six to eight weeks, at his own expense, for the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, in Libya; during the time Dr. D. C. Ludington is on furlough and in attendance at the 1966 General Conference session.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be authorized as follows:

W. Melvin Adams--Asheville, Fletcher, Candler, North Carolina, speaking appointments, May 14-16;

Euel Atchley--Detroit, Michigan, re Five-Day Plan, April 18-28; Maitland, Florida, Forest Lake Academy Commencement, May 29 (extension);

R. R. Figuhr--Detroit, Michigan, appointments, April 26, 27;

C. D. Forshee, K. H. Emmerson--West Coast, survey convention facilities, April 24-30;

E. J. Folkenberg--Oshawa, meeting re union-wide Temperance promotion, April 18, 19 (extension);

C. E. Guenther--Kettering, Ohio, speaking appointment, April 29, 30;

W. A. Higgins--Hot Springs, Arkansas, state-wide Colporteur Rally, May 6-8;

Harry House--Southern Union, Insurance business, April 25-28; Lake Union Conference, May 16-20;

Lowell Litten--Grand Ledge, Michigan, to New Market, Virginia, and return, Potomac Conference camp meeting, June 3 and 4;

April 21, 1966

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

Theodore Lucas--Indianapolis, Indiana, church dedication, May 13, 14;
C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Dallas, Texas City Temple Church, May 7 (from California);
Philip Nelson--Carolina, Florida, Georgia, recruitment, April 18-May 3;
V. W. Schoen--Berrien Springs, Home Missionary Secretaries' Council, May 10.

Adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman
W. Duncan Eva, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Thirty-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1966, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

W. E. Murray, W. Duncan Eva, R. A. Anderson, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, J. E. Edwards, A. A. Esteb, R. R. Figuhr, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, W. A. Higgins, D. W. Holbrook, W. A. Howe, D. S. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, E. L. Minchin, G. R. Nash, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, M. H. Reeder, V. W. Schoen, Clark Smith, F. A. Soper, J. R. Spangler, A. F. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Calling attention to the first and second chapters of the Epistle to the Romans, W. E. Murray, Chairman, said that especially in the first chapter, and the last part, the Apostle Paul refers to how the peoples in the world have degraded themselves in sin. The list there is very dark, very discouraging, and very sad, as to how these people whom God once created and to whom He gave the blessings of life, had wandered from Him.

Then the second chapter follows the first without a separation, of course, in the original text. In the second chapter we find how the Jewish church, the creation of God, failed in their mission. You know what it says concerning them. They had the oracles of God. They were to be a guide to the blind and a light to them which were in darkness. The Jews were instructors to the foolish. They had all the obligations and responsibilities of teachers. Then the Apostle draws to their attention this thought in the 21st verse: "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?"

As I have thought of these two chapters, the challenge has come home to me once again--and I am sure it has come to you, how careful we should be to follow the plan of God, the will of God, the mission that God has given us, and not fail as the Jews failed. Sometimes the Lord brings to us a negative picture from which He wants us to draw a positive conclusion. This presents to us a great challenge to be positive and affirmative in our mission here in the earth.

Opening prayer by H. W. Lowe.

MINUTES for the meeting held April 21, 1966, were approved.

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CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE--

CALL FOR MISS AUDREY JACKSON:

Miss Audrey Jackson, of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, in Australia, transferred to the Rest Haven Hospital, in British Columbia, Canada, in June, 1965, thinking that she had received an official call. She is now the Director of Nursing Service at the Rest Haven Hospital. On request of the Canadian Union Conference, in order to clarify her service status, it was--

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Audrey Jackson through the Australasian Division and the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital a call for her to join the staff of the Rest Haven Hospital as Director of Nursing Service, on the regular basis of transfer under the policy; with the understanding that her transportation from Australia is to be paid by the Canadian Union Conference.

1966 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

MUSICIANS; EXPENSE:

In harmony with previous action by various committees concerned, it was--

VOTED, To list the following names as individuals whose services are being requested to assist as musicians at the 1966 General Conference session:

Charles Keymer, Chairman of the Music Committee and Director of the Music Program--Pacific Union Conference;

Wayne Hooper, Brad Braley--Voice of Prophecy;

C. W. Becker, Norman Krogstad, Paul Hamel--Andrews University;

Charles Brooks--Allegheny Conference;

Paul Hill, Neil Tilkens--Columbia Union College;

Norman Roy--Atlantic Union College;

Lloyd Wyman--Southeastern California Conference;

Alfred Walters--La Sierra College;

George Wargo--Pacific Union College;

Frank Foote--Michigan Conference.

FURTHER VOTED, 1. That the employing organizations continue the salary and travel expense, and the General Conference assume the entertainment expense at the session for the individuals whose names are listed above, on the basis of a single adult; an exception to be made in the case of Charles Keymer, for whom the General Conference will pay the entertainment expense on the basis of a family.

2. That since he is not a denominational worker, the General Conference pay the travel and entertainment expense for Frank Foote, of the Michigan Conference.

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION--

E. E. COSSENTINE TO VISIT:

VOTED, That E. E. Cossentine be authorized to make a visit to Puerto Rico and Jamaica, for the purpose of counseling in the development of a master plan for Antillian College; and for financial studies at the West Indies College in Jamaica; for ten days in May as may be arranged.

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GEORGE M. HARSHA--RELEASED:

VOTED, That George M. Harsha, an X-ray Technician of Boise, Idaho, be released from deferred appointment.

CLARENCE G. KENDRICK--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the appointment of Clarence G. Kendrick, of the Oregon Conference, as Normal Director for Lower Gwelo, be changed to English Teacher for Rusangu.

W. E. GUTHRIE--BANGKOK SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union Conference be requested to release W. E. Guthrie, returning from the Castle Memorial Hospital in Hawaii, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Business Manager for the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

DOROTHY TURNER, M.D.--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Dorothy Turner, M.D., of Los Angeles, California, who served for a time both in the Middle East Division and in Burma, be placed under deferred appointment to the Southern Asia Division.

W. JAMES GRIFFIN--WEST NIGERIA MISSION:

VOTED, That the Central Union Conference be requested to release W. James Griffin, Manager of Home Health Education Service and Assistant Publishing Secretary, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Secretary-Treasurer of the West Nigeria Mission.

PAUL W. SCHMIDT--EAST VENEZUELA MISSION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences be requested to release Paul W. Schmidt, Pastor in Brawley, California, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as District Pastor of the East Venezuela Mission.

ERNEST A. WAGNER, M.D.--PHILIPPINES:

VOTED, That Ernest A. Wagner, M.D., of Sonora, California, be invited to serve as a relief Doctor in Manila for four to five months, it being understood he will go without salary and pay his own transportation expense.

MARVIN MOORE, M.D.--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Marvin Moore, M.D., of Fresno, California, be invited to serve as a relief Doctor in the Far Eastern Division for approximately six months, two months to be in Manila, and four months in Taiwan; on a special arrangement.

GENEVA BEATTY-JONES, M.D.--BANGKOK SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Geneva Beatty-Jones, M.D., of Long Beach, California, be invited to serve as a relief Doctor for the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, for three months; with the understanding she will go without salary, and meet her own transportation expense.

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ROBERT W. ALLEN, D.D.S.--KOREA:

VOTED, That Robert W. Allen, D.D.S., of Citrus Heights, California, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Dentist for Seoul, Korea.

GERALD F. MEHARRY--BENGHAZI, LIBYA:

VOTED, That Gerald F. Meharry, of Moses Lake, Washington, be invited to connect with the Middle East Division as dental Laboratory Technician for the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, in Libya.

HAZEL HAUCK--BANGKOK, THAILAND:

VOTED, That the Southern Union and Florida Conferences be requested to release Miss Hazel Hauck, a Teacher in Ft. Pierce, Florida, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as school Teacher for Bangkok, Thailand, on a two-year appointment.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be authorized as follows:

K. F. Ambs, T. S. Geraty, W. A. Howe--South Bend, Indiana, School Building Plan Committee, May 19;

E. W. Dunbar--Detroit, Michigan, session business, April 28-30;

Franklin Hudgins, of Faith for Today--Carolina camp meeting, June 2-4.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

W. E. Murray, Chairman

W. Duncan Eva, Secretary

Katie Farney, Recording Secretary