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Sixtieth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 3, 1971, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. S. Nigri, D. S. Johnson, Carson F. Adams, D. H. Baasch, G. J. Bertochini, L. L. Bock, W. J. Brown, W. W. Fordham, C. O. Franz, R. R. Hegstad, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, W. A. Howe, E. W. Howse, Gordon Hyde, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, D. A. McAdams, Garland J. Millet, V. M. Montalban, W. L. Pascoe, R. L. Pelton, W. E. Phillips, A. H. Roth, W. R. L. Scragg, B. E. Seton, L. A. Shipowick, H. D. Singleton, P. G. Smith, E. H. J. Steed, K. W. Tilghman, C. D. Watson, F. C. Webster, Roy F. Williams, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

J. O. Iversen

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

"My Presence Shall Go With You," was the topic of the devotional talk given by M. S. Nigri, Chairman. He presented some fine thoughts from L. Wilhelm, a German writer. The writer comments on Exodus chapter 33, where the Lord promises Moses that His presence will be with him while leading His people through the desert. In verse 13 Moses asks the Lord: "Now therefore, I pray thee ... show me now thy ways, that I may know thee and find favor in thy sight." And in verse 14 the Lord replied to Moses: "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Elder Nigri then read several paragraphs from L. Wilhelm, closing with this quotation: "Even if Moses would have had to stay away from God's sight in the cliff of the rock in order not to see His face, he knew that the Lord was present and he felt His presence. The same thing happens with us. The Lord leads His people, and His kindness, grace and mercy are the evidence of His presence among us."

"When difficult moments arise, when we are facing a crisis, and we are tempted to ask for a more visible sign, let us remember His abiding promise: 'I will make all my goodness pass before you. ... My presence will go with you and I will give you rest.'"

Opening prayer by E. W. Howse.

REPORT:

Caris H. Lauda, Executive Secretary of the Association of Privately-Owned SDA Services and Industries, presented a report concerning his visit to the Far Eastern and Southern Asia Divisions. Excerpts from his report are given:

June 3, 1971

"Mrs. Lauda and I have just spent the most wonderful and challenging '101 days' of our lives. We have seen a people prepared and preparing others for the soon coming of our Lord. In the fabulous Far East we have met some of the most wonderful, happy Christian young people in the world. In spiritual emphasis weeks in our colleges, academies and medical institutions we have found a great army of youth who love their Lord and are 'sharing their faith.'

"In public meetings we have seen a people longing for peace, joy and security and finding it in Jesus. We have seen in action one of the most fruitful evangelistic agencies--the Voice of Prophecy Bible schools and our language schools with over 1,400 students in Seoul, Korea, hundreds in Osaka, Djakarta and other places. A Bible class is included in their schooling, and business men and women, attorneys, physicians, nurses and others are taking the course, and paying for it. What a wonderful work our student missionaries are doing in these schools and in their ministry throughout the world.

"Today I bring you special love and greetings from Brother and Sister Castillo from the Island of Mindoro in the Philippines. You will recall that he was our chosen General Conference layman at Atlantic City last Summer. March 19 and 20 we were with him. Nearly fifty persons were baptized and we had the privilege of dedicating his new 27th church to the Lord. Following the dedication Brother Castillo said, 'Elder Lauda, please come back in six weeks and dedicate my 28th church to the Lord--it is nearly ready.' Brother and Sister Castillo have won over 100 souls to Christ since General Conference. They are nearing the 1,400 mark of souls won to Christ.

"In South India we traveled from Madras south and Thursday night came to a city, Paloyomcottie, where four years ago the evangelist was driven out of town. But listen, we hear gospel singing! We see a large open-air bamboo auditorium and 2,000 people are crowded inside with hundreds sitting on the floor. We see thousands outside to our left and also to the right. I speak to them of the great love of God and teach them the chorus, 'Wonderful, Wonderful, Yes, my Lord is Wonderful.' Elder Willmott is the evangelist and his dear father and three college students are his assistants. We feel sure they will raise up a church of 500 there."

Elder Lauda passed on requests from four of our office headquarters where he visited, urging visits from our General Conference workers. They stressed the need of such fellowship and encouragement. He closed by saying "Today I thank God for the privilege of being a member of the royal family of God. We have a wonderful Seventh-day Adventist family around the world, and I can hardly wait until we can all be together in heaven from all over the world. What a gathering of the faithful that will be!"

MINUTES of the meeting held May 27, 1971, were approved.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

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

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields as follows:

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N. R. Dower--Inter-American Division (Guatemala), June 3-7, 1971 (Inter-American Division Mid-Year Meeting);

T. Carcich--Trans-Mediterranean Division (Mid-Year Meeting), June 9-13, 1971 (other European appointments already voted);

R. M. Reinhard--Trans-Mediterranean Division (Mid-Year Meeting), June 9-13, 1971 (other European appointments already voted).

BOB HADDOCK--

ASSOCIATE EDITOR THESE TIMES:

The Southern Publishing Association has requested approval of the election of Bob Haddock as Associate Editor of These Times. He has served for a time as Assistant Editor of the magazine. In harmony with this request, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To approve the election of Bob Haddock as Associate Editor of These Times.

HORST E. CLASING--

NAME RECOMMENDED TO SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

Horst E. Clasing, at present Director of our Welfare Service Depot in Watsonville, California, has made application for sustentation. He has served the denomination for over twenty-seven years. On recommendation of the Personnel Committee, and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the name of Horst E. Clasing be recommended to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration.

HEALTH-SCIENCE WORKING CONFERENCE:

On recommendation of the Department of Education, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That a Health-Science Working Conference be authorized to meet at Loma Linda University, July 12-31, 1971, and that the conference group be composed of the following: Agnes Eroh (La Sierra), Chairman; Ruth Berglund (La Sierra), Harold Coffin (Geoscience Institute), Mrs. Joyce Hopp (Loma Linda), Elaine Schander (North Pacific), Mrs. Carolyn Smith (Loma Linda), Mrs. Leo Van Dolson (Loma Linda), Mrs. Ruth Wheeler (Angwin), Elmer Widmer (Loma Linda). (It is understood the employing organizations are responsible for the salary and travel; the Health-Science budget provides for other expense.)

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

In harmony with a request from the Department of Education, and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the following personnel adjustments be made in the North American Division Curriculum Committee:

T. P. Thompson instead of Arlie Fandriych;
Mrs. Maebelle Newton instead of John Wheaton (for the year 1971);
Mrs. Edith Brost instead of Mrs. M. Behr (for the year 1971).

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FAR EASTERN DIVISION--

CLINIC BUILDING ON ISLAND OF GUAM:

On request of the Far Eastern Division and the Far Eastern Island Mission, it was--

VOTED, That we approve the revised plan for constructing the new medical and dental clinic building on the Island of Guam, the details of which are attached to the minutes on file in the General Conference office.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appointees the following items were presented:

CLARENCE HOWARD HAMEL--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Idaho Conferences be requested to release Clarence Howard Hamel, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as PR/Development Director at the Karachi Hospital, West Pakistan. Elder Hamel previously served in the Southern Asia Division.

WILEY ELICK, D.D.S.--NAIROBI CLINIC:

VOTED, That Wiley Elick, D.D.S., of Santa Maria, California, be invited to connect with the Afro-Mideast Division as Dentist for the Nairobi Clinic, in the East African Union.

EDWARD ROLITA AND LILLI ROLITA, M.D.--

TAFFARI MAKONNEN HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Edward Rolita and Lilli Rolita, M.D., who have resided in Nigeria but recently moved to Dessie, Ethiopia, be invited to connect with the Afro-Mideast Division, he to serve as Manager and Head of Maintenance at the Taffari Makonnen Hospital, Dessie, Ethiopia, and Dr. Rolita as Physician. The United States is to be regarded as their home base. Their service record began in April, 1971.

MINORU HIROTA--JAPAN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Minoru Hirota, of Loma Linda, California, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as a Teacher in Japan Missionary College, on the basis of a national returning.

DAVID NATHANIEL TRUJILLO--

DEFERRED DENTAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That David Nathaniel Trujillo, a student at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, be placed under deferred dental appointment to the Far Eastern Division.

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ANTHONY WETZEL LEWIS--MOUNTAIN VIEW COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Anthony Wetzel Lewis, of Tempe, Arizona, soon to receive a doctorate from Arizona State University, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Biology Teacher for Mountain View College. Mrs. Lewis has a degree in home economics and secretarial science.

LOREN E. POOLE--CHUHARKANA, WEST PAKISTAN:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Upper Columbia Conferences be requested to release Loren E. Poole, Principal of Walla Walla Valley Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Principal of the Pakistan Union School, Chuharkana, West Pakistan.

ELWIN L. GERRANS--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Elwin L. Gerrans, now on furlough from the Karachi Adventist Hospital, be transferred from the Southern Asia Division to the Inter-American Division, to serve as Director of Nursing Service, Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico.

PATRICIA H. OKIMI--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Patricia H. Okimi be released from appointment as Instructor of Nursing at the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, she having declined the call.

F. N. CRIDER, M.D.--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, That F. N. Crider, M.D., of Bangkok, Thailand, be granted a six-months' leave of absence, to give help in the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University, in addition to the six-months' furlough granted him, in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

JOSEPH N. NOZAKI, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN RESCINDED:

VOTED, To rescind the permanent return voted August 13, 1970, for Joseph N. Nozaki, M.D., from Paraguay, with the understanding he will be granted a one-year furlough, effective January 25, 1971.

VERNON L. BRETSCH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Vernon L. Bretsch, from Saigon, at his request because of family obligations, in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

RICHARD LOWELL NELSON, M.D.--
PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Richard Lowell Nelson, M.D., from Surat, India, for family educational reasons, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

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ROBERT ANDREW MEYER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Robert Andrew Meyer from the Karachi Hospital, West Pakistan, for family educational reasons, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

GRACE MEARL HARVEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Grace Mearl Harvey from the Karachi Hospital, West Pakistan, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

DONALD R. SCHMITT--

TRANSFER OF DEFERRED DENTAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Donald R. Schmitt be transferred from deferred dental appointment to the Southern Asia Division to the same position in the Far Eastern Division, at his request.

SPENCER GORDON--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union Conference and Southwestern Union College a call for Spencer Gordon, Factory Superintendent of the SUC Press, to connect with Faith for Today, Inc., to be in charge of plate making, photography and art work.

MRS. MARY ELLEN BIGGERS--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences a call for Mrs. Mary Ellen Biggers, a Secretary, to connect with the General Conference office as a Secretary in the Department of Stewardship and Development.

V. L. BRETSCH--

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to V. L. Bretsch, permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division, a call to connect with the General Conference office as Assistant Superintendent of the Transportation Bureau.

RUSSELL WILLIAMS--KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Southern Union Conference for Russell Williams, a Maintenance Worker at LLU, to connect with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as Engineer at Manchester Memorial Hospital, Manchester, Kentucky.

JAMES D. THOMPSON--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union College and New England Memorial Hospital a call for James D. Thompson, Assistant Administrator of the NEMH, to connect with Andrews University as Manager for Credit, Housing, and Labor.

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CHARLES UPSHAW--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences a call for Charles Upshaw, a Ministerial Intern, to connect with Andrews University as Assistant to the Vice-President for Student Affairs.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

M. S. Nigri, Chairman
D. S. Johnson, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Sixty-First Meeting
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 10, 1971, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. H. Pierson, D. S. Johnson, D. H. Baasch, L. L. Bock, C. E. Bradford, W. J. Brown, N. R. Dower, A. Edwin Gibb, J. H. Hancock, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, W. A. Howe, D. W. Hunter, Gordon M. Hyde, M. E. Kemmerer, B. J. Kohler, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, N. W. Litchfield, D. A. McAdams, V. M. Montalban, M. S. Nigri, R. E. Osborn, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, Fernon Retzer, A. H. Roth, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, L. A. Shipowick, H. D. Singleton, P. G. Smith, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, R. F. Waddell, M.D., C. D. Watson, F. C. Webster, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood, A. G. Zytoskee

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Joiner, E. E. Zinke, of Arkansas-Louisiana Conference

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

R. H. Pierson, Chairman, read several paragraphs from Selected Messages, pages 69 and 70, under the heading Last Day Scoffers. In this quotation Mrs. White wrote there were "ministers of the so-called orthodox churches traveling from place to place to war against Seventh-day Adventists, and they make Mrs. White their textbook. The scoffers of the last days are led on by these ministers professing to be God's watchmen."

Although Mrs. White was aware of this warfare, she had not been at liberty to notice their reproaches and insinuations. In the hope of helping those who were honest Mrs. White now made certain statements. She pointed to the Saviour and the fact that when He was in the world thirty-three years, but few acknowledged His divine character. When she first accepted the work given to her, she knew that she would receive opposition. She looked to Jesus. In her weakness, she tried to follow the example of her Saviour, who when His message was rejected and His life threatened quietly passed to another place to speak the words of life.

Elder Pierson commented that we have been reminded that there are going to be recurring attacks on the gift that God has placed within this Church. We shall not be surprised when these attacks come, and we will have the presence of God and strength from Him to enable us to meet them.

Opening prayer by J. W. Peeke.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:

Gordon M. Hyde introduced to the Committee E. E. Zinke, of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. A welcome was extended to him by the Chairman.

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MINUTES of the meeting held June 3, 1971, were approved.

WORLD BAPTISMAL DAY:

In harmony with a recommendation from the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the 1971 World Baptismal Day be November 6 so as to correspond with the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, but with the understanding that overseas division committees which feel that another date is more propitious for their territory are authorized to designate another Baptismal Day date.

DEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

A subcommittee has given consideration to the membership of the Departmental Advisory Committees, and on their recommendation and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To adopt the list of Departmental Advisory Committees, effective for the quinquennial period ending in July, 1975, as follows:

(Please refer to the attached pages.)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

General Departments

EDUCATION

General Conference Department of Education Secretary, Associate Secretaries and Assistant Secretary; Division and North American Union Secretaries of Education.

Other Members: G H Akers, D J Bieber, J W Cassell, K H Emmerson, C O Franz, W J Hackett, Richard Hammill, Mazie Herin, D W Holbrook, R L Reynolds, Mike Stevenson, A L White.

HEALTH

General Conference Department of Health Secretary, Associate Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries; Division and North American Union Health Secretaries.

Other Members: R R Bietz, M J Blair, Marilyn Christian, R E Cleveland, Marjorie Corner, K H Emmerson, J DeWitt Fox, C E Guenther, Richard Hammill, M G Hardinge, H H Hill, D B Hinshaw, D W Hunter, W E Kloss, L W Malin, Carl Miller, O T Moline, E J Remboldt, M H Schaffner, N G Simons, J R Spangler, E H J Steed, I C Woodward, Kathleen Zolber.

Incumbent Presidents of the following SDA Associations: Association of SDA Dietitians, Association of SDA Nurses, Association of SDA Social Workers, National Association of SDA Dentists, National Association of SDA Osteopaths, Public Health Association of SDA's, SDA Hospital Association.

LAY ACTIVITIES

General Conference Lay Activities Department Secretary, Associate Secretaries and Assistant Secretary; Division and North American Union Lay Activities Secretaries.

Other Members: T Carcich, N R Dower, W W Fordham, B J Kohler, D S Johnson, D A McAdams, L M Nelson, Fernon Retzer, W R L Scragg, R F Waddell.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

General Conference President, Chairman; Vice President Counselor to the Association, Vice Chairman; the General Conference Ministerial Association Secretary, Associate Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries.

Other Members: J J Aitken, W S Banfield, C E Bradford, James Chase, D A Delafield, J L Dittberner, John Hancock, C B Hirsch, M E Kemmerer, J Wayne McFarland, W G C Murdoch, M H Reeder, Cree Sandefur, V W Schoen, H D Singleton, N C Wilson, K H Wood.

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NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL

General Conference Vice President for North America, Chairman; General Conference Regional Department Secretary and Associate Secretary; North American Union and Regional Local Conference Presidents.

Other Members: W S Banfield, G N Banks, M T Battle, F L Bland, C E Bradford, A N Brogdon, C D Brooks, C L Brooks, E E Cleveland, L H Davis, Lorenzo H Grant, Frank Jones, M E Kemmerer, W S Lee, G J Millet, A V Pinkney, L B Reynolds, V L Roberts, W R Robinson, C B Rock, N G Simons, W M Starks, W A Thompson, Major White.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

General Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department Secretary and Associate Secretaries; Division and North American Union Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Secretaries.

Other Members: D H Baasch, W J Hackett, W A Higgins, W A Howe, J C Kozel, Boardman Noland, H D Singleton, E W Tarr, C C Weis, K H Wood.

PUBLIC RELATIONS, BUREAU OF

General Conference Bureau of Public Relations Secretary, Associate Secretaries and Assistant Secretary; Division and North American Union Public Relations Secretaries.

Other Members: J J Aitken, D H Baasch, F L Bland, N R Dower, H D Johnson, John Lew, L A Shipowick, W H Taylor, C D Watson.

PUBLISHING

General Conference Publishing Department Secretary and Associate Secretaries; Division and North American Union Publishing Secretaries; Publishing House General Managers, Treasurers, Book and Periodical Department Managers and Superintendents in North America.

One Book and Bible House manager from each publishing house territory in North America to be nominated by each publishing house for approval by the General Conference Committee. This is to be done on a rotating basis. One art director to be appointed on a rotating basis.

Other Members: F L Baer, M T Battle, T Carcich, R F Cottrell, C G Cross, R Davidson, K H Emmerson, K J Holland, D W Hunter, Lawrence Maxwell, Robert Nixon, L B Reynolds, W R Robinson, J R Spangler, R H Utt, A L White, Kenneth Wood.

RADIO AND TELEVISION

General Conference Radio-TV Department Secretary and Associate Secretary; Division and North American Union Radio-TV Secretaries and Ministerial Association Secretary.

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Advisory Committee Memberships - 3

Radio and Television (Continued)

Other Members: R R Bietz, F L Bland, L L Bock, Don Dick, W A Fagal, J O Iversen, M E Kemmerer, W R Lawson, A G Munson, R M Reinhard, H M S Richards, Jr., E W Tarr, G E Vandeman, C C Weis.

SABBATH SCHOOL

General Conference Sabbath School Department Secretary, Associate Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries; Division and North American Union Sabbath School Secretaries.

Other Members: C Adams, E E Cleveland, M S Nigri, R E Osborn, Leo Ranzolin, V W Schoen, B E Seton, P G Smith, Richard Utt, Ethel Young.

STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT

General Conference Stewardship and Development Secretary and Associate Secretary; Division and North American Union Stewardship and Development Secretaries.

Other Members: R C Barger, A C Fearing, W J Hackett, A C McKee, R M Reinhard, R F Williams.

TEMPERANCE

General Conference Temperance Department Secretary and Associate Secretaries; Division and North American Union Conference Temperance Secretaries.

Other Members: W H Beaven, T Carcich, A C Fearing, John Hancock, M. Carol Hetzell, W A Howe, M E Kemmerer, M S Nigri, V W Schoen, R F Waddell, Herbert White, R F Williams.

TRUST SERVICES ADVISORY

General Conference Director of Trust Services; Division Directors and Union Association Secretaries and Treasurers.

Other Members: C G Cross, R M Davidson, K H Emmerson, A E Gibb, Richard James, J C Kozel, W R Lawson, F H MacDonald, Alvin Munson, Boardman Noland, R E Osborn, W M Starks, W I Unterseher.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department Secretary, Associate Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries; Division and North American Union Missionary Volunteer Secretaries.

Other Members: G J Bertochini, L L Bock, W J Brown, W W Fordham, Paul Gordon, W J Hackett, D W Holbrook, B J Liebelt, W L Pascoe, Ralph Peay, V W Schoen.

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1975 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--DATES:

Consideration has been given to the time when the facilities will be available for the 1975 General Conference session, in Vienna, Austria. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the Presession Meetings be held July 7-10, and the General Conference session July 10-19, 1975.

1972 AUTUMN COUNCIL--
INVITATIONS:

In harmony with a recommendation from the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the Secretary and Treasurer of the Mexican Union Mission be invited to attend the Midterm Autumn Council 1972, in Mexico City.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL:

Itineraries in Europe have been voted for R. H. Pierson, T. Carcich, K. H. Emmerson, and C. O. Franz beginning August 16, 1971, and extending during the latter part of August. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To extend the terminal date for the itineraries of R. H. Pierson, T. Carcich, K. H. Emmerson, and C. O. Franz, to September 5, 1971, thus enabling them to attend a meeting scheduled in Salzburg, Austria, the first days of September.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appointees the following items were presented:

DONALD CLIFTON VAN ORNAM--
PHILIPPINE UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Donald Clifton Van Ornam, of the West Coast General Conference Insurance Service, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Financial Consultant to the Philippine Union College, Manila.

EUGENE J. WESSLEN--SOUTH CHINA ADVENTIST COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Washington Conferences be requested to release Eugene J. Wesslen, of Auburn Adventist Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Vocational Teacher for the South China Adventist College in Hong Kong.

BILL DUANE REEVES--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Bill Duane Reeves, sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, be placed under deferred dental appointment to the Far Eastern Division.

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WILLIAM A. HOLLEY--NICARAGUA ADVENTIST HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That William A. Holley, of Meridian, Mississippi, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Construction Supervisor for the Nicaragua Adventist Hospital.

JOSEPH LEE MING-HUI--TAIWAN SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Joseph Lee Ming-Hui, of Olney, Maryland, an invitation to connect with the Far Eastern Division for service in the Treasury Department at the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital, on the basis of a national returning.

RENE QUISPE--BUENOS AIRES CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Rene Quispe, who has been a student at Andrews University, an invitation to connect with the South American Division as a worker in the Buenos Aires Conference, on the basis of a national returning.

NAPOLEON GRUNDER--INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Inter-American Division a call from the Trans-Mediterranean Division for Napoleon Grunder, Secretary-Treasurer of the Franco-Haitian Union Mission, to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Indian Ocean Union Mission; with the request that the Inter-American Division process the call.

LOUIS STEVE GIFFORD--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Louis Steve Gifford be released from appointment to the Lower Amazon Mission as Lay Activities, Sabbath School, and Radio-Television Secretary, he having declined.

JOSEPH O. EMMERSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Joseph O. Emmerson be released from appointment as Fund Raiser in the Southeast Asia Union, at his request.

EVELYN MARIE PESTER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Evelyn Marie Pester be released from appointment as elementary Teacher in the Japan Union Mission, she having declined due to personal commitments.

REBECCA GUCILITAR--

FURLOUGH AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On request of the Inter-American Division, it was--

VOTED, That Rebecca Gucilitar, a missionary from the Far Eastern Division, serving at Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica, be permitted to take her regular three-month furlough, followed by a nine-month leave of absence for study, in the North American Division instead of in her home division. She plans to study toward her Master's degree in Nursing, at Loma Linda University. Her furlough will be effective in June, 1971.

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WILLIAM F. EASTERBROOK--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of William F. Easterbrook from the Southern Asia Division at his request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

WILLIAM F. ZILL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of William F. Zill from India, because of the educational needs of the children, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

CHILDREN OF MISSIONARIES--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of the following children of missionaries in the Far Eastern Division, for educational reasons:

Brant Lewis Bartlett, son of Elder and Mrs. A. M. Bartlett, of Indonesia;
Steven Wayne Brown, son of Elder and Mrs. D. K. Brown, of Taiwan;
David Irving Clark, son of Elder and Mrs. W. T. Clark, of Singapore;
Vaida Marie Falconbridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Falconbridge, of Thailand;
Curtis Cornell Genstler, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Genstler, of Singapore;
Barbara Ann Hilliard, daughter of Elder and Mrs. W. I. Hilliard, of Japan;
Myra Ladd, daughter of Elder and Mrs. E. E. Ladd, of the Far Eastern Division;
Cecil Dee Lamberton, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Lamberton, of North Thailand;
Scott Gregory Newbold, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robson Newbold, of Korea;
Thomas Calvin Rowsell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Heath Rowsell, of Indonesia;
Edith Delaine Watts, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Ralph S. Watts, Jr., of Singapore.

DANIEL JACOME--

CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE FOUNDATION, INC.:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Chesapeake Conferences a call for Daniel Jacome, Assistant Publishing Secretary, to connect with the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., as a District Representative.

RUTH BUDD--

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Kettering Medical Center a call from the General Conference for Miss Ruth Budd, Assistant Director of Nursing Service, to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health.

CURTIS WOLFE--GEM STATE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to Andrews University a call from the North Pacific Union Conference for Curtis Wolfe, a Teacher at AU, to connect with the Idaho Conference as Teacher of Organ, Piano, Strings, and Choral Music at Gem State Academy.

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HAROLD WYNNE--PORTLAND ADVENTIST HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the North Pacific Union Conference for Harold Wynne, to connect with the Oregon Conference as Public Relations Director at the Portland Adventist Hospital.

EVERETT SCHLISNER--UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to Andrews University a call from the North Pacific Union Conference for Everett Schlisner, Dean of Men at AU, to connect with the Upper Columbia Conference as Physical Education Director at Upper Columbia Academy.

BRUCE M. WICKWIRE--

REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Europe-West Africa Division a call for Bruce M. Wickwire, Publishing Secretary, to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association as Periodical Department Manager.

C. E. PLATNER--

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences a call for C. E. Platner, Public Relations and Radio-TV Secretary, to connect with the Voice of Prophecy as Associate Public Relations Secretary.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman
D. S. Johnson, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Sixty-Second Meeting
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 17, 1971, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. S. Nigri, D. S. Johnson, Carson F. Adams, D. H. Baasch, M. T. Battle, G. J. Bertochini, L. L. Bock, C. E. Bradford, N. R. Dower, K. H. Emmerson, A. Edwin Gibb, J. O. Gibson, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, W. A. Howe, E. W. Howse, D. W. Hunter, Gordon M. Hyde, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, B. J. Kohler, W. R. Leshner, N. W. Litchfield, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, V. M. Montalban, L. M. Nelson, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, R. L. Pelton, W. E. Phillips, A. H. Roth, Cree Sandefur, W. R. L. Scragg, L. A. Shipowick, H. D. Singleton, F. A. Soper, R. F. Waddell, M.D., C. D. Watson, F. C. Webster, R. F. Williams, Neal C. Wilson, A. G. Zytoskee

OTHERS PRESENT:

M. H. Schaffner, M.D., President Kettering College of Medical Arts

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

M. S. Nigri, Chairman, read several excerpts from the Book of John, from The Living New Testament version:

"Let not your heart be troubled . . .
"I will come again and take you unto myself . . .
"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word . . .
"I do not give you gifts such as the world giveth . . .
"Do not allow your hearts to be disturbed . . . "

He read a prayer poem, closing with the words "I only ask that in my heart Thy peace and love may glow."

Prayer: M. H. Schaffner, M.D.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 10, 1971, were approved, with correction noted.

A. G. ZYTKOSKEE--WAGE SCALE COMMITTEE:

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

VOTED, That A. G. Zytoskee be appointed to serve as a member of the Wage Scale Committee.

WAGE SCALE STUDY COMMITTEE--SPECIAL:

Due to government regulations which may force Wage Scale adjustments in certain institutions, in harmony with a recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

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VOTED, That if legal counsel indicates that no change in meeting government requirements can be expected, the following Committee be appointed to study Wage Scale adjustments to meet government regulations, and that this Committee meet in Dallas, Texas, July 25-30, 1971: R. R. Bietz, Chairman; K. H. Emmerson, Vice-Chairman; J. C. Kozel, Secretary; M. J. Blair, L. F. Bohner, C. E. Bradford, R. L. Cone, V. E. Garber, D. W. Hunter, M. E. Kemmerer, E. L. Marley, R. J. Radcliffe, R. C. Remboldt, Cree Sandefur, Ben Trout, F. W. Wernick, Neal C. Wilson, A. G. Zytoskee.

MISSION '72 TRACTS--SUBSIDY:

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

VOTED, That the General Conference join unions and conferences in subsidizing a special series of tracts to be used in connection with Mission '72. The total cost will be \$10.80 per thousand and the subsidy would be apportioned as follows:

General Conference	.80
Union Conferences	.75
Local Conferences	<u>1.25</u>
	2.80
Local churches	8.00

Further VOTED, That budget provision for meeting this subsidy be referred to the 1971 Autumn Council.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BUILDINGS--NAMES:

VOTED, That the new building be called the General Conference Maryland Building, retaining the present name for the South Building. Further study will be given to an appropriate name for the main building.

AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION PLANE PURCHASE--AUTHORIZATION:

The Australasian Division has asked for authorization to replace a Cessna 180 with a Cessna 207 plane for use in the Coral Sea Union Mission. On recommendation of the Special Items Committee, it was--

VOTED, To approve the request of the Australasian Division for the purchase of a Cessna 207 plane for the Coral Sea Union Mission.

ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT--JOHN KATSUMI UMEDA:

Upon recommendation of the National Service Organization, it was--

VOTED, That ecclesiastical endorsement be given to John Katsumi Umeda, of Oakland, California, to serve as a Chaplain in the Veterans Administration.

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BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION--EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

VOTED, To pass on to Andrews University a call from the General Conference for F. E. J. Harder, to serve as Executive Secretary of the North American Board of Higher Education.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION

WORLD FOODS SERVICE SECRETARY:

Upon recommendation of the South American Division, it was--

VOTED, To accept the resignation of Daniel Nestares as World Foods Service Secretary for the South American Division and to appoint Alejo Pizarro as World Foods Service Secretary for the Division. Daniel Nestares will continue as Medical Secretary.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appointees the following items were presented:

FELICITO FERNANDO, M.D.--RELIEF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division the call of the Inter-American Division for the services of Felicito Fernando, M.D., now in the USA, for a one-year relief term to Guyana, with the understanding that if this is later changed to a full-term appointment it will be on the basis of a worker returning after furlough with proper financial adjustments.

KENNETH L. WENDELL, D.D.S.--OKINAWA:

VOTED, That Kenneth L. Wendell, D.D.S., of Vienna, Virginia, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as a Dentist for Okinawa.

MOSES RAMBHAROSE--CARIBBEAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Moses Rambharose, of Chicago, Illinois, a call from the Inter-American Division for him to connect with the Caribbean Union College as Geography Teacher, on the basis of a national returning.

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BENSON OLUIKPE--

ADVENTIST COLLEGE OF WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, To pass on to Benson Oluikpe, of Takoma Park, Maryland, a call from the Northern Europe-West Africa Division for him to serve as Professor of English and Librarian at the Adventist College of West Africa, on the basis of a national returning.

ERIC L. HENRY--EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Eric L. Henry, of Andrews University, a call from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as a Teacher in the East Jamaica Conference, on the basis of a national returning.

MR. AND MRS. WILFRED LORIEZO--

BISMARCK-SOLOMONS UNION MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division the call from the Australasian Division for the services of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Loriezo, of the Philippines, to serve as Teachers in the Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission; asking the Far Eastern Division to process the call.

CLYDE R. BRADLEY--VIETNAM MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to Clyde R. Bradley, Civilian Chaplain in Okinawa, a call from the Far Eastern Division for him to serve as President of the Vietnam Mission.

D. CLIFFORD LUDINGTON, M.D.--BANGKOK, THAILAND:

VOTED, That the deferred appointment of D. Clifford Ludington, M.D., be transferred from the Afro-Mideast Division to the Far Eastern Division, and that he be assigned as Orthopedic Surgeon for Bangkok, Thailand.

EUGENE J. WESSLEN--FRANCO-HAITIAN SEMINARY:

VOTED, That the appointment of Eugene J. Wesslen be transferred from the South China Adventist College in Hong Kong, to the Inter-American Division to serve as Industrial Superintendent at the Franco-Haitian Seminary.

WILFRED H. EMERY, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Wilfred H. Emery, M.D., be released from appointment as Orthopedic Surgeon for Bangkok, Thailand, on his request for personal and family reasons.

WILLIAM G. JOHNSON--STUDY LEAVE:

VOTED, That William G. Johnson, of the Spicer Memorial College faculty, be granted another year of study leave, or until June, 1972, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

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MARY JANE BRUCE--STUDY LEAVE:

VOTED, That Mary Jane Bruce be granted a study leave following her furlough, or to the end of August, 1971. She is at Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus, and plans to return to Hong Kong.

DOROTHY M. KUESTER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize a permanent return for Dorothy M. Kuester from Ile-Ife, Nigeria, effective in September, 1971, at her request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division.

CHILDREN OF MISSIONARIES--
PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize a permanent return for children of missionaries as follows:

Franklin Norwood Crider, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. F. N. Crider, of Bangkok, Thailand;
Donny Jump, son of Elder and Mrs. Harold J. Jump, from India;
Robyn Nash, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Frederick H. Nash, from India, to Australia;
Charles and Wesley Jenson, sons of Elder and Mrs. W. Gordon Jenson, from India.

EDWIN PESTER--PORTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Edwin Pester, of the General Conference Maintenance Department, a call from the Central Union Conference for him to connect with the Porter Memorial Hospital as Maintenance Crew Carpenter.

SYDNEY E. ALLEN, JR.--LOMA LINDA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to Sydney E. Allen, Jr., now connected with the General Conference Department of Education as a Writer of Secondary Bible Textbooks, a call from the Pacific Union Conference to connect with the Southeastern California Conference as a Bible Teacher at Loma Linda Academy.

EMORY SULLIVAN--FLORIDA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., a call from the Southern Union Conference for Emory Sullivan, to connect with the Florida Conference as a Literature Evangelist.

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

M. S. Nigri, Chairman
D. S. Johnson, Secretary
Mildred Dumas, Recording Secretary

Sixty-Third Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 24, 1971, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. S. Nigri, R. F. Williams, Carson F. Adams, F. L. Bland, L. L. Bock, C. E. Bradford, W. J. Brown, W. W. Fordham, J. O. Gibson, J. H. Hancock, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, E. W. Howse, Gordon M. Hyde, H. D. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, D. A. McAdams, V. M. Montalban, R. E. Osborn, W. L. Pascoe, W. E. Phillips, R. M. Reinhard, L. B. Reynolds, A. H. Roth, V. W. Schoen, L. A. Shipowick, H. D. Singleton, P. G. Smith, K. W. Tilghman, G. E. Vandeman, C. D. Watson, F. C. Webster, A. L. White, Herbert White, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, F. E. J. Harder

M. S. Nigri, Chairman, gave a welcome to the members present.

Opening prayer by G. E. Vandeman.

F. E. J. HARDER--INTRODUCTION:

Neal C. Wilson spoke of his happiness in introducing to the family here at headquarters F. E. J. Harder, of Andrews University, a gentleman we feel is going to mean a great deal in the future of our program in North America, particularly as it relates to higher education. A meeting is to be held this afternoon of available members of the Executive Board of Higher Education. We are pleased that Dr. and Mrs. Harder will be joining us. He will serve as Executive Secretary of the North American Board of Higher Education.

REPORTS:

Arthur L. White, Secretary of the Ellen G. White Publications, reported concerning the Seminary Extension School held in the Far Eastern Division, Mountain View College, in the province of Bukidnon, in Mindanao, Philippine Islands, May 3 to June 8.

The setting for the school was conducive to study. The elevation is 2,000 feet; the nearest telephone is 75 miles away; mail comes once a week. The campus is a beautiful place, nestled in the mountains. Bukidnon means mountainous.

There were 257 students enrolled in the Seminary Extension School, the largest held up to this time. They were comprised of ministers, Bible instructors, and educational workers.

Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch taught a class in Christology. His wife, Dr. Ruth Murdoch, taught a class in Educational Psychology, one of the most popular classes. She was assisted by Mrs. Marion Simmons, elementary educational supervisor from the division headquarters, who also taught a class. Division

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evangelist Bruce Johnston was there teaching a course in Evangelism. Elder White presented Prophetic Guidance. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the school. R. C. Williams, Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the Far Eastern Division, was the co-ordinator, and did a fine piece of work keeping the wheels turning. This is the thirteenth Seminary Extension School Elder White has had the privilege of attending. He expressed pleasure in bringing a favorable report of the Seminary Extension School just closed in the Far Eastern Division.

L. L. Bock, Associate Secretary, stated he had the unexpected privilege of witnessing the Gymnares for Christ, a youth team, while on a recent trip.

Although there may be room for improvement in certain ways, yet he feels they have the making of a tremendous program. They were attractively and appropriately attired. Their uniforms are beautiful. They displayed real flashes of genius so far as their gym groups, etc., are concerned. They were enthusiastic all the way through their program in their testimonies. Their music is appealing and urges people to give their hearts to the Lord Jesus and come to know Him. As they give their testimonies their faces show a radiance that is beautiful to behold.

G. E. Vandeman, Associate Secretary Ministerial Association, stated his heart is deeply burdened for the work in the great city of Montreal. There are 2.8 million people in the city, with only four to five hundred Seventh-day Adventists.

The It Is Written telecast has only been on since January. Already over 2,000 families have responded by mail or 'phone. In anticipation of results of the telecast, the Conference has bought a new church, without either a pastor or a congregation, believing it would be filled eventually.

Elder Vandeman was there for the first eight meetings. The entire campaign is for a month. Over the first weekend there were 700 non-SDA families attending, or 1,200 non-SDA individuals, representing 37 different denominations, with Roman Catholics doubling the number from any other denomination.

The Conference has gone all out in sending in workers for the campaign. There were present 12 Andrews University students, and 7 of their wives. The wives are also visiting. The Conference has brought in 8 laywomen for Bible Instructors' training. All of these 8 are now being trained to be Bible Instructors. With the exception of 1, all were It is Written converts, having come into the message through It Is Written.

Nearly 100 decisions were made at the end of the first eight meetings. One hundred of these interested people spent \$2.00 each for the privilege of spending all day in a Bible Seminar on the second Sabbath of the campaign.

Elder Vandeman re-emphasized his deep heart burden for the needs in the city of Montreal.

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MINUTES of the meeting held June 17, 1971, were approved.

HAROLD F. HOUSE--

NAME RECOMMENDED TO SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

Harold F. House served as a worker approximately twenty-five years in the Mexican Union Mission. He has reached the age of sixty-five and has made application for sustentation. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the name of Harold F. House be referred to the Sustentation Committee for consideration.

TRANS-MEDITERRANEAN DIVISION--

UNION REORGANIZATION:

The Trans-Mediterranean Division, at its midyear meeting held in June, 1971, considered the advisability of a re-grouping of certain territories so as to provide for more efficiency in organization and operation. In harmony with a recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To authorize the Trans-Mediterranean Division to proceed with plans as voted in their recent midyear meeting and to form a new union composed of the following fields: Austrian Union of Churches, the Belgian Conference, the North French Conference, the South French Conference, the French Swiss Conference, and the German Swiss Conference; and that in effecting this re-grouping of territories the Trans-Mediterranean Division follow the steps suggested by the Trans-Mediterranean Division Committee as outlined by C. L. Powers in his letter of June 18, 1971, to R. H. Pierson, the letter being on file with the Secretary's minutes.

NORTH AMERICAN BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY--
MEMBER OF NADCA:

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

VOTED, That the Executive Secretary of the North American Board of Higher Education be named to serve as a member of the North American Division Committee on Administration.

GREEK LITERATURE COMMITTEE:

On recommendation of the General Conference Publishing Department and the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That a special Greek Literature Committee be named to meet at the time of the Tri-European Publishing Council in Jonkoping, Sweden, August 16-21, 1971, as follows:

Theodore Carcich, Chairman; D. A. McAdams, Secretary; S. L. Folkenberg, Nick Germanis, Nick Giantzaklidis, R. H. Henning, Edouard Naenny.

LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE--REPORT:

On recommendation of the Licenses and Credentials Committee, it was--



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June 18, 1971

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My dear Bob:

At the midyear Division committee meeting, with a full representation from the field, the following proposal was approved:

ORGANIZATION OF A NEW UNION CONFERENCE

Voted, To recommend to the General Conference and to the respective union committees that a new union conference be organized comprising the following organizations: Austrian Union of Churches, Belgian Conference, North French Conference, South French Conference, French Swiss Conference and German Swiss Conference, effective January 1, 1972.

I am inclosing a copy of the procedure which we are following and welcome any suggestions which you may have. All of these details were worked out in counsel with Elder Carcich and the men who are involved in this transition.

You will notice that we will have a special meeting of the three union executive committees in Zurich on July 7 and 8 to discuss with them the program and answer any questions which they may have. We are working out the details of the financial aspect and will have a suggestive budget to present at the time of our meeting in Zurich.

We have also studied the personnel for the new union conference and will be prepared to give guidance to the nominating committee which will be chosen with representation from all three fields. We realize that our time schedule is rather tight, but if we could have a reply from the General Conference with their recommendation at the time of our Zurich meeting, this would be most helpful as we talk with the brethren. We feel that the Lord is opening the way for closer collaboration as we plan for greater things in the future.

Cordially yours,

C.L.
C.L. Powers, President

ORGANIZATION OF A UNION CONFERENCE

We recommend the following procedure in organizing a new Union Conference:

1. Recommendation of the Division Committee

The Division Committee, at a regular session, voted to recommend to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists that a new Union Conference be organized comprising the following organizations: Austrian Union of Churches, Belgian Conference, North French Conference, South French Conference, French Swiss Conference and German Swiss Conference.

2. General Conference approval of the new Union Conference

The approval of the General Conference for the organization of the new Union Conference.

3. The union president will inform each union executive committee as soon as possible.

4. Special meeting of the three union executive committees

The Division officers will meet with the members of the three union executive committees at Zurich, Switzerland, on July 7, 8, 1971. This group will study the various financial aspects involved in the organization of the new Union Conference. It will also propose the dissolution of the present union organization and the organization of the new union conference.

5. Call a special session of each union

The executive committee of each union affected will call a special session during the month of September, 1971, to act on the organization of the proposed Union Conference. If it is approved they will elect their delegates on the following bases: "Each conference or mission shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers and one additional delegate for each 500 church members or major fraction thereof."

6. Date and place of the special session

The three union executive committees will agree upon the date and place of the union executive committee of the new organization.

7. Call a regular Union Conference session

In harmony with the Division policy, the delegates thus chosen will assume the following responsibility:

- (a) They shall elect the president, secretary-treasurer, the departmental secretaries of the union and the members of the Union Conference executive committee.

- (b) They shall adopt the constitution for the new organization.

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VOTED, That Licenses and Credentials be granted for the quinquennium ending in July, 1975, as follows:

Missionary Credentials--Rowena Rick, Carolyn Sibley
Ministerial License--Ronald Graybill
Ministerial Credentials--W. R. Bornstein, W. R. Leshner, M. E. Lind,
and H. Vogel.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appointees the following items were presented:

PAUL EDWARD BETLINSKI--
DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Paul Edward Betlinski, sophomore medical student at Loma Linda University, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Trans-Africa Division.

LIONEL R. ARTHUR--
SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union and Northeastern Conferences be requested to release Lionel R. Arthur, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as District Pastor of the South Caribbean Conference; on the basis of a national returning.

JOHN SKUSE--BONGO HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Trans-Mediterranean Division for John Skuse, to serve as a Nurse for the Bongo Hospital, Angola; with the request that the Australasian Division process the call.

EUGENE J. WESSLEN--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Eugene J. Wesslen be released from appointment as Industrial Superintendent at the Franco-Haitian Seminary, he having accepted a call to Gem State Academy.

HORLONI MARTINEZ--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Horloni Martinez be released from appointment as Publishing Secretary for the West Puerto Rico Conference, he having declined for personal reasons.

RICHARD A. HANSEN, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Richard A. Hansen, M.D., be released from deferred medical appointment to the Afro-Mideast Division, he having accepted an appointment at the Wildwood Sanitarium in Georgia.

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LYNDLE LAMBERTON, D.D.S.--STUDY LEAVE:

VOTED, To authorize a study leave of six months for Lyndle Lamberton, D.D.S., following his six-months' furlough, the furlough to begin August 1, 1971, in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

CLINE B. JOHNSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize a permanent return for Cline B. Johnson and family from the South American Division, on his request because of educational problems, effective in August, 1971, in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

LORITHA GRAHAM--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize a permanent return for Loritha Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Graham, of Gitwe College, Rwanda, for educational reasons, in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Mediterranean Division.

GEORGE SITTLINGER, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize a permanent return for George Sittlinger, M.D., from the Far Eastern Division, in harmony with the recommendation of the Division. He was appointed to serve for one year as a relief Physician and remained for two years.

E. E. ZINKE--

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and Arkansas-Louisiana Conferences a call for E. E. Zinke, to connect with the General Conference as Research Assistant to the Secretary of the Biblical Research Committee.

MRS. GLADYS BAKER--

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Mrs. Gladys Baker, a Secretary in the General Conference Publishing Department, a call from the Pacific Union Conference for her to serve as Office Secretary in the Home Health Education Service in San Jose, California.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

M. S. Nigri, Chairman
R. F. Williams, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary