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Two Hundred Fourth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 2, 1969, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, W. P. Bradley, J. J. Aitken, G. T. Anderson, D. H. Baasch, W. R. Beach, D. J. Bieber, R. R. Bietz, L. F. Bohner, W. J. Brown, R. B. Caldwell, E. E. Cleveland, N. R. Dower, K. H. Emmerson, A. A. Esteb, A. C. Fearing, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, V. E. Garber, T. S. Geraty, A. E. Gibb, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Hackett, R. R. Hegstad, M. Carol Hetzell, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, W. A. Howe, E. W. Howse, D. W. Hunter, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, A. C. McKee, E. L. Minchin, V. M. Montalban, L. C. Naden, C. J. Nagele, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, R. J. Radcliffe, A. H. Roth, Cree Sandefur, H. D. Singleton, E. W. Tarr, C. D. Watson, C. B. Watts, R. S. Watts, F. W. Wernick, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl H. Bahr, H. E. Douglass, R. W. Fowler, L. E. Froom, Lowell Litten, Wayne A. Martin, George Melashenko, Philip S. Nelson, M.D., L. R. Rasmussen, E. A. Robertson, W. M. Schneider, V. H. Siver, M. R. Thurber, Richard Way

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

The Chairman, Theodore Carcich, read 2 Tim. 2: 6: "No athlete can win the prize unless he has kept the rules." The New English Bible. Paul many times alludes to athletic contests to draw spiritual lessons. Here he points out that a contest is impossible without clearly defined rules.

Likewise in God's great work we need to observe the rules clearly outlined in the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy. As we approach this Autumn Council may we play the game in harmony with God's rules and as a team advance the gospel program throughout the earth.

Opening prayer by W. J. Hackett.

C. B. WATTS--INTRODUCTION:

R. S. Watts introduced C. B. Watts. Elder Watts said that after C. B. Watts finished college he started him in the work in Missouri. He is now President of the Japan Union Mission. On suggestion of the Chairman, C. B. Watts was given a hand of applause.

R. B. CALDWELL--INTRODUCTION:

C. O. Franz introduced R. B. Caldwell, who has come to join the headquarters staff as Associate Auditor. Elder Caldwell has served a number of years in the Inter-American Division office, in Cuba and Miami; and for four years was Secretary-Treasurer of the Mexican Union Mission in Mexico City. Elder Carcich welcomed him to the General Conference Committee, and as an Associate Auditor.

October 2, 1969

REPORTS:

Caris H. Lauda, Secretary of the North American Missions Committee, referred to September 27 as World Baptism Sabbath, and reported that five deaf persons were baptized in the Washington, D.C., area. This makes a total of fifteen deaf baptized here during the past eighteen months. It is thrilling to see the Sabbath school lesson and the church service being signed in the Silver Spring, Maryland, Church, for the twenty-three baptized deaf and their friends who attend there.

He reported further that the school enrolment was nearly doubled this year at the Pine Ridge Indian School in South Dakota, when thirty students came instead of the expected eighteen. Great progress is being made since this school was moved over a year ago from Red Shirt. A noon lunch is being served this year and a new school bus provides transportation.

The little white mission church on the hill overlooking the highway in the valley welcomes all to come to worship God. The school, the mobile homes, and the teacherage erected across from the church completes an ideal mission compound. He requested prayer for the four Indian missions: Monument Valley, Utah; Holbrook, Arizona; La Vida in Farmington, New Mexico; and Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

The Chairman invited George Melashenko, of the Central California Conference, to give a report on his recent visit to Russia.

George Melashenko said he was very appreciative of the opportunity given to him and his brother Joseph to go to Russia. They spent twenty-three days in Russia. He gave the names of a number of cities which they visited, among them Moscow, Leningrad, and Kiev. A year and a half ago the government made Sabbath a day off, and now they do not have to report for work on that day. For this they are rejoicing. He told of the appreciation of the people for our interest and prayers. They asked him to tell the General Conference brethren they are united in wanting the work to be finished, and requested that we pray for them always.

D. W. Holbrook, President of the Home Study Institute, said that institution will be sixty years old this coming Monday, October 6. He invited the members of the General Conference Committee and all present to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 12:45 P.M. There will be a birthday celebration with refreshments.

MINUTES of the meeting held September 25, 1969, were approved.

LIBERTY MAGAZINE--EDITORIAL POLICY:

An Editorial Policy for Liberty Magazine, as recommended by the General Conference Officers, was given consideration.

VOTED, To adopt the Editorial Policy for Liberty Magazine, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Secretariat.

(See following pages.)

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RECOMMENDED EDITORIAL POLICY FOR LIBERTY MAGAZINE

INTRODUCTION

The editorial policy of Liberty, a magazine of religious freedom, is based on counsels given by Mrs. E. G. White. Describing the function of the religious liberty publication of the Seventh-day Adventist Church--then called the Sentinel--she wrote in the Review and Herald of January 31, 1893:

In the last conflict in the great controversy between good and evil, God has called us to give the final warning to the world. The Christian world are honoring a false Sabbath, and we are to show them its true character and foundation. We must make it plain to them that they are honoring a man-made institution in place of that which God Himself has sanctified. Every rival to God must be made to appear as an idol. Solemn is our responsibility.

The people of the world will try to induce us to soften down our message, to suppress some of its more distinctive features. They say, 'Why do you make the seventh-day Sabbath so prominent in your teaching? This difference is always thrust before us. We would harmonize with you if you would not say so much on this point. Let arguments in the Sentinel be free from mention of the seventh-day Sabbath, and we will give it our influence and support.' This is their invitation to compromise, and there has been a disposition on the part of some of our workers to adopt this policy. But those who favor this action entertain deceptive sentiments, are bound by false modesty and caution, and manifest a disposition to withhold the confession of our faith. Seventh-day Adventists have discussed the feasibility of conceding to these demands; but shall we permit the world to shape the message that God has given us to bear to them? Shall we entertain the proposals of Satan, and thereby entangle our souls, and the souls of others, for the sake of policy? Shall we betray sacred trusts? If the world are in error and delusion, breaking the law of God, is it not our duty to show them their sin and danger? We must proclaim the third angel's message.

What is the Sentinel for?--It is to be as the voice of the watchman on the walls of Zion, ready to sound the danger signal. We should cry aloud, and spare not, and show the people their transgressions. We are not to cringe, and beg pardon of the world for telling them the truth. We should scorn concealment. Unfurl your true colors to the gaze of men and angels. Let it be understood that Seventh-day Adventists can make no compromise. In our opinions and faith there must not be the least appearance of wavering. The world has a right to expect something of us, and will look upon us as dishonest, as hiding our real sentiments and principles out of policy, if we present even the semblance of being uncommitted.--pp. 65, 66.

Liberty had its birth in 1906, two years after the Sentinel was discontinued.

During the period when no religious liberty journal was published, Mrs. White wrote:

I have not been able to think that it was the wise thing to do to let that paper drop. It was a voice that was constantly speaking in defense of religious liberty. The truth should be presented in short articles, in clear, distinct lines, giving special points in regard to the Lord's Sabbath, and showing that those who frame laws to compel the observance of the first day of the week, are disloyal to the Lord of heaven, who placed His sanctity upon the seventh day. Are we doing all we can to exalt the law of Jehovah?--Counsels to Writers and Editors, pp. 97, 98.

Today's Liberty remains committed to the objectives outlined by Mrs. White. The name Seventh-day Adventist again was added to its masthead page in 1960, and more prominence was given to the sponsorship in 1969, the identification reading, "a publication of the Religious Liberty Association of America and the Seventh-day Adventist Church." For several years Liberty has carried articles on the Sabbath and prophecies relating to last day church-state affairs.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Liberty holds before the public the principles of religious freedom, contending that these are most successfully maintained through separation of church and state. These principles appear on the masthead page of each issue.

Liberty emphasizes the right of a man to worship or not to worship as his convictions dictate. It opposes any tyranny of the mind, in religious affairs. It does not deal with political or civil freedoms as such, for many secular magazines treat these fields. It does, however, consider these fields when they have a causal relationship to religious freedom--as, for example, when denial of free speech or the right of assembly inhibits the right of religious witness. Economic, social, and racial problems as such are not in the province of Liberty.

The audience of Liberty is the general public, and the purpose is to educate this public, and particularly the professional and political leadership in it, and to give it opportunity to believe in and to implement the principles which Liberty advocates. Therefore articles and editorials are put in such terms as will attract readers from among this audience.

Non-Adventist writers are used in Liberty when their articles are deemed to make a contribution to the objectives of the magazine, and when their names and characters are such as to enhance the image of the magazine.

It is the policy of Liberty to be as pacific and as positive as possible in a highly controversial field. Principles are emphasized and applied to current issues, or interpreted within the context of current issues. It is not the editorial intent to single out for attack any group among the citizenry, religious or otherwise. The magazine is "anti-" only to those opposing religious freedom. When concepts and ideologies need to be shown as harmful to religious freedom, and illustrations drawn from past or current situations, Liberty will seek to set forth the facts and interpretations in the spirit of Christ. Special care is taken to protect the interests of minorities working under grave political and ideological difficulties. It is a matter of policy to refer to such minority groups, or to their officials here or abroad, articles dealing with local situations or, specifically, their circumstances.

Liberty does not print articles advocating positions with which it is not in harmony, other than in instances where doctrine is not involved and examination of all aspects of the issue may lead the reader to a worthy conclusion. Viewpoints contrary to Liberty's are printed in the letters column where: 1. it appears wise to alert the readers to such a viewpoint; 2. further opportunity is afforded the editors to amplify a point made in an article, to which the writer is responding; 3. sympathy may be aroused for the position of Liberty; 4. a climate of candor is created in which the readers may more readily accept the viewpoint of Liberty. Letters appearing in Liberty are cleared with the writers. In some cases, depending on circumstances, initials only are printed.

Occasionally the letters column is used to communicate information that the editors do not wish identified as an editorial item--as, for example, a letter commenting on an incident in a Communist country. When writers attack a point in

an article, the author generally is given opportunity to express his views on the letter's appearance in Liberty and to reply to it. When a writer reproaches a previous contributor to the column, or corrects him, the editors endeavor to ascertain whether the viewpoints expressed are valid and whether they contribute to a desirable discussion. So far as is possible, personalities are not permitted to become a point at issue; the Golden Rule is followed as the ultimate arbiter of a letter's appearance.

Articles in Liberty, whenever possible, are designed to give the appearance of objectivity; editorials, while more partisan, are not intended to irritate but to stimulate thought. Truth is permitted to do its own cutting.

While adhering to the policy marked out by Inspiration for our religious liberty periodical, the editors will not ignore changed and changing circumstances that may bear upon the mode of witness. For example, Mrs. White herself cautioned: "In presenting prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, we may have less to say in some lines, in regard to the Roman power and the papacy, but we should call attention to what the prophets and apostles have written under the inspiration of the Spirit of God."--Counsels to Writers and Editors, pp. 65, 66.

Articles, editorials, and letters deemed to be sensitive in their subject matter or treatment are submitted to the consulting editors for judgment; frequency of appearance and mode of appearance, as well as necessity of appearance, are factors considered in scheduling material in Liberty.

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ALASKA MISSION--INCORPORATION:

The North Pacific Union Conference has recommended the formation of a legal corporation for the Alaska Mission. The General Conference Officers having concurred in this recommendation, it was--

VOTED, That the Alaska Mission be authorized to form a legal corporation to serve the North Pacific Union Conference and the Alaska Mission; with the understanding that the North Pacific Union Conference will be recognized as the parent body.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--STANDING COMMITTEES:

On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, a list of Autumn Council Standing Committees was presented.

VOTED, To approve the list of 1969 Autumn Council Standing Committees submitted; with the understanding the complete list will appear in the Autumn Council booklet.

W. P. Bradley took the Chairmanship while Theodore Carcich reported on the following item:

PUBLICATION FOR ADVENTIST YOUTH--EDITOR:

The Nominating Committee for the Publication of Adventist Youth has recommended that F. Donald Yost be appointed to serve as Editor of the youth publication. The General Conference Officers concur in this recommendation. An outline of the qualifications of F. Donald Yost was presented, particular notice being taken of his having a B.A. degree in Religion and English, and that he received his M.A. degree at the American University; and is working toward a doctorate degree. He has had experience as a teacher and youth pastor, and for a time was Assistant Editor of the Youth's Instructor. At present he is Associate Editor of the Review and Herald.

VOTED, That F. Donald Yost be appointed as Editor of the new SDA youth publication.

Theodore Carcich resumed the Chairmanship.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY--INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS:

The General Conference Working Policy section entitled "Safeguarding the Funds of the Cause and Investments" (pages 245-247) provides in paragraphs 7 and 9 that General Conference institutions will use the unitized funds of the General Conference as vehicles for the investment of institutional and trustee funds. The Loma Linda University Board of Trustees is requesting that that institution be given permission to maintain its own investment program separate from the unitized funds of the General Conference due to the large investment portfolios built up through the years by the University and because of the large number of trusts containing securities portfolios which are being managed by the University as trustee.

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VOTED, That Loma Linda University be permitted to continue to operate its own investment program for institutional as well as for trustee securities because of the special situation prevailing in that institution.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY--TRUST FUNDS BORROWING:

The General Conference Working Policy section entitled "Safeguarding the Funds of the Cause and Investments"(pages 245-247) provides in paragraph 10 for the making of loans to churches and conference institutions of certain trust funds where borrowing has been authorized. The Loma Linda University Board of Trustees is requesting that the provisions of this paragraph also be available to the University.

VOTED, That permission be given to Loma Linda University to apply the principle of the provisions of paragraph 10 of the "Safeguarding the Funds of the Cause and Investments" policy (General Conference Working Policy, page 246) to University projects so that it could borrow up to 25% of its cash trust agreement funds for specifically approved University projects, institutionally related, on which borrowing has been authorized, with such investments to be evidenced by demand notes from the University (not as trustee), and with a specific repayment schedule to be authorized by the Loma Linda University Foundation Committee in each instance.

D. J. Bieber, President of Loma Linda University, expressed thankfulness for our having voted the above provisions.

PETER M. VAN BEMMELEN--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, That the furlough of Peter M. Van Bemmelen, from Surinam, be extended for six months following his regular furlough, on his own responsibility without salary, for study at Andrews University; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

ARIEL ELOY SCHMIDT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Ariel Eloy Schmidt from the Antillian Union College, effective November 15, 1969, for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

EDWIN DALE COLLINS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Edwin Dale Collins from Montemorelos, Mexico, effective August 20, 1969, for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

EGBERT BOUKE BRINKMAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Egbert Bouke Brinkman to Northern Europe from Surinam, for educational reasons, as of September 1, 1969; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

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DANIEL R. GUILD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Daniel R. Guild, President of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, at his request for personal reasons; effective October 15, 1969; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division. He has served eleven years in the Far East.

RICHARD RAY HAMILTON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Richard Ray Hamilton, junior medical student at Loma Linda University, be released from deferred medical appointment at his request, for personal reasons.

ENRIQUE DAVIS, M.D.--ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, JAMAICA:

VOTED, That Enrique Davis, M.D., of New York City, be appointed as a self-supporting Physician to Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica; on the basis of a national returning to his homeland.

NEAL ALLEN SPIVA--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Neal Allen Spiva, sophomore medical student at Loma Linda University, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Northern European Division.

KEITH L. SEIDENSTRICKER--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Keith L. Seidenstricker, sophomore medical student at Loma Linda University, be placed under deferred medical appointment.

EDWIN EISELE--INDIA:

VOTED, That the Central Union and Nebraska Conferences be requested to release Edwin Eisele, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Pastor-Evangelist for the East India Section, Bihar, India.

**GENEVA BEATTY-JONES, M.D. and MARY McNEIL, M.D.--
KARACHI, WEST PAKISTAN:**

VOTED, That Geneva Beatty-Jones, M.D. and Mary McNeil, M.D., Ob.-Gyn. specialists of Long Beach, California, be appointed to the Southern Asia Division as relief Physicians for Karachi, West Pakistan, for six to eight weeks each, in the late Summer or early Autumn of 1970; they to pay their own transportation expense, and to receive mission field salary.

PASCOE LATOUR--SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to Pascoe LaTour, an Indian national, and unsponsored student at Andrews University, an invitation from the Southern Asia Division to return to his homeland, the specific work to be assigned later.

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CECIL LYNN GEMMELL--PHILIPPINE UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Andrews University be requested to release Cecil Lynn Gemmell, a Teacher in the Department of Education, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as a Teacher in the Department of Education of Philippine Union College.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Amos Crowder--Southern Missionary College, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, Walker Memorial Hospital, Forest Lake Academy, Florida Living Community, Chattanooga Church and school, and churches in central part of Florida, Insurance business, December 1-16;

Ralph Davidson--Feather River Hospital, assist in audit (special problem), September 22-26;

D. A. Delafield--Chicago area, introduce Testimony Countdown, October 17-19;

A. A. Esteb--Oshawa, Ontario, Canadian Union Secretaries' Council, October 19-21;

A. C. Fearing--Syracuse, New York, city-wide Evangelistic Meetings, October 18 -November 8;

Paul Gordon--Chicago area, introduce Testimony Countdown, October 17-19;

Harry House--Florida, Southern Union Departmental Meeting, in Miami; Southern Missionary College, Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, Insurance business, November 2-6;

E. W. Howse--Mount Vernon, Ohio, Loma Linda, Eastern Division, Board Meeting, October 5, 6;

M. E. Loewen--Pacific Union, Church-State Council and appointments in union, November 13-20;

T. Lucas--North Pacific Union, visit academies and week-end Youth Rallies, January 16-February 7;

W. A. Martin--Indiana Conference, Fall Federation Trip, October 17-23 (en route to Illinois);

E. L. Minchin--Oshawa, Kingsway College Week of Prayer, November 2-8; Union College, Spiritual Emphasis Week End, January 9-12; Atlantic Union College, speaking appointments, January 16-18;

Boardman Noland--Springfield, Massachusetts, Linscott Labor Case, September 25;

Jack Wetmore--Southern Union and South Atlantic Conferences, Insurance business, December 19-January 5.

Adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
W. P. Bradley, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

AUTUMN COUNCIL

Takoma Park, D. C., Oct. 8-16, 1969

Two Hundred Fifth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 8, 1969, 9:00 A.M.

The Council meetings were held in the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church.

PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, W. R. Beach, C. F. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, James J. Aitken, Wesley Amundsen, G. T. Anderson, R. Allan Anderson, Carl P. Anderson, Karl H. Bahr, W. S. Banfield, G. N. Banks, R. Curtis Barger, K. C. Beem, D. J. Bieber, F. W. Bieber, Ole C. Bjerkan, W. J. Blacker, M. J. Blair, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, W. D. Blehm, L. L. Bock, L. F. Bohner, J. W. Bothe, C. E. Bradford, W. P. Bradley, W. J. Brown, A. B. Butler, R. B. Caldwell, M. V. Campbell, J. E. Chase, E. E. Cleveland, W. O. Coe, W. T. Collins, R. L. Cone, E. E. Cossentine, L. W. Crooker, C. G. Cross, Desmond Cummings, Robert Dale, Warren E. Danforth, G. Charles Dart, R. M. Davidson, John A. Davis, M.D., P. M. De Booy, D. A. Delafield, R. M. Devins, D. E. Dirksen, J. L. Dittberner, H. E. Douglass, N. R. Dower, C. E. Dudley, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, G. R. Earle, P. H. Eldridge, G. M. Ellstrom, K. H. Emmerson, A. A. Esteb, W. Duncan Eva, W. A. Fagal, A. C. Fearing, Richard Fearing, R. R. Figuhr, P. Follett, C. D. Forshee, R. W. Fowler, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, F. E. Froom, L. E. Froom;

V. E. Garber, T. S. Geraty, A. E. Gibb, J. O. Gibson, O. Gmehling, P. A. Gordon, E. J. Gregg, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Hackett, R. L. Hammill, J. H. Hancock, J. C. Hansen, W. M. C. Hatch, C. D. Henri, Mazie A. Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, D. E. Holland, K. J. Holland, A. Norman How, W. A. Howe, E. W. Howse, D. W. Hunter, G. A. Huse, G. M. Hyde, I. H. Ihrig, J. O. Iversen, D. S. Johnson, K. D. Johnson, M. Juberg, A. W. Kaytor, M. E. Kemmerer, Arthur Kiesz, C. Klam, J. C. Kozel, A. E. Krogstad, R. R. Laing, M.D., O. W. Lange, C. H. Lauda, B. E. Leach, W. S. Lee, G. W. Liscombe, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, R. S. Lowry, T. E. Lucas, E. L. Marley, C. D. Martin, R. A. Matthews, O. O. Mattison, W. H. Mattison, A. S. Maxwell, D. A. McAdams, A. V. McClure, A. C. McKee, C. P. Miles, Cyril Miller, W. F. Miller, M. L. Mills, E. L. Minchin, K. J. Mittleider, W. E. Murray, W. L. Murrill, O. T. Moline, V. M. Montalban, R. D. Moon, P. Moores, R. W. Morris, C. E. Moseley, Jr., F. A. Mote, L. C. Naden, C. J. Nagele, G. R. Nash, G. B. Nelson, L. M. Nelson, W. A. Nelson, L. H. Netteburg, R. H. Nightingale, J. W. Osborn, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, S. Parker, W. L. Pascoe, A. J. Patzer, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, R. L. Pelton, R. H. Pierson, A. V. Pinkney, W. E. Phillips, C. L. Powers, W. B. Quigley, R. J. Radcliffe, L. R. Rasmussen, H. V. Reed, M. H. Reeder, E. S. Reile, L. L. Reile;

R. M. Reinhard, E. J. Remboldt, R. C. Remboldt, F. Retzer, H. C. Retzer, F. Rice, H. M. S. Richards, F. O. Rittenhouse, V. L. Roberts, E. E. Roenfelt, W. W. Rogers, H. F. Roll, A. H. Roth, J. D. Ruffcorn, G. H. Rustad, R. L. Sackett,

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Cree Sandebur, F. O. Sanders, D. J. Sandstrom, M. C. Sawvel, H. H. Schmidt, M. H. Schaffner, M.D., W. M. Schneider, W.R.L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, G. S. Sharman, J. Russel Shawver, E. F. Sherrill, D. B. Simons, H. D. Singleton, C. W. Skantz, L. E. Smart, Clark Smith, P. G. Smith, J. G. Smoot, W. G. Soloniuk, F. A. Soper, C. P. Sorensen, R. E. Spangle, J. R. Spangler, W. M. Starks, I. V. Stonebrook, A. G. Streifling, Carl Sundin, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, J. Todorovich, W. A. Thompson, M. R. Thurber, K. W. Tilghman, M. C. Torkelsen, C. L. Torrey, Ben Trout, R. F. Waddell, M.D.;

E. R. Walde, W. D. Walton, W. D. Wampler, E. R. Wasemiller, M.D., L. W. Wasemiller, C. D. Watson, C. B. Watts, R. S. Watts, C. V. Way, F. C. Webster, D. W. Welch, F. W. Wernick, A. L. White, Herbert White, J. H. Whitehead, K. W. Whitney, R. A. Wilcox, S. S. Will, G. C. Williamson, J. W. Wilson, Neal C. Wilson, E. C. Wines, K. H. Wood, O. D. Wright.

Caris H. Lauda, Executive Secretary, Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions, led in a short song service. Following this, the hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung as the ministers knelt in prayer.

R. H. Pierson, President of the General Conference said: "It hardly seems possible that this is the fourth Autumn Council since the last General Conference-- and the last before the next General Conference session. I look forward to these Council meetings. It is not only a time when we come together to study our various problems and to lay plans; it is a wonderful time for Christian fellowship. We have workers present from all parts of North America, and in recent years we have leaders from abroad with us, too. We have been praying that this will be the best time we have ever had in the laying of plans, when the Spirit of God will be very near to us as we lay our plans, and in relationship to our work together, that it may count for the most in these times."

Elder Pierson then listed the following as workers who have recently joined our staff: Dr. Gordon Hyde, to serve in the Biblical Research and Defense Literature program; E. W. Howse, who will strengthen our World Foods program throughout the world; A. C. McKee, Director of Deferred Giving; W. J. Hackett, as General Vice-President, replacing M. V. Campbell, who retired early this year.

R. J. Radcliffe is now Vice-President for Financial Affairs at Loma Linda University. R. M. Reinhard has been invited to serve as a General Conference Auditor and he is now acting as Head Auditor in Elder Radcliffe's place. We have a Field Secretary from the Orient, V. M. Montalban. C. D. Watson, from the green isles of Great Britain, but more recently from Ethiopia, is in the Temperance Department. Herbert White has joined the Publishing Department. R. B. Caldwell, from the Inter-American Division, is in the Auditing Department; C. C. Weis in the Lay Activities Department; Milo Sawvel, in the Temperance Department, and William Wagner, M.D., is now serving on the West Coast as one of the Associate Secretaries of the Health Department. All are welcomed this morning.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

"Lord, in the Morning," was sung to open the meeting, and prayer was offered by Merle Mills, President of the Trans-Africa Division.

The King's Heralds sang, "Marching to Zion."

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C. O. Franz, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, reminded us of the Apostle Paul's words to his friends in Philippi, ". . . this one thing I do." Paul had discovered that he could do "all things" through Jesus Christ, but none of these things were important to him except as they contributed to one thing, the salvation of souls. Noah and John the Baptist were also "one thing" preachers. The world considered them fanatics, but God's evaluation of their work and message was very different.

"City of Light" was sung by the King's Heralds as the meeting closed.

Benediction by D. B. Simons, President of the West Allegheny Conference.

At 10 A.M. Theodore Carcich, Vice-President and serving as Chairman, called the first business meeting of the Autumn Council. "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" was sung, and prayer was offered by H. M. S. Richards.

The Chairman stated that R. H. Pierson, the leader of the Remnant Church, needs our prayers, our support and our attention. He then called upon Elder Pierson to speak:

R. H. Pierson told of having asked the Division Presidents for one outstanding event since last Autumn Council. With the material sent in response he said he could give a thrilling report from each Division.

From the South American Division -- In a little community in Peru the church had disintegrated and the church building was very old. The community was planning to take over. Young Jaime Apaza decided this church should be used for better purposes. From his personal funds he ordered 61 Bibles and sold them, with the Bible Speaks plan. Then he decided he would hold meetings each day. The only source of material they could use would be the Bible Speaks plan. He held two meetings each day. Four times he took those people through the lessons. Three hundred fifty people asked for baptism. They baptized 151 of them. The rest are in baptismal classes. A nearby village has 100 more that are interested.

In the South American Division there are 20,000 laymen who are engaged in 6,000 lay efforts in the Bible Speaks Crusade. They are hoping for 40,000 baptisms in 1969.

From the Trans-Africa Division -- A report from Marle Mills indicated that on the 27th of March this year 3,100 young people were baptized.

From the Southern Asia Division-- This Division has had an evangelistic breakthrough with a 66% gain in 1969 ahead of last year. A former Lutheran minister working among the Telegu people, set his goal for 500 by the General Conference session. By August 23 of this year he had baptized 253. In the Tamil field 40 villages are calling for workers. In the South India Union, if they had one million dollars they could baptize 15,000 people.

From the Inter-American Division -- In the first six months of 1969, 47 evangelistic efforts were held and 272 were baptized.

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From the Australasian Division -- It took 33 years to build the membership up to 6,000. In one year, 1968, they baptized 6,158.

Our prayers are with the brethren in the Middle East. We appreciate the leadership. In 1968 there were 449 baptisms; 350 to July, 1969.

Things are moving in Germany. Seventy-six percent of the children and young people from Seventh-day Adventist families in Germany are baptized.

In the fabulous Far East they wouldn't be surprised if they finished this year with a harvest of 20,000 baptized. Dr. H. W. Miller, past 90, and E. L. Longway, 74, have raised over a million dollars for the new Hong Kong Sanitarium. On the suggestion of Elder Pierson, the delegates raised their hands to send their greetings to Dr. Miller and Elder Longway.

In Northern Europe things are on the move. Seven or eight thousand people in Helsinki, Finland, were out to hear the Advent message when Elder J. F. Colt-heart opened meetings there. One hundred thirty were baptized and others are preparing. . . . A beautiful new hospital is being erected in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It is going to be a very representative edifice, and one that will be a blessing to our work.

From Southern Europe: Brother M. Fridlin is usually here with us. On suggestion of Elder Pierson, the delegates raised their hands to send greetings to him also. The people of Eastern Europe--Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia--love this message. They need our prayers. There was a large increase in baptism in Southern Europe in 1968.

From North America: Following the Spanish evangelistic meetings in Brooklyn, New York, there were about 300 decisions for truth. They are hoping to see about 200 baptized. The new Spanish Center opened earlier this year. . . Calvin B. Rock held evangelistic meetings in Memphis. His messages were stirring. He baptized over 175 and it may move up to 200. . . When hurricane Camille struck the Southwestern and Southern Unions, the brethren in different parts of these two unions had 11 vans distributing food and clothing. Things are going ahead here in North America.

Elder Pierson spoke briefly of progress made since the last Autumn Council--the plans for the new youth journal, the new Sabbath School Teachers' Quarterlies and the Worker, the Commission on Theology and Polity, the Student Missionary and Adventist Volunteer Service Corps, the Inner City program, the reorganization of the Bible Research and Defense Literature Committee, with Gordon Hyde; trips by Eric Howse for the World Foods; A. C. McKee, now Director of Deferred Giving; surveys in Central and Southern Europe; and a reference to our fine General Conference institutions--the three publishing houses, two universities, the Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., Harris Pine Mills, and the Home Study Institute. We deeply appreciate the work of these institutions.

At this Autumn Council we are going to have some interesting discussions. Then Elder Pierson outlined various items that will be considered. He also told of plans for the future that are now in committee study stage. Plans for the General Conference session are being made. Let us consider the General Conference

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session, he said, not only as a time when we can do our business, but also when we will meet with our God. This is the time God ought to meet with His people in a special way. There will be prayer bands and different features which we hope will give a spiritual impact to the session. God helping us, this next General Conference session should make an impact on the world field.

There are many problems. We have nothing of which to boast. It has only been the goodness of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that in these troublous times His work has gone forward.

As he closed, Elder Pierson spoke of being highly appreciative for the co-operation of the brethren, both in the General Conference and in the field. He said, "Let us move the work of God forward quickly so that it may be finished and we go home!"

RETIRED WORKERS AND NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

W. R. Beach, Secretary, called attention to some retired workers who are present: R. R. Figuhr, C. L. Torrey, M. V. Campbell, W. E. Murray, A. F. Tarr, E. E. Roenfelt, O. O. Mattison, R. A. Anderson, E. E. Cossentine, E. W. Dunbar, George Huse, L. E. Froom, and one or two others who may not be here as yet.

Elder Beach read the following names of members elected at the 1968 Autumn Council, several of whom were present: Carl Campbell, Wenatchee, Washington; John A. Davis, M.D., Denver, Colorado; C. D. Henri, Atlanta, Georgia; Ronald R. Laing, M.D., Ontario, Canada; F. E. Rice, National City, California; F. O. Rittenhouse, President of Pacific Union College; W. M. Schneider, President of Southern Missionary College; Glenn Sharman, of the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church; and J. W. Shawver, Dayton, Ohio.

PINE FORGE ACADEMY--GREETINGS:

A telegram from A. T. Westney, Principal of the Pine Forge Academy, was read, as follows:

"FACULTY STAFF AND STUDENTS OF PINE FORGE ACADEMY GREET WORLD LEADERS ATTENDING FALL COUNCIL BE ASSURED OF THE SUPPORT OF STUDENTS FROM 21 STATES, THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA AND ISLAND OF BERMUDA OUR NEEDS WHICH ARE ACUTE AND PRESSING WILL ADD TO THE PROBLEM YOU DISCUSS AT THIS SESSION BUT OUR PRAYERS ASCEND ON YOUR BEHALF FOR SPECIAL GUIDANCE AS YOU FACE UP TO THE VARIED ISSUES NEEDING ATTENTION WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT A BENEFICENT GOD WHO HAS NOT FAILED IN THE PAST WILL SUSTAIN YOU."

VOTED, To send greetings from the 1969 Autumn Council in response to this message.

PROGRAM BOOKLETS:

The booklets containing the program and Agenda for the Autumn Council were placed in the hands of the delegates.

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LAYMEN AND OTHERS PRESENT--WELCOMED:

The following laymen and others who were present, some of whom have served in the past, were asked to stand: E. R. Wasemiller, from North Dakota, L. W. Wasemiller, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Warren Danforth, Pacific Union; W. W. Rogers, of Okanagan Academy; John Todorovich, from Portland, Oregon; L. E. Smart, of the Atlantic Union; L. R. Rasmussen, of Glendale, California; D. J. Sandstrom, President of the Inca Union Mission; Gordon Ellstrom, President of the Congo Union.

Agendas of items for the Finance and Plans Committees were distributed.

DAILY PROGRAM:

VOTED, That the Daily Program for the 1969 Autumn Council, as given in the program booklet, be adopted as follows:

AM 8:00 - 8:50	Special Committees, Officers' Meetings
9:00 - 9:45	Devotional
10:00 -12:15	Council

Lunch

PM 2:30 - 3:45	Committees
4:00 - 5:30	Council or Committees

Supper

7:30 - 9:00	Committees
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ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO STANDING COMMITTEES:

The Committee on Additional Personnel to Standing Committees presented a report. It was

VOTED, That Karl Bahr be appointed a member of the Finance Committee; and that J. F. Ashlock, J. O. Iversen, and L. R. Rasmussen be appointed members of the Plans Committee.

REGISTRATION CARDS:

The Secretary requested that all delegates present register their names by signing the Registration Cards which had been distributed.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A report was given by W. R. Beach, Secretary of the General Conference, a summary of which is as follows:

The New Testament writers use numerous figures of speech to characterize the nature of the church: Christ is the vine, the church members are the branches; Christ is the Shepherd, the members are the sheep; Christ is the head of the body,

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the members of the church are organic members of the body. These figures also have active reference to the mission of the church: the whole vine grows; there are other sheep that must be brought in; the body increases in growth and is inwardly built up until the fullness of Christ is attained in the time of the consummation of God's kingdom.

The principal implication, no doubt, is that God's church is Christ's presence in the world through the indwelling spirit. God was made flesh and dwelt among men--at which time men knew the will of God by the words Jesus spoke, the deeds of love He performed, the life He lived when He walked among them. His disciples came to be known as the "called-out-ones." To this group, following the crucifixion and resurrection, was given the Holy Spirit to carry on the ministry Jesus had begun.

In the beginning these disciples simply witnessed wherever they could during the days of their ordinary activity. It soon became apparent, however, that some must be set apart for the preaching of the gospel, not only in Jerusalem and surrounding areas, but in lands afar. When Barnabas and Saul were set apart for this work, the church went with them. At home and abroad the appointed ministry led the faithful to the ends of the known world.

Nor has this apostolic pattern been changed. "Every soul whom Christ has rescued is called to work in His name for the saving of the lost." (Christ's Object Lessons, p. 191). The church exists not for itself alone, but for those outside of it. It must reach relentlessly beyond itself until the God of heaven "will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed." (Dan. 2:44).

In 1968, 285 workers returned to their overseas appointments, while 237 joined the fray for their first appointment. In addition, 25 national^{als} left North America after specialized training, to return to their home fields. Departures from North America numbered 410 (plus 25 nationals) while 238 left other world divisions for mission appointments. The Southern European Division heads the list for 1968 with 67 appointments.

In addition, 33 student missionaries appointed by North American colleges were processed through the General Conference in harmony with our policy in 1968. In some instances these young people have done a job that no one else could do.

The 638 overseas appointees last year increased the number of workers who have gone "everywhere from everywhere" to more than 2,500 in all the world. Of this number, 1,500 have North America as their home base. They joined national workers on the field, bringing the total number of salaried employees of the church to more than 61,000. Since the beginning of the plan, 191 student missionaries have gone to the world field.

Our workers and members today are marching with the everlasting gospel into every nation and tribe and tongue and people, shoulder to shoulder, dauntless and determined to triumph in Heaven's righteous cause.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer, presented a report, a summary of which is as follows:

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Through the use of monetary restraint, increase in taxes and other measures, the United States Government and Federal Reserve have been able to slow down the upward momentum of business activity. However, the problem of inflation has not yet been solved. There are conflicting opinions in the business world as to whether the present policy of government, if maintained, could cause further weaknesses in the economy and bring on a recession. The consensus of opinion of leading bankers and economists seems to be:

1. It is questionable whether the government will be able to reduce the present rate of inflation (5 per cent) to a desirable rate of 2 per cent per year.
2. Rate of business growth will continue at about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent real rate--that is, adjusting for price increase.
3. Interest rates will continue high, although some moderate reduction might occur early in 1970.
4. Wage rates will continue to rise, but perhaps at a slower rate.
5. Some see a possible "recessionette" by the fourth quarter of 1969 that could continue into 1970, while others predict the possibility of a recession during the first months of 1970.

Our courage is strong. The Spirit of God is being poured out upon His people around the world. God has His work in His own hands and will finish it in accordance with His plan. This is evident by the fact that as of August 31, 1969, the tithe in North America was up 9.2 per cent, and the mission offerings by 3 per cent. We are indeed grateful to our loving Heavenly Father for a generous and loyal people.

Elder Emmerson gave special tribute to the loyal corps of workers throughout the world who lead our people in their financial support and in their dedication to the goal of our church--the gospel to all the world. He closed by quoting the following:

"Offer unto God thanksgiving. . . thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Ps 50:14; 105:28; 116:12).

FURTHER REPORTS FROM TREASURY:

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists' Financial Statements for June 30, 1969, were distributed. Q. A. Blake called attention to leading items of interest, among them the fact that the total net worth as of June 30, 1969, was \$32,016,213.47. The actual operating capital exceeds the required capital by \$4,685,374.31.

R. E. Osborn, Assistant Treasurer, reported concerning General Conference Investments and Income Funds:

In 1968 (an up year), our Investment Fund had a performance gain of 11.7 per cent. During the same year, the median performance gain for the mutual fund industry was 15.5 per cent, the Dow Jones Industrials had an 8 per cent gain, and

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Standard & Poor's 500 gained 10 per cent. For the first seven months of 1969 (obviously a down year), our Investment Fund declined 6.07 per cent as compared to a 13.04 per cent decline for the mutual fund industry as a whole. The Dow Jones Industrials and the Standard & Poor's 500 also declined considerably more than our Fund. It can readily be seen from these few figures that this fund is performing as projected.

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists' Overseas and North American Fields Estimated Needs for 1970 were distributed.

The total budget requests amount to \$46,199,717.05. The total estimated income for 1970 (including the revertible funds) amount to \$42,746,519.79. We trust the Lord will bless us as we endeavor to disburse the money in the work of the Lord in the right way.

FAITH FOR TODAY BOARD--MEETING:

At 11:45 A.M. Neal C. Wilson, as Chairman of Faith for Today Board, called a short meeting of the Faith for Today Board. He said that it is his opinion that every Seventh-day Adventist ought to be thankful for a part in the unique outreach and history of Faith for Today.

One of the most illustrious ships in our United States Navy, the S. S. Hancock, carries with it in all its courses, Faith for Today films, because they feel this is the kind of help the men need in the United States Navy. He expressed the wish that we could multiply the outreach of this institution God has given us.

We are rapidly approaching the 20th Anniversary of the Faith for Today telecast. Of all six religious telecasts begun, only one other than Faith for Today exists today.

The bylaws of this organization demand that there be an official meeting of the membership of the Corporation only.

Elder Wilson introduced W. A. Fagal, Director of Faith for Today. Elder Fagal reported we are currently on 260 stations. The total applications we have received number more than five millions. Not all of these took the course, but they did receive the lessons. The number of graduates who have taken the course and learned our message is 142,000. We do not have a full report on baptisms. We have the names and addresses of more than 15,000 who are rejoicing in the third angel's message. We have also been conducting evangelistic efforts. So far this year about 1,000 that we know of have been baptized. The number will exceed that considerably by the end of the year.

A capsule report was given by Wm. R. Lawson, Manager of Faith for Today. He stated the total assets of Faith for Today exceed \$2,000,000. They are appreciative of the fine response that comes from our various organizations around the nation. He expressed appreciation to our administrators in the local conferences, as well as the General Conference, for the excellent assistance they give through annual appropriations and subsidies. With this fine assistance, they operate on the right side of the ledger.

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Elder Wilson said we are in hope of reaching these great centers of population. We are not to be satisfied while there is any one individual who may escape from seeing, hearing, or contacting someone in person who represents this message.

VOTED, That we refer the election of the members of the Board of Trustees and Directors to the Nominating Committee.

The Faith for Today Board meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

A printed Statistical Report was placed in the hands of the delegates.

J. O. Gibson, Statistical Secretary, presented many interesting items, among which were the following:

God has been good to His people. We are happy to report that during the 12 months ending June 30, 1969, 156,464 have joined our church by baptism and profession of faith. The net membership increase in the last 12 months totaled 97,991. This brings our membership to 419,129 in North America, and in the world divisions to 1,459,533, making a total world membership figure of 1,878,662 as of June 30, 1969.

Figures showing the trend in tithes and offerings revealed total funds given per capita in 1967 were \$108.51; in 1968, \$111.13. The amount of tithes per capita during 1968 were \$65.36; World Missions \$15.49; Home and Local work \$30.28. Total tithes and offerings for North America per capita amounted to \$359.39, and for the overseas divisions, \$31.49, with a per capita for the World Field of \$111.13.

Some interesting facts in connection with our departmental progress are:

The first SDA Navajo Indian and the first deaf SDA were ordained to the gospel ministry.

The first five evangelistic motion picture films for the deaf have been completed. Seven others are now being filmed. Thirteen deaf people have been baptized in the Washington area in the last 18 months.

Ingathering showed a gain over the previous year of \$205,934.34.

Gift Bible Evangelism--In South America alone over 200,000 Bibles have been given to those interested in the message.

There were 376,404 students enrolled in SDA schools in 1968.

M. V. Action--Individual evangelism is in the picture as never before. M. V. specialties are thriving. Student missionaries from colleges are proving themselves in thrilling ways. Young people have already exceeded their four-year baptism goal in M. V. Target 100,000 a full year early, and were able to report a total of 111,333 baptisms at the time of the World Youth Congress.

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The Department of Stewardship and Development is now being promoted throughout the world. There are four secretaries of this department on the division level, and 33 on the union level.

Announcements of forthcoming meetings were read by D. W. Hunter.

Adjourned at 12:15 P.M. until 4 P.M.

Closing prayer by W. A. Fagal.

Theodore Garcich, Chairman
W. R. Beach, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 8, 1969, 4:00 P.M.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman, called to order the second business meeting of the Council.

R. Allan Anderson, former Ministerial Association Secretary, now retired, led in prayer.

DATE OF 1970 SPRING MEETING:

VOTED, That the date for the 1970 Spring Meeting be March 31 to April 2.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--DATE AND PLACE:

VOTED, That the date for the 1970 Autumn Council be October 7-14; and that it be held in Takoma Park, D.C.

1971 AUTUMN COUNCIL--DATE AND PLACE:

VOTED, That the date for the 1971 Autumn Council be October 6-13; and that it be held in Takoma Park, D.C.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTING SCHEDULE:

A revised Departmental Reporting Schedule as recorded in the General Conference Committee minutes, dated May 1, 1969, was presented. At that time the Departmental Reporting Schedule was referred to the Autumn Council. Consideration was given to the schedule, and it was--

VOTED, That the Departmental Reporting Schedule be referred to the Plans Committee.

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AUTUMN COUNCIL AUTHORIZED MEETING--COMMITTEE AND REPORT:

For a number of years we have developed a somewhat official policy at the Autumn Council of appointing a committee to take a look at all the requests for general meetings, and bring in a report. It is felt that the time has come when it would be much easier to operate on the basis of a Standing Committee, comprised more or less of the same personnel.

VOTED, That provision be made in the General Conference Working Policy giving authorization for a General Conference Standing Committee on Authorized Meetings, which will give consideration to requests for meetings during the following two-year period, to render its report at each Autumn Council; and for the present Autumn Council the Vice-President for the North American Division, W. P. Bradley, D. W. Hunter, and the Union Presidents in the North American Division will constitute the Committee on Authorized Meetings and bring in a report to the Autumn Council.

A series of recommendations from the Working Policy Committee were presented and adopted as follows:

PROCEDURE IN ELECTING INSTITUTIONAL BOARDS AND ADMINISTRATORS:

VOTED, That a new section, "Procedure in Electing Institutional Boards and Administrators," be added to the General Conference Working Policy, p. 36, following the section, "Institutional Organization," as follows:

1. In electing the boards of institutions the office of the chief administrator should be named, but not the individual.

2. The current chief administrator should not be present when the newly elected board considers the appointment of the chief administrator of the institution.

INDEPENDENT PUBLICATIONS:

VOTED, That paragraph 4 of the section, "Independent Publications," p. 141, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

4. Our Book and Bible houses and churches ~~shall~~ should carry in stock and promote the circulation of only those books, pamphlets, tracts, periodicals, magazines, and recordings which are regularly produced under denominational direction or are furnished through our publishing houses.

DIVISION OPERATING CAPITAL AND SURPLUS FUNDS:

VOTED, That paragraph 1 (c) of the section, "Division Operating Capital and Surplus Funds, pp. 261, 262, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

c. Liquid Operating Capital amounts equivalent to ~~all~~ the total of the current Liabilities and Net Worth Reserves shall be maintained in the following forms: of investments.

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- (1) Cash
- (2) Commercial and savings banks
- (3) Savings and loan associations or building societies
- (4) General Conference unitized investment funds
- (5) Accounts receivable from the next higher organization.

OPERATING CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS--

UNION AND LOCAL CONFERENCES IN NORTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That paragraph 3, of the section, "Operating Capital Requirements- Union and Local Conferences in North America," p. 284, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

3. Liquid Operating Capital amounts equivalent to the total of the current liabilities and net worth reserves shall be maintained in the following forms: of investment.

- a. Cash
- b. Commercial and savings banks
- c. Savings and loan associations or building societies
- d. Short-term obligations of the United States Government federal governments
- e. Union or General Conference unitized investment funds
- f. Accounts receivable from the next higher organization

(Note: Investments in b and c above should be limited to amounts covered by insurance provided by the appropriate federal agencies.)

OPERATING CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS OF INSTITUTIONS
IN NORTH AMERICA

VOTED, That paragraph 3 of the section, "Operating Capital Requirements of Institutions in North America," p. 289, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

3. Liquid operating capital amounts equivalent to the total of the current liabilities and net worth reserves shall be maintained in the following forms: of investment:

- a. Cash
- b. Commercial and savings banks
- c. Savings and loan associations or building societies
- d. Short-term obligations of the United States Government federal governments.
- e. Union or General Conference unitized investment funds
- f. Accounts receivable from the next higher organization

(Note: Investments in b and c above should be limited to amounts covered by insurance provided by the appropriate federal agencies.)

THOSE ENTITLED TO BENEFITS OF THE SUSTENTATION FUND:

VOTED, That paragraph 3 of the section, "Sustentation Policy," p. 310, General Conference Working Policy, be amended to read as follows:

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3. Only members of the church who have rendered loyal service to the denomination and whose attitude during the time of receipt of aid is that of loyal members are entitled to the benefits of the fund. (See paragraphs 7 and 24 for special provision for non-Adventists.)

PUBLISHING HOUSES PAYMENTS INTO SUSTENTATION FUND:

VOTED, That paragraph 17 of the section, "Sustentation Policy," p. 313, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

17. Publishing houses shall pay annually into the Publishing House Sustentation Fund sufficient to cover the disbursements from the fund for sustentation beneficiaries of these organizations. The payment shall be computed on the basis of a fixed annual amount per full-time employee, the rate to be set annually by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on the basis of the number of full-time employees in each institution as of June 30 of the preceding year. For purposes of this computation, a full-time employee is generally defined as one who works whose normal work week is a minimum of 32 38 hours per week (~~1,664~~ 1,976 hours per year). ~~Temporary or special workers such as students, non-Adventists (see paragraph 24), workers who entered the work after age fifty subsequent to May 1, 1955; and persons temporarily employed for construction or repair of buildings may be excluded. (See paragraph 24).~~

MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS PAYMENTS INTO SUSTENTATION FUND:

VOTED, That paragraph 18 of the section, "Sustentation Policy," p. 313, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

18. Medical institutions and senior citizens' homes shall pay annually into the Hospital Retirement Fund sufficient to cover disbursements from the fund and to maintain a balance in the fund equivalent to three times the amount of the preceding year's Retirement Fund expense. The payment shall be computed on the basis of a fixed annual amount per full-time employee, the rate to be set annually by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on the basis of the number of full-time employees in each institution as of June 30 of the preceding year. For purposes of this computation, a full-time employee is generally defined as one who works whose normal work week is a minimum of 32 38 hours per week (~~1,664~~ 1,976 per year).

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS PAYMENTS INTO SUSTENTATION FUND:

VOTED, That paragraph 19 of the section, "Sustentation Policy," pp. 313,314, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

19. Academies, junior and senior colleges, universities (including all subsidiary organizations of Loma Linda University), shall pay to the fund an amount equivalent to 1¼ per cent of their total payrolls including living allowances, these payrolls to include all employees of the school whether temporary or otherwise, except elementary teachers connected with the institution, ~~students, persons temporarily employed for construction or repair of buildings, non-Adventists (see paragraph 24), and workers entering denominational employ after fifty years of age subsequent to May 1, 1955.~~ Salaries of teachers paid through subsidies or through direct appropriations should be included in the payrolls of these

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institutions when computing the amount to be paid to the Sustentation Fund. Day academies recognized by the General Conference Department of Education, and junior academies authorized by union conference boards of education which teach tenth grade, shall come within the provisions of this regulation and pay to the fund the prescribed percentage on their payrolls. An elementary school which operates on the 6-3 plan (nine grades) will not come within the provision of this regulation. (See paragraph 24).

LOMA LINDA FOOD COMPANY PAYMENT INTO SUSTENTATION FUND:

VOTED, That paragraph 20 of the section, "Sustentation Policy," p. 314, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

20. The Loma Linda Foods Company shall pay to the fund an amount equivalent to 2 per cent of their payroll, including the salaries of salesmen who receive a bonus in lieu of rent subsidy, and excluding wages paid to student, persons temporarily employed for construction or repair of buildings, non-Adventists (see paragraph 24), and to workers entering denominational employ after fifty years of age subsequent to May 1, 1955. (See paragraph 24).

CHRISTIAN RECORD PAYMENT INTO SUSTENTATION FUND:

VOTED, That paragraph 21 of the "Sustentation Policy," p. 314, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

21. The Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., shall pay to the fund 3 per cent of their payroll and 3 per cent of their the net income (or salaries) of the field representatives. not including non-Adventists (see paragraph 24), and workers entering denominational employ after fifty years of age subsequent to May 1, 1955. (See paragraph 24).

VOICE OF PROPHECY/FAITH FOR TODAY
PAYMENT TO SUSTENTATION FUND:

VOTED, That paragraph 22 of the section, "Sustentation Policy," p. 314, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

22. The Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today shall pay to the fund 3 per cent of their payrolls, not including non-Adventists (see paragraph 24), and workers entering denominational employ after fifty years of age subsequent to May 1, 1955 (See paragraph 24).

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS:

VOTED, That paragraph 75 of the section, "Sustentation Policy," p. 324, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

75. Church school teachers are admitted to the Sustentation Fund in the same way as other conference employees; either the conference or the church which is employing them becomes responsible for their support for a period of six months following the time of their becoming incapacitated. the six months continuance of salary as outlined in paragraphs 71-74 above.

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SUSTENTATION RATES:

VOTED, That paragraph 100 of the section, "Sustentation Policy," pp 330,331, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

100. The Spring Meeting of 1935 adopted a schedule of monthly rates for persons who are now on the fund and are ineligible because of having less than fifteen years of service, such rates to be maintained only so long as in the judgment of the Sustentation Committee it is necessary for such individuals to receive sustentation help. This schedule, as of July 1, ~~1967~~ 1970, is as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Single Rate</u>		<u>Family Rate</u>	
14	55:50	<u>60.00</u>	72:00	<u>84.00</u>
13	54:40	<u>58.80</u>	70:60	<u>82.30</u>
12	53:30	<u>57.60</u>	69:20	<u>80.60</u>
11	52:20	<u>56.40</u>	67:80	<u>78.90</u>
10	51:10	<u>55.20</u>	66:40	<u>77.20</u>
9	50:00	<u>54.00</u>	65:00	<u>75.50</u>
8	48:90	<u>52.80</u>	63:60	<u>73.80</u>
7	47:80	<u>51.60</u>	62:20	<u>72.10</u>
6	46:70	<u>50.40</u>	60:80	<u>70.40</u>
5	45:60	<u>49.20</u>	59:40	<u>68.70</u>

SPECIAL DISABILITY FUND ASSISTANCE PLAN:

VOTED, That the heading of the "Disability Fund," pp 334,335, General Conference Working Policy, be changed to "Special Disability Assistance Plan, and that the policy be amended as follows:

1. Beginning with 1949, 2 per cent of the receipts of the Sustentation Fund shall be set aside by the General Conference as a separate fund to be known as the Disability Fund, the purpose of this fund being to give necessary assistance Special disability assistance may be granted from the Sustentation Fund to denominational workers who enter denominational employment before 35 40 years of age and who are employed on a permanent basis and whose intention was to devote their lives to continuous service in the work of the denomination but who have become incapacitated for service by sickness or bodily injury, and because of insufficient service are not eligible to assistance from the Sustentation Fund according to policy. assistance from this special fund This special disability assistance shall be temporary in character and proportional to the length of time the worker has been in the organized work denominational service.

2. Except in the case of literature evangelists, who are not salaried workers, assistance from this special fund shall be granted only after the employing organization has granted the worker full salary for six months dating from the time when he became incapacitated and ceased work, and organizations recommending help from this fund special disability assistance shall supply with the application a report from a physician showing that the applicant after receiving support from his employing organization for six months is still incapacitated for self-support.

3. No change

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4. The sum that may be granted to literature evangelists who have become incapacitated by sickness or bodily injury shall be based on their average monthly earnings for a two-year period just preceding their application for assistance and the maximum that may be granted not to exceed ~~\$200~~ \$500 for each full year of service as defined by the Sustentation Policy.

5. No change

6. No change

IN-SERVICE TRAINING ASSISTANCE:

VOTED, That paragraph 6 of the section, "Teachers-In-Service Training Assistance," pp 102,103, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

6. Faculty members who have been granted leave of absence for graduate study as indicated above must agree to return for further service to the institution granting the leave, and shall not be eligible for a call from a sister institution until they have served for a period equal to three times the length of the study leave; but in no case shall the required term of service after the leave to be ~~less than one year or more than five years.~~ degree is secured for which the leave was granted be less than three years. In case of a call to foreign mission service or a call to major administrative responsibility, this provision may be waived.

RESIDENCY TRAINING FOR PROSPECTIVE MISSIONARY PHYSICIANS--OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

The 1968 Autumn Council took an action setting forth recommendations for the residency training for prospective physicians in overseas divisions. This action was treated as a recommendation in the 1968 Autumn Council Minutes. It is now desired to bring this action into the General Conference Working Policy.

VOTED, That a new section, "Residency Training for Prospective Physicians--Overseas Divisions," be added to the General Conference Working Policy, to follow the section, "Remuneration of Medical Interns," p. 124, as follows:

We recommend, That in order to meet the need for adequately trained workers for overseas assignment, particularly of physicians holding board certification in specialty fields and physicians with British qualifications, overseas divisions, in cooperation with the General Conference, may undertake the following approved Residency Training Program:

1. Deferred medical appointees selected by and under the direction of the home division in consultation with the General Conference, whose assignment to service might be deferred further and who shall be considered eligible, may be approved for entry into this residency program, or its equivalent upon completion of their internship or at a later date.

2. The home division in consultation with the General Conference and the calling division when the worker has been assigned, shall decide upon the location where the residency will be taken.

3. Under this plan, residencies may be approved for a period not to exceed five years.

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4. The residencies shall be such as to prepare the physician for overseas service, the field of study to be decided by the home division in consultation with the General Conference and the division concerned.

5. During the first year of residency, the physician will avail himself of the opportunity to take examinations that will enable him to register with appropriate Medical Councils as determined by the home division, in consultation with the General Conference and the division concerned.

6. The home division shall establish a revolving fund for the support of the Residency Training Program. The remuneration of the resident physician will be on the basis of the wage scale for physicians in the division where the residency is taken. The residency stipend will be subsidized by the home division to that division's wage scale level. The physician under this plan shall also be entitled to rent subsidy, automobile depreciation, and automobile insurance. These funds shall be advanced by the home division. The home division will also charge to the medical appointees' residency fund the physician's moving expenses from the place where he interned to the place of residency and any expense with taking approved qualifying examinations as described in paragraph 5.

7. The calling division shall be charged 50 per cent of the cost of the residency training program at the time the physician enters overseas service. The General Conference shall be charged 25 per cent of these costs at this same time and the home division shall be responsible for the remaining 25 per cent. The three organizations shall amortize their investment on the basis of 20 per cent per year for each year the appointee serves in overseas mission service.

8. A three-way contract shall be entered into between the physician, the home division, and the calling division covering the terms and conditions of said residency and the physician's agreement to enter mission service at the termination of the residency. The amortization of this assistance shall follow the fulfillment of any service obligation for a medical/dental student loan or financial assistance under the "Physicians and Dentists in Overseas Divisions--Training" policy.

9. In the event that the physician does not enter upon the overseas appointment but enters upon denominational employment in the home division on the completion of the residency, the home division will amortize the advance at the rate of 20 per cent of the total loan per annum.

10. If for any reason the physician under contract does not enter upon mission service nor upon denominational service in the home division after the completion of the residency, or withdraws from the contract or returns from mission service before the indebtedness has been fully retired, the moving expense to the place of residency, salary above the institution's regular resident rate, and other allowances made to him, or the amount owing at the time of the withdrawal or return, shall become due and payable by the physician to the home division (including the General Conference's portion and the calling division's portion which are to be refunded by the home division) at the rate of not less than 20 per cent of the total loan per annum, at 7 per cent interest per annum on the balance due at the end of each year until the entire balance of the loan plus interest has been paid.

11. In the event a division other than the North American Division applies the principles of the policy entitled "Residency Training Program for Prospective Missionary Physicians--Overseas Divisions" to assist a physician to undertake a residency training program with a view to the physician entering denominational service within its own territory, the contract and the entire financial arrangement shall be between the physician and the division concerned.

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MEDICAL APPOINTEE APPROVED RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM:

VOTED, That a change be made in our present Working Policy, page 118, under the section "Medical Appointee Approved Residency Training Program," paragraph 3, and that it read "for a period not to exceed five years."

BOOKS:

Theodore Carcich made an appeal for books for Eastern Europe. He suggested that where there are extra books in libraries or conferences such as Conflict of the Ages series, the Bible Commentary, or other suitable books, they be mailed to W. Duncan Eva, in the Northern European Division office, and they will be taken care of.

Adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Closing prayer by W. C. Hatch, President of the Wyoming Conference.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman
H. D. Singleton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 10, 1969, 9:00 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

J. V. Scully, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department Associate Secretary, led in a song service, singing "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Following the theme song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," the ministers knelt in prayer.

A. J. Patzer, President of the New York Conference, introduced the workers to take part in the service. He said that in a world filled with problems and perplexities, it is refreshing to know that God is still on the throne. Ellen G. White tells us that above the distractions of the earth God sits enthroned. All things are open to His divine survey, and from His great and calm eternity He orders that which in His divine providence He sees best.

Opening song, announced by L. L. Reile, President of the Greater New York Conference: "The Lord in Zion Reigneth."

Prayer was offered by C. C. Weis, Lay Activities Department Associate Secretary.

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J. V. Scully referred to the coming Sabbath as the day for the special offering to be given for the Voice of Prophecy. The Voice of Prophecy Quartet, introduced by J. V. Scully, sang: "Prayer is the key to heaven, but faith unlocks the door."

V. M. Montalban, now General Conference Field Secretary, and who has served the denomination for thirty-five years in the Philippine Islands, gave the devotional talk. He told of an interview with the General Conference President on May 27, at which time he noted three attractive things: A picture of Praying Hands; a picture of Christ walking with two disciples on the way to Emmaus (and the fact was mentioned that their eyes were holden until opened by prayer); and an invitation to prayer from Elder Pierson before he left the office.

Speaking of reasons for praying always, he quoted Luke 21:36, which states that we should pray to be accounted worthy to escape from the snares and to stand before the Son of Man. He related the story of two lady colporteurs who found themselves in danger, but after prayer they were driven to safety by an American in a jeep. A voice had told him to hurry and come to their aid. We are not to repeat the mistake of Joshua and the elders who, as stated in Joshua 9:14,15, did not seek counsel from the Lord regarding the Gibeonites. The prayer life of Jesus was outlined and emphasized, as recorded in Mark 1:35; Matthew 14:23; Luke 6:12; and John 13:15.

What shall we pray for? As given in Zech. 9:12, and 19:1, we are to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A number of Spirit of Prophecy quotations were cited regarding the willingness of the Lord to pour out the Spirit. The Spirit awaits our demand. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:38) In Testimonies 9, page 117, we are told "That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church, --talent that can be educated for the Master's use."

In Christian Service, page 254, it states there is no limit to the usefulness of one who makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit on his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. One Lay Activities Secretary wrote that in one place he brought in six souls, eleven in another, twenty-two in another, and twenty-nine in another. In the last place he brought in thirty-two souls. He had won 100 in nine months. Let us pray for the latter rain, and work out our prayers; let us hasten the coming of the Lord by wholehearted consecration in soul-winning endeavor.

R. C. Remboldt, President of the Upper Columbia Conference, announced the closing hymn, sung by the King's Herald's Quartet "Open My Eyes that I May See."

The benediction was given by C. Dunbar Henri, Pastor of the Atlanta, Georgia Church.

The Chairman, F. L. Bland, called the third business session of the Council at 10 A.M.

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"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," was sung, and C. L. Powers, President of the Inter-American Division, offered prayer.

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY--LEGAL MEETING:

K. H. Emmerson called to order the 34th annual legal meeting of The International Insurance Company.

J. W. Peeke called attention to the special notice which appeared in the September 11 and 18, 1969, issues of the Review and Herald, calling for the annual meeting of The International Insurance Company, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Information was given by J. W. Peeke that the terms of office of their Board of Directors expire this year. These directors are: W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, Neal C. Wilson, and Kenneth H. Emmerson.

VOTED, To refer to the Autumn Council Nominating Committee the filling of the vacancies on the Board of Directors for the term of three years.

J. W. Peeke, Secretary and Manager of The International Insurance Company Takoma Park, Maryland, and its affiliated General Conference Insurance Service, presented a report. He gave information concerning the life and service of W. A. Benjamin, who became the manager and chief administrator of the newly formed insurance company in 1935. Starting the office in a converted coal bin in the General Conference basement, with one secretary, the General Conference Insurance Service has grown to be the largest department in the General Conference in terms of employees, with a total of 66 workers, 27 of these in their own building in Riverside, California. Mr. Benjamin suffered a stroke on January 10 of this year, and passed quietly to his rest on April 1.

Mr. Peeke said that in spite of the obstacles, insurance companies are making a significant contribution in stability and smoother operations of business and industry in this country. Also in spite of obstacles, we hope that our own denominational company and agencies are making a significant contribution to our administrators and their organizations. We have a qualified board of directors who have swept aside the cobwebs of tradition, and who are earnestly seeking to provide better service to all administrators.

Financial Statements of the General Conference Insurance Service and The International Insurance Company Takoma Park, Maryland, the first section for the six months ended June 30, 1969, and for the year ended December 31, 1968, were distributed.

O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, and Treasurer of the Insurance Company, presented information given in these reports, stating that the total liabilities and net worth as of June 30, 1969, was \$7,713,337.85.

Attention was called to the Auditor's Statement by Werber Johnson, and it was adopted; the reading of the statement being waived.

Calvin J. Hanson gave a report concerning the Gencon Agency, Inc., which has been established at Riverside, California. The formation of

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the Agency was authorized by vote of the 1969 Spring Meeting. It is the purpose of the Agency to give service to individual members of the working forces of the conferences; that is, to the ministers and workers in the conferences rather than just to institutions.

They now have four full-time, well-trained staff members, and are servicing 21 of our institutional employee groups with automobile, homeowners, salary continuation, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance protection. A number of advantages to the denomination in using the services of Gencon were given. He solicited the interest of the delegates and invited them to contact Gencon Agency for handling their employee security plans.

A plaque was presented to R. R. Figuhr, former President of the General Conference, who has been helpful to the Insurance Service. The plaque has on it these words: "In recognition for outstanding service, we honor R. R. Figuhr." As Elder Figuhr expressed his appreciation, he also brought greetings from several of the retired brethren, W. B. Ochs and others. This is a wonderful organization, he said; the longer we live the more we appreciate it. Let us all go forward together.

J. W. Pecke introduced various members of the Insurance Office staff, and mentioned especially a new worker, William Craig. He has replaced Kenneth Stewart, who was called to the Greater New York Conference as Superintendent of Education. W. Craig is an Insurance counselor, and will serve the territory of the Atlantic Union Conference and a part of the Columbia Union Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

F. L. Bland resumed the Chairmanship of the Council session.

GREETINGS:

R. R. Frame, Associate Secretary, read the following cable from Musoma, Tanzania:

"FULL TANZANIA UNION COMMITTEE MEETING BUSEGWE CONVEYS ASSURANCES OF MOST EARNEST PRAYERS FOR YOUR IMPORTANT MEETING. (Signed) ROBINSON."

VOTED, To acknowledge this message and send greetings from the Autumn Council.

MINUTES of the General Conference Committee for October 2, 1969, were approved.

MRS GERDA CHRISTIE-- EASTERN TRANSPORTATION OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conferences a call from the General Conference for Mrs. Gerda Christie to serve as Secretary in the Eastern Transportation Office, New York City.

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LEROY RIELEY--INSURANCE DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and Washington Conferences a call from the General Conference for Leroy Rieley, Assistant Treasurer, to connect with the Insurance Department on the West Coast.

GORDON H. CARLE--MICHIGAN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Lake Union Conference for Gordon H. Carle, to connect with the Michigan Conference for a post in the Treasurer's office.

ADA TOWNSEND--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy Board a call from the Pacific Union Conference for Miss Ada Townsend to connect with the Southern California Conference for Accounting in the Association office.

FORDYCE W. DETAMORE--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference a call for Fordyce W. Detamore, to connect with the Voice of Prophecy as Field and Crusade Evangelist.

D. R. GUILD--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to D. R. Guild, permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division, a call to connect with the Voice of Prophecy as Field and Crusade Evangelist.

KATHLEEN M. BROWN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Kathleen M. Brown, daughter of Elder and Mrs. D. K. Brown, from Taiwan, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

ROBERT M. FORD, JR. --RELEASED:

VOTED, That Robert M. Ford, Jr., be released from appointment as Business Teacher and Manager of the Taiwan Missionary College, on his request.

W. H. MATTISON--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, That W. H. Mattison, on furlough from India, be authorized to take a five months' leave of absence, in harmony with his request and with the concurrence of the Southern Asia Division.

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and West Allegheny Conferences be requested to release Miss Daisy White, and that she be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Dean of Women in the West Indies College, effective in August, 1970; on the basis of a national returning.

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VOTED, To pass on to the Central European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Dr. Dieter Schwarz, to serve as Physician for the Heri Hospital; with the suggestion that the call be processed through the Southern European Division.

VALBORG LARSSEN--KANYE HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Miss Valborg Larssen, a Nurse, to connect with the Kanye Hospital, Botswana, Africa.

RONALD DENNIS HARTMAN--ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Ronald Dennis Hartman, now under deferred appointment, be assigned to the Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica, as Physician: effective mid-1970. He is interning at Kettering, Ohio.

GEORGE FRANK WILLIAMS, M.D.--DAVIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That George Frank Williams, M.D., of Loma Linda University, now under deferred appointment, be assigned to the Davis Memorial Hospital, Guyana, as Physician.

LEWIS H. HART, M.D.--BLANTYRE CLINIC:

VOTED, That Lewis H. Hart, M.D., under deferred appointment to the Trans-Africa Division, be assigned to the Blantyre Clinic.

LLOYD PRATT, M.D.--DAVIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Lloyd Pratt, M.D. of Sacramento, California, be appointed as a relief Physician for the Davis Memorial Hospital, in Guyana, for three months, beginning December 1, 1969.

MARIETTA DEMING--SEOUL, KOREA:

VOTED, That the Loma Linda University be requested to release Miss Marietta Deming, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Director of Nursing Service at Seoul, Korea.

OTTO CHRISTENSEN--PHILIPPINE UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Otto Christensen, of Spring City, Tennessee, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Bible Teacher for the Philippine Union College for one year.

GAIL TRUE--SAIGON:

VOTED, That Miss Gail True, of Loma Linda University, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division at Saigon.

DONALD W. CHRISTENSEN--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the appointment of Donald W. Christensen be transferred from Business Administration Worker for the China Mainland Training Program to that of Business Teacher/Manager for the Taiwan Missionary College.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

O. A. Blake -- Nashville, Tennessee, Special meeting of Riverside Board, October 2.

F. L. Bland -- Nashville, Tennessee, Special meeting of Riverside Board, October 2.

W. P. Bradley -- Loma Linda, California, LLU Executive Committee and Special Committee, November 20.

E. E. Cleveland -- Phoenix, Arizona, Evangelistic Campaign, January 10-17, 1970; Atlanta, Ga., South Atlantic Workers' Meeting, January 18-21, 1970.

George Nelson -- Nashville, Tennessee, Special Meeting of Riverside Board, October 2, 5-10.

Fernon Retzer -- Bowdle, S.D., Speaking appointment, Bowdle Church, October 25 in connection with Minneapolis trip

J. R. Spangler -- Denver, Colorado, Central Union Workers' Meeting, October 20-23; Lake Texhoma, Southwestern Union Departmental Council, October 26-30.

Ella M. Stoneburner -- Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Conduct Home Nutrition Instructors' Training Program for conference, October 24-30. St. John's Newfoundland, Weekend meetings, featuring Health, Nutrition and Missions, October 31 - November 1; Lethbridge, Newfoundland, meetings featuring Health, Nutrition and Missions, November 2.

I. M. Vacquer -- Loma Linda (from San Francisco), Transportation business, October 10.

G. E. Vandeman -- Seattle, Washington, Evangelistic Meetings, January 30 - February 8, 1970.

AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY AND INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION

---LEGAL MEETING:

With the ITA and ATS President R. S. Watts in the chair, the legal meeting of the Temperance organizations was called to order at 11 A.M.

The Chairman recalled that C.D. Watson had been elected as an Associate Secretary in the Temperance Department, but not as treasurer of the temperance organizations, which was the major purpose of his coming into the Department. It was

VOTED, To elect C. D. Watson as Treasurer of the International Temperance Association and the American Temperance Society.

The chairman called on A. V. Pinkney to serve as coordinator of the temperance report in the absence of E. H. J. Steed, Executive Secretary, who was traveling overseas at the time. A report from Pastor Steed indicated outstanding developments in Southern Asia, including the inauguration of a radio program from Afghanistan entitled Your Radio Doctor, focusing on public health and abstinence from tobacco and alcohol.

A. V. Pinkney reported on his recent trip to the Inter-American Division and called on C. L. Powers, Division President, who described temperance as a major evangelistic aid in his division.

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C. D. Watson gave a brief summary of the financial condition of the temperance organizations. He commented that when "One in 20,000" was produced as our first major temperance film, it was a work entirely of faith, with the departmental secretary asking the field to send in their checks with their film orders. From April 1968 to April 1969, there have been six films produced using the trust funds built up from film sales. Stock now totals some \$75,000, with sales totaling \$200,000 in one year. The major outreach of the temperance work is beyond our own church, especially in schools and public organizations.

M.C. Sawvel reported on the series of workshops and training sessions he has been conducting to train our lay people for an effective temperance work, and the new materials being made available for use in fair and convention exhibits.

F. A. Soper called on F. C. Webster, President of the Middle East Division, who described temperance as an essential mission method in his field. Pastor Soper reported on the temperance publications, including Listen, Smoke Signals, Alert, and The Winner. In its 23rd year, Listen has circulated more than 1,500,000 copies. Alert is printed in some fourteen different national and language editions. Smoke Signals is utilized widely in connection with Five-Day Plans and fair exhibits. The Winner is circulating about 25,000 copies each month to the elementary age group.

E. H. Atchley reported on the youth phase of the temperance activity, mentioning especially the achievement of the temperance chapter at Enterprise Academy in Kansas this last year, during which the students met more than 800 off-campus appointments for temperance.

INTER-DIVISION MEETING:

VOTED, To authorize an Inter-Division Meeting in Europe of Food Factory managers, to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, October 28, 1969. Representatives from Great Britain, Germany, France, and Denmark are to attend to consider matters relating to the food industry.

Theodore Carcich assumed Chairmanship of the session.

Recommendations from the Working Policy Committee were considered, and with amendments adopted as follows:

PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS IN OVERSEAS DIVISIONS--TRAINING:

The 1968 Autumn Council took an action setting forth recommendations for assisting physicians and dentists in overseas divisions with their medical training. This action was treated as a recommendation in the Autumn Council minutes and thus was not included in the 1968 revision of the General Conference Working Policy. It is now desired to bring this action into the Working Policy.

VOTED, That a new section, "Physicians and Dentists in Overseas Divisions--Training," be added to the General Conference Working Policy, to follow the section, "Remuneration of Medical Interns," page 124, as follows:

We recommend, 1. That overseas divisions study and develop a policy governing assistance to medical and dental deferred appointees within its

territory and a separate policy for indebtedness assistance to medical and dental appointees patterned after the General Conference policies but adapted to the needs and situation of the division.

"2. That when a physician or dentist is called from his home division to another division the calling division shall reimburse the home division for the full amount of the assistance granted to the appointee under the terms of the policies mentioned in paragraph 1, up to a maximum in local currency equivalent to US\$3,000. Any assistance granted to the appointee by the home division, under terms of the policies mentioned in paragraph 1, in excess of the equivalent of US\$3,000 shall be divided equally between the home division and the General Conference, with the understanding that the total assistance granted by the three organizations shall not be in excess of US\$5,000. The funds advanced under this plan shall be amortized at the rate of 20 per cent a year for each year the appointee serves in the mission field."

TUITION DISCOUNTS TO OVERSEAS STUDENTS:

Loma Linda University has expressed willingness to grant the 50 per cent discount to missionaries' children for all those studying on the undergraduate level on either of its campuses.

VOTED, That the section, "Tuition Discounts to Overseas Students," page 196, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

"Tuition Discounts to Overseas Students.--Our universities (undergraduate colleges), colleges and academies in North America allow a 50 per cent discount on undergraduate tuition only to dependent children of North American Division missionaries while their parents are in mission service or on furlough. The missionary and/or his wife may also receive this discount while on furlough and planning to return to mission service. From the date that a missionary is voted a permanent return, he and his family are eligible to receive these discounts until the end of the current school year only.

" When any division other than the North American Division sends its workers or their dependent children to attend colleges in the North American Division and makes financial payments on behalf of such students directly to the college concerned, the North American college will match dollar for dollar with the sending division, it being understood that the North American college's portion will not exceed the maximum of 50 per cent of the student's undergraduate class tuition. Such remittances must come through the division and upon approval of the division committee."

FURLOUGH POLICY:

VOTED, That paragraph 1 of the section, "Furlough Policy," General Conference Working Policy, page 200, be amended as follows:

"1. Furloughs are primarily allowed our missionaries in order to provide a period of change and rest in the environment of the homeland, thereby conserving their health. Furloughs also give opportunity to stimulate interest in missions among the home churches and conferences as the worker from overseas visits them with his up-to-date reports. In general it is planned that the terms of service shall be three years for families

and two years for single workers with a three month furlough between terms, but exceptions are made to this general rule on account of the various conditions in the different fields. While the granting of furloughs entails heavy expense, we recognize that this arrangement is necessary and in the end is an economy of workers and means. Division committees shall, however, exercise strict economy in arranging for furloughs.

"Appointment of the worker to the mission field is to be considered as a call to life service. It usually requires many years for one to acquire a practical knowledge of a foreign language and to become sufficiently familiar with the habits and customs of the country for his service to become most fruitful. Then added years of experience in the field greatly increase the missionary's efficiency. No worker should conclude, because of furlough provisions, that his appointment is for a single term of service only."

SAFEGUARDING THE FUNDS OF THE CAUSE AND INVESTMENTS :

VOTED, That paragraph 7, of the section, "Safeguarding the Funds of the Cause and Investments," page 245, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

"7. In the investment of denominational funds, including operating capital available for temporary investment, the following forms of investment shall be recognized in the order given" (a) commercial and savings banks, (b) savings and loan associations or building societies, (c) short-term obligations of the federal governments.

"(Note: Investments in (a) and (b) should be limited to amounts covered by insurance provided by the appropriate federal agencies.)"

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES :

The 1968 Autumn Council took an action, pages 38-41, setting forth the "Conditions of Employment in Colleges and Universities." This was recorded as a recommendation and thus not incorporated in the 1968 revision of the General Conference Working Policy. The General Conference Department of Education wishes to have this action treated as policy.

VOTED, That a new section, "Conditions of Employment in Colleges and Universities," be added to the General Conference Working Policy, to follow the section, "Continuous Employment," page 100 as follows:

"We recommend, The following guidelines on conditions of employment in Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities:

"1. Terms of Employment. Prospective teachers shall be advised by the president (or dean of the school) regarding all conditions of employment. Employment usually runs with the fiscal year. Written notice from a teacher of intended withdrawal from the institution shall be given to the president before April 1 of the last year in which the teacher intends to serve.

"If the board, after being advised by the president, does not reappoint a full time teacher or staff member who does not have continuous appointment, the president shall notify him in writing before the end of March unless the decision is based on grounds outlined under 'Separation.'

"2. Continuous Appointment. Continuous appointment may be voted to a full time associate professor or professor by the board upon the recommendation of the president. A teacher having earned a doctor's degree or equivalent, and having associate or full professor rank shall be considered by the Board of Trustees for continuous appointment at the end of six consecutive years of service. A teacher with seven years of service in other Seventh-day Adventist institutions of higher education, having earned a doctor's degree, or equivalent, shall be considered by the Board of Trustees for continuous appointment after two years of successful service at the institution. Continuous appointment does not constitute an indeterminate contract. Continuous appointment is not interrupted if a teacher is granted leave.

"3. Departmental Chairmen - Appointment, Tenure. The chairman of an instructional department is appointed for a four-year period by the board on nomination by the president.

"4. Continuous Appointment - administrators. Officers of the institution and its schools, associates in administration, and administrative assistants are not eligible for continuous appointment.

"5. Separation. A teacher on continuous appointment may be separated from the institution by the board for gross and inexcusable inefficiency or neglect of duty, for extreme financial exigency, for misconduct or for repudiation or defiance or subversion of the standards and the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist church as set forth in the statement of fundamental beliefs in the Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook.

"When the president has decided to recommend separation of a teacher on continuous appointment, he shall notify the teacher in writing of the reason(s) and of the basis for the reason(s). After an interval of at least ten days, the teacher shall be afforded a hearing before a quorum of the members of the board, or a representative committee thereof, before separation can be voted. The teacher may appear with a colleague as counsel, who also shall have the privileges of speaking before the board. If the teacher expects to protest the decision of the board, he shall be afforded a hearing before a committee of five of his peers chosen by the faculty. This committee shall make a report with recommendations to the board through the president.

"A teacher with continuous appointment who is relieved of his employment with the institution for reasons not involving gross neglect of duty, inexcusable inefficiency, misconduct or repudiation or defiance or subversion of the standards and the teaching of the Seventh-day Adventist church, shall receive full salary and all regular allowances, refunds, etc. for a maximum of twelve months from the day of notification of separation.

"6. Procedures in University Personnel Decisions.

"a. Appointments of new teachers, promotion of teachers in academic (or special) rank, or dismissals of teachers shall be proposed to the Board by the president; before the president makes his decision consultation shall have taken place that will enable at least the following to offer advice: the vice-president for academic administration, the dean of the school, and the chairman of the department.

"b. Appointment of the chairmen of instructional departments shall be proposed to the Board by the president; before the president makes his decision, consultation shall have taken place that will enable all members of the department, as well as the dean(s) of the school(s) in which the department functions, and the vice-president for academic administration to offer advice.

"c. Appointments of officers dealing with instruction shall be proposed by the president to the Board; before the president makes his decision, consultation shall have taken place that will enable at least the following to offer advice: the vice-president for academic administration, the deans, the (full) professors and the department chairmen in the school(s) concerned.

"d. Appointment of curriculum coordinators is made annually by the president; before the decision is made, consultation shall have taken place that will have enabled at least the following to offer advice: the vice-president for academic administration, the dean(s) of the school(s), the department chairmen, and the full professors of the school(s) concerned.

"e. Appointment of a president is made by the Board after consideration by a subcommittee on nominations within the membership of the Board; this subcommittee on nominations shall give the full professors and the department chairmen an opportunity to offer advice before a decision is made."

REVIEW AND HERALD:

K. H. Wood, Editor of the Review and Herald, had arranged for the distribution of copies of the Review to delegates who are away from home, so that they would be able to read it this week end. He encouraged our leaders to read the church paper and co-operate in promoting it throughout the field. Appreciation was expressed for the wonderful letters of support received from them. He said he believed that this will be the best year in the history of the Review.

INGATHERING--SILVER VANGUARD CONFERENCE:

Announcement was made by A. A. Esteb, Lay Activities Department Associate Secretary, that the Alabama-Mississippi Conference stands first in Ingathering, report having come that it is a Silver Vanguard Conference.

Adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Closing prayer by W. D. Wampler, President of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

F. L. Bland
Theodore Garcich, Chairmen
R. R. Frame, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

On Friday evening, October 10, at 7:30 P.M., at the Takoma Park SDA Church, pictures with colored slides were shown, and report made concerning new churches raised up in the last year. The Ministerial Association had gathered this information and made it available. The North American Division as well as overseas divisions were covered in the report and program.

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Two-Hundred Eighth Meeting
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 12, 1969, 9:00 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

W. Melvin Adams, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Secretary, led in song service. "What a Friend We have in Jesus," was sung, and also the theme song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Elder Adams played his trumpet.

E. E. Cleveland, Ministerial Association Associate Secretary, announced the opening hymn, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

The opening prayer was offered by R. A. Wilcox, President of the South American Division.

"My Pledge," the words written by R. H. Pierson, was sung by the Crusaders' Quartet.

Robert H. Pierson, President of the General Conference, was the devotional speaker. "Why Are We Here and Where Are We Going?" was the topic of the message given.

In Revelation 14: 14-16 we have the inspired picture of the return of our Lord. This is the event that perhaps more than anything else makes us a people today. We are Seventh-day Adventists because we believe that Jesus is coming. John through a revelation from Jesus Christ describes these three messages as the everlasting gospel. Here is an all-inclusive message. It catches the sparks of truth from all the fires since Pentecost, and sets them ablaze for God to prepare a people for the coming of Jesus. It is not a denial, or a repudiation of old truth, but rather a revelation of new truth, or as we say "present truth." This includes a great deal. It includes man's fall, the broken law, the plan of redemption, the atonement, the work of the Holy Spirit, faith and repentance and confession, obedience and victory over sin through the indwelling Christ, and the place of works in our experience. The judgment and the final restoration are included. All of these comprise the everlasting gospel.

The Servant of the Lord sums up the three angels' messages when she said, "Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, It is the third angel's message in verity."--Review and Herald, April 1, 1890. It is not ethereal; it is something practical; it is an experience that you and I must know. This is the message to be proclaimed with mighty power into all parts of the world in these last days. This message was to call into existence a new movement, calling men and women out of the fallen churches of the world. Here is a message that will turn the eyes of men and women upon the Lord Jesus Christ in a new and more meaningful way. Here is a message to prepare a people for the return of their Saviour.

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Our commission sends us to the ends of the earth to preach, to teach, to heal, to do good and to prepare men and women for the coming of Jesus. This is why we are here. This new commission sends us out with a new message of healthful living. This new commission likewise has a new concept of education. We must never lose sight of intellectual excellence. We are here to operate schools that will prepare young men and young women for eternity. This new commission also brought a new concept of the publishing work. The servant of the Lord reminds us, "The great object of our publications is to exalt God, to call men's attention to the living truths of His Word."--Counsels to Writers and Editors, p. 12. We are here because God has a special message to go to the world in these last days--a message that will prepare men and women for the return of Christ.

A familiar text to each one of you is 1 Peter 2:9: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." This new movement has a new commission. This last-day message must go to every language, every tribe, every people. I am glad that I do not belong to a dying cause. I belong to a fresh, vibrant message of God, a movement that under God is going to triumph. We are a people of prophecy with a message for our day. This is the time of great advance. This is the time when leadership is needed with large vision and faith-filled planning. Some of the dangers we are confronted with are erosion of faith; an infringing secularism that threatens; a danger of losing our separate identity of a peculiar and called-out people; that we become spiritually insolvent; that the standards of this church will be lowered or eliminated; the perils in our institutions, that they may become like those of the world about us; also the scientific and sociological trends.

You men here are the leaders of the church. What a tremendous responsibility. May God help us to keep our purposes clearly before us. May He help us to keep in mind always our responsibilities as leaders to carry out these purposes.

"Stand Up for Jesus," was sung, announced by Robert L. Dale, President of the Indiana Conference.

The closing prayer was given by R. S. Lowry, President of the Southern Asia Division.

At 10 A.M. the fourth business meeting of the Council was called by R. R. Bietz, Chairman.

"Lift Him Up, the Risen Saviour" was sung. Prayer was offered by J. C. Hanson, President of the Alaska Mission.

Recommendations from the Plans Committee were considered and adopted as follows:

PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HEALTH-CARE INSTITUTIONS:

VOTED, That the following be adopted as a statement of Philosophy and Objectives for the operation of Seventh-day Adventist Health-Care Institutions:

Reason for a restatement of the philosophies and objectives of SDA Health-Care Institutions

It is appropriate that the goals which the church seeks to achieve by the investing of millions of dollars and the channeling of the productive energies of thousand of workers into the operation of its health-care institutions should be reviewed and stated from time to time. This is desirable in order that the place which the health message occupies in the church may always be well understood by the church and the objectives be clearly defined in the minds and hearts of those who engage in this ministry. Periodic review and re-evaluation is also desirable in order to maintain current guides for managing boards and committees by which overall accomplishments may be measured.

Philosophy of the health ministry of the Church

It is the belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that man was made originally in the image of God. The entrance of sin into the world marred the image and resulted in a separation of man from his Maker, to his detriment, physically, mentally, and spiritually. It is the belief of the church that the health ministry in the relief of suffering and the treatment of disease may contribute directly to the restoration of the whole man. The health ministry of the church, by education, by precept and example, and by making the laws of healthful living understood and accepted can also assist mankind in avoiding those illnesses caused by the violations of principles of health. Thus the health ministry may contribute to the avoidance of illness, to the restoration of health here on earth and to the reconciliation of man to God, which is a preparation for eternal life hereafter.

Objectives of the health ministry of the Church

The objectives of the health ministry of the church are in part defined in the instruction given relating to the operation of our medical institutions as found in the Spirit of Prophecy:

"I have been instructed that our medical institutions are to stand as witnesses for God. They are established to relieve the sick and afflicted, to awaken a spirit of inquiry, to disseminate light and to advance reform. These institutions rightly conducted, will be the means of bringing a knowledge of the reforms essential to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord, before many that otherwise it would be impossible for us to reach." --Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 104.

"All our medical institutions are established as Seventh-day Adventist institutions to represent the various features of gospel medical missionary work and thus to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord." --Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 107.

In order that these basic objectives might be better understood further refinement is required to meet present day situations. There are also other purposes and objectives which are basically related but sufficiently different to require separate definition. To these ends it is considered that the primary objectives of the health ministry of the church are:

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1. Witnesses for God

Medical institutions are established to witness with power for Christ. Among the various evangelizing agencies of the church, these institutions can be most effective. As witnesses for the truth of God they will be the means of bringing the light of truth to many souls.

"In these institutions the attributes of God are to be unfolded and the glory and excellence of the truth is to be made more vivid." M.M., p. 188.

Employees of SDA medical institutions should think of themselves as "ministers of Christ," healing and comforting the sick, teaching and disseminating light. Their lives should shine forth in word and deed.

2. The Relief of Pain and Suffering

The reason for relieving pain and suffering and the treatment of the sick and the afflicted is love and compassion. It is recorded that "Christ saw the multitude and was moved with compassion." Compassion and love are the very elements of the character of God. Experience has taught that pain and suffering are best relieved by the use of natural remedies as well as other scientific treatments in harmony with ethical standards acceptable in the countries served. Enlightened scientific medical service is to be rendered with Christian compassion, reverence for God and an abiding faith in the Great Physician.

Sincere love and compassion extend beyond the relief of physical pain and the lengthening of life, and embrace a concern for eternal life as well. Thus medical ministry is to become a door to eternal life by pouring love into the hearts of people when the door of the heart is widest open. This frequently is in time of illness. This objective may be accomplished and this ministry rendered in hospitals, in sanitariums, in nursing homes, in offices of physicians and dentists and wherever medical and paramedical personnel come into contact with the ill and the afflicted.

3. The Awakening of a Spirit of Inquiry

Our medical ministry and our organized health care institutions awaken a spirit of inquiry because they approach the areas of health from the viewpoint of the total man. Emphasis is to be on health rather than exclusively on the treatment of disease. Prevention is to be stressed as well as cure. Emphasis is to be placed on the use of natural remedies as well as other scientific modalities of treatment. Primarily our institutions will be distinctive because the people who make up the institutions are distinctive in purpose, motivation, dedication, and objectives. The great difference in people is not necessarily in dress, hairdo, or personal economics, though in all of these elements high standards of Christian modesty, deportment and life should prevail. Buildings and facilities may not be essentially different, but the atmosphere which pervades them can be different. The principal difference must be in the objectives of life, attitudes and influence of the people. These are the prized elements which are to "awaken a spirit of inquiry." Thus by the highly trained and skillful ministry of people whose lives are different, who are motivated to serve and who are driven to the ends of the earth by a concern for others, our institutions are to become the spectacle of the age

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and the subject of conversation and literature around the world. In this manner our medical ministry and our health-care institutions are to be great public relations agencies, breaking down walls of prejudice and erecting bridges of understanding and friendship. They are thus to place the work of the church in a favorable light before the multitudes.

This awakening of a spirit of inquiry is also to extend into our churches and is to pique the curiosity of church members and of the public at large in the laws of life, which are the laws of God. It involves a teaching which leads to a longing for more knowledge and a thirst for information.

The awakening of a spirit of inquiry is also to prompt those directly involved in medical ministry into a continuing study of the great mysteries of life. It should prompt scientific investigations which will push back still farther the barriers of ignorance, reveal more fully the laws of life and lead to a knowledge of God.

4. The dissemination of light

This statement implies educational programs and processes. It makes it the obligation of the health ministry of the church to conduct extensive educational programs in a wide variety of the health and healing sciences to qualify people to serve scientifically and to motivate them to serve compassionately. It means the operation of medical, public health and dental schools, schools of nursing at varying levels, schools of dietetics, and schools for many para-medical careers.

These educational opportunities offered to the young people of the church in various professional fields, open to them a wide variety of opportunities to develop useful, rewarding careers rich with satisfactions of Christian service and financial remuneration. These opportunities offered and grasped by the young people of the church create a segment of Seventh-day Adventist professional society with capacity to become respected leaders in both the church and society generally.

Educational programs by which the laws of healthful living are presented to the members of our church will assist them in relating these laws better to their daily habits of living. In this the medical ministry of the church can become a great blessing to the membership of the church as compliance with these laws brings better health.

The teaching of the laws of healthful living is not to supersede the primary mission of the church which is the preaching of the gospel, the simple story of salvation. Rather, the teaching of the laws of health is to supplement this gospel story and to give clearer minds to understand God's will for mankind, and stronger bodies to do His bidding.

Our health-care institutions are to teach their guests these principles of healthful living. They are also to do more. They are to relate these laws to the laws of God and thus to eternal salvation.

A great disservice is done to the church and to its ministry when the health message is allowed to become a divisive element in the church or a

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measuring stick by which to evaluate the piety or holiness of others. The primary way in which health relates to religion is that good health gives clearer minds and keener intellects with which to comprehend the plans and purposes of God, and develops stronger bodies to do His bidding.

5. The Advancement of Reforms

The health ministry is to advance reform. Often reform is considered as a return to what we have known before. While this is sometimes true, it should be remembered that in the medical ministry of the church true reform always leads to advance. Advancing reform means a constant change for the better now and in the future. Scientific investigations are constantly revealing new truths which when applied can result in better treatment of disease and a clearer understanding of the laws of health, thus to better prevent illness. As new truths are discovered, they are to be tested, verified in the laboratory of experience, and advocated that humanity might benefit by their practice. They are effective only when applied first personally and always openmindedly.

Change is the order of the society of our day. The conditions under which we live are constantly changing. The water we drink and the air we breathe are frequently different today from what they were before the industrial age of which we are a part. The social and economic pressures under which we live are vastly different. To meet these changing conditions there must be constant advances in healthful living adapted to this age, its environment and its changing problems. Advancing reform must therefore relate to a step forward.

6. Preparing a people

While giving attention to the five foregoing objectives the health ministry of the church should always remember the one ultimate objective is to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord.

Methods by which Objectives are to be Achieved

The emphasis must always be on objectives rather than upon methods. Methods may change to meet changing situations but objectives must remain unchanged.

Basic principles in methods are defined in essence by the Spirit of Prophecy.

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them; ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow me.'" --Ministry of Healing, p. 143.

The sequence of this ministry is basic. This is to be the sequence in all our medical ministry. First Christ mingled with mankind as one who truly desired their good. He then showed His sympathy for the reason that His heart felt the wounds of all mankind. Feeling these wounds in His own heart and identifying with those who suffered He could do nothing other than minister to their needs. In doing this, as naturally as sunrise and springtime, He won

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their confidence. Then He said, "Follow Me." This divine sequence in His ministry must be the sequence of service in all of the medical ministry of the church.

The objective of the health ministry of the church can only be achieved by coming into contact with people. Methods must therefore revolve around ways to come into contact with people when they are cognizant of their health needs, for it is then that the door of the heart is most ajar.

The health ministry is through people. Health-care institutions are devised only as a method of bringing dedicated and skilled people into contact with mankind. These contacts may take many forms but will relate to the practices of a given time and place and to the needs of humanity. Sometimes they will be made through sophisticated hospitals; sometimes through sanitariums, sometimes nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, extended care institutions, physicians' or dentists' offices, or through skilled, dedicated and compassionate personnel, whatever be their source of financial support or area of service. The important thing is that people meet people with a desire to do good, with sympathy, skill, love and compassion.

The methods and opportunities are as broad as human imagination and as wide as human experience. The objectives are always the same.

Hospitals and Health-Care Institutions

When this ministry finds expression in the form of organized hospitals or similar health-care institutions, certain responsibilities follow, some of which are considered to be:

A. To create and maintain in close cooperation with the attending staff of physicians, the highest possible level of scientifically approved, ethical professional Christian care.

B. To create an atmosphere for Christian healing. Regular institutional family meetings should be held in which the objectives are kept before the workers.

C. To emphasize prevention of disease as well as rendering competent curative service. Methods could include for example

Positive programs for non-use of tobacco and alcohol,
Weight-watchers group,
Cooking schools,
Prayer-therapy groups

D. To teach to all who come within its portals the basic principles of healthful living and the benefits to be gained by following these laws of health.

E. To relate these laws of health to the laws of God and to eternal life as opportunity is presented. In support of this the following methods are suggested:

The training and employment of health educators
A continuing health education program for workers
Better Living Centers in conjunction with hospitals

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F. To recruit and maintain a sufficient corps of dedicated, well-trained, skilled and nobly motivated Seventh-day Adventist personnel sufficient to dominate the influence of the institution and to create a public image of scientifically competent, compassionate Christian care.

G. To maintain high standards of efficiency in operation, cleanliness and Christian deportment.

H. To develop a Christian institutional influence and, through the chaplain and the lives and example of all who serve, pour the love of God into human hearts, direct the attention to the Great Physician and set salvation within the reach of the multitudes.

I. To educate the SDA ministry in the total health concept of the church.

J. To place emphasis on the noncontroversial truths shared in common with all Christianity, and expound the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to those who express an interest therein.

K. To project, in as great extent as possible, the ministry of the institution to the Seventh-day Adventist community and the general public.

L. To provide an enlightened approach to psychiatry through the counsels of the Messenger of the Lord, and through research and experimentation which includes current scientific knowledge.

M. To develop centers of research with emphasis on providing a scientific basis for a health regime.

Such programs conducted in humility and with generosity toward all and with the understanding support of the church members everywhere should and can be one of the greatest agencies yet conceived for advancing the total program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church--that of demonstrating the theology of the church in daily living and interpreting to the world a knowledge of the Master and causing those who see and hear to accept the salvation He offers.

Recommendations were considered from the Home and Overseas Officers and Union Presidents and adopted as follows:

SABBATH OBSERVANCE:

A Committee was appointed by the General Conference Officers to give study to particular problems and situations that arise in the experience of Seventh-day Adventists with respect to Sabbath keeping. In a time when there is a tendency to rationalize many of the standards of Christian living to make room for a variety of attitudes, and when new situations are arising calling for carefulness in establishing patterns of conduct and church practice, it is evident that guidance may properly be given to the members by bringing to their attention not only the general principles of Sabbath keeping, but also the application of these principles in specific cases.

In its study the committee had access to a collection of Ellen G. White counsels bearing on Sabbath work in Seventh-day Adventist and non-Seventh-day Adventist medical institutions. Members of the Seminary faculty of Andrews University assisted in developing portions of the report. The committee report

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touches only on problems of Sabbath keeping referred to it for study.

Sabbath-Keeping Principles

A Christian view of the Sabbath starts from the Biblical concept of the Sabbath day as "the day of the Lord, unto the Lord." It stresses the original divine creative rest, but more particularly the element of worship, an activity that goes much deeper than merely "going to church," an activity oriented toward blessing others in every possible way, as Jesus Himself has given us the example.

Our concept of Sabbath-keeping is that the seventh day is to be reserved for communion with and the worship of God; that it is to partake of the nature of rest, physical, mental, and spiritual. The Sabbath was made for man, and if there are emergencies that have to do with the health and safety of people, these emergencies may be cared for. On the other hand, one should not plan to perform on the Sabbath day work that could by proper care be performed on another day.

"The Sabbath hours belong to God, and are to be used for Him alone. Our own pleasure, our own words, our own business, our own thoughts, should find no place in the observance of the Lord's day. . . . It is a time to visit the sick and to work for the salvation of souls. The ordinary affairs of the six working days should be laid aside. No unnecessary work should be performed." --Church Manual, p. 207.

Conducting Church Business Activities on the Sabbath Day

Insofar as possible, the Sabbath day should be reserved for worship, rest, and Christian witness in which the family will remain together. Meetings that detract from these ideals should be avoided whenever possible during its sacred hours.

The elders or other church officers may meet sometime during the Sabbath hours if need be for the purpose of dealing with doctrinal issues, questions of principles, ritual, preaching, spiritual problems among church members, or emergency problems arising from sickness or accident.

The obligations of the stewardship of one's resources and the fiscal needs of the church would be proper subjects for public presentation on the Sabbath, but ordinary church business should be taken up on another day.

Holding business meetings on week days helps to remind one of the fact that "the church" is not just something for the Sabbath day, but for the seven days of the week. All church activities that partake of a business nature should be avoided on the Sabbath.

While it is fitting to present missionary campaigns in the church on Sabbath and to publish appropriate campaign data in the church bulletin, all such campaigns should be conducted on a high spiritual level. In the case of campaigns for missionary periodicals the recommendation of the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee (April 12, 1949; pg. 1445) should be adhered to.

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Sabbath Weddings

The marriage service is sacred and would not in itself be out of harmony with the spirit of Sabbath keeping. However, most weddings involve considerable work and almost inevitably a secular atmosphere develops in preparing for the occasion and in holding receptions. In order that the quiet worshipful spirit of the Sabbath not be lost, the holding of weddings on the Sabbath should be discouraged.

Sabbath Funerals

In harmony with the spirit of rest that should pervade the Sabbath it is expected that Adventists should be advised to avoid Sabbath funerals. Although it is true that in some climates and under certain compelling conditions funerals have to be conducted without any delay, such services on the Sabbath day should be avoided whenever possible. If at such times arrangements could be made in advance with morticians and cemetery employees to perform their routine tasks for the deceased in advance of the Sabbath day, the labor and commotion on the Sabbath could be greatly curtailed. Or if the memorial service could be held on the Sabbath, and interment take place later, there would be no objection. While it is not best to take a dogmatic position on either side of this question, the avoidance of Sabbath funerals is definitely preferable.

Ingathering on the Sabbath

The general practice of the Seventh-day Adventist churches is to do Ingathering on days other than the Sabbath. Although the Ingathering plan can be organized so as to bring many spiritual benefits both to solicitor and donor, the preferable course is to do the solicitation outside of the Sabbath hours.

Social Helpfulness on the Sabbath

Recognizing that the Sabbath hours belong to God, the Sabbathkeeping Christian will want to honor and reverence the Creator in all his activities, deportment, and the spirit on God's holy day.

Not only in worship, but also in his soulwinning and missionary endeavors his public witness and influence will be compatible with his preachment and belief. Though he may participate in certain types of social work for students, youth, and the poor in inner cities or in suburbs, he will still exert an exemplary influence of consistent Christian Sabbath keeping.

If he is engaged in an extension or special school for children and youth, subjects and classes appropriate for the Sabbath can be arranged which are different from the ordinary secular subjects or classes for the week, including activities that contribute to spiritual culture. Nature or neighborhood walks can be provided to substitute for regularly scheduled recesses. Nature and museum field trips of minimal effort, planning, and administration can provide profitable substitution for secular subjects and classes.

Certain types of social helpfulness would be in perfect harmony with proper Sabbath observance as might be seen from the words and example of the

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Lord of the Sabbath Himself.

Using the Sabbath day to perform missionary activities that are of the nature of every day work should be discouraged. Such efforts should be limited to emergency cases rather than the putting forth of studied efforts in this direction.

Sabbath-Keeping in our Medical Institutions

Unfortunately, sickness and pain know neither holy days nor hours. Therefore, an institution offering medical care to the public must be prepared to take care of the needs of the sick and the suffering without regard to hours or days. This obviously poses a problem in the matter of Sabbath observance. Great care should be exercised that there be no laxity in the observance of the Sabbath. It is the line of least resistance to carry on nearly normal activities because these are for the benefit of the sick.

Emergency medical care should be provided willingly whenever needed, regardless of the day or hour. However, Adventist physicians and dentists should not place themselves in offices or clinics on the Sabbath where the public would normally expect such services.

Being engaged in medical work places all involved in positions of special peril lest there be laxity. Each institution will obviously develop its own policies to meet local situations and activities. Generally speaking these will encompass the following areas:

1. A discontinuance of all unnecessary activities. Usually this means a complete closing of those facilities not immediately related to patient care.

2. The postponement of elective diagnostic and therapeutic services. Emergency service should not be interrupted. Necessary or emergency care should be willingly and cheerfully provided with high levels of excellence. Decisions as to that which is necessary or of an emergency nature should be made by the attending physician. If this privilege is abused it becomes an administrative problem and should be dealt with accordingly. Non-administrative institutional employees should not become involved in making these decisions nor should they be obliged to confront the attending physician.

It is recommended that the preamble of the medical staff bylaws specifically state that only surgical, diagnostic or therapeutic procedures which are not postponable because of the condition of the patient will be done, etc. A clear understanding with all who are appointed to staff membership, at the time of appointment, will do much to avoid misunderstanding and abuses later.

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3. The closing of the administrative and business offices to routine business. Although it may be necessary to admit or discharge patients on Sabbath, it is recommended to avoid the rendering of bills and the collection of money. Never should the keeping of the Sabbath be a source of irritation to those we seek to serve and to save, but rather a hallmark of "the children of light."

4. The Sabbath should be a day of delight to the patients within the hospital. A day when the hustle and bustle or routine work is laid aside and the staff is free to spend more time with the patients, to instruct them, to counsel with them, and to acquaint them with the wonderful love of God. Such missionary activity will provide a memory of Christian witnessing never to be forgotten. Meaningful Sabbath keeping is much easier to achieve in an institution that employs a largely Adventist staff. Nevertheless, it represents a challenge that can be met by the believing workers employed in patient care, and may well be a convicting influence in the lives of those not of our faith.

5. Careful scheduling of all personnel is very important. Adventist workers should not routinely be scheduled to work on Sabbath so as to provide freedom on weekdays for secular activities, even though we recognize that "it is well to do good on the Sabbath day." Neither should they expect to always be off duty on that day and thus work a hardship on others who might appreciate an occasional Saturday off. Whenever possible those on duty who wish to attend Sabbath services should be excused to do so if their absence does not work undue hardship on those remaining or limit necessary patient care.

6. An attitude of Christian witnessing before fellow workers is essential. The only contact that many non-Adventist workers may ever have with Seventh-day Adventists may be in the institution employing them. Every relationship should be friendly, kind, and expressive of the love that exemplified the life of the Great Physician. Compassion for the sick, unselfish regard for our fellowmen, an eagerness to serve and unstinted loyalty to God and the church may well prove to be a savor unto life. The keeping of the Sabbath is a privilege and an honor as well as a duty. It should never become burdensome or obnoxious to those who keep it or to those about us.

Sabbath Work in Non-Adventist Hospitals

"The law forbids secular labor on the rest day of the Lord; the toil that gains a livelihood must cease; no labor for worldly pleasure or profit is lawful upon that day; but as God ceased His labor of creating, and rested upon the Sabbath and blessed it, so man is to leave the occupations of his daily life, and devote those sacred hours to healthful rest, to worship, and to holy deeds."
--The Desire of Ages, p. 207.

While it is essential in medical institutions that a minimum of labor be performed at all times in order to maintain the welfare and comfort of the patients, Seventh-day Adventists employed in non-denominational institutions where Sabbath hours bring no relief from regular general duties are under obligation to remember the principles that regulate all Sabbath activities. In order to avoid situations where our church members may be faced with problems of Sabbath keeping in non-Adventist institutions, it is recommended that:

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1. When Seventh-day Adventists seek employment in non-Seventh-day Adventist hospitals, they make known their Sabbath-keeping principles and request a work schedule that will exempt them from Sabbath duties.

2. Where work schedules or other factors make this impossible, they make very clear the types of duty they are willing to perform on the Sabbath in providing the minimum medical and hygienic care of the patient and his environment in emergency procedures, and in similar service.

3. Where the above conditions cannot be met, our members should make loyalty to God's requirements paramount as they endeavor to render faithful service and also to earn their livelihood.

VOTED, To receive the report and record it as the consensus of the Autumn Council, thereby making it available as counsel to all organizations.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE--REPORT:

The Nominating Committee having to do with the youth publication brought in a partial report. It was adopted as follows:

VOTED, 1. The name of Miss Pat Horning, now in the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department, as one of the Associate Editors of the youth publication;

2. The appointment of the following Youth Publication Editorial Council: Theodore Carcich, Paul M. DeBooy, T. S. Geraty, J. H. Hancock, W. A. Howe, D. W. Hunter, Lowell Litten, L. B. Reynolds, Sabbath School Associate (Editor for the youth lessons), two college youths, two academy youths (the college and academy youth members to be chosen by the Council).

REVIEW AND HERALD, GENERAL CONFERENCE--
JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

On recommendation from the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To name the following joint Nominating Committee composed of personnel from the Review and Herald and General Conference to nominate additional Review and Herald editorial personnel:

T. Carcich, M. E. Dawson, H. J. Forquer, W. J. Hackett, D. W. Hunter, J. C. Kozel, C. E. Palmer, R. H. Pierson, M. R. Thurber, and K. H. Wood.

Two recommendations from the Plans Committee were presented and adopted as follows:

SAFETY AND SAFETY EDUCATION;

WHEREAS, Accidents are the principal cause of death from ages one to thirty -seven,* and

WHEREAS, among persons of all ages accidents are the fourth leading cause of death (motor vehicle accidents in 1968 resulted in 55,200 fatalities and over two million persons suffered disabling injuries)*, and

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WHEREAS, Among youths aged 15 to 24 years accidents claim more lives than all other causes combined, taking more than 7 times as many young lives as cancer and more than 25 times as many as heart disease,* and during the past four years many of our own youth, workers and laymen, have been victims of untimely, tragic accidents, therefore

We recommend, 1. That greater effort be exercised in the recognition of hazards; that extreme caution be conscientiously incorporated in all areas of exercise and activity; and that proper recognition be given to the rules, laws and demands of safety.

2. That safety education be given a more prominent place in the teaching of children and youth in our homes.

3. That our school administrators give safety education a prominent place in the educational program, the object being to prepare our children and youth to face the hazards and dangers about them with skill and knowledge and to recognize their responsibility in protecting the lives of their fellow men as well as their own for the glory of God.

4. That in-service training in safety be initiated in all Seventh-day Adventist institutions at the earliest possible date.

* Statistics are for the United States of America.

TOURS ABROAD:

VOTED, That the following tours be approved for the period December, 1969, to December, 1970:

1. Christmas Eve-in-Bethlehem Tour (CoUC)
4 credits, December 22-31, 1969 (plus second trimester)
2. European Study Tour (AU)
6-12 qtr.cr., June 8-September 1, 1970
3. Tour of Britain (SMC)
3-6 Sem.hrs.cr., June 17-July 27, 1970
4. Roman Catholic and Reformation Lands Study Tour (AU)
4 qtr.cr., July 19-August 16, 1970.

G. R. NASH--TRIBUTE:

R. H. Pierson requested Elder and Mrs. G. R. Nash to come to the platform. He told some of the details of the early life of Elder Nash, how that as a boy he took his stand for Christ. He was told by one of our ministers that one day he would be a missionary to Africa, and he responded, "You can count on me." Soon after that he was baptized. Some years later he attended Emmanuel Missionary College. He graduated in the Spring of 1927, and the evening he graduated he had his bag all packed to go to Africa. He had many interesting experiences during the nineteen years he spent in Africa.

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In 1958, Elder Nash joined the Sabbath School Department, and assumed his responsibilities with vigor. He has now expressed the conviction that it would be best for him to step aside from the leadership of the Sabbath School Department as of December 1. Although endeavor has been made to persuade him to remain, yet those who have been closer to the problems confronting him felt his counsel should be followed. So it was voted to acquiesce to the request of Elder Nash so that he can go ahead with his plans. We will miss him. It will be a personal loss as well as that of losing a keen Sabbath School leader. Mention was made that in his Department they have never known him to speak an unkind word. The years of service of Elder and Mrs. Nash are greatly appreciated. The church is greatly indebted to both of them. Our prayers are with them that the Lord will give them health and strength. It will be a pleasure to keep in touch with them.

Mrs. Garnette Higgins pinned an orchid on Mrs. Nash. It is planned later to present a gift to Elder Nash.

Elder Nash responded, saying that had he a thousand lives he would spend them all as he has. He thanks the Lord for the privilege of serving the church, and will miss the brethren in fellowship. He thanks everyone for what they have done to make the work pleasant and congenial.



Announcements were made by D. W. Hunter.

The closing prayer was offered by G. R. Earle, President of the North-eastern Conference.

Adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

R. R. Bietz, Chairman
D. H. Baasch, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Ninth Meeting
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
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W. J. Hackett, Chairman, called to order the fifth business meeting of the session.

The Glory Song--"When All My Labors and Trials are O'er" was sung as the meeting opened. Prayer was offered by John Stephens, President of the Arizona Conference.

Recommendations from the General Conference Officers were presented and with amendments adopted as follows:

COLLEGE NEWSPAPERS--PURPOSES AND GUIDELINES:

Purpose of the College Newspaper

1. To encourage and uphold the presentation of principles of Christianity and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in an effective and creative manner.
2. To select and present fair and accurate news on the basis of its significance and relevance to its readers.
3. To serve as a constructive critic of student affairs and to promote wholesome relationships within the institution.
4. To provide a vehicle for appropriate expression of student opinion on student affairs and on significant issues facing the church, the nation, and the world.
5. To inform students of their responsibility and privileges as members of a Seventh-day Adventist academic community established for them by their church. The publication shall therefore treat with respect the moral and religious mores of the community of which it is a part.

Guidelines

1. The editor shall be selected on the basis of maturity, journalistic ability and his sense of responsibility in dealing with all the interests of a Christian college community.
2. The college has the ultimate responsibility for, and control of, the content of student publications issued on the campus; therefore, editorial and reporting policies may be established by the college with editorial responsibility to operate under these broad guidelines being delegated to the editor under the guidance of a faculty advisor. The details of this editorial responsibility will be established by the editorial board or its equivalent.
3. As a medium for representation of student news and opinion on the college campus, the student newspaper does not necessarily represent the views

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of the college, the faculty, or the Student Association. Thus the opinions expressed are solely those of the authors and are not to be interpreted as official college statements. When discussions take place in sensitive, borderline areas, editorial policy should recognize that these discussions must be engaged in with a keen sense of responsibility and impact.

4. The editor is subject to all the rules and policies of the college just as any other student and may be asked by the college to withdraw from his responsibility as editor should he personally or in print violate good faith or the rules of the school.

5. Individual Student Association officers should have no direct control over editorial policy. Should the discipline or impeachment of an editor become necessary, the Student Association officers should work through the regular channels recommended by the Student Association Constitution.

6. Seventh-day Adventist college newspapers should support church doctrine, policies or practices as outlined in the Church Manual; any discussion of church policies and practices should be done with Christian charity and with due consideration of the best interests of the institution and the church.

7. Censorship by the administration is undesirable. It should not be necessary except in instances where heresy, personal defamation or need for rectification occurs.

8. Editorial writers should attempt to speak for a given segment of the student community, not alone for themselves.

9. The entire content of the newspaper, including the advertisements, should reflect the teachings of the church.

GREATER LITERATURE EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, The church has been given the following counsel: "Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation. In this work every disciple of Christ can act a part." (Christian Service, p. 146), and

WHEREAS, "Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people," (Ibid, p. 145), therefore

We recommend, That workers and laymen unite in a great concerted action to vastly increase the circulation of literature by the use of the following means:

1. A greater use of tracts by all our churches through
 - a. Mailings to include every post office box holder in dark counties and dark towns.

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b. Appeals to every church member to use dedicated pockets and purses, and remember the challenge of "a tract a day."

2. Distribution of an appropriate tract for inner city evangelism, to follow up the tract "Who is my Soul Brother?" with the regular subsidies applying.

3. Displays of literature at church conventions by the Book and Bible Houses and conference workers. In this way the attention of our church members will be called to the great variety of beautiful literature available.

4. A wide use of the new folder printed by the Pacific Press showing the vast array of literature prepared for our friends in other communions.

5. The preparation of plastic literature holders for pocket, home, and automobile.

6. A wider use of the cardboard display of SDA literature for laundromats, beauty shops, barber shops, physicians and dentists offices, and other appropriate places.

7. A wide use of the first six of the Gift Bible Evangelism series "Insight Adventures," prepared especially for youth. (To be promoted early in 1970).

INGATHERING TRAINING SESSIONS:

We recommend, That in connection with their workers' meetings local conferences conduct training sessions with demonstrations on how to approach businessmen, not only to ask for donations in support of our worldwide program, but to win them for Jesus and His kingdom.

WELFARE MINISTRY STUDY GUIDE:

WHEREAS, We are very near that time when "there will be no work done in ministerial lines, but medical missionary work." (Welfare Ministry, p. 139), and

WHEREAS, Welfare Ministry brings together in one book the principles which underlie the best social work practice,

We recommend, That our church membership engage in organized study of Welfare Ministry with the help of the new study guide which provides a course of eight lessons prepared for use in prayer meetings, Missionary Volunteer meetings, Health and Welfare Center staff meetings, Dorcas Welfare Societies, Adventist Men's meetings, and Health and Welfare Federation meetings.

GIFT BIBLE FOLLOW UP:

In order to strengthen Gift Bible follow-up and increase the soul harvest of this evangelistic plan,

We recommend, 1. That graduation exercises for Gift Bible students be held in our church auditoriums, preferably in connection with a baptismal service.

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2. That laymen be encouraged to help mark the reading guides in the homes of students.

INVOLVEMENT OF LEADING LAYMEN:

WHEREAS, There is a growing group of well-trained members, civic leaders, and business and professional men in our ranks who have outstanding leadership talents, and

WHEREAS, These talents can be used to proclaim the truth in public meetings, and in personal witnessing among their peers,

We recommend, 1. That conferences be encouraged to bring our well-trained members, civic leaders, business and professional men together to study methods of service, using the newly prepared Men's Seminar syllabus which includes lessons in church leadership, speaking for God, and disaster relief service.

2. That our conferences seek to involve these leaders in special missionary projects, keeping in touch with them and encouraging them to give wider service for the church.

3. That we especially encourage these men to work in teams and organize neighborhood Bible study and discussion groups for those who have completed Gift Bible lessons.

TESTIMONY COUNTDOWN--WORLD PROGRAM:

Observing the special blessing of God which has attended the ten-week "Testimony Countdown" program in the North American Division and the enthusiasm with which it has been received and sensing the potential spiritual benefit which a program of this type holds for the world field,

We recommend; 1. That the overseas divisions be encouraged to adopt the "Testimony Countdown" program as a means of leading the members of the church into a meaningful study of the Testimony counsels.

2. That as far as possible the general format of the ten-week program be followed, adapting it to the individual language areas and to the Testimony counsels available.

3. That the White Estate make available to the divisions by December, 1969, copy for a "Testimony Countdown" guidebook adapted to the world edition of the Testimonies (the 3-volume set of Testimony Treasures); and within a reasonable time other suitable materials aimed at helping pastors to conduct the program in their churches.

4. That where feasible the fostering of the "Testimony Countdown" program be assigned to the personnel of the Ministerial Association.

5. That during the time of the "Testimony Countdown" program, all church members who do not have the Testimony counsels be encouraged to acquire them, and as one means to this end steps be taken to make these counsels available in the appropriate languages at reduced prices.

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6. That on the agendas for the councils in our divisions, unions, and local fields for the next few years, the "Testimony Countdown" program be listed for earnest study and implementation as well as for progress reports.

Adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Closing prayer by Dr. R. R. Laing, of South River, Ontario, Canada

W. J. Hackett, Chairman
A. Edwin Gibb, Secretary
Mildred Dumas
Katie Farney, Recording Secretaries

Two Hundred Tenth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 13, 1969, 9:00 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

"Heir of the Kingdom," and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" were sung during the song service, directed by W. J. Brown, Department of Education Associate Secretary. This was followed by the theme song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

V. L. Roberts, President of the Southwest Region Conference, introduced the workers taking part in the program, and gave an inspirational thought: Each morning we are to consecrate ourselves to God for that day, to surrender all our plans to Him--to be carried out or given up as Providence shall indicate. Thus our lives may be molded more and more after the life of Christ.

R. W. Morris, Administrator of the Madison Hospital, announced the opening hymn, "Anywhere with Jesus."

The opening prayer was offered by G. H. Rustad, President of the Texico Conference.

Paul Hill, of the music staff at Columbia Union College, sang a solo, "All My Sins are Taken Away."

The devotional speaker was W. M. Schneider, President of Southern Missionary College, and the title of his talk, "Lord, is it I?"

Among the wealth of inspirational thoughts presented were the following: "The Lord does not now work to bring many souls into the truth, because of the church members who have never been converted, and those who were once converted but who have backslidden. What influence would these unconsecrated members have on new converts? Would they not make of no effect the God-given message which His people are to bear?" (Vol.6. p. 371.)

During the preparation for the Passover, Jesus' heart was full of sorrow because of strife among His disciples. They seemed totally inadequate to assume

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the leadership of God's Church. He could see such defects of character as self-esteem, bitterness of spirit, evil surmisings, and ingratitude to God, and He knew that these must be dealt with. The carnal propensities of their nature must be subdued. Judas was ready to betray Him, He knew. When one of the disciples remonstrated with Him as He sought to cleanse them, He said, "Ye are clean, but not all."

Perhaps it would be well for us to say, Lord, Is it I?" How dare we assume the leadership of others unless we cherish honesty and integrity in every detail? The Christian's performance must be based on self-discipline and restraint. Truth cannot sanctify us until we develop a veritable love for it. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." (Proverbs 4:23); "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34). It is the motive that gives intensity to our efforts. God will judge our worthiness for salvation on the basis of motive.

It would be well for us to contemplate the type of persons we ought to be if we are to remain steadfast to the truth. Let us stop outside of the crowd and take a little time to consider first the men we would like to be, and then look at the men we are. Positive aims will give the administrator power to face each day. A leader's character must be the outward expression of an inner reality. Inner discipline builds character. A great-minded man is not high-minded toward people of humble station. God is waiting on His leaders for a complete surrender that will allow Him to reproduce His character in us.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" was sung, announced by Paul M. De Booy, YPMV Departmental Associate Secretary.

The benediction was pronounced by E. C. Wines, President of the Southwestern Union College.

"Precious Name," was sung to open the sixth business meeting of the Council. R. S. Watts served as Chairman.

Prayer was offered by A. B. Butler, Treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference.

1974 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

In harmony with a recommendation from the General Conference Officers, considerable investigation having been made as to the facilities offered at Salt Lake City, it was

VOTED, That the 1974 General Conference session be held at Salt Lake City, Utah,

Further recommendations were presented from the Plans Committee which, with amendments, were adopted as follows:

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EXPANDED SPIRIT OF PROPHECY PROMOTION PROGRAM:

Pursuant to the 1969 Spring Meeting action (p.69-1480) calling for expanded Spirit of Prophecy promotion throughout North America, involving one teacher from each college/academy^{boarding} and other personnel either retired or in present conference employment,

We recommend, 1. That this personnel in their respective fields be prepared to give strong promotion to the Spirit of Prophecy by responding to opportunities

a. To lead out in Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis programs in our elementary and secondary schools and colleges.

b. To conduct weekend Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis meetings in our churches.

c. To assist in fostering "Testimony Countdown" programs in our churches.

d. To encourage the conducting of Prophetic Guidance correspondence schools in our churches, with the special objective of enrolling new members.

e. To strengthen the confidence of all believers in the Spirit of Prophecy and make the counsels more meaningful through a better understanding of the place and work of the Gift of Prophecy in the church.

2. That those selected for this responsibility be capable men of high standards, representing both by precept and example their full commitment to the Spirit of Prophecy and its counsels.

3. That the appointment of these individuals be made by the local fields, and that those chosen be selected on the recommendation of the Ministerial Association secretaries, attention being given to the choice of persons who have a reasonable number of weekends which might be devoted to this special work.

4. That the program be under the general supervision of the union and local Ministerial Association secretaries, working in close counsel with the local conference presidents.

5. That an appropriate expense budget be provided by the local field for this program.

6. That the respective fields be urged to send the men of their selection to one of the 4-day (Wednesday evening to Sunday noon) Spirit of Prophecy Workshops to be conducted in April 1970 in Washington, D.C., Berrien Springs, Michigan, and St. Helena, California.

STEWARDSHIP SABBATH:

WHEREAS, Faithfulness to God in the stewardship of time, talent, and money is a strong indication of spiritual maturity, and

WHEREAS, The withholding of faithful stewardship robs the Christian of the precious gifts intended for him by a loving Father, and

WHEREAS, The months of November and December provide a special incentive to giving and sharing due to the very nature of events centered around them,

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We recommend, 1. That the Committee on Special Days and Offerings study the possibility of designating one Sabbath in November or December as Stewardship Day.

2. That our pastors and church elders call for a reaffirmation of the principles of stewardship on the part of our membership.

3. That the Stewardship Department of the General Conference provide suitable material, giving emphasis to the total stewardship concept, which can assist the leaders of our churches in calling our members to a new commitment.

HEALTH EDUCATION RESOURCE MATERIAL:

WHEREAS, It has been recognized that a critical need exists for resource material in health education for use in elementary and secondary schools,

VOTED, 1. That the General Conference Department of Health, in cooperation with the General Conference Department of Education and Loma Linda University School of Public Health, be requested to develop a graded set of materials, ideas, and suggestions for use by teachers.

HEALTHFUL LIVING:

God in His providence has given the remnant church a balanced program of healthful living firmly supported today by scientific findings. This program emphasizes trust in divine power, proper exercise and rest, cleanliness, the value of sunshine and fresh air, temperance in work and recreation, and simplicity in diet. It stresses the perils of overeating, the discarding of harmful beverages such as tea and coffee, and the abstention from all intoxicating drinks, tobacco and other narcotics, and the avoidance of every body and soul-defiling habit and practice.

In the area of diet, the messenger of the Lord declared:

"We do not mark out any precise line to be followed in diet; but we do say that in countries where there are fruits, grains, and nuts in abundance, flesh food is not the right food for God's people. . . .If meat eating were ever healthful, it is not safe now."--Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 159.

"When flesh is discarded, its place should be supplied with a variety of grains, nuts, vegetables, and fruits, that will be both nourishing and appetizing. . . . In all cases, educate the conscience, enlist the will, supply good, wholesome foods, and the change will be readily made, and the demands for flesh will soon cease."--Ministry of Healing, pp. 316, 317.

In prophetic words the same messenger stated that "Health reform is to do among our people a work which it has not yet done," and urges that "greater reforms should be seen among the people who claim to be looking for the soon appearing of Christ,". . .(Review and Herald, May 27, 1902--See CH 575) and further admonishes that "This is a work that will have to be done before His people can stand before Him a perfected people."--Testimonies, Vol. 9,p. 154.

Therefore,

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1. We reaffirm our confident belief in and acceptance of these counsels that have come to this church on healthful diet and living, recognizing them as light which God has given for our guidance and well being.

2. We call upon all Seventh-day Adventists wholeheartedly to adopt and stand firmly by these health principles.

3. We urge all church leaders, ministers and institutional workers to take the lead in guiding the church into a positive experience of consistent, healthful living.

FIXED RATE OF EXCHANGE--1970:

The Finance Committee submitted recommendations which were adopted, as shown on pages 69-171~~2~~-172~~1~~.

Further recommendations from the Plans Committee were presented and adopted, as follows:

CHURCH SERVICE CAREERS FOR PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS:

WHEREAS, The Adventist medical missionary clinician is and should be recognized as a "gospel medical minister," and

WHEREAS, Such an employed group could provide a pool from which physicians and dentists could be selected for certain overseas positions, and

WHEREAS, The Loma Linda University schools of medicine, dentistry, and public health are providing education that qualifies clinicians for this type of service, and

WHEREAS, Some physicians and dentists are desirous of devoting a lifetime of service to the organized church program,

We recommend, That we encourage the development of career employment for Seventh-day Adventist physicians and dentists including appointments as:

1. Overseas medical missionaries
2. Loma Linda University faculty members
3. Staff physicians in Seventh-day Adventist health-care institutions in North America
4. Health secretaries in union and local conferences
5. Public medical evangelists in teams with ministers
6. Clinicians in larger schools, academies, and colleges with added teaching responsibilities as desired
7. Clinicians in conference-operated clinics
8. Medical missionaries in other fields of endeavor as may be developed to the end that opportunities be afforded for continued denominational employment.

FIXED RATE OF EXCHANGE--1970

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VOTED, That the following fixed rates of exchange be adopted for 1970:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	1970 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>Local Currency</u>	1970 <u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>U.S.Currency</u>
<u>Australasia</u>				
Australia	Australian \$	\$A	.892857	\$1.12
Fiji	Fijian £		.871459	1.1475
New Caledonia & Society Islands	Pacific Franc	Pfr	100.00	.01
New Zealand	New Zealand \$	\$NZ	.892857	1.12
Samoa	Samoa \$.714285	1.40
Tonga	Tongan \$.892857	1.12
<u>Central Europe</u>				
Germany	Deutschemark:West	DM	3.846	.26
Germany	Deutschemark:East		20.00	.05
<u>Far East</u>				
Brunei	Brunei \$	B\$	3.00	.3333
Cambodia	Riel		65.00	.0153846
Guam & Trust Territories	Dollar	\$	1.00	1.00
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$	HK\$	6.00	.1666667
Indonesia	Rupiah	Rps	375.00	.0026667
Japan	Yen	Y	360.00	.0027778
Korea (South)	Won	W	285.00	.0035088
Laos	Kip		480.00	.0020833
Macao	Pataca		6.00	.1666667
Malaysia	Malayan \$	M\$	3.00	.3333
Okinawa	Dollar	\$	1.00	1.00
Philippine Islands	Peso	₱	3.90	.25641
Singapore	Singapore \$	S\$	3.00	.3333
Taiwan	Taiwan \$	NT\$	40.00	.025
Thailand	Baht		20.70	.048309
Vietnam	Piaster	VN\$	150.00	.0066667
West Irian	I.B.Rupiah	IBRps	37.50	.0266667
<u>Inter-America</u>				
Bahamas	Bahama \$	B\$	1.0204	.98
Barbados	Dollar	WI\$	2.00	.50
British Honduras	Dollar	BH\$	1.6666	.60
Columbia	Peso	Ps	16.66	.06
Costa Rica	Colon	₡	6.9156	.1446
Cuba	Peso	Ps		
Curacao	Guilder	Fl	1.85185	.54
Dominican Republic	Peso	RD\$	1.13636	.88
El Salvador	Colon	S.₡	2.50	.40
French West Indies	Metropolitan Franc	Fr	5.52	.18 1
Guatemala	Quetzal	Q	1.00	1.00
Guyana	Dollar	G\$	2.00	.50
Haiti	Gourde	Gds	5.00	.20
Honduras	Lempira	Lps	2.00	.50
Jamaica	Jamaican \$	J\$.8333	1.20

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	1970	69-1720 1970
			<u>Fixed Rate Local Currency</u>	<u>Fixed Rate U.S. Currency</u>
<u>Inter-America (Concluded)</u>				
Mexico	Peso	Ps	12.50	.08
Nicaragua	Cordoba	C\$	7.00	.142857
Panama	Balboa	B	1.00	1.00
Puerto Rico	Dollar	\$	1.00	1.00
Surinam	Guilder	Fl	1.85185	.54
Trinidad	Dollar	TT\$	2.00	.50
Venezuela	Bolivar	Bs	4.347	.23
<u>Middle East</u>				
Cyprus	Cyprus £	Cy £	.416667	2.40
Egypt	Egyptian £	E Eg	.44444	2.25
Iran	Rial	Rls	75.00	.0133333
Iraq	Iraqi Dinar	ID	.3571428	2.80
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	JD	.3571428	2.80
Lebanon	Lebanese Lira	LL	3.25	.30769
Lybia	Lybian £	Li£	.3571428	2.80
Sudan	Sudanese £	Su£	.3571428	2.80
Syria	Syrian Lira	Sy £	4.00	.25
Turkey	Turkish Lira	Tq £	12.00	.08333
<u>North America</u>				
Bermuda	English £	£	.416667	2.40
Canadian Union	Canadian \$	C\$	1.0728	.93214
<u>Northern Europe</u>				
Dahomey	CFA *	CFA	277.708	.0036009
Denmark	Krone	Dkr	7.50	1.33333
Ethiopia and Eritrea	Ethiopian \$	Eth\$	2.50	.40
Finland	Markka	Fmk	4.16667	.24
Ghana	Cedi	N¢	1.020408	.98
Great Britain	English £	£	.416667	2.40
Iceland	Krona	Ikr	88.00	.0113636
Ivory Coast	CFA *	CFA	277.708	.0036009
Liberia	Dollar	\$	1.00	1.00
Netherlands	Guilder	Fl	3.5906	.2785
Nigeria	Nigerian £	NE	.3571428	2.80
Norway	Krone	Nkr	7.13	.140252
Poland	Zloty	Zl	52.00	.0192307
Sierre Leone	Leone	LE	.83333	1.20
Sweden	Krona	Skr	5.14	.19455
Togo	CFA *	CFA	277.708	.0036009
<u>South America</u>				
Argentina	Peso	m/a	345.00	.0028986
Bolivia	Boliviana	\$b	12.00	.08333
Brazil	Cruzeiro	NCr\$	4.20	.23809
Chile	Escudo	E ^o	11.00	.09091
Ecuador	Sucre	Su	21.00	.047619
Paraguay	Guarani	¢	125.00	.008
Peru	Sol	S/	42.00	.023309
Uruguay	Peso	o/u	247.00	.004049

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	1970	1970 69-1721
			<u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>U.S.Currency</u>
<u>Southern Asia</u>				
Burma	Kyat	K	4.7619	.21
Ceylon	Rupee	CRs	8.50	.117647
India	Rupee	IRs	7.50	.133333
Nepal	Rupee	NRs	10.00	.10
Pakistan	Rupee	PRs	4.7619	.21
<u>Southern Europe</u>				
Angola	Escudo	Esc	27.7777	.036
Austria	Schilling	Sch	25.00	.04
Belgium	Belgian Franc	BFr	50.00	.02
Bulgaria	Leva	Lv	285.714	.0035
Czechoslovakia	Koruna	Kc	50.00	.02
Equatorial Africa	CFA *	CFA	277.708	.0036009
France	French Franc	Ffr	5.52	.181
Greece	Drachma	Dr	30.00	.0333
Hungary	Forint	F	26.9106	.03716
Israel	Israeli L	IsrL	3.50	.28571
Italy	Lira	Li	625.00	.0016
Madagascar	Malagasy Franc	FMG	277.708	.0036009
Mauritius	Rupee	Rs	5.555	.18
Mozambique	Escudo	Esc	27.7777	.036
North Africa	Dinar	DA	4.90	.204
Portugal	Escudo	Esc	27.7777	.036
Reunion	CFA *	CFA	277.708	.0036009
Rumania	Lei	L	142.8571	.007
Senegal	CFA *	CFA	277.708	.0036009
Spain	Peseta	Pes	70.00	.0142857
Switzerland	Swiss Franc	SFr	4.2553	.235
Yugoslavia	Dinar	Din	12.50	.08
<u>Trans-Africa</u>				
Burundi	Burundi Franc	Frs	90.00	.0111111
Congo	Congo Zaire	Z	2.00	.50
Malawi	Malawi L	ML	.416667	2.40
Rhodesia	Rhodesian L	RhL	.3571428	2.80
Rwanda	Rwanda Franc	RF	90.00	.0111111
South Africa	South African Rand	R	.714285	1.40
Tanzania	Tanzania Shilling	Shs	7.14285	.14
Zambia	Zambia Kwacha	K	.714285	1.40
<u>Detached East African Union</u>				
Kenya	Kenya Shilling	Shs	7.14285	.14
Seychelles	Seychelles Rupee		5.43478	.184
Uganda	Uganda Shilling	Shs	7.14285	.14

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CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS--1971:

JANUARY

Soul-Winning Commitment	January 2*
Church Lay Activities Offering	January 2
<u>Liberty</u> Magazine Campaign	January 16-23
Religious Liberty Offering	January 23*
GO Emphasis	January 30

FEBRUARY

Gift Bible Evangelism	February 6*
Church Lay Activities Offering	February 6
Faith for Today Offering	February 13
Christian Home and Family Altar Day	February 20*
Christian Home Week	February 20-27
<u>Listen</u> Campaign	February 27

MARCH

Tract Evangelism	March 6*
Church Lay Activities Offering	March 6
Sabbath School Visitors' Day	March 13
Spring Mission Offering	March 13+
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 20
Missionary Volunteer Week	March 20-27*

APRIL

One Million New Pulpits	April 3*
Church Lay Activities Offering	April 3
Loma Linda University Offering (Alternates with Andrews University Offering)	April 10
Literature Evangelism Rally Day	April 17*
Education Day and Elementary School Offering (local conference)	April 24*
Missionary Magazine Campaign price limited to April through May)	

MAY

Health and Welfare Evangelism	May 1*
Church Lay Activities Offering	May 1
Disaster and Famine Relief Offering (Alternates with Servicemen's Literature Offering)	May 8+
Spirit of Prophecy Day	May 15
North American Missions Offering (Alternates with Christian Record Offering)	May 15
Bible Correspondence School Enrollment Day	May 22

JUNE

Home-Foreign Challenge	June 5*
Inner City Offering	June 5

JULY

Medical Missionary Day	July 3*
Church Lay Activities Offering	July 3
Midsummer Offering	July 17+

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AUGUST

Dark County Evangelism	August 7*
Church Lay Activities Offering	August 7
Oakwood College Offering	August 14

SEPTEMBER

Bible Correspondence School Evangelism Day	September 4*
Church Lay Activities Offering	September 4
Missions Extension Offering	September 11+
Review and Herald Campaign	September 11- October 9
Bible Emphasis Day	September 18
JMV Pathfinder Day	September 25*

OCTOBER

Decision Day for Lay Evangelism	October 2*
Church Lay Activities Offering	October 2
Health Emphasis Week	October 2-8
Voice of Prophecy Offering	October 9
Sabbath School Visitors' Day	October 16
Community Relations Day	October 16
Temperance Offering	October 23*

NOVEMBER

Week of Prayer	October 30 - November 6*
Annual Sacrifice Offering	November 6+
Church Lay Activities Offering	November 13
Ingathering Crusade Launching Day (Campaign dates November 13, 1971 - January 1, 1972)	November 13

DECEMBER

Ingathering Crusade	December 4*
Church Lay Activities Offering	December 4
Stewardship Day	December 18*

* Special programs to be provided

+ Worldwide Offerings

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS FOR 1971

March 27	Australasian Division
June 26	Middle East Division
September 25	Trans-Africa Division
December 25	Far Eastern Division

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The Finance Committee presented a further report which was adopted as follows:

OVERSEAS DIVISION BUILDING CONTROL POLICY:

VOTED, That paragraph 4, page 231, of the General Conference Working Policy be revised and that the words, "Outside of North America" be replaced by the words, "In each overseas division" and the word, "institutional" be deleted in sentence Number 8; also that after the word, "projects" the following insertion be made, "(those exceeding \$100,000);" the paragraph to read:

4. In each overseas division, ~~outside-of-North-America~~ a building control policy shall be formulated by the division committee after counsel with and approval of the General Conference Committee. This policy shall indicate the conditions under which projects shall be approved by local and union conference and mission committees without division approval and also set forth the plans, methods, and conditions under which the approval of the division committee is required. In the case of major ~~institutional~~ projects (those exceeding \$100,000) General Conference approval shall be obtained before any commitments are made and building and financial plans shall be submitted to the General Conference Blueprints and Financial Plans Committee.

Further VOTED, That an additional paragraph be supplied, reading as follows:

In the planning for new projects ultimately involving several units; master plans showing the entire complex will be submitted with the plans for each building.

RECORDING MATURITY OF DEFERRED GIVING INSTRUMENTS:

VOTED That a new paragraph be added to the General Conference Working Policy following paragraph 5, page 239, on Wills, as follows:

Recording Maturity of Deferred Giving Instruments--6. A record should be made in the legal corporation minutes of the maturity of all deferred giving instruments and the distribution made to beneficiaries.

And further,

That the present paragraph 6 on page 239 of the General Conference Working Policy be renumbered 7.

SAFEGUARDING FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS:

VOTED, That the policy, "Safeguarding the Funds of the Cause and Investments" as recorded on pp. 245-247 of the General Conference Working Policy be revised as follows:

1. By the addition of a new unnumbered paragraph in paragraph 7 of the present policy (this would be the 3rd unnumbered paragraph in paragraph 7) to read as follows:

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Where operating capital of a non-tithe source beyond that required by policy is available for long-term commitments, these funds may be used to purchase building sites for conference and church projects (including schools) as authorized by controlling committees; denominationally owned workers' housing may also be financed from this source of funds. These long-term commitments are not a part of operating capital since such commitments would be classified as fixed assets or other assets, and not as current assets.

2. By the amendment of present paragraph 9 to read:

9. Conferences and institutions issuing annuities or trust agreements involving cash, or accepting trust deposits, are required, except as noted in paragraph 12 below, to deposit such funds until maturity in a union investment fund as described in paragraph 7 and 8 above, or in a General Conference unitized fund in the event the union in which the organization or institution is located does not maintain such a fund. General Conference institutions shall deposit such annuities and trust agreement funds, as well as trust deposit funds, in a General Conference unitized fund. In order to provide liquidity, a nominal amount may be invested by conferences and institutions in items (a), (b) and (c) in paragraph 7.

3. By the addition of the following as paragraph 9 and the renumbering of present paragraphs 9 to 13 as 10 to 14:

9. Endowment funds held by denominational institutions shall be invested in the following manner:

a. Where the donor specifies that funds given must be maintained in a specific type of investment or that the funds may not be comingled, this directive must be carried out by the institution to whom the endowment funds are given.

b. Where the donor specifies that funds given may be invested in income-producing investments, or where the donor does not specify that the funds must be kept in specific types of investments, the following guidelines shall be adhered to by the institution holding the endowment funds:

(1) Denominational unitized investment funds -- Up to 75% of the total unrestricted endowment fund.

(2) First mortgages on real property in an amount of not more than two-thirds of recognized appraised value, and in recognized income producing real property -- Up to 25% of the total unrestricted endowment fund.

(3) Balance, if any, to be invested in (a) Commercial and savings banks; (b) savings and loan associations or building societies; (c) short term obligations of the federal government.

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OVERSEAS VISITS :

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Recommendations as to overseas visits were presented from the General Conference Officers, and it was

VOTED, To authorize overseas visits as follows:

F. L. Bland--to attend year-end meeting in the Inter-American Division, November 7 to December 22, 1969;

N. R. Dower--to Mexico City for a Union-wide Council, December 12-20, 1969.

Announcements were given by D. W. Hunter.

Closing prayer by L. L. Bock, President of the Southern New England Conference.

Adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

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

"Like Streams of Light," a film portraying the operation and magnitude of the publishing work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, was shown in the Takoma Park Church on October 13, at 7:30 P.M.

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Two Hundred Eleventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 14, 1969, 9:00 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

The song service was led by John Hancock, YPMV Department Associate Secretary. At the close of the song service he led the delegates in singing the following:

"In my heart,
Send a great revival;
Teach me how to watch and pray,
And to read the Bible."

The ministers knelt as "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was played.

A. J. Patzer gave a theme thought for the day from E. E. Cleveland's book in which he states in this morning's reading, "Our prayer should be, Keep us in the center of Thy will." Then he goes on to say that to play at the edge of God's will is poor business for any one. We all want to be in the center of God's will and of God's activities for today.

"I am Pressing on the Upward Way" was sung, announced by A. W. Kaytor, President of the Alberta Conference.

Miss Susan Youngberg, a freshman nursing student at Columbia Union College, whose great uncle served in Borneo, played on the harp, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

As devotional speaker, G. R. Nash, Sabbath School Department Secretary, spoke on "A Challenge to Greater Achievements." The text used was Philippians 3:12-14. Paul--or Saul as he was called before conversion--was a Roman citizen by birth, but a Jew by descent. He had been educated in Jerusalem by eminent rabbis, and was regarded as a young man of great promise. At an early age he was elevated to membership in the Sanhedrin. He became very bitter in his opposition to the doctrines taught by the disciples of Jesus. On the road to Damascus Jesus appeared to him and said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Saul replied, "Who art thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

In the hour of heavenly illumination, Saul's mind acted with remarkable rapidity. He saw that in persecuting the Christians he had been doing the work of Satan. He recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah. Later, while praying in the temple at Jerusalem, he was visited by an angel who bade him "Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles." Thus the Lord had given Paul his commission, and he did a mighty work for God. In all the busy activities of his life, Paul never lost sight of his one great purpose--to press toward the prize of his high calling. One aim he kept steadfastly before him--to be faithful to the One who at the gate of Damascus had revealed Himself to him.

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"I count not myself to have apprehended or attained." It is not safe for us to count ourselves as having arrived. Sanctification is the work of a lifetime. Furthermore, we never attain full perfection. We are to grow in the things of God. As we grow we become more and more useful. Every worker has his choice--to grow spiritually and thus improve his usefulness, or become static, and cross the deadline of usefulness. We, like the Apostle Paul, should ever bear in mind that we have not (in the words of the American Standard translation) "obtained it or become perfect."

Elder Nash gave a number of illustrations making clear the necessity of wholehearted endeavor. Concluding, he said it is a wonderful privilege to live in a time like this, when the conflict between Christ and Satan is reaching its climax; when God is making bare His holy arm and cutting His work short in righteousness; when overwhelming results depend upon the courage of this generation. Are we willing to meet the challenge? Are we willing to attempt great things for God? Are we willing to set a goal, then press on with yearnings to God for the realization of our mark in Christ Jesus?

Gordon Ellstrom, President of the Congo Union, announced the next number on the program--"Nearer, my God, to Thee," played by Miss Susan Youngberg.

The benediction was pronounced by W. A. Thompson, President of the Allegheny East Conference.

Theodore Carcich thanked the workers for their response to the appeal for Spirit of Prophecy books and Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies for Eastern Europe and Russia. He suggested that if union or local conferences have Spirit of Prophecy books and complete sets of the Commentary, also theological works to contribute, they be sent to W. Duncan Eva in the Northern European Division office.

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was sung to open the seventh business meeting of the Council, called at 10 A.M. F. L. Bland served as Chairman.

Opening prayer by W. L. Murrill, President of the Washington Conference.

GREETINGS:

R. H. Pierson spoke of two members of the General Conference Committee who would have been with us today, but circumstances prevented:

Frank W. Hale, Jr., President of Oakwood College, was in a serious automobile accident about two weeks ago. It was a very painful one. Because of this accident he could not attend the Council.

M. Fridlin, President of the Southern European Division, has undergone surgery. We were hopeful he would be strong enough to be with us.

VOTED: To send Dr. Frank W. Hale and Elder M. Fridlin our warmest greetings and Christian love, and let them know we missed them at our Autumn Council.

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Recommendations from the Working Policy Committee were presented and adopted as follows:

LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS:

VOTED, That the section, "Legal Organizations," page 36, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

It is the general plan not to incorporate or register regular denominational organizations except those involved in the holding of real estate or where required by law.

Authorization for.--All organizations planning to form legal corporations shall first secure approval from the General Conference Committee in North America or the division committee in overseas divisions.

Relationships to Conferences.--The conference association, or corporation, serves primarily in a legal and trustee capacity. It is a part of the denominational program that such associations or corporations hold, manage, and invest trust funds and legally and officially channel unrestricted matured funds as directed basically by action of the conference executive committee.

DIVISION SURVEYS:

VOTED, That a new section, "Division Surveys," be added to the General Conference Working Policy, to follow the section, "Organizing Union Missions into Union Conferences," pages 43-44, as follows:

Each division shall plan surveys of the various aspects of the work in their respective territories as circumstances indicate.

1. Regular financial surveys should be made of each organization and institution in the division, preferably once every four years.

2. General surveys of organizations and institutions should be made when it is indicated such a survey would be helpful.

3. General Conference participation in division surveys may be arranged where indicated.

4. The chairman of the survey commission shall not be an officer of the organization being surveyed but shall generally be the ranking officer within the division or a General Conference representative as determined by the General Conference officers.

CONFERENCE SESSION COMMITTEES--UNION AND LOCAL:

VOTED, That the section, "Conference Session Committees--Union and local," pages 66, 67, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

In order to ensure greater representation from the field in the selection of the leadership of union and local conferences, the following plan has been agreed upon:

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1. The delegations to union conference sessions shall include a fair proportion of laymen not in denominational employ. This recommendation is to apply to the North American Division and to other divisions where conditions make its application advisable.

2. The union conferences in session shall make constitutional provision for the appointment of standing committees as follows: The standing committees for the union session shall be nominated by a special committee consisting of a General Conference or division representative who may be present, who shall act as chairman, and three representatives from each local conference. The local conference representatives on this special committee shall be appointed by their respective delegations at the union session.

3. The president of the division or one of the division officers shall be the chairman of the nominating committee at the union conference session, ~~and further~~ The nominating committee shall consist of from fifteen to twenty-one members, except in unions of more than 50,000 members where up to six additional members may be added.

4. The large committee to nominate standing committees for a at local conference sessions shall be nominated made up in the following manner as follows:

a. Each church represented in the delegation at the session shall be empowered, through its delegation, to choose one member of a committee to nominate standing committees.

b. In conferences with less than 10,000 members, one additional member shall be chosen by each church for each 500 members or major fraction thereof.

c. In conferences with more than 10,000 members, one additional member shall be chosen by each church for each full 500 members.

d. The persons thus selected, together with the leading union conference representative present, who shall act as chairman of this committee, shall be responsible for nominating all standing committees to be appointed by the session.

5. The chairman of the nominating committee at the local conference session shall be the president of the union or, in his absence, one designated by him shall be named to serve as chairman, ~~and further~~ The nominating committee shall consist of from nine to fifteen members, except in conferences of more than 10,000 members where up to six additional members may be added.

6. The Committee on Licenses and Credentials shall be composed of ordained ministers of experience..

VACATIONS:

VOTED, That the section, "Vacations," pages 81, 82 of the General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

1. The need of our denominational workers to an annual vacation ~~of two~~

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~~weeks-under-ordinary-circumstances~~ is recognized. Vacation time is granted on the following basis: ~~A-three-week-vacation-may-be-allowed-workers-who-have-given-fifteen-years-or-more-full-time-denominational-service.~~

- a. Two weeks vacation after one full year of service.
- b. Three weeks annual vacation after five full years of service.
- c. Four weeks annual vacation after fifteen full years of service.

2. With the object of obtaining the maximum good from yearly-leaves annual vacations, it is the plan that vacations be taken each year rather than allowing an accumulation over several years. However, when requested by the worker and approved by the employing organization, vacation time may be carried over from one year to the next as follows:

a. One week of vacation time may be carried over from one year to the next, but not more than four weeks vacation may be taken in any one year.

b. The number of paid holidays granted in any one year shall be limited to seven, and any leave taken beyond that shall be treated as a part of the annual vacation.

c. Overflow time must be included within the vacation time.

3. However, Exceptions to this general plan are recognized in lands where laws require longer vacations and also in certain mission fields where climatic conditions require longer leaves. Each division shall therefore regulate vacation policy in its own territory.

4. In transferring workers, the vacation should be considered in working out the settlement between the two organizations or institutions involved. Otherwise the organization employing the worker at the time the vacation is taken will be responsible.

NOTE: Effective date January 1, 1970.

BOARD OF REGENTS AND COMMISSIONS

VOTED, That the section, "Board of Regents and Commissions," pages 89, 90, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

b. The Board of Regents is the denominational accrediting authority for all educational programs operated in the name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It may make recommendations to institutions ~~relative-to-additions-of-majors-and-other-curriculum-matters;-and-also-study-matters~~ in other areas which may be referred to it by the General Conference, the divisions, and division Commissions of Education, and-make-recommendations-to-the ~~specific-institutions~~ Officers of the institutions and their respective boards shall be notified of recommendations involving them by the Secretary of the Board of Regents ~~in-North-America-and-by-the-Secretary-of-the-division-department-of-education-outside-of-North-America.~~

c. The Board of Regents shall meet at least once a year. One of its meetings shall be held in connection with the General Conference session, at which time reports and recommendations of overseas commissions shall be considered and acted upon. Major issues as determined by the division, affecting educational

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~~institutions-outside-of-North-America-shall-be-considered-by-the-Board-when-the-secretary-of-education-of-the-division-concerned-is-present.~~

d. Reports, actions and recommendations of the Board of Regents shall be published in the annual report which shall be distributed to ~~board-members~~ of the Board of Regents.

2. Each division shall have one or more representative commissions. The membership of these commissions shall be nominated by the Division Department of Education and appointed by the ~~division-committee~~ Board of Regents. Members of the Commission shall serve on a rotating basis, usually three-year terms of office. Replacements shall be recommended by the Division Department of Education to the ~~annual-division-meeting~~ Board of Regents. The ~~secretary and~~ associate secretaries of the General Conference Department of Education shall be ex officio members of all division commissions.

3. All division commissions will, ~~after full consultation with their division-committees,~~ report directly to the General Conference Board of Regents.

4. The general functions and duties of the commissions will include the following:

a. To evaluate the effectiveness of existing programs periodically.

b. To consider requests, such as accreditation and interim evaluations with supporting data, assigned by the Department of Education, and to present findings and recommendations to the Board of Regents for ~~final~~ action.

c. To appoint survey, evaluation, and inspection teams, as may be needed, authorization to be voted by the division committees and travel expense by the employing bodies.

~~d.--To recommend denominational needs in related areas to the Board of Regents.~~

~~e.--To consider proposals for new curricula, majors, and programs, and after full consultation with their division committees to make recommendations on the same to the Board of Regents.~~

d. To establish guidelines in the specific area each commission serves, i.e.:

- (1) Criteria for denoninational accrediting
- (2) Criteria for teaching requirements
- (3) Procedures for evaluation of schools and programs
- (4) Other as may be necessary.

FURLOUGH POLICY:

VOTED, That paragraph 2 of the section, "Furlough Policy," pages 200-202, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows

2. Children of missionary families sent out from the home fields shall be entitled to furlough privileges with their parents until they reach their

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twenty-first birthday (having lived twenty-one years). However, if employed in the mission field such children retain their furlough privileges. In case the daughter of a missionary family marries a national worker, she is entitled to a leave of absence on the same basis as provided in paragraph 6 for a woman worker entitled to furlough privileges who marries a national worker. If a son of a missionary entitled to furlough marries a national and is employed in the work, he and his family shall have furlough privileges, this to apply also to his children until they reach their twenty-first birthday, at which time the children's furlough privileges cease, even though they are employed by the denomination at that time or are subsequently employed. However, in case such children return to their parents' homeland and establish residence there, they shall be considered new missionary appointees and shall be entitled to all the privileges of such workers if they are called back to the division of their former residence.

Children of missionaries whose parents enjoy furlough privileges and who have passed their twenty-first birthday and are not employed in the mission field, while retaining the right to a permanent return to the homeland of their parents, are no longer entitled to furlough privileges. Where children of missionaries are regularly employed in the mission field, with the expectation that they will be given the status of foreign missionaries, the question of employment shall be referred by the division committee to the General Conference for approval of the appointment.

Children accompanying their parents from the homeland to the mission field at time of first appointment or returning from furlough, or traveling to the field shortly after their parents who have preceded them, shall go out with the expectation of remaining a reasonable period of time. When the return of the child to the homeland is requested by the missionary before approximately a year has elapsed after the child arrived in the field, the missionary may be required to pay the expense of the child's return transportation in whole or in part, as determined by the division committee.

When an unmarried child of a missionary in overseas service has been permanently returned to the homeland under the terms of existing policies, at its discretion and having regard to the following conditions, the division committee may authorize him/her to visit the parents in the mission field or one of the parents may be authorized to visit the child in the homeland.

- a. The child shall not have reached his/hèr 21st birthday.
- b. The term of service of the parents shall be at least four years in length.
- c. There shall be but one visit during each such term of service and it shall not take place within one year after return from furlough or within one year of proceeding on furlough or permanent return, or within one year of the child's return to the homeland.
- d. The visit by either the child or the parent shall be of at least six weeks and not more than three months' duration, exclusive of travel time.
- e. When more than one child in the homeland is involved, the visit shall be by a parent.

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Division committees shall take into consideration possible visits by either of the parents to the homeland for reasons other than furlough and in their plans shall exercise the strictest economy in administering the provisions of this policy.

FURLOUGH POLICY--WOMAN WORKER MARRYING NATIONAL WORKER:

VOTED, That paragraph 6 of the section, "Furlough Policy," pages 202 and 203, General Conference Working Policy, be amended as follows:

6. When a male worker entitled to furlough marries a national ~~or colonial~~, inasmuch as his status as a worker is not changed or his relationship to the work altered, his wife and his children share his furlough privileges. In case a woman worker entitled to furlough marries a national worker, her relationship to this furlough policy is thereby altered, and neither she, her children, nor her husband are granted regular furloughs; however, a leave of absence of ~~four~~ three months including travel time may be granted ~~once-in-eight~~ after five years of service as may be arranged by the division committee. In cases where the wife or family desire, for educational or other reasons, to have a longer leave of absence in the wife's homeland, they may be granted the privilege of serving an ~~ten-year~~ eight-year period, and then being granted a leave of absence of up to nine months. The first leave is to be counted from the time that the single worker went out to the field for service or from the last furlough. These leaves include the wife, the husband, and the children up to their eighteenth birthday. The worker draws his wage during this leave of absence from his employing organization and the transportation expense of the family is paid on the basis as in the case of regular furloughs.

MOVING EXPENSE:

VOTED, That paragraph 9 of the section "Method of Calling and Transferring Laborers Within Division Fields," page 78, General Conference Working Policy, be amended to read as follows:

9. Amortization of Moving Expense--North America.--The moving expense of denominational workers in the North American Division shall be amortized as follows: over-a-three-year-period.

a. Any organization in the North American Division calling a worker who has rendered less than three two full years of service to his employing organization shall make proportionate 100 per cent reimbursement for the worker's last move to that location; in case the worker has rendered more than two but less than three full years of service, the reimbursement shall be 50 per cent, and for less than four years, 25 per cent, it being understood that any exception to this may be worked out on the administrative level.

b. In cases where ministerial interns who have entered upon field service are called between unions in North America, the above policy relating to the moving expense of regular workers shall apply; but the expense to be reimbursed shall include all Seminary expense, plus moving to the field. The reimbursement of Seminary expense shall be to the union and local conference on the basis of their contribution to the intern's training.

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c. In the case of workers called for overseas service, employing organizations are encouraged to waive the provisions of this policy.

CALLING OF MINISTERIAL INTERNS:

VOTED, That a new section, "Calling of Ministerial Interns," be added to the General Conference Working Policy, to follow the section, "Method of Procedure," pages 169,170, as follows:

Ministerial interns and sponsored students should be called from their sponsoring organizations only in exceptional cases. However, when such calls are placed it shall be on the following basis:

a. Overseas calls for ministerial interns and sponsored students should be placed only in very special cases where language, prior training, or experience is a factor and the need cannot be met otherwise. Such appointments are not to be made until cleared with the sponsoring organization.

b. Calls between unions for ministerial interns are discouraged. However, when such calls are made, the financial provisions of the Amortization of Moving Expense--North America, shall apply.

The Finance Committee submitted a further series of recommendations. These were adopted as follows:

OVERDUE PUBLISHING HOUSE ACCOUNTS POLICY:

VOTED, That the Overdue Publishing House Accounts policy on page 13 of the Publishing Department Policy Book be amended to read as follows:

In order to encourage and prompt facilitate payment of accounts between denominational publishing houses, the following plans be adopted:

1. That unpaid accounts between publishing houses in any one division be considered delinquent one month after date of seller's statement. (2 becomes 1)

2. That unpaid accounts between publishing houses in different divisions be considered delinquent three months after date of seller's statement. (3 becomes 2)

3. That overseas divisions be encouraged, as far as circumstances permit, to arrange for the General Conference to pay overseas division accounts with our North American publishing houses. (1 becomes 3)

4. That one per cent per month be charged to the account of any publishing house owing a delinquent account to another denominational publishing house.

5. That seller accepts a settlement of account copy of buyer's reconciliation of account accompanying remittance to cover the balance due, this to be received before the due date.

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6. In the case of delinquent accounts between publishing houses in different divisions, the seller may pass a debit for the amount owed plus the interest charged through the regular denominational channels for settlement of the account.

PLACING AND SUPPORTING RETURNED MISSIONARIES:

VOTED, That the General Conference appoint an appropriate committee to give study to the policy on "Placing and Supporting Returned Missionaries" as stated on pages 222 to 226 in the General Conference Working Policy with a view to reducing financial assistance which is currently being granted to conferences and institutions in the North American Division to assist in employing workers returning from overseas service.

INTEREST RATES--LOAN POLICIES:

VOTED, That all interest rates provided by General Conference policy in connection with loans be increased from 6 per cent to 7 per cent per annum with respect to contracts made on and after January 1, 1970.

MISSIONARY APPOINTEES INDEBTEDNESS POLICY:

A. That Section 1 of the policy on Financial Assistance to Missionary Appointees, G. C. Policy, pp. 183,184, be revised to read as follows:

Assistance on Indebtedness. Desirable appointments to the mission field have sometimes been prevented by indebtedness of the prospective appointees. While it is not wise to send out missionaries who are extravagant or careless in financial matters, there are those who have unavoidable living and school debts incurred during the period of their education, internship, and in-service training whom the General Conference Committee would very much like to send to fill pressing calls. The calling of those whose qualifications make them greatly desired, but who otherwise could not respond because of financial obligations, is made possible under the following provisions:

1. In cases where the total indebtedness does not exceed \$2,000, the General Conference may authorize financial assistance by way of indebtedness reduction grants from General Conference funds at the rate of \$400 for each completed year of overseas service until such time as the actual indebtedness up to a total sum of \$2,000 is covered.

It is not the regular plan to advance funds against a missionary's indebtedness; however, where the prospective appointee's obligations are such that he cannot leave the country without financial aid on his indebtedness, or that he or his creditors would be embarrassed on account of his indebtedness while he is serving overseas, the General Conference may make an advance under contract with the appointee on the following basis:

a. The maximum amount to be advanced shall not exceed the anticipated amount of indebtedness reduction grants to the appointee during his forthcoming term of service.

b. Applicable annual indebtedness reduction grants shall be credited toward liquidation of the advance until the advance is settled.

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c. The contract shall provide that where for any reason the missionary returns to the homeland before his advance has been settled, he will repay the balance of the advance at a rate of not less than \$400 per year, plus interest at 7 per cent per annum on any remaining balance.

B. That the following new paragraph be added to the existing policy:

2. Existing Service Indebtedness. Where a prospective missionary appointee has existing unamortized denominational service indebtedness, the last employing organization shall be invited to write off the balance concerned. Any balance remaining uncared for, however, shall, with the prior agreement of the division concerned, be taken over by the division and liquidated under the following conditions:

a. The time by which the indebtedness is to be liquidated shall be the same as provided by the original contract.

b. Provided the General Conference is not already granting an indebtedness reduction grant under Clause 1 of the policy, and provided the total General Conference allowances do not exceed \$2,000, it shall allow \$400 for each year of completed overseas service over the period remaining on the original contract.

c. The division shall amortize the denominational service indebtedness at the same annual rate as provided by the original contract, less any amount allowed by the General Conference under paragraph 2(b) of this policy.

d. If for any reason the missionary returns to the homeland before his service indebtedness has been settled, the balance remaining shall be assumed by the next denominational employing organization. If the missionary returnee does not continue in denominational employment, he shall repay any unsettled balance on his service indebtedness by the termination date specified in the original contract, plus interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum on the remaining balance.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MISSIONARY APPOINTEES FROM HOME BASES:

a. Indebtedness Assistance to Medical and Dental Appointees

Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the General Conference Working Policy, page 184 permit exceptions to the policy ordinarily limiting the appointment of physicians and dentists to those whose net indebtedness does not exceed \$600.00 after the grant of indebtedness reduction assistance by the General Conference.

VOTED, That where exceptions are authorized as permitted in paragraph 3, page 184, the amortization of this shall not begin until after the contingent appropriation up to \$7,000.00 has been amortized through service, and also in cases where the General Conference, division, and appointee agree on an exception, the division may assist by way of indebtedness reduction grants at the rate of 20 per cent of the amount for each year of service up to a total of \$1,400.00 per year.

b. Assistance to Medical and Dental Deferred Appointees

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VOTED, That paragraph 2, page 185 of the General Conference Working Policy be amended by omitting the words, "prior to leaving for the mission field" so that the whole paragraph will read as follows:

The funds advanced under this plan shall be provided equally by the General Conference and the calling division and shall be amortized by each organization simultaneously at the rate of 20 per cent a year for each year the appointee serves in the mission field. An appointee receiving assistance under this plan would not be eligible for aid under the plan for Indebtedness Assistance to the Medical and Dental Appointees, nor would he be eligible if he had other indebtedness unless he could present a plan acceptable to the General Conference and the calling division for liquidation of such indebtedness. ~~prior-to-leaving-for-the mission-field~~. It is the intent of this plan that such financial assistance shall enable the student to complete his medical or dental course and internship without incurring further indebtedness.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OFFERING:

VOTED, 1. That the General Conference Session Offering for 1970 be known as the World Concern Offering and that this be an offering of worldwide participation for evangelism.

2. That the basic goal for the World Concern Offering be \$1,250,000.00.

3. That the objective goals for this offering be distributed on the basis of the 1968 tithe as listed as follows:

<u>North American Division</u>	1968		<u>Goals</u>
	<u>Tithe</u>	<u>%</u>	
Atlantic Union	\$6,269,466.33	7.90	\$73,983.50
Canadian Union	2,670,357.89	3.36	31,466.40
Central Union	4,528,757.68	5.70	53,380.50
Columbia Union	10,297,738.40	12.97	121,464.05
Lake Union	8,859,151.24	11.15	104,419.75
North Pacific Union	9,026,155.05	11.36	106,386.40
Northern Union	2,262,861.24	2.84	26,596.60
Pacific Union	22,982,074.04	28.94	271,023.10
Southern Union	8,720,861.90	10.98	102,827.70
Southwestern Union	3,816,742.00	4.80	44,952.00
1968 Total	74.92% 79,434,165.77	100.00	936,500.00

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Overseas Divisions (contd)	1968		Goals
	Tithe	%	
Australasia	\$4,378,199.71	16.47	51,633.45
Central Europe	2,817,225.21	10.59	33,199.65
Far East	2,124,253.53	8.00	25,080.00
Inter-America	4,842,984.03	18.23	57,151.05
Middle East	263,196.00	1.00	3,135.00
Northern Europe	3,294,239.28	12.39	38,842.65
South America	3,668,867.00	13.80	43,263.00
Southern Asia	225,270.99	.84	2,633.40
Southern Europe	3,106,559.10	11.68	26,616.80
Trans-Africa	1,859,693.30	7.00	21,945.00
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1968 Total 25.08%	26,580,488.15	100.00	313,500.00
TOTALS	106,014,653.92		1,250,000.00

4. That institutions in North America be invited to contribute to this offering, understanding that whatever is contributed by the institutions becomes a part of the amount raised by the union in which the institution is located.

5. That from the total amount raised for the World Concern Offering \$200,000.00 be set aside for the world budget to take the place of the Spring Missions Offering and the Midsummer Offering which would not be taken in the year of the General Conference Session.

6. That the remaining balance of \$1,050,000.00 be distributed to the overseas divisions and North American Unions on the following basis:

a. 40 per cent to revert in 1970 to the overseas divisions and union conferences of the North American Division on a basis proportionate to the actual amounts contributed.

b. 60 per cent be allotted to the General Conference for distribution as follows:

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|--|--------------|
| (1) Year 1971 - Allocation of \$15,000.00 to each overseas division | \$150,000.00 |
| (2) Year 1972 - Allocation of \$15,000.00 to each overseas division | 150,000.00 |
| (3) Year 1971 - Allocation of \$10,000.00 to each union conference in North America | 100,000.00 |
| (4) Year 1972 - Reversion to union conferences in North America of the remaining balance on a basis proportionate to the actual amounts contributed by the union conferences | |

7. That the World Concern Offering be received in the churches in North America on the following dates: March 14, 1970, and May 23, 1970; and in

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the overseas divisions on March 14, 1970, and May 16, 1970.

8. That the offerings taken on both Sabbaths at the Session become a part of the World Concern Offering.

9. That the World Concern Offering be promoted as follows:

a. That the preparation of an envelope to be used in connection with this offering be referred to the regular committee for the preparation of envelopes for various offerings. It is understood that a sample copy of the envelope will be sent to all overseas divisions by December 1, 1969.

b. That 265,000 envelopes be printed, 40,000 of these to be held in the General Conference for distribution in Atlantic City.

INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL DEFERRED GIVING GUIDELINES--AMENDMENTS:

The 1968 Autumn Council action entitled, "Inter-Organizational Deferred Giving Guidelines" recorded on pages 118-119 of the printed booklet provides for a review of these guidelines one year after adoption.

VOTED, That minor changes be made in paragraphs 2 and 11 as follows:

2. It is recognized that local conferences have the right to contact all persons in their fields. ~~including--these-known-to-be-Seventh-day-Adventists.~~

11. ~~The-local-conferences~~ Conferences and institutions shall cooperate ~~with-the-institutions~~ in a spirit of goodwill and understanding.

JAMES JOINER--GENERAL CONFERENCE YPMV DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association a call from the General Conference for James Joiner, Associate Editor of the Youth's Instructor, to serve as Assistant Secretary in the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department.

THEODORE CHAMBERLAIN--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences a call for Theodore Chamberlain to connect with Loma Linda University to teach in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

GEORGE CUMMINGS--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to Andrews University a call for George Cummings to connect with Loma Linda University as Assistant Administrator in the Dietary Department in charge of computer systems and financial control--Clinical Instructor for Dietetic Internship.

EDWIN MONCRIEFF--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences

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a call for Edwin Moncrieff to connect with Loma Linda University as Technologist in Microbiology.

L. W. HALLSTED--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union Conference a call for L. W. Hallstead to connect with Loma Linda University as Chaplain.

GREETINGS:

VOTED, To send greetings from the Autumn Council to those of our members who are absent, and meeting field appointments.

The closing prayer was offered by John Osborn, President of the South-eastern California Conference.

Adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

F. L. Bland,	Chairman
A. E. Gibb,	Secretary
Katie Farney,	Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Twelfth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 14, 1969, 2:30 P.M.

The eighth and final business meeting was called to order by R. H. Pierson.

"There's a Land that is Fairer than Day" was sung to open, and prayer was offered by W. G. Soloniuk, President of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.

Recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted as follows:

PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS:

The use of spot announcement tapes in preparing the ground for a series of meetings has proved to be very effective. Therefore--

VOTED, That the General Conference Bureau of Public Relations, working with the Ministerial Association and Audio-Visual Services, make available such evangelistic "spots," and that available experienced personnel be utilized in preparing them.

ADVERTISING LAYOUT WORKSHOPS FOR PASTORS AND CONFERENCE WORKERS:

WHEREAS, There is an obvious need for pastors and other conference workers to have a clear understanding of the principles of advertising layout for more effective promotional and evangelistic materials,

We recommend, That in order to provide education in this area workshops in evangelistic advertising layout be scheduled when possible in connection with such occasions as workers' meetings.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

Recognizing that the majority of youth in Seventh-day Adventist institutions are baptized members of the church; and realizing that to be involved in an organization encourages loyalty to its ideals; and further, expressing the concern that the high percentage of youth membership in Seventh-day Adventist institutional and other large churches needs to be represented in the selection of church elders and board members; and realizing it would be beneficial for younger members of the church to become acquainted with and involved in the operation of the church,

We recommend, 1. That in the election of officers in the churches, especially in college and university communities, consideration be given to increasing the number of well-qualified youth on the church elder and deacon level, and on the church boards.

2. That with respect to larger youth participation on the church board consideration be given to their inclusion among those additional members provided for under the category of such other individuals as may be deemed advisable in the Church Manual (p. 99); and be in addition to youth whose church office automatically places them on the church board.

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3. That other churches in which there is a large youth membership also consider this recommendation.

CHURCH MANUAL AMENDMENTS:

We recommend, The following amendments and additions to the Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual, for consideration by the 1970 General Conference session.

1. At the conclusion of the first paragraph on the top of page 182 add the following sentence relative to membership of the Church Nominating Committee:

It is the part of wisdom to follow general denominational practice and not appoint incumbent church officers to serve as members of the Church Nominating Committee. It is recognized, however, that in special situations an occasional exception may have to be made to this general rule.

2. Page 248, paragraph b, amend to read as follows:

On the disbanding of such a church all its books, records and funds shall be turned over to the secretary and/or treasurer of the conference. If at the time of disbanding . . .

3. Paragraph 6, p. 54 under the heading, "Doctrinal Instruction for Baptismal Candidates," amend to read as follows:

6. All who enter the kingdom of heaven must have experienced conversion, or the new birth, through which man receives a new heart and becomes a new creature. Thus, regardless of ethnic or social background, he becomes a member of "the whole family in Heaven and earth." (Matt. 18: 3; John 3: 3; 2 Cor. 5: 17; Eze. 36: 26, 27; Heb. 8: 10-12; 1 Peter 1: 23; 2: 2; Eph. 3: 15; Acts 17: 26.)

DAY OF OPPORTUNITY:

"One sentence of scripture is more valuable than 10,000 of man's ideas or arguments."--Testimonies, Vol. 7: 71.

"The words of scripture should be printed and published just as they read. It would be well if the 19th and the greater portion of the 20th chapters of Exodus, ... were printed just as they stand."--Evangelism, p. 232.

"God's servants should be minute men, ever ready to move as fast as His providence opens the way. Any delay on their part gives time for Satan to work to defeat them."--Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 423.

In view of the wide publicity being given the Sabbath commandment through radio, television, and the printed word, and because in most instances there are no local churches or congregations indicated where interested persons can attend;

We recommend, That our churches take advantage of this opportunity and place suitable advertisements in their local papers, alerting readers to the location of our church, time of services, and inviting them to attend.

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The following is a suggested advertisement:

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY. SIX DAYS SHALT THOU LABOR, AND DO ALL THY WORK: BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD THY GOD: IN IT THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK. . ." Exodus 20: 8-10.

YOUR FRIENDS, THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH THEM ON SABBATH (SATURDAY) IN HARMONY WITH THE EXAMPLE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. TIME: 11:00 A.M., BIBLE STUDY GROUP, 9:30 A.M.

_____ SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

_____ (STREET)

_____ (CITY)

COORDINATED HEALTH EVANGELISM:

A recommendation on "Coordinated Health Evangelism" from the Plans and Special Committees, which had been revised, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Seventh-day Adventist health message is to assist in restoring in man the image of God physically, mentally, and spiritually, and

WHEREAS, The health program has a valuable and positive role to play in the total evangelistic program of the church, and

WHEREAS, There is a need for giving new emphasis and direction to this work now,

We recommend, 1. A coordinated program of health evangelism which will include the following features:

a. A team to consist of an evangelist, a physician, and a health educator and assigned the responsibility of developing a coordinated program oriented to the concept of "making man whole."

b. A program that will feature optimal health as a realistic goal and make its pursuit an attractive and attainable activity.

c. Adequate time, resources and consultants to develop a dynamic program characterized by theological, scientific, and psychological correctness coupled with compelling appeal.

2. That a pilot program be developed by the unions of North America and coordinated by the North American Division Committee on Administration.

3. That after being tested and proven as a valuable soul-winning tool, the developed program be made available to the field.

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4. That the Department of Education in cooperation with the Department of Health be requested to give further study to implementing health education for teachers and prospective teachers through inservice training, institutes, workshops, seminars, and on-campus courses.

5. That retreats, inservice training institutes, and the programs offered by Andrews and Loma Linda Universities be considered as possible methods for training workers.

6. That opportunities for extended study in health evangelism be given to qualified field workers as may be directed by their administrative committees.

COMMITTEE ON MEETINGS--REPORT:

A report from the Committee on Meetings was presented, and it was--

VOTED, To adopt the following schedule:

<u>General</u>	<u>1970</u>	
Loma Linda Recruitment Consultation (one from each union)	Feb. 18, 19	Loma Linda, Calif.
Nat'l Conference on Christian Philanthropy Personnel: General Conference: K. H. Emmerson, A. C. McKee, Boardman Noland, R. E. Osborn, R. M. Reinhard General Conference Institutions: P. T. Jackson (AU), W. I. Untersher (LLU) W. R. Lawson (FFT), A. G. Munson (VOP), C. G. Cross (Ch.R) Union Directors of Deferred Giving	April 1-3	Denver, Colorado
Spirit of Prophecy Workshop, Eastern	April 1-5	Washington, D.C.
Spirit of Prophecy Workshop, Midwest	April 8-12	Andrews University or Union College
Spirit of Prophecy Workshop, Western	April 15-19	St. Helena or Pac. Union College
(To attend: A. L. White, D. A. Delafield, Paul Gordon; selected personnel from each conference or union conference --suggest one from each--; one from each boarding academy, college and university)		
Missions Orientation Institute	June 23-July 31	Andrews University
<u>1971</u>		
Union Conference Sessions		
Southwestern	Feb. 28 - March 3	
North Pacific	March 7-11	
Pacific	March 12-14	Fresno, Calif.
Columbia	March 21-25	Atlantic City, N.J.
Central	April 2-8	Denver, Colorado
Southern	April 12-16	Jacksonville, Fla.
Atlantic	April 19-22	
Lake	May 3-6	Green Lake, Wisc.
Northern	May 10-13	
Canadian	May 17-22	Calgary, Alberta

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Education Department

Two Workshops for Orientation of the Second Cycle in Evaluation of SDA Secondary Schools, Eastern and Western Late November or early December, 1969, 1 day

Personnel:

All General and union conference Secretaries of Education, plus

East

Atlantic Union	Principals:	R. J. Hammond, J. E. Roache
	College	Dr. Eugene Gascay
Columbia Union	Principals:	E. F. Reifsnnyder, M. W. Shultz
	College:	Dr. L. W. Mauldin
Southern Union	Principals	Robert Tyson, Stephen Yost
	College	Dr. K. M. Kennedy, Dr. F. A. Knittle
Lake Union	Principals	F. H. Offenbach, Duane Potter
	College	Dr. W. E. McClure, Dr. C. L. Jaqua

West

Northern Union	Principals	Lyle Anderson, C. E. Felton
Central Union	Principals	William Fuchs, Dr. G. Thompson
	College	Dr. G. P. Stone, Dr. Mel Wolford
Southwestern Union	Principal	J. J. Swinyar
North Pacific Union	Principals	Walter Meske, John Sipkins
	College	Dr. George Akers
		Dr. R. H. Brown
Pacific Union	Principals	Lee Taylor, Charles Watkins
	University	Dr. Louis Normington, Dr. Walter Comm, Dr. V. H. Koenig

1970

Commission on Secondary Education	January 4-6	Washington, D.C.
Commission on Higher Education	January 6-7	Washington, D.C.
General Conference Board of Regents	January 8-9	Washington, D.C.
Workshop for Health-Science (Grades 1-8)	June-August	Washington, D.C.
Workshop for Secondary School Bible	July 1-31	Andrews University
NAD Curriculum Committee	August (10 days)	Andrews University

Personnel:

Secretary, General Conference Department of Education or designate,
Chairman

The three Associate Secretaries of the three levels of education

1 Union Conference Secretary of Education

1 College professor of elementary education

1 Principal of an elementary school

1 Principal of a secondary school

1 Superintendent of education

5 Elementary supervisors

5 Elementary teachers (from various levels)

11 Secondary teachers (1 from each discipline)

Resource personnel

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Committee on Elementary School and
Jr. Academy Standards
Personnel:I. V. Stonebrook, Chairman
W. O. Baldwin (Pac Union)
Elizabeth Hudak (Fla)
W. A. Scriven (Colo)

October 19-20 Washington, D.C.

J. R. Shull (Ohio)
Robert Wagner (Wash)
C. M. Willison (No Un)Commission on Elementary Education
ACBT subcommittee for Elementary
School LevelOctober 21-22 Washington, D.C.
October
(10 days) Washington, D.C.

NAD SDA Education Convention

1972 To be designated

Health DepartmentSDA Hospital Association
(Hospital administrators)1970
Sept. 10, 11 Houston, Texas
(In conjunction with the AHA meeting)Association of SDA Nurses
(Those in attendance at Convention)

May 1-3 Miami, Florida

SDA Dietetic Association
(Dietitians of hospitals and colleges in
attendance at American Dietetic
Association meeting)In conjunction with A.D.A. meeting
attendance at American DieteticNurse Recruitment Workshops
(Selected church-employed nurses to
promote church-service careers in
nursing in our academies and colleges)Sept. 7, 8 Glendale, Calif.
Sept. 16, 17 Walla Walla, Wash.
Sept. 29, 30 Denver, Colorado
Oct. 19, 20 Washington, D.C.
Nov. 9, 10 Madison, Tenn.Public Health Association of SDA
(Those in attendance at American Public Health Association meeting)

In conjunction with A.P.H.A. meeting

Lay Activities DepartmentIngathering Editorial and Planning Committee
Missionary Literature Guidance Committee1970
To be arranged Washington, D.C.
" Washington, D.C.

NAD Lay Activities Secretaries Council

1971
May 5-9 To be arrangedMissionary Volunteer DepartmentAnnual N.S.O. Chaplains Conference
National Medical Cadet Corps Camp1970
July Denver, Colorado
August 18-30 Grand Ledge, Mich.Publishing DepartmentNorth American Division Publishing
House Coordinating Committee
North American Division Publishing
Department Sales and Development
Committee1970
April 27-30 Portland, Maine
June 7 Atlantic City, N.J.

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Publishing House Art Directors Council
(with representatives from Art Departments
of colleges and universities, to be named
by General Conference Officers)

To be arranged

Radio-TV Department

NAD Radio-TV Secretaries' Council 1971
May 14-17

To be arranged

Sabbath School Department.

NAD Sabbath School Secretaries' Council 1971
May 10-13

To be arranged

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND MV INTERNSHIP:

Recommendations from the Officers and Union Presidents, "Youth Advisory Committee and MV Internship," were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That each local and union conference in North America be encouraged to appoint a Youth Advisory Committee which would have as its members the following personnel: Conference or union president, educational secretary, MV secretary, treasurer, a minimum of four representative youth chosen from the territory and institutions of the conference or union.

This Committee would convene one full day each quarter to discuss and plan ways of involving the youth in active evangelistic and church-oriented activities, and to set up a working calendar of major youth events for the period of time under discussion. Major rallies, congresses and training sessions would be discussed and planned by this Committee.

2. That from the youth members of the functioning union Youth Advisory Committees, a member be selected for the summer of 1971 in each union to serve as a youth intern on the union level for three months. Expenses of travel, housing and board to be worked out in the participating unions. A tuition scholarship also is to be worked out by the unions concerned.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee presented a report which was adopted as follows:

For Associate Secretary, General Conference Sabbath School Department:
T. M. Ashlock

For General Field Secretary of the General Conference: Gordon M. Hyde
For Associate Editor of the new youth publication: Charles Scriven.
For re-election to the International Insurance Company Board and the
General Conference Insurance Service Board: K. H. Emmerson, W. R. Beach,
W. P. Bradley, Neal C. Wilson

For vacancies on Commissions and the Board of Regents for the periods stated:

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Commission on Higher Education	(3 year terms ending)
W. J. Blacker, (Pacific Union)	January 31, 1973
R. W. Fowler (Union College)	January 31, 1972
F. W. Hale (Oakwood College)	January 31, 1973
G. E. Hutches (Lake Union)	January 31, 1973
R. L. Kooreny (LLU-LSC)	January 31, 1973
G. A. Madgwick (Columbia Union College)	January 31, 1973
W. E. McClure (Atlantic Union)	January 31, 1972
W. H. Meier (LLU)	January 31, 1972
F. O. Rittenhouse (Pacific Union College)	January 31, 1972
Cree Sandefur (Columbia Union)	January 31, 1972
 Commission on Secondary Education	
L. G. Barker (Central Union)	January 31, 1973
M. W. Shultz (Blue Mountain Academy)	January 31, 1973
E. C. Walter (Columbia Union College)	January 31, 1973
Robert Williams (Layman)	January 31, 1973
 Commission on Elementary Education	
M. E. Erickson (Canadian Union)	January 31, 1972
C. L. Brooks (Allegheny East)	January 31, 1972
 A. D. Butherus (Oregon Conf)	January 31, 1972
J. R. Shull (Ohio Conf)	January 31, 1972
Mildred Ostich (Northern Calif Conf)	January 31, 1973
Elaine Schander (Atlantic Union) substitute	January 31, 1971
W. A. Scriven (Colorado Conf)	January 31, 1973
E. H. Shull (Indiana Conf)	January 31, 1973
 Board of Regents	
E. R. Walde (North Pacific)	January 31, 1972
W. J. Blacker (Pacific Union)	January 31, 1973
H. E. Douglass (Atlantic Union College)	January 31, 1972
R. L. Reynolds (Walla Walla College)	January 31, 1973
G. E. Hutches (Lake Union)	January 31, 1972
L. G. Barker (Central Union)	January 31, 1973
L. C. Anderson (Maplewood Academy)	January 31, 1972
M. W. Shultz (Blue Mountain Academy)	January 31, 1973
Henry Barber (South Atlantic)	January 31, 1973

For membership on Faith for Today Board of Trustees: Neal C. Wilson, J. J. Aitken, W. R. Beach, W. J. Blacker, O. A. Blake, J. W. Bothe, W. P. Bradley, G. F. Dalrymple, L. H. Davis, J. L. Dittberner, E. E. Duncan, J. E. Edwards, K. H. Emmerson, W. A. Fagal, F. W. Hudgens, W. R. Lawson, B. E. Leach, R. H. Nightingale, R. H. Pierson, L. L. Reile, Cree Sandefur, H. H. Schmidt, W.R.L. Scragg, H. D. Singleton, G. G. Stewart, K. W. Tilghman, E. R. Walde, F. W. Wernick

RUTH ELAINE SHIPP--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Ruth Elaine Shipp from the Kamagambo Secondary and Training School, Kisii, Kenya, at her request, after two years of service; and in harmony with the recommendation of the East African Union.

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GERALD E. HETZER--TRANSFER OF ASSIGNMENT:

VOTED, To transfer the assignment for Gerald E. Hetzer, who did not obtain a visa for Bangalore, India, to Spicer Memorial College, Poona, as Industrial Arts Instructor.

W. GORDON JENSON--APPOINTMENT CALCUTTA, INDIA:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences be requested to release W. Gordon Jenson, a former worker in the Southern Asia Division and that he be invited to return for service as Pastor-Evangelist in Calcutta, India.

BEVERLY JEAN ARREGUI--KERALA, INDIA:

VOTED, That the Loma Linda University Hospital be requested to release Miss Beverly Jean Arregui, and that she be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as a Nurse at the Ottapalam Hospital, Kerala, India.

GARY ALAN MARSH--IKIZU TRAINING SCHOOL, TANZANIA:

VOTED, That Gary Alan Marsh, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Bible Teacher for the Ikizu Training School, Tanzania.

GEORGE M. TOLHURST, M.D.--SAIGON:

VOTED, That George M. Tolhurst, M.D., of Cleveland, Georgia, be invited to serve as a relief Physician for Saigon, for two months.

LARRY M. LEWIS--MOUNTAIN VIEW COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College be requested to release Larry M. Lewis, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Bible Teacher for Mountain View College, Philippines.

MRS. EFFIE E. LANCASTER--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION OFFICE:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences be requested to release Mrs. Effie E. Lancaster, and that she be invited to serve as Secretary to the President of the Inter-American Division, Miami, Florida.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VOTED, To refer the unfinished business to the General Conference Committee.

THE BUDGET:

The Budget for 1970 was distributed. K. H. Emmerson stated that this was the sixteenth Budget which O. A. Blake had presented to the Autumn Council. It is a good Budget but we wish it could be even better. The Lord has been good to the Church during the past year. We know it is not through any of us as individuals but through the Spirit of the Lord working on the hearts of our people that we are able to present this Budget. As we see the funds available, we once again dedicate ourselves to the task that has been given to us.

VOTED, To adopt the Budget as read by O. A. Blake.

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Schedule 1 - Base Appropriations, Overseas Divisions:

Australasia:		
Base	1 045 078 81	
International Radio	<u>19 950 00</u>	1 065 028 81
Central Europe:		
Base	74 665 33	
Sustentation - North America	28 800 00	
Sustentation - Central Europe	53 000 00	
International Radio	<u>7 875 00</u>	164 340 33
Far East:		
Base	2 646 449 97	
International Radio	<u>60 375 00</u>	2 706 824 97
Inter-America:		
Base	2 041 627 95	
Miami Transportation	4 000 00	
Medical Student Counselor	2 000 00	
International Radio	<u>56 175 00</u>	2 103 802 95
Middle East:		
Base	1 048 791 25	
International Radio	<u>23 625 00</u>	1 072 416 25
Northern Europe:		
Base	1 940 713 62	
London New Gallery	25 000 00	
West African Union College	50 000 00	
International Radio	<u>59 850 00</u>	2 075 563 62
South America:		
Base	2 201 984 70	
International Radio	<u>69 300 00</u>	2 271 284 70
Southern Asia:		
Regular Division Base	1 297 992 35	
Inter-Division Base	1 083 644 99	
Vellore Doctors	8 736 00	
International Radio	<u>50 925 00</u>	2 441 298 34
Southern Europe:		
Base	2 231 130 36	
Rome Transportation Agent	1 000 00	
International Radio	<u>55 125 00</u>	2 287 255 36
Trans-Africa:		
Base	2 407 889 23	
Kilimanjaro Chr Med Center Doctor	10 000 00	
Leper Work - Mwami	12 000 00	
CED Non-Revertible Funds	69 484 57	
International Radio	<u>25 564 00</u>	2 524 938 83
East African Union:		
Base	545 464 41	
CED Non-revertible Funds	15 668 09	
International Radio	<u>10 136 00</u>	571 268 50
International Radio Production		47 000 00
Reconstruction Base		927 127 30
Division Re-alignment Fund		<u>57 857 37</u>
Total Base Appropriations for Overseas Divisions		<u>20 316 007 33</u>

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Schedule 2 - Base Appropriations, North American Division:

Small Conference Fund	650 000 00	
Large City Evangelism	130 000 00	
North American Missions	245 000 00	
S-8 Union Tithe Reversion for Evangelism	<u>357 206 20</u>	1 432 206 20
Atlantic Union Conference:		
NY Evangelistic Center Operating	25 000 00	
GC Share of Public Relations, New York	5 000 00	
Greater New York Conference	17 000 00	
Northeastern Conference	<u>6 000 00</u>	53 000 00
Canadian Union Conference:		
Regular Operating		90 000 00
Southern Union Conference:		
Regional Conferences Operating	35 000 00	
Rural Schools	<u>3 000 00</u>	38 000 00
Southwestern Union Conference:		
Regional Conferences Operating		<u>21 250 00</u>
Total Base Appropriation for North American Division		<u><u>1 634 456 20</u></u>

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Schedule 3 - Base Appropriations, General Items for World Field:

Institutions and Organizations:

Andrews University:

Operating	815 000 00		
Missionary Orientation	<u>22 500 00</u>		837 500 00

Faith for Today - Operating			130 000 00
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Geoscience Research Institute - Operating			84 000 00
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Home Study Institute - Comeback Adjustment			22 500 00
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Loma Linda University:

Regular Operating	3 125 000 00		
School of Public Health	31 500 00		
School of Graduate Studies	241 500 00		
Public Relations - Field Men	<u>60 000 00</u>		3 458 000 00

Oakwood College:

Regular Operating	288 300 00		
Special Operating 70-71 School Yr	71 700 00		
Comeback Adjustments	<u>35 000 00</u>		395 000 00

Riverside Sanitarium - Operating			5 000 00
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Voice of Prophecy:

Operating	75 000 00		
European Slavic Language Broadcast	<u>38 500 00</u>		113 500 00
			5 045 500 00

General:

Entertainment for Servicemen Overseas		3 000 00	
Films, Major Department		40 000 00	
Film, Sabbath School		3 000 00	
Medical Residency Plan		5 000 00	
Ministerial Internship Fund		200 000 00	
Mission Appointee Indebtedness, Med, Dent, Nurse		20 000 00	
Missionary Disability Fund		20 000 00	
Missionary Orientation Program		12 500 00	
Special Debt Retirement		100 000 00	
Sustentation - Displaced Persons		40 000 00	
Ukrainian Editor & Sec Exp, PPA (1/3)		7 500 00	
White Publications Basic Library		<u>15 000 00</u>	<u>466 000 00</u>

			<u>5 511 500 00</u>
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Total Base Appropriations, Gen Items/World Field

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Schedule 4 - Special Appropriations, Overseas Divisions:

Australasia:		
General	140 000 00	
Sydney Sanitarium Building	<u>25 000 00</u>	165 000 00
Central Europe:		
General	115 000 00	
Hamburg Church	<u>25 000 00</u>	140 000 00
Far East:		
General	165 000 00	
Mountain View College	<u>3 500 00</u>	168 500 00
Inter-America:		
General		165 000 00
Middle East:		
General		90 000 00
Northern Europe:		
General	165 000 00	
Addis Ababa Hospital	<u>25 000 00</u>	190 000 00
South America:		
General	160 000 00	
Exchange Rectification Adjustment	<u>50 000 00</u>	210 000 00
Southern Asia:		
General	165 000 00	
Vellore Medical College Building Program	<u>21 000 00</u>	186 000 00
Southern Europe:		
General	160 000 00	
Spanish Seminary	<u>20 000 00</u>	180 000 00
Trans-Africa:		
General		140 000 00
East African Union:		
General		<u>25 000 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations for Overseas Divisions		<u>1 659 500 00</u>

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Schedule 5 - Special Appropriations, North American Division:

Gift Bible Evangelism Youth Lessons	15 000 00	
Ingathering Magazine Postcard Offer	3 000 00	
Inner City Fund	100 000 00	
Large City Church Projects	150 000 00	
LIBERTY Magazine for Large Cities	7 500 00	
LISTEN Magazine for Large Cities	7 500 00	
Newspaper Evangelism, GC Share	25 349 31	
Outreach Tracts	9 625 00	
S-8 Union Tithe for Evangelism	<u>357 206 20</u>	675 180 51
Atlantic Union Conference:		
New England Memorial Hospital	125 000 00	
Atlantic Union College	80 000 00	
Northeastern Conference Debt Reduction	<u>15 000 00</u>	220 000 00
Canadian Union Conference:		
Canadian Union College	45 000 00	
Kingsway College	45 000 00	
Evangelism:		
Alberta Conference	2 500 00	
British Columbia Conference	2 500 00	
Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference	2 500 00	
Ontario-Quebec Conference	<u>2 500 00</u>	10 000 00
Central Union Conference:		
Union College	40 000 00	
Porter Memorial Hospital	10 000 00	
Boulder Memorial Hospital	10 000 00	
Central States Office Building	7 500 00	
Pueblo Church, Colorado	5 000 00	
Youth Camp, Kansas	5 000 00	
Central Church, Kansas City, Missouri	10 000 00	
New Conference Office Building, Wyoming	7 500 00	
Youth Camp, Nebraska	<u>5 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Columbia Union Conference:		
Columbia Union College		100 000 00
Lake Union Conference:		
Andrews University	50 000 00	
Detroit Center, Lake Region	10 000 00	
Hinsdale Church, Illinois	10 000 00	
North Shore Church, Illinois	15 000 00	
Shiloh Church, Chicago, Lake Region	<u>15 000 00</u>	100 000 00
North Pacific Union Conference:		
Walla Walla College		100 000 00

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Schedule 5 - Special Appropriations, North American Division, (cont.):

Northern Union Conference:			
Church Buildings in Minnesota:			
Dodge Center	9 000 00		
Brainerd	9 000 00		
Stevens Ave., Minneapolis	9 000 00		
Willmar	4 000 00		
Maryland Ave., St. Paul	<u>4 000 00</u>	35 000 00	
Youth Camp, North Dakota		20 000 00	
Evangelism, Northern Union		20 000 00	
Union College		20 000 00	
Evangelistic Auditorium, Fargo, N. Dakota		<u>5 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Pacific Union Conference:			
Pacific Union College		25 000 00	
La Sierra Campus, Loma Linda University		25 000 00	
White Memorial Interns & Residencies		10 000 00	
Paradise Valley Manor Debt Reduction		10 000 00	
Office Building, Northern California		10 000 00	
Evangelistic Tabernacle, San Francisco		10 000 00	
Camp Meeting Buildings, Arizona		5 000 00	
Camp Ground Improvements, Nevada-Utah		<u>5 000 00</u>	100 000 00
Southern Union Conference:			
Southern Missionary College		100 000 00	
Atlanta Berean Church		25 000 00	
South Central Conference Churches		<u>15 000 00</u>	140 000 00
Southwestern Union Conference:			
Southwestern Union College		150 000 00	
Southwestern Regional Conference Churches		<u>15 000 00</u>	<u>165 000 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations for North American Division			<u>1 900 180 51</u>

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Schedule 6 - Special Appropriations, General Items for World Field:

Institutions and Organizations:

Andrews University:			
Buildings, etc	400 000 00		
Faith for Today - Land & Equipment	50 000 00		
Loma Linda University:			
Med Center Bldg Fund - GC Allot	90 000 00		
Med Center Bldg Fund	160 000 00		
Med Center Bldg Fund Loan	500 000 00		
Library (La Sierra Campus)	<u>150 000 00</u>	900 000 00	
Oakwood College - Buildings & Equipment		560 000 00	
Riverside Sanitarium		50 000 00	
Voice of Prophecy - Inserter Equipment		<u>15 000 00</u>	1 975 000 00

General:

Education Department Textbooks Fund	100 000 00		
GC Building Expansion	500 000 00		
GO Magazine	500 00		
Ingathering Tapes & Records	1 150 00		
ISRAELITE Magazine	3 000 00		
IT IS WRITTEN Evangelistic Films Production	75 000 00		
Lay Activities Training Filmstrips	1 250 00		
Library Books - GC	500 00		
MV Dept MCC Training Camp Equipment	1 000 00		
Sabbath School Material Revision	3 000 00		
Vellore Medical College Board, NY	<u>1 000 00</u>	<u>686 400 00</u>	

Total Special Appropriations for
 General Items for World Field

2 661 400 00

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Schedule 7 - Church Extension Funds:

OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

Australasia	25 000 00	
Central Europe	25 000 00	
Far East	25 000 00	
Inter-America	25 000 00	
Middle East	25 000 00	
Northern Europe	25 000 00	
South America	25 000 00	
Southern Asia	25 000 00	
Southern Europe	25 000 00	
Trans-Africa	20 800 00	
East African Union	<u>4 200 00</u>	
Total Overseas Divisions		250 000 00

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION: (S-7A)

Atlantic Union	25 000 00	
Canadian Union	25 000 00	
Central Union	25 000 00	
Columbia	25 000 00	
Lake Union	25 000 00	
North Pacific Union	25 000 00	
Northern Union	25 000 00	
Pacific Union	25 000 00	
Southern Union	25 000 00	
Southwestern Union	<u>25 000 00</u>	
Total North American Division		<u>250 000 00</u>

Total Church Extension Funds		<u>500 000 00</u>
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Schedule 7A - Church Extension Funds, North American Division:

Atlantic Union Conference:

Granville, New York	1 000 00	
Elmira, New York	1 000 00	
West Bangor, New York	1 000 00	
Saranac Lake, New York	1 000 00	
Syracuse, New York	4 000 00	
Genesee Park, Rochester, NY	1 000 00	
Bay Knoll, Rochester, NY	1 000 00	
Christian Fellowship, Brooklyn, New York	10 000 00	
South Newbury, Vermont	500 00	
Dexter, Maine	500 00	
Barre, Vermont	1 000 00	
Oxford, Maine	1 000 00	
Rutland, Vermont	1 000 00	
Camden, Maine	1 000 00	25 000 00

Canadian Union Conference:

Lethbridge, Alberta	6 250 00	
Warburg, Alberta	6 250 00	
Medicine Hat, Alberta	6 250 00	
Rocky Mountain House, Alberta	6 250 00	25 000 00

Central Union Conference:

North Side, St Louis, Missouri	4 166 67	
Trinidad, Colorado	4 166 67	
Dodge City, Kansas	4 166 67	
St Louis South Side, Missouri	4 166 67	
Albion, Nebraska	1 500 00	
So Sioux City, Nebraska	2 666 66	
Big Piney, Wyoming	4 166 66	25 000 00

Columbia Union Conference:

Hillside, Harrisburg, Pa	2 000 00	
Metropolitan, Plainfield, NJ	1 500 00	
Kimball, West Virginia	1 000 00	
Beckley, West Virginia	1 000 00	
Ashtabula, Ohio	1 500 00	
Seaford, Delaware	750 00	
Easton, Maryland	750 00	
Clinton, Maryland	750 00	
Bowie, Maryland	750 00	
Hoboken, Spanish, New Jersey	750 00	
Passaic, Spanish, New Jersey	750 00	
Morristown, New Jersey	750 00	
Perth Amboy, Spanish, New Jersey	750 00	
Youngstown Spanish, Campbell, Ohio	1 000 00	
Eastwood, Columbus, Ohio	2 000 00	
Hilltop, Uniontown, Pa	1 000 00	
Lansdale, Pennsylvania	1 000 00	
Indian Valley, Souderton, Pa	1 000 00	

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Schedule 7A - Church Extension Funds, North American Division (cont.):

Columbia Union Conference: (cont.)		
Vienna, Virginia	1 000 00	
Beltsville, Maryland	1 000 00	
Danville, Virginia	1 000 00	
Wheeling, W Virginia	1 500 00	
Huntington, W Virginia	<u>1 500 00</u>	25 000 00
Lake Union Conference:		
Oxford, Wisconsin	5 000 00	
Elgin, Illinois	5 000 00	
Kokomo, Indiana	5 000 00	
Mt Carmel, Robbins, Illinois	5 000 00	
Edmore, Michigan	1 000 00	
Petoskey, Michigan	<u>4 000 00</u>	25 000 00
North Pacific Union Conference:		
Meadow Glade, Battle Ground Washington	1 500 00	
Grand Ronde, Oregon	1 000 00	
Kalispell, Montana	2 000 00	
Baker, Oregon	13 500 00	
College Place, Washington	2 000 00	
Brewster, ashington	1 000 00	
Renton, Washington	1 000 00	
Mt Lake Terrace, Edmonds, Washington	2 000 00	
Burien, Washington	<u>1 000 00</u>	25 000 00
Northern Union Conference:		
Knoxville, Iowa	6 250 00	
Stillwater, Minnesota	6 250 00	
Grassy Butte, North Dakota	2 000 00	
Kenmare, North Dakota	2 125 00	
McClusky, North Dakota	2 125 00	
Batesland, South Dakota	2 000 00	
Leola, South Dakota	750 00	
McLaughlin, South Dakota	1 000 00	
Platte, South Dakota	500 00	
White River, South Dakota	1 000 00	
Yankton, South Dakota	<u>1 000 00</u>	25 000 00
Pacific Union Conference:		
Central Church, Honolulu, Hawaii	5 000 00	
Winnemucca, Nevada	2 000 00	
Carson City, Nevada	2 000 00	
Yuma, Arizona	2 000 00	
Mt Ave, Tucson, Arizona	2 000 00	
San Francisco, Spanish, California	3 000 00	
Sacramento, Japanese, California	1 500 00	
Sacramento, South Gate, California	1 500 00	
Van Nuys, Spanish, California	1 500 00	
San Pedro, Yugoslavian, California	1 500 00	
Carlsbad, Spanish, California	1 500 00	
Colton, Spanish, California	<u>1 500 00</u>	25 000 00

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Southern Union Conference:

Birmingham, First, Ala	2 000 00	
Gilberttown, Ala	1 000 00	
Columbus, Mississippi	500 00	
Clinton, S Carolina	1 500 00	
Camden, S Carolina	1 000 00	
Franklin-Sylva, N Carolina	1 000 00	
Naples, Florida	1 000 00	
Vero Beach, Florida	1 000 00	
Brandon, Florida	1 000 00	
Islamorada, Florida	500 00	
Marietta, Georgia	1 500 00	
Statesboro, Georgia	1 500 00	
Dalton, Georgia	1 000 00	
Henderson, Kentucky	3 000 00	
Madison Campus, Nashville, Tenn	500 00	
Mount Pisgah, Opa Locka, Florida	2 000 00	
Ephesus, W Palm Beach, Florida	1 500 00	
Mt Olive, Dothan, Alabama	1 750 00	
First, Tuskegee, Alabama	<u>1 750 00</u>	25 000 00

Southwestern Union Conference:

Shreveport, La	2 000 00	
DeQueen, Ark	1 000 00	
Huntsville, Ark	1 000 00	
Siloam Springs, Ark	1 000 00	
Durant, Oklahoma	2 000 00	
NW Oklahoma City, Okla	3 000 00	

Regional Churches:

Fort Worth, Texas	1 000 00	
Alexandria, La	1 500 00	
Taylor, Texas	500 00	
Coushatta, La	1 000 00	
Lake Charles, La	500 00	
Monroe, La	<u>500 00</u>	5 000 00
Cleburne, Texas	2 000 00	
Beeville, Texas	2 000 00	
Athens, Texas	1 000 00	
Dixon, New Mexico	1 000 00	
Plainview, Texas	2 000 00	
Clovis, New Mexico	<u>2 000 00</u>	<u>25 000 00</u>

Total Church Extension Funds, North American Division

250 000 00

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Schedule 8 - Union Tithe Reversion for Evangelism:

<u>Organization:</u>	<u>From Base</u>	<u>From Specials</u>	<u>Total</u>
Atlantic Union Conference	34 416 86	34 416 86	68 833 72
Canadian Union Conference	13 020 16	13 020 16	26 040 32
Central Union Conference	19 096 82	19 096 82	38 193 64
Columbia Union Conference	45 884 22	45 884 22	91 768 44
Lake Union Conference	39 724 27	39 724 27	79 448 54
North Pacific Union Conference	45 925 36	45 925 36	91 850 72
Northern Union Conference	7 971 65	7 971 65	15 943 30
Pacific Union Conference	80 038 16	80 038 16	160 076 32
Southern Union Conference	50 862 08	50 862 08	101 724 16
Southwestern Union Conference	<u>20 266 62</u>	<u>20 266 62</u>	<u>40 533 24</u>
 Totals	 <u>357 206 20</u>	 <u>357 206 20</u>	 <u>714 412 40</u>

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Exhibit B

	<u>Overseas Divisions</u>	<u>N American Division</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Total</u>
REGULAR:				
Overseas Divisions	20 316 007 33			20 316 007 33
N American Division		1 634 456 20		1 634 456 20
General Items			5 511 500 00	5 511 500 00
Administrative & Dept			3 834 089 14	3 834 089 14
Miscellaneous & Fixed	742 500 00	865 426 31	923 610 00	2 531 536 31
SPECIALS:				
Overseas Divisions	1 659 500 00			1 659 500 00
N American Division		1 900 180 51		1 900 180 51
General Items			2 661 400 00	2 661 400 00
REVERTIBLE FUNDS:	3 203 013 95	5 733 916 86		8 936 930 81
CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS:	<u>250 000 00</u>	<u>250 000 00</u>		<u>500 000 00</u>
Totals	<u>26 171 021 28</u>	<u>10 383 979 88</u>	<u>12 930 599 14</u>	<u>49 485 600 30</u>
Percentage Relationships	52.89%	20.98%	26.13%	100.00%
Grand Total Appropriations for 1970				49 485 600 30
Grand Total Appropriations for 1969				<u>46 985 537 51</u>
Increase for 1970				<u>2 500 062 79</u>
Percent Increase				5.32%

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The delegates sang, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

K. H. Emmerson offered a short prayer of thankfulness to God, rededicating our lives to His service.

GRATITUDE TO GOD:

The delegates joined in the following Resolution of Gratitude, reading responsively and in an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving:

God of our fathers, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:

For the gift of Thy dear Son Jesus, our wonderful Saviour,

WE, THE DELEGATES ASSEMBLED AT THIS AUTUMN COUNCIL, THANK THEE.

For the precious promises that Christ will soon return to take His people home,

WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For the strong spirit of unity that distinguishes the church in the midst of a world torn by strife and separated by political ideologies,

WE THANK THEE, DEAR GOD.

For evidences that the Holy Spirit is awakening the church to its need for revival and reformation,

WE THANK THEE, HOLY GOD.

For the growing desire of church members to study more deeply Thy Word and the Spirit of Prophecy writings,

WE THANK THEE, ETERNAL GOD.

For the cheering reports that unprecedented numbers are answering the summons of the three angels' messages, and are joining the church by baptism,

WE THANK THEE, MIGHTY GOD.

For continuing prosperity that enables a sacrificial people to provide funds with which to strengthen and expand Thy work in all the world,

WE THANK THEE, LOVING GOD.

For holy angels that in the midst of an explosive, crisis-filled world are holding the winds of strife,

WE THANK THEE, LONG-SUFFERING GOD.

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For the measure of faith needed to press forward with our holy task in the face of growing obstacles and increasingly complex problems,

WE THANK THEE, GRACIOUS GOD.

For our unshakeable belief that as we cooperate with divine agencies, Thou wilt lead thy church forward to triumph in this our day,

WE THANK THEE, OMNIPOTENT GOD.

To Thee, O God, we now offer ourselves anew in total dedication resolving to subordinate every plan, every theme, every activity, to the preaching of Thy saving gospel, to the proclamation of the judgment hour message and to the spreading of the blessed hope of the imminent appearing of Thy Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Earnestly we pray that the showers of the Latter Rain may fall upon us, that Thy work may soon be finished in all the world and that Thy name may be glorified on earth as it is in the numberless worlds upheld by Thy hand throughout the vast and boundless territories of outer space, of which Thou art Sovereign.

In Jesus' precious name we pray.

AMEN

R. H. Pierson adjourned the Council at 5:30 P.M.

The closing prayer was offered by H. C. Retzer, President of the Southern California Conference.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman

W. R. Beach,

C. O. Franz, Secretaries

Marion Nyman, Recording Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 23, 1969, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, W. P. Bradley, J. J. Aitken, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, E. E. Cleveland, K. H. Emmerson, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, T. S. Geraty, A. Edwin Gibb, J. O. Gibson, M. Carol Hetzell, D. W. Hunter, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, D. A. McAdams, E. L. Minchin, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, A. V. Pinkney, R. M. Reinhard, A. H. Roth, J. V. Scully, Clark Smith, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, R. F. Waddell, M.D., A. L. White, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield, Philip S. Nelson, M.D.

Theodore Carcich served as Chairman.

Opening prayer by Dr. T. S. Geraty.

MRS. STELLA THOMPSON-ABBOTT--DEATH OF;
SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Information has been received concerning the death of Mrs. Stella Thompson-Abbott, in Corona, California, October 20, 1969. Mrs. Thompson, before going to California to live, served as receptionist and transportation worker in the General Conference for a number of years. Her faithful service was greatly appreciated.

VOTED, That a message of sympathy be sent to the relatives of Mrs. Stella Thompson-Abbott.

AUDITOR INTERN 1970-1971:

At present we have an Auditor Intern working on the West Coast, and who serves certain institutions in that area. He will continue to serve until possibly June of 1970. A young man by the name of Clifford L. Toews is planning to graduate from Andrews University in March of 1970. He desires to enter the denominational work in the field of auditing and accounting. Our Auditors have interviewed him.

VOTED, That Clifford L. Toews be invited to serve as Auditor Intern for the General Conference for 1970-1971. It is understood he will begin July 1, 1970, or sooner if the Internship opens.

MRS. FERNANDO CHAIJ--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Fernando Chaij was called from South America in the regular way to serve as Spanish Editor at the Pacific Press Publishing Association. Eight years have passed, and the family are entitled to leave of absence. Mrs. Chaij wishes

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to take a leave of absence, and Elder Chaij plans to go later when his duties are not so heavy.

VOTED, To grant a leave of absence to Argentina for Mrs. Fernando Chaij; in harmony with the policy.

A. G. RATCLIFFE--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

A. G. Ratcliffe is in this country from Australia, he having been called to connect with the Northern California Conference in 1961. He has requested a leave of absence for himself and family to Australia.

VOTED, That in harmony with the policy we grant a leave-of-absence visit to Australia for Elder and Mrs. A. G. Ratcliffe and family.

EXCHANGE RATE:

In harmony with a request from the Middle East Division, it was--

VOTED, That the fixed rate of exchange for the Lebanese Lira be changed from 3.15 to the U.S. Dollar or .31746, to 3.25 to the U.S. Dollar or .30769; effective October 1, 1969.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER OFFICERS' SEMINAR:

On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To authorize the holding of a Missionary Volunteer Officers' Seminar in the Spring of 1970; the time and place to be designated later.

F. WAYNE FOSTER--EDUCATION TEXTBOOK PLANNING COMMITTEE:

On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That F. Wayne Foster, Superintendent of Education in the Potomac Conference, be appointed as a member of the Education Textbook Planning Committee.

B. E. SETON--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division a call for B. E. Seton, President of the British Union Conference, to connect with Andrews University as Associate Professor of Missions.

D. KENT REED--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, To pass on to Andrews University a call for D. Kent Reed, to connect with Faith for Today as Negative Cutter.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BASIC LIBRARY FUND--
ALLOCATIONS:

In harmony with a recommendation from the Spirit of Prophecy Committee, it was--

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VOTED, To authorize allocations from the Spirit of Prophecy Basic Library Fund, with the understanding that the Divisions concerned will contribute equivalent amounts in harmony with the policy, as follows:

Far Eastern Division:

Publication of Desire of Ages in the Thai language, 1,500, 855 pages,
\$2,137.50;

South American Division:

Publication of Temperance in the Spanish language, 3,000, 222 pages,
\$555.00.

PUBLISHING REHABILITATION FUND APPROPRIATIONS:

On recommendation of the Publishing House Rehabilitation and Expansion Committee, it was--

VOTED, That allocations be made from the Publishing Rehabilitation Fund as follows:

Australasian Division

To Signs Publishing Company
for periodical wrapping machine \$1,000.00

East African Union

To Africa Herald Publishing House
for Heidelberg Sord Offset Machine 16,603.50

Far Eastern Division

To Korean Publishing House
for Heidelberg Sord Press 10,000.00

To Philippine Publishing House
for Crawley Rounder-Backer 2,207.59

A reversion to the Fund from the Thailand Publishing House
\$319.63

Northern European Division

To the Swedish Publishing House
for assistance in cost of building 8,500.00

To the Finland Publishing House
for IBM Typesetting Machine 6,000.00

To the Advent Press, West Africa
for Heidelberg Offset Press (22" x 34") 10,000.00

Southern Asia Division

To Oriental Watchman Publishing House
for Miehle or Heidelberg Letterpress 7,000.00
\$ 61,311.09

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Members of the Committee told of the growth of the plan, and expressed thankfulness to the publishing houses around the world for joining in this project. There is pleasure and benefit in participating in the contribution to the needs of the overseas publishing houses.

VOTED, To record a vote of thanks to our publishing houses in the United States and overseas also for their contributions to the Publishing Rehabilitation Fund.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING CORPORATION:

The Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation has made available broadcasting time to our Radio-TV Department in the Middle East Division at a cost of \$12,000.00 for the year. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To authorize purchase of this time, with the understanding that for this first year \$8,000 is being made available to the Middle East Division from the General Conference Contingency Fund; it being understood the Middle East Division will make full provision for continuation of the broadcast in future years.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION GRADUATE PROGRAM:

For a number of years there has been a growing need for a graduate program in the Far Eastern Division where teachers and ministers can be upgraded. There are at the present time fifty senior academies and nine colleges in the Division. A large number of Seventh-day Adventist youth are demanding education on a graduate level, and the expanding work calls for more schools and therefore more qualified teachers and ministers.

Because of the apparent need for graduate education, Philippine Union College began offering work a number of years ago toward the M.A. degree in education, graduating their first four students in 1959. Since that time the offerings have increased. The graduate program has not only attracted students from every union of the Far Eastern Division, but also from India, Pakistan, and Africa.

Study has been given by the General Conference Officers to a report from the General Conference Department of Education and surveys conducted in the Far Eastern Division, and it was--

VOTED, That the General Conference recognize the need for a school of graduate studies operated by the Far Eastern Division and approve the plan with the following provisions:

1. That the school of graduate studies be located in the vicinity of Manila and operated in conjunction with Philippine Union College but not on the present site.

2. That the program be built academically on the present undergraduate and graduate offerings at Philippine Union College and not accelerated until faculty and facilities are adequate.

3. That this authorization for continued development of the graduate school, with the counsel and approval of the General Conference Department of Education, be in the following areas: Ministerial Training, Teacher Education, Nursing.

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4. That we encourage neighboring divisions to become involved in using this graduate school facility and in supporting the plan.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

PERSONNEL INVITED TO ATTEND FROM EASTERN EUROPE:

A committee has considered invitations to be extended to leaders of the Church in Eastern Europe and the USSR, with a view to their being in attendance at the General Conference session in Atlantic City, in 1970. On their recommendation, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That invitations be extended to the personnel named, to attend the 1970 General Conference session, the list covering the following areas: Northern Europe, Central Europe, Southern Europe, and the USSR.

F. A. MOTE, JR., M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of F. A. Mote, Jr., M.D., from Penang, on his request for personal reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

RITA T. TAPALES--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Rita T. Tapales from Karachi, West Pakistan, to the Far East, on her request for personal reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

THOMAS A. DAVIS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Thomas A. Davis from the Oriental Watchman Publishing House, Poona, India, as of May, 1970, at his request for family educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

KEN PHILLIPS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Ken Phillips, son of Elder A. K. Phillips, formerly in Malawi, now President of the South Rwanda Field, Africa, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

MARILYN MAE WEESNER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Marilyn Mae Weesner be released from the call to Lower Gwelo, since the Trans-Africa Division has been able to fill the position locally.

R. E. NEALL--STUDY LEAVE:

VOTED, To authorize a sixteen-months' study leave for graduate study at Andrews University, with salary, for R. E. Neall, following a two-month furlough, on his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division. R. E. Neall has been President of the Vietnam Mission. Upon his return to the field he is to connect with the Southeast Asia Union College as Bible Teacher.

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HANNAH LIEM--YOUNGBERG HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Miss Hannah Liem, now in training at Loma Linda, California, and obtaining her Master's degree, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division to join the nursing staff of the Youngberg Hospital, Singapore; on the basis of a national returning.

GORDON LEE MARSA, M.D.--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Gordon Lee Marsa, M.D., of the Trans-Africa Division, who is planning to take a three-year residency in Internal Medicine, be placed under deferred appointment to the East African Union.

R. I. McFADDEN, M.D.--CEYLON:

VOTED, To record our approval of the plan for R. I. McFadden, M.D., of Gobles, Michigan, to give a month's relief service at the Lakeside Medical Center, Kandy, Ceylon, in December of 1969; in accordance with arrangements worked out.

LUCIE STAPLES--BIAFRA:

VOTED, That Lucie Staples, of Loma Linda, California, be appointed as a relief Nurse to Biafra for three months, from November 6, 1969, onward.

RAY A. PELLOW, M.D.--CURACAO:

VOTED, That Ray A. Pellow, M.D., of Spokane, Washington, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Medical Director of the Princess Margaret Hospital, of Curacao. Dr. Pellow served five years previously in Mexico.

S. EUGENE GASCAY--KOREAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College be requested to release S. Eugene Gascay, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Academic Dean of the Korean Union College.

JAMES TWING, M.D.--HERI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That James Twing, M.D., of Lake Orion, Michigan, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as relief Physician at the Heri Hospital.

JAMES VAN BLARICUM, M.D.--GOPALGANJ, EAST PAKISTAN:

VOTED, That James Van Blaricum, M.D., of Winchester, Tennessee, be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Physician for Gopalganj, in East Pakistan.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

On recommendation of the Overseas Travel Committee, it was--

VOTED, That overseas visits be authorized as follows:

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Authorizations

W. R. Beach East African Union, year-end meeting, Dec. 10-15, 1969

M. E. Kemmerer Trans-Africa Division, November, 1969 (to attend Kampala Commission in connection with itinerary already voted)

C. E. Palmer and Northern European Division, November, 1969
V. N. Clymer (To Review and Herald)

R. C. Barger Southern Asia Division, February 1-April 15, 1970

W. A. Howe East African Union, February or April, 1970
in conjunction with Trans-Africa Division itinerary
(February 1-April 15, 1970)

E. W. Howse Central, Northern, and Southern European Divisions,
early 1970

B. F. Perez
and Quartette (VOP)
Inter-American Division (Mexico), October, 1970
(to Voice of Prophecy Board)

Clark Smith Far Eastern Division, April-May, 1970 (six weeks),
Medical Cadet Corps Officers' Training Camp

Paul Smith Inter-American Division, March 15-April 15, 1970

R. F. Waddell, M.D. Inter-American Division, March 15-April 15, 1970

Temperance Department
Associate Secretary Australasian Division, October 15-December 15, 1970

Health Department
Secretary Australasian Division, November 15, 1970-January 15,
1971

Publishing Department Central European Division, August and September, 1970
Secretary (two months or more)

Lay Activities
Associate Secretary Central European Division, September-October, 1970
(two months or more)

Radio-TV Department
Associate Secretary Far Eastern Division, November, 1970-January, 1971
(two months or more)

Sabbath School Department Far Eastern Division, November, 1970-January, 1971
Associate Secretary (two months or more)

Publishing Department Inter-American Division, September-October, 1970
Associate Secretary (two months or more)

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Education Department Middle East Division, November 1-December 15, 1970
Associate Secretary

Stewardship Department South American Division, August-September, 1970
Representative (two months or more)

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

R. C. Barger--Florida and Georgia-Cumberland Conferences, special Teacher Area Meetings for Sabbath School Workers and Teachers, February 15-28;

O. A. Blake--Oakwood College, Executive Board, October 28; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Committee, October 29; Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Executive Board, November 19-21; Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Executive Board, November 25; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Executive Board, November 26; South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Atlantic Union Survey, December 7-12; Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Executive Board, December 23; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Executive Board, December 24; Arizona Conference, meet with special committee to study financial condition of Arizona Conference, Corporation, and Thunderbird Academy, December 16, 17;

F. L. Bland--Jacksonville, Florida, Sabbath appointment, October 25 (en route to Hawthorne);

W. P. Bradley--Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Executive Board, October 28; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Committee, October 29; Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Executive Board, November 25; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Executive Board, November 26; Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Executive Board, December 23; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Executive Board, December 24;

R. B. Caldwell--Huntsville, Alabama, complete audit of Oakwood College, October 19-24;

William Craig--Lake Union Conference, Risk Management Seminar, November 16-20;

Amos Crowder--Andrews University, Insurance business, November 17, 18 (extension of trip voted);

N. R. Dower--Winnipeg, Canada, revival series, November 1-9 (en route to West Coast);

Norma Eldridge--Atlanta, Georgia, American Nurses' Association Clinical Conference, November 5-7; South Lancaster, Massachusetts, visit students in Atlantic Union College, Department of Nursing, December 8, 9; Boston, Massachusetts, American Nurses' Association Commission on Nursing Service, December 11, 12; Stoneham, Massachusetts, visit New England Memorial Hospital and organize local chapter of Association of SDA Nurses, December 14, 15;

Melvin Harris--Oshawa, Ontario, Kingsway College and Kingsway Publishing Company, Insurance business, October 24-29;

E. W. Howse--Detroit, Michigan, attend Packing Convention Machinery Show, October 27-30;

C. H. Lauda--Miami, Florida, work out last-minute details of ASI Convention, October 23; Fletcher, North Carolina, Southern Union Self-Supporting Workers' Council, October 30-November 2; Avon Park, Florida, Church

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services, November 6, 7 (en route to ASI Convention); Maitland, Florida, Church services at Forest Lake Church, November 20-22 (en route from ASI Convention); trip to Haiti and Jamaica with ASI National Convention group, November 16-18;

Theodore Lucas--Kansas City, Missouri, consult with MV Secretary of the Missouri Conference, November 1-4 (en route from Southwestern Union); Saginaw, Detroit, Lansing, Michigan, Youth Congress, November 7, 8;

Louise Meyer--Florida and Georgia-Cumberland Conferences, special Teacher Area Meetings for Sabbath School Workers and Teachers, February 15-28;

J. W. Peeke--St. Louis, Missouri, National Association of Independent Insurers, November 16-20; Riverside, California, Western Branch Office Insurance Business, January 22-30;

W. E. Phillips--Detroit, Michigan, meeting of Division of Overseas Ministries, Church World Service, November 30-December 4;

A. V. Pinkney--Pacific Union, itinerate Regional Churches, November 18 -December 13 (change of dates);

Milo Sawvel--Boston, Massachusetts, meeting with George Peterson and Monsignor Right Reverend Albert W. Low re Narcotics Education materials in Catholic schools, October 16; Lincoln, Nebraska, Central Union Temperance Secretaries' Council, October 20-22 (replaces A. V. Pinkney);

J. V. Scully--Andrews University, Religious Liberty meetings with students, October 29-November 2;

L. G. Small--Lake Union Conference, Risk Management Seminar, November 16-20;

Clark Smith--Columbia, South Carolina, visit Civilian Chaplain Bracebridge, November 9; Parris Island and Fort Benning, visit Military Chaplains, November 10; San Antonio, Texas, visit Medical Training Center for Whitecoat, November 11-14; Southwestern Union College, talk to student body re military obligations, November 14, 15; Union College, talk with student body re military obligations, November 17, 18; Andrews University, talk with student body re military obligations and Seminary students for chaplaincy, November 19-21;

Paul Smith--Indiana Conference, confer with Elders Dale and Howard re Stewardship Program for academies, October 27, 28 (en route to Southwestern Union); Arizona Conference, meet with Elders Stevens and Cunnington re Stewardship Program, November 20, 21 (en route from Southwestern Union);

F. A. Soper--Miami, Florida, Temperance Secretaries' Council and Listen editorial appointments, November 4-11;

K. W. Whitney--Nashville, Tennessee, complete Oakwood College audit, October 19-24; South Lancaster, Massachusetts, bring audit of Atlantic Union up to date, October 26-31.

EVELYN PLATT--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Inter-American Division a call for Miss Evelyn Platt, to connect with the General Conference office as a Secretary in the Sabbath School Department.

TRANSPORTATION BUREAU,

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA--BANK SIGNATURES:

Resolved, That the Wells Fargo Bank, San Francisco, California, be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer, and/or O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, and/or I. M. Vacquer, and/or R. A. Carey, for the account which is in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day

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Adventists, Transportation Bureau, 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 Crocker-Citizens National Bank, San Francisco, California, be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of K. H. Emerson, Treasurer, and/or O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, and/or I. M. Vacquer, and/or R. A. Carey, for the account which is in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Transportation Bureau, 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.

Adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
W. P. Bradley, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Fourteenth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 30, 1969, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, W. P. Bradley, D. H. Baasch, W. J. Brown, E. E. Cleveland, P. M. DeBooy, K. H. Emerson, C. O. Franz, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, J. H. Hancock, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, D. W. Hunter, Gordon M. Hyde, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, A. C. McKee, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, W. R. L. Scragg, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, F. A. Soper, A. L. White, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl H. Bahr, N. W. Litchfield, Philip S. Nelson, M.D., Leston Post

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Theodore Carcich, Chairman, said it is remarkable how the Apostle Paul reasons concerning some things that seem so complicated and involved to us, and how quickly he dispatches them without appointing a committee to do so. Concerning the matter of the strong and weak, the great and small, high and low, mighty and not so mighty--in the 14th chapter of the Book of Romans, dealing with the matter of one who is strong in a certain area and not so strong in another area, he comes to grips with this. Elder Carcich read verses 7 to 12.

We must never forget that when we look at a brother who may not have achieved the rung in the ladder that we have achieved, he is the Lord's and the Lord is his. Paul sums it up "Every one of us shall give account of himself

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to God. ... Let us not therefore judge one another any more." The thing we must be concerned about more than anything else, no matter what position we hold, is that we do not put a stumbling block or occasion to fall in our brother's way. The weak must not judge the strong, nor must the strong set at naught the weak, for we are the Lord's.

Opening prayer by A. V. Pinkney.

REPORTS:

D. S. Johnson, Associate Secretary, referred to the Ingathering program being inaugurated in the South. He told of the inspiration he received in working with the Lay Activities' Secretaries at the Gatlinburg, Tennessee, meeting. We have the wonderful news that the Carolina Conference is already a Silver Vanguard Conference. To be classed as a Silver Vanguard Conference means the membership of the conference has reached \$25.00 per member. The Carolina Conference has already surpassed that figure in Ingathering. The Ingathering work is on all around North America.

John H. Hancock, YPMV Department Associate Secretary, reported on his recent visit to the Inter-American Division. He visited two new schools at Cali and in Curacao where 236 and 280 students are enrolled in two excellent schools. The brethren in Colombia are exultant over the accreditation of the teachers' training program at the college in Medellin. In the Upper Magdalena Conference 1,000 persons have been baptized thus far in 1969, with four pastors becoming centenarians in soul winning.

The West Indies Union Youth Congress at Nassau, Bahamas, had 3,000 youth in attendance, with over 200 coming from the Islands of Jamaica, Cayman, Turks, and Caicos. On September 27, as a result of youth evangelism in the West Indies Union Conference, 1,260 persons were baptized. In the Bahamas Conference, one half of the 400 baptized this year have been won through the evangelistic endeavors of the conference YPMV Secretary, Leslie V. McMillan. He gives an intensive two weeks' training program for the youth in the area where he holds the meetings, and they then assist him in the effort. In the last series in Nassau, 136 were baptized.

In 1966 the Inter-American Division set an MV TARGET baptismal goal for 28,000 souls to be won before the General Conference session in 1970. Thus far they have reached nearly 24,000 and expect to surpass their goal by the end of 1969. One-to-One Evangelism, the new MV evangelistic program, will be the major youth evangelistic thrust in Inter-America in 1970.

VOICE OF PROPHECY--FISCAL YEAR:

The Voice of Prophecy desires to change its fiscal year from January 1-December 31, to April 1-March 31. They point out this will facilitate their work, and make it possible to handle their business more expeditiously.

VOTED, To approve of the request that the Voice of Prophecy adopt April 1-March 31 as its fiscal year.

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THOMAS A. DAVIS--REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to Thomas A. Davis, permanently returning from the Southern Asia Division, a call to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association as Associate Editor of the Review and Herald.

GORDON DALRYMPLE--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to Faith for Today a call for Gordon Dalrymple, Director of Evangelism, to connect with the Voice of Prophecy as Researcher-Script-Writer and Evangelist.

JOSEPH B. MCBROOM--WATKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Southern Union Conference for Joseph B. McBroom, a Laboratory Technician, to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as Laboratory Technician for the Watkins Memorial Hospital.

JOHN BERNET--RELEASED:

VOTED, That John Bernet be released from the call to be Publishing Secretary for the West African Union Mission, in view of Mrs. Bernet's health status.

RAY A. PELLOW, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Ray A. Pellow, M.D., be released from the call to Curacao, because of a health problem.

R. H. HABENICHT--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, That R. H. Habenicht be given a furlough extension from Brazil of approximately three and one-half months, or until August 31, 1970, for educational purposes, to complete his degree; in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

GERALD A. KIRK, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To register the permanent return of Gerald A. Kirk, M.D., from Gimbe, Ethiopia, due to Mrs. Kirk's illness; in harmony with the recommendation of the Northern European Division. They returned in September, 1969.

WILLIAM A. POTTER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of William A. Potter, a Pastor in Beirut, Lebanon, for personal and family reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

RAY B. CALDWELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Ray B. Caldwell from the Inter-American Division, effective October 1, 1969; he having joined the General Conference staff as an Associate Auditor. Elder Caldwell has served continuously in the Inter-American Division field since 1941.

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MARIA MARGARITA ANAYA--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Maria Margarita Anaya from Puerto Rico, for personal reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

THORA FRANCES HOWARD, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Thora Frances Howard, M.D. (Radiologist) from Trinidad, effective October 20, 1969, on her request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

OGLA D. McELWAIN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Ogla D. McElwain from Puerto Rico, as of November 1, 1969, on his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

CARL BRUCE JOHANSON--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the appointment of Carl Bruce Johanson, now under deferred appointment to the Trans-Africa Division, be transferred to the Southern Asia Division as Biblical Languages Teacher at Spicer Memorial College; effective July or August, 1970.

VIVIAN J. PUCCINELLI--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences be requested to release Vivian J. Puccinelli, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Chaplain for the Karachi Hospital, in West Pakistan.

HUGH C. LOVE, D.D.S.--WEST PAKISTAN:

VOTED, That Hugh C. Love, D.D.S., of Loma Linda, California, be appointed to serve in the Southern Asia Division as relief Dentist for Karachi, West Pakistan, for three months, June to August, 1970.

PRINCIPAL SONGA SECONDARY SCHOOL--
CALL FROM TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for a Principal for the Songa Secondary School, effective the Summer of 1970; suggesting the name of Timoteo Marzocchini, now studying at Andrews University, formerly of Southern Europe; with the request that the Southern European Division process the call.

G. H. A. McLAREN, M.D.--SAIGON:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division the call of the Far Eastern Division for G. H. A. McLaren, M.D., to serve for a regular term, initially for Saigon; with the request that the Australasian Division process the call.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J. J. Aitken--Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Berrien Springs, Youth Congress and Academy visitation (in connection with trip to Hutchinson, Kansas), November 23-29;

R. C. Barger--Lynwood and San Jose, California, and Portland, Oregon, Conferences re Sabbath School Worker materials, December 1-4;

F. L. Bland--Jacksonville, Florida, to Los Angeles, California, and return to Washington, attend funeral of F. L. Peterson, October 29; South Atlantic Conference, week-end speaking appointments and Committee meetings, February 27-March 2;

K. H. Emerson--Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Executive Board and Wage Scale Committee involving LLU and Kettering Medical Center, November 18-23;

C. O. Franz--Loma Linda, California, Wage Scale Committee, involving Loma Linda University and Kettering Medical Center, November 20, 21;

T. S. Geraty--Angwin, California, Pacific Union College, Higher Education Study, November 12-14; Loma Linda University, Higher Education Study, November 19-21; Kettering, Ohio, Kettering Medical Center Board, December 15; Houston, Texas, Association of American Colleges, January 11-14;

Melvin Harris--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Lake Union Risk Management Conference, November 14-20;

R. R. Hegstad--Oregon Conference, speaking appointments, October 24, 25 (en route from California);

Mazie Herin--Angwin, California, Nurses' Capping Address, Pacific Union College, Seminar with Nursing Faculty, February 18-23; Northern California, visit Feather River Hospital, Hanford Community Hospital, Scnora Community Hospital, February 24-March 5;

C. B. Hirsch--Houston, Texas, Association of American Colleges, January 11-14;

Harry House--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Lake Union Risk Management Conference, November 16-20;

Gordon Hyde--Atlanta, Georgia, speak at Cascade Road Church, November 8;

Wayne Martin--Miami Beach, Florida, Public Relations meetings for Southern Union Conference Departmental Meeting Session, November 10, 11;

Louise Meyer--Lynwood and San Jose, California, and Portland, Oregon, Conferences on Sabbath School Worker materials, December 1-4;

C. E. Moseley--Los Angeles area, Regional Churches Revival and Week of Prayer, October 20-November 9;

L. Noble--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Lake Union Risk Management Conference, November 16-20;

Boardman Noland--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Lake Union Risk Management Conference, November 16, 17;

J. W. Peeke--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Lake Union Risk Management Conference and St. Louis, Missouri, Insurance business, November 16-20 (no change of date but addition of places);

J. V. Scully--Union College, Religious Liberty Meetings with students (from Andrews University), November 3;

R. F. Waddell--Battle Creek, Michigan, Sanitarium Constituency Meeting, November 18;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

W. J. Hackett, Theodore Carcich, N. R. Dower, D. W. Holbrook, D. S. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, C. E. Moseley, R. L. Odom, E. W. Pedersen, A. L. White, Gordon Hyde, H. W. Lowe, K. H. Wood, R. F. Cottrell, M. R. Thurber, D. F. Neufeld, Julia Neuffer, A. Graham Maxwell, G. S. Balharrie, H. E. Douglass--Biblical Research Committee, Andrews University, February 9-12.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
W. P. Bradley, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary