

Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 3, 1976, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F W Wernick, J W Bothe, J J Aitken, T M Ashlock, R Curtis Barger, W P Bradley, C L Brooks, W J Brown, E E Cleveland, G O Engen, W W Fordham, C O Franz, A Edwin Gibb, W J Hackett, F E J Harder, C D Henri, Mazie E Herin, M Carol Hetzell, C B Hirsch, E W Howse, H D Johnson, J C Kinder, J F Knipschild, W R Leshner, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, R F Mattison, G J Millet, S F Monnier, M S Nigri, R W Nixon, R W Olson, R E Osborn, W L Pascoe, J W Peeke, D A Roth, Milo Sawvel, A E Schmidt, V W Schoen, Alice E Smith, F A Soper, W M Starks, G Ralph Thompson, Bruce M Wickwire, DeWitt Williams, Roy F Williams, C M Willis, K H Wood, F Donald Yost, Ethel Young.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Orley Berg

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

F W Wernick read Revelation 17:14--

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

The Chairman briefly traced the history of the Church as represented in the book of Revelation, and emphasized that we are called and chosen by Christ. We must constantly remind ourselves that we are part of a great worldwide movement which God is directing and guiding--part of a universal plan. By God's grace and power, we are to be faithful in the final outworking of His purpose.

Alice E Smith offered prayer.

REPORTS

Ethel Young, associate director of the Department of Education, presented the elementary education world report for 1973-74 (latest full-year statistics available). She called attention to the loss in elementary school enrollment of children from Seventh-day Adventist homes, in some divisions, as indicated by the report, a trend that is of vital concern to the Church. She explained the scope of a Christ-centered curriculum, and in closing, reminded us that the foundations for higher education are laid in elementary education.

MINUTES of the meeting held May 27, 1976, were approved.

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CRAWFORD, E A--GREETINGS TO

VOTED, To request the Secretary to send a letter of Christian greeting and concern to E A Crawford and family, and assure them of our continued prayers on their behalf.

(X-1672) WORLD FOODS SERVICE--ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

In order to assist in making inexpensive protein foods available to low-income residents of developing countries,

VOTED, To elect Paul Allred, returning permanently from the Inter-American Division July 1, 1976, as an associate director of World Foods Service, effective July 1, 1976, on the following financial basis:

1. The General Conference will make special budgetary provision for his salary and travel expense for one year
2. The Director of World Foods Service will initiate and promote a plan whereby financial assistance to provide all budgetary needs beyond July 1, 1977, will be solicited from non-denominational foundations interested in such programs.

(A-1666) NAD COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION--
K H WOOD INVITED TO ATTEND

VOTED, To invite K H Wood, Editor of the Review and Herald, to attend the North American Division Council of Higher Education to be held at Andrews University, August 9-17, 1976.

(A-996 #23) HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
COMMITTEE--PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To authorize the following adjustments in the personnel of the ad hoc Hospital Chaplaincy Program Committee:

Darrell Nicola
C O Eldridge (rescinding GCC 76-164)

(A-1) METHADONE TREATMENT AND BAPTISM COMMITTEE--
DISCHARGED

VOTED, To discharge the ad hoc Methadone Treatment and Baptism Committee inasmuch as it has completed its task.

(A-293) MEDICAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE--DISCHARGED

VOTED, To discharge the ad hoc Medical Missions Committee, inasmuch as its functions will be included in the terms of reference of a related committee to be appointed.

(X-1595) WORLD HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE (AD HOC)--

APPOINTED

VOTED, To appoint the following ad hoc World Health Care Committee with terms of reference on file with the minutes of the Administrative Committee:

Wernick, F W (Chairman)	Herin, Mazie A
Williams, Roy F (Secretary)	Hill, H H
Archbold, B L	Johnson, D S
Baasch, D H	Lowry, R S
Blair, M J	McFarland, J Wayne
Brandstater, B J	Oliveira, Enoch
Brennwald, F W	Oosterwal, Gottfried
Carman, E E	Ost, Walter M
Clark, W T	Pelton, R L
Crawford, E A	Peterson, J E
DeShay, S L	Pierson, Robert H
Dysinger, William	Remboldt, E J
Emmerson, K H	Schaffner, M H
Evans, H S	Smith, Alice E
Franz, C O	Sparks, Vernon C
Gibb, A Edwin	Steed, E H J
Habenicht, Harold	Stirling, Betty J
Hackett, W J	Stoneburner, Ella May
Hardinge, M G	Wagner, William
Hedrick, E C	Welch, D W
	Wilson, W H

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To accept the following report of the Committee on Appointees:

Appointments

Delafield, Trevor J (Student, Andrews Univ)--Theology teacher, Antillian College, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division
White, Gregory Alan (Tacoma, Wash)--Teacher, Guam Academy, Far Eastern Division
Williams, Charles Weldon (Bud) (Chesapeake Conf)--Pastor/Evangelist, Sri Lanka Union, Southern Asia Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

West, Frank (Euro-Afr Div)--Assistant treasurer, Central African Union, Trans-Africa Division
Willis, R J B (N Eur-W Afr Div)--To open new work in Malta, Euro-Africa Division

Releases

Affolter, Gary L (Weslaco, Texas) from appt to Guam Academy, Far Eastern Division
Oberger, Marsha Dianne (Aloha, Oregon) from appt to Seoul, Korea, Far Eastern Division. Declined
Olsen, Erling G (N Eur-W Afr Div) from appt to East African Union, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined
Ricks, Wade Franklin from appt to Dessie Clinic, Ethiopia, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined

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OVERSEAS TRAVEL

On the recommendation of the Overseas Travel Committee,

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Davis, James W

Far East Div (Guam-Micronesia) June 6-15, 1976
with stopover in Hawaii, en route

Webster, F C

So Amer Div (Brasilia) June 20-24, 1976

Adjourned

F W Wernick, Chairman
J W Bothe, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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MEMBERS PRESENT

C Dunbar Henri, J W Bothe, T M Ashlock, D H Baasch, W J Brown, H D Burbank, R B Caldwell, G Tom Carter, E E Cleveland, V H Cooper, K H Emmerson, G O Engen, W Duncan Eva, W W Fordham, C O Franz, A Edwin Gibb, C E Guenther, J H Hancock, M Carol Hetzell, C B Hirsch, D W Holbrook, E W Howse, J N Hunt, Gordon M Hyde, H D Johnson, M E Kemmerer, J C Kinder, J F Knipschild, J C Kozel, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, R F Mattison, Garland J Millet, S F Monnier, M S Nigri, R W Nixon, A J Patzer, R L Pelton, H F Rampton, H L Reiner, A H Roth, D A Roth, F A Soper, F C Webster, Bruce M Wickwire, R A Wilcox, Roy F Williams, Neal C Wilson, F Donald Yost.

OTHERS PRESENT

Juan Navarro, Franco Santini, Betty Stirling, L R Van Dolson.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

C Dunbar Henri, Chairman, read portions of a newspaper article concerning the high cost of armaments. The international arms race deprives citizens of schools, homes, hospitals and other benefits. Every calamity and war testifies that the end of all things is upon us, and we should rejoice that we are indeed "homeward bound."

"The coming of the Lord is nearer than when we first believed. . . .

"All heaven is astir, engaged in preparing for the day of God's vengeance, the day of Zion's deliverance. The time of tarrying is almost ended. The pilgrims and strangers who have so long been seeking a better country are almost home. I feel as if I must cry aloud, Homeward bound! Rapidly we are nearing the time when Christ will come to gather His redeemed to Himself."

--Evangelism, p 219.

J W Brown offered prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

S F Monnier introduced two workers from the Euro-Africa Division, Franco Santini, director of the Italian Secondary School, Florence, Italy, and Juan Navarro, studying at Andrews University, who plans to return to Spain on completion of his study program.

The Chairman also welcomed A R Mazat, Manager of the Periodical Department of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

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REPORTS

M S Nigri reported that the Brazilian government, on May 25, 1976, signed a decree granting authorization to the South American Division to function in Brazil. He also shared good news from Mozambique and Angola.

F C Webster gave a brief report of the funeral service for Erwin A Crawford. The graveside service was conducted by William Loveless.

M E Kemmerer read an expression of gratitude from the Australasian Division for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow of \$318,000 which was sent to that Division for the fourth quarter of 1975.

H D Burbank outlined briefly the relief extended by Seventh-day Adventist World Service in various disaster areas. In Manila, 100 tons of clothing were on hand, and \$20,000 was sent to the Far Eastern Division for victims of the recent typhoon in the Philippine area. The total amount of money raised to aid earthquake victims in Guatemala to date is \$1,032,502. Of this amount, over \$600,000 was from non-Adventist sources.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 3, 1976, were approved.

(A-1667) EURO-AFRICA DIVISION--EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATION, EQUATORIAL AFR UNION

On the request of the Euro-Africa Division,

VOTED, To grant an appropriation of \$75,000 to the Euro-Africa Division from the General Conference Emergency Fund for the purpose of adding a second floor to the existing office of the Equatorial African Union Mission in Yaounde, United Republic of Cameroun, in order to conform to government regulations. It is understood the Euro-Africa Division will grant an equal amount for this project.

(A-1673) ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON DESIGN
COMMITTEE--APPOINTED, MEETING DATE

VOTED, To appoint an ad hoc Adult Sabbath School Lesson Design Committee to meet in Washington, DC, August 31-September 2, 1976.

Committee appointed:

Leshner, W R (Chairman)
Betz, C H (Secretary)
Brooks, C L
Burrow, D A
Giddings, Elaine
Harris, R E

Londis, J J
Moore, Roberta J
Rampton, H F
Retzer, F D
Rogers, W W
Warren, M A
Youngberg, J B

(A-1649) CHURCH-STATE LABOR UNION ISSUES--SPECIAL
MEETING, ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE

VOTED, To authorize the following two persons to attend a special meeting to be held in Washington, DC, June 24-27, 1976, to study Church-State labor union issues, the other invitees having been listed in GCC 76-158.

A B Butler (Columbia Union)
Cliff Eckman (Lake Union)

(A-1510) LAY EVANGELISM RESEARCH & PLANNING
COMMITTEE--D J SANDSTROM INVITED

VOTED, To invite D J Sandstrom, President of the Greater New York Conference, to attend the meeting of the standing Lay Evangelism Research and Planning Committee to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, August 2-4, 1976, in order to present a paper on large-city evangelism.

(A-1678) TORKESEN, T R--PACIFIC PRESS
BOOK EDITOR

VOTED, To approve the appointment of T R Torkelsen as book editor of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, effective July 1, 1976, with the understanding that he will continue to also serve as associate editor of the Signs of the Times.

(A-1680) SCHMIDT, A E--FURLOUGH

VOTED, To authorize Arturo E Schmidt of the Ministerial Association to take a three-month furlough in the South American Division, beginning June 10, 1976.

(A-1681) NAD CURRICULUM COMMITTEE--PERSONNEL
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To appoint R L Hilde to serve as a member of the standing North American Division Curriculum Committee in place of Stuart Berkeley.

(A-1682) BRETSCH, V L--RESIGNATION, COMMUNICATION
DEPT, FAR EASTERN DIVISION

On the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division, and at his request,

VOTED, To accept the resignation of V L Bretsch as director of the Communication Department of the Far Eastern Division.

(A-1683) ALLEN, JANE--ACTING COMMUNICATION
DEPT DIRECTOR, FAR EASTERN DIVISION

On the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division,

VOTED, To appoint Jane Allen to serve as acting director of the Communication Department of the Far Eastern Division.

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(A-1684) MILLER, P G--SUSTENTATION

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of Philip G Miller for sustentation, beginning January 1, 1977, after 32 years of service, 14 years in overseas divisions. (Appreciation for his service overseas was voted on February 26, 1976, when his permanent return from the Inter-American Division was approved).

(A-1685) THOMANN, D J--SUSTENTATION

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of Donald J Thomann for sustentation, beginning May 1, 1976; and further, to express appreciation to him for 37 years of service to the Church, 21 years in overseas divisions.

(X-1360) MUSIC COMMITTEE--PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To appoint R H Woolsey to serve as a member of the standing Music Committee, in place of R F Cottrell.

(A-1687) ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS COMMITTEE--
PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the adjustments in the personnel of the standing Adult Sabbath School Lessons Committee, as listed on file with the Minutes.

(A-1585) HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS' RETREAT--
ATTENDANCE

VOTED, To authorize the following two persons to attend the Hospital Administrators' Retreat to be held August 25 and 26, 1976, in the Loma Linda area:

Ed Bryan (Glendale Adv Medical Center)
Darrell Nicola (Kettering Medical Center)

(A-1661) REGIONAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE--
APPOINTED, MEETING TIME AND PLACE

VOTED, To appoint an ad hoc Regional Christian Education Committee to meet in Washington, DC, October 12 and 13, 1976.

Committee appointed:

Hammill, Richard (Chairman)	Cleveland, H L
Fordham, W W (Co-chairman)	Cox, Sherman
Millet, G J (Secretary)	Dent, Joseph
Banfield, W S	Dudley, C E
Barnes, R D	Earle, George
Booker, R L	Fordham, W W, Jr
Bradford, C E	Gooden, S E
Cheatham, Charles	Guy, John

(Regional Christian Education Committee - contd)

Hairston, R B	Moore, E W
Henri, C D	Ortiz, Hector
Hicks, J C	Palmer, L R, Jr
Hirsch, C B	Pearson, Walter
Howell, G D	Rock, Calvin
Humphrey, Auldwin	Taylor, C R
Jones, Horace	Taylor, Stuart
Jones, W C	Valentine, Lester
Lewis, Willie	Wagner, J R
Marshall, Norwida	Westney, A T
McDonald, Timothy	Whidbee, E C
Meyers, Samuel	Woodfork, R L
	Young, Ethel

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To accept the following report of the Committee on Appointees:

Appointments

Harris, Fitzgerald Anthony (Student, Andrews Univ)--Lay Activities/Sabbath School director, South Caribbean Conference, Trinidad, Inter-American Division, national returning

Holm, Donald Nathan (Clearlake Highlands, Calif)--Physician, Nairobi Medical Center, Kenya, Afro-Mideast Division

Leavitt, Keith Jordan (Alberta Conf)--Mathematics/Science teacher, Beirut Overseas School, Cyprus, Afro-Mideast Division

Lust, Ivan (Regina, Sask)--Worker in SAWS Sahel Project, Chad

Nolin, Lloyd Eugene (Upper Columbia Acad)--Maintenance, Middle East College and Division office, Beirut, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division

Roncarolo, Roberto (Student, Andrews Univ)--Stewardship & Development Dept director, South American Division, Brazil, national returning Elected at 1975 General Conference Session

Rosenquist, Roger Dale (Def Med)--Assigned to Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, as urologist, Inter-American Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Caron, Michel (Euro-Afr Div)--Minister, French Polynesia Mission, Australasian Division, national returning

Graham, Roy E (Newbold Coll, N Eur-W Afr)--Assistant professor of theology, Andrews University, North American Division

Hernandez, Fred (Int-Am Div)--Stewardship & Development Dept director, Austral Union, South American Division

Hoat, Ong Kieng (N Eur-W Afr)--Physician, Davis Memorial Hospital, Guyana, Inter-American Division

Releases

Buckley, Edward L (Napa, Calif) from appt to South Zambia Field, Trans-Africa Division. Declined

Hughes, Jack Fred (Carolina Conf) from appt to Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College, Southern Asia Division.

Krueger, Jeannette (Glendale, Calif) from appt to Yuka Hospital, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division. Declined

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(Appointees - contd)
(Releases)

Oberg, Marsha Dianne (Aloha, Oregon)--Rescind release voted June 3, 1976 from appt to Korea, Far Eastern Division
Peltonen, Reijo S (N Eur-W Afr) from call to Nairobi Medical Center, Kenya, Afro-Mideast Division. Not available
Syme, Jeremy (Aust Div) from call to Green Lake Station, Ethiopia, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined

Permanent Returns

Dick, Willis Gentry from Mindanao San & Hosp, Philippines, Far Eastern Div Personal, effective April 30, 1976
Kuhn, Leroy Raymond from Beirut Overseas School, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division. Personal, effective June 1976

EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in the fixed rates of exchange in the South American Division, effective June 1, 1976:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>US\$</u>
<u>South American Division</u>		
Brazil	Cruzeiro \$Cr 10.55	.0947867
Chile	Peso P 13.00	.0769230

DICK, WILLIS G--APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express to Willis G Dick, special thanks and appreciation for more than 20 years of service as a medical missionary in the Far Eastern Division.

EURO-AFRICA DIVISION--HAMBURG FOOD FACTORY,
FINANCIAL PLAN FOR PURCHASE

On the recommendation of the Borrowing and Distribution of Funds Committee and on the request of the Euro-Africa Division,

VOTED, To approve the financial plan for the purchase of the Rheinische Vollkornbrotfabrik (bakery) by the Hamburg Food Factory, the details of this transaction being on file with the Minutes.

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General calls:

Cummings, Desmond, Jr (So Miss Coll)--Assistant professor, Andrews University
Dame, Bruce (Loma Linda Univ)--Chaplain, Shawnee Mission Medical Center
Fattic, Grosvenor R, III (Andrews Univ)--Associate professor, Loma Linda University
Goldenberg, Sandra E (Wash Adv Hosp)--Secretary, General Conference

(General Calls - contd)

Hicinbotham, Gloria (Loma Linda Univ)--Teacher, Walla Walla College
Jabbour, Antoine (Col Un Coll)--Associate professor/ business and
economics, Loma Linda University
Key, William (Glendale Adv Hosp)--Teacher, Loma Linda University
Lantry, J H (PR-FED)--Director of Education Dept, Central California
Conference
Maxson, Benjamin C (PR-SAD)--Pastor, Missouri Conference
Melancon, James (Union Coll)--Associate professor, Oakwood College
Murphy, Daniel J (British Col Conf)--Medical detail representative, Loma
Linda Foods
Prior, Donald (Andrews Univ)--Vice-president for public relations and
development, Loma Linda University.

Adjourned

C Dunbar Henri, Chairman
J W Bothe, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

BORROWING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 7, 1976

MEMBERS PRESENT: K H Emmerson, J W Bothe, C E Bradford, H D Johnson, R E Osborn,
R M Reinhard

PRAYER: J W Bothe

COLUMBIA UNION--Potomac Conference--Takoma Park Church Center--Takoma Park, MD

VOTED, On recommendation of the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference, to approve the borrowing of funds up to \$350,000 in connection with the Takoma Park Church Center. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$747,900. It is understood that this loan will be fully paid within five years from appropriations and pledges.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION--Washington Conference--Sequim SDA Church--Sequim, Washington

VOTED, On recommendation of the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference, to approve the borrowing of funds up to \$70,000 in connection with the construction of the Sequim Church. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$209,500. It is understood that this loan will be fully paid within five years from appropriations and pledges.

EURO-AFRICA DIVISION--Hamburg Food Factory--Rheinische Vollkornbrotfabrik

VOTED, On the recommendation of the Euro-Africa Division and the Hamburg Food Factory to approve of the financial plans for the purchase of Rheinische Vollkornbrotfabrik (Bread Factory), which involves time payments on the equity of \$400,000 for a period of ten years.

K H Emmerson, Chairman

H D Johnson, Acting Secretary

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OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Orley Berg, Betty Stirling, P G Werner.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

C Dunbar Henri, Chairman, read John 17:6-11, Christ's prayer for the unity of His people:

". . . And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are."

He also read portions of Manuscript 437 concerning unity of action by the members of Christ's body. "God is seeking to make His Church the continued incarnation of Christ."

P G Werner offered prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman presented P G Werner, retired president of the Central African Union.

REPORT

A C McKee reported that 1975 has been one of the best years experienced by Trust Services. Previously, assets amounting to about 50 million dollars have been received annually, but in 1975, in two North American unions, cash and trust assets in excess of 60 million dollars have been taken in. He also reported that the work of Trust Services is growing in overseas divisions.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 10, 1976, were approved, with amendments.

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STANDING COMMITTEES--PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To make the following adjustments in the personnel of standing committees, as indicated:

(A-1693) Personnel Committee: Add M Carol Hetzell

(A-1695) Allowances & Adjustments Committee: Add C D Martin

(A-1696) Missionary Literature Guidance Committee: W P Turpel (replacing
W R Wollard)

(A-1697) IS/ESDA BOARD--C B HIRSCH, MEMBER

VOTED, To appoint C B Hirsch to serve as a member of the Institutional Services/ESDA Board in place of Niel W Litchfield.

PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ADVISORY--ADJUSTMENT
IN TERMS OF REFERENCE

VOTED, To approve the following addition to the terms of reference of the standing President's Executive Advisory, the list of members, authority and responsibility and the complete terms of reference being on file with the Minutes:

9. Nominate (between Sessions and Annual Councils) division officers and General Conference elective staff.

(A-1694) COURT CASES SUBCOMMITTEE--REFERRED

VOTED, To refer the item of appointing a Court Cases Subcommittee of the standing Legal Affairs Committee, to the President's Administrative Council for further study.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To accept the following report of the Committee on Appointees:

Appointments

Douglas, Nellie (Student, Andrews Univ)--Teacher, East Jamaica Conference, Inter-American Division, national returning
Fuentes, Jose Angel (Texico Conf)--Principal, Pacific Mexican Academy, Mexico, Inter-American Division
Hinds, Cynthia Rowena (Brooklyn, New York)--Dietitian, Port-of-Spain Adventist Hospital, Trinidad, Inter-American Division
Hokama, Shinsei (So Calif Conf)--Pastor-evangelist, Paraguay Mission, South American Division
Maynard-Reid, Harry Hugh (Maritime Conf)--Pastor-evangelist, East Jamaica Conference, Inter-American Division, national returning

Permanent Returns

Darréll, Jacqueline D from Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria, N Europe-W Africa Div Health, terminal date June 30, 1977

(Appointees - contd)
(Permanent Returns)

DeShay, Samuel L from Nigerian Union, N Europe-W Africa Division
Change of effective date from May 21, 1975 to July 15, 1973
Engroff, Richard Lewis from Ivory Coast Sec School, Bouake, N Europe-
W Africa Division. Personal, effective June 9, 1976
Lantry, J H from Singapore, Far Eastern Division. Change of effective
date from May 18, 1976 to July 1, 1976
Olfert, Wesley Frank from Northern Union, India, Southern Asia Division
Education, effective July 31, 1976

FAR EASTERN DIVISION--SPECIAL INVESTMENTS,
JAPAN UNION MISSION

On the recommendation of the Investment and Securities Committee,

VOTED, To authorize the Far Eastern Division and the Japan Union Mission to invest, on a special basis, the proceeds from the sale of the Tokyo Harajuku property in two-to eight-year high quality Japanese government and semi-government bonds.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

On the recommendation of the Overseas Travel Committee,

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

McFarland, J Wayne	Afr-Mideast, Oct 17-Dec 17, 1976
Spangler, J R	Int-Am Div (Guadalajara, Mexico) Fall 1976 Week of Prayer
Wickwire, Bruce M	Int-Am Div (Mexican & W Indies Uns) July 6-18, 1976 Afr-Mideast, Nov 17-Dec 14, 1976
(Specials)	
Cumbo, E E	Far East Div (Korea) Sept-Oct 1976
(Ga-Cumb Conf)	Travel & entertainment by Far Eastern Div Salary by Georgia-Cumberland Conference
Heidinger, H)	Afr-Mideast (Tanzania) 2 years
Bennett, Marilyn) (LLU)	Travel, salary and all expenses by Loma Linda University for H Heidinger and family and Marilyn Bennett
Nagel, Sherman)	Far East Div, Aug 1-30, 1976
Staples, John) (PUC)	Travel by Sherman Nagel & John Staples Salary by Pacific Union College Entertainment by Far Eastern Division
Willoughby, Susan (AUC)	Int-Am Div (Caribbean Un Coll) Aug 22-31, 1976 Travel and entertainment by Inter-American Div

Adjustment

Eva, W Duncan Aust Div, Nov 8-Dec 20, 1976
(Instead of Aust Div unspecified)

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GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General calls:

Anderson, Douglas (Michigan)--Assistant manager, Book Department, Review and Herald Publishing Association
Bokermann, Horst (White Memorial Med Center)--Assistant director of maintenance, Loma Linda University
Harris, Gordon (Potomac)--Assistant manager, Book Department, Review and Herald Publishing Association
Martin, Mrs Pearl (Wash Adv Hosp)--Office secretary/nurse, Department of Health, General Conference
Preston, Gilbert (Gen Conf)--Bible worker, Central States Conference
Schmidt, Robert Kenneth (New England Mem Hosp)--District representative, Christian Record Braille Foundation.

Adjourned

C Dunbar Henri, Chairman
J W Bothe, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Leroy Kuhn, Dunbar Smith, Betty Stirling

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Neal C Wilson, Chairman, read excerpts from Ephesians 4, in which Paul exhorts his brethren "to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called . . . till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man. . ."

We are to walk as Christians in unity, in newness of life, in love, in justice and mercy. In a group such as we have in the General Conference office we probably need this kind of message as much as anyone in the church. We are to grow in every way so that the body might be knit and joined together. When each part is working in harmony with all other parts, there will be bodily growth.

INTRODUCTIONS

J W McFarland introduced C Dunbar Smith, currently transferring as Department of Health Secretary for the Trans-Africa Division, to the same position in the Far Eastern Division.

W J Brown introduced Leroy Kuhn, recently serving as principal of the Beirut Overseas Secondary school.

REPORTS

H D Burbank reported Disaster Relief offerings now total over \$525,000, and still more to come. With \$450,000 already given for Guatemalan relief, Disaster Relief funds should top more than one million dollars.

Robert H Pierson gave a brief report on his recent trip to several socialist countries. He found the people to be firm, old-fashioned Adventists. He reports a freer attitude toward religion in many places. Plans has been worked out so that some students will be able to get out each year to continue their education, and in some countries more freedom is being experienced in getting books published.

Don Neufeld read excerpts from letters received from his son who is on the faculty of Middle East College in Beirut, describing incidents which have come to the workers there because of the civil war now existing in that country.

M E Loewen offered prayer.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 17, 1976 were approved.

(A-1687) ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS COMMITTEE--MEETING

VOTED, To authorize the Adult Sabbath School Lessons Committee to meet in Washington, D.C., September 28, 1976, with the following members of the standing Adult Sabbath School Lessons Committee:

- a. Division Sabbath school directors who will be in attendance at the Departmental Advisory
- b. NAD union Sabbath school directors
- c. Washington area members of the committee

(A-1702) RALPH M DAVIDSON--SUSTENTATION BENEFITS

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee the application of Ralph M Davidson for sustentation, to become effective November 1, 1976, and further,

To express appreciation to him for his service to the Church in its educational work and in the Auditing Department of the General Conference.

(A-1674) SABBATH SCHOOL CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE--
TEACHERS' INSTRUCTORS SEMINARS

VOTED, To appoint an ad hoc Sabbath School Curriculum Planning Committee-Teachers' Instructors Seminar, to meet at Southern Missionary College, September 7-9, 1976 to develop a course of study for adult Sabbath School teachers' instructor seminars to plan the structure and the teaching of the curriculum.

Committee appointed:

Brooks, Charles L (Chairman)	Ferris, Winston
Retzer, Fernon (Secretary)	Gillespie, V Bailey
Betz, Charles H	Jones, Frank L
Campbell, Melvin D	Leshner, W R
Dunham, Jack	Marshall, Norwida

Payne, LaVeta
Pleasants, R E
Price, J L

Taylor, G H
Warren, M A

(A-1675) SABBATH SCHOOL TRAINING COURSE--
CHILDREN'S DIVISIONS COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint an ad hoc Sabbath School Teacher Training Course-- Children's Divisions Committee, to meet in Washington, D.C., November 30 to December 2, 1976 to establish criteria for a teachers' training course for the children's divisions.

Committee appointed:

Brooks, Charles L (Chairman)	Hartlein, Marian
Dunbebin, Clarence (Secretary)	Lowe, Alice
Ashlock, T M	Murphy, H
Bell, Ann	Sines, Jane
Frederich, Maxine	Smith, Helen
Habenicht, Donna	Vhymeister, Nancy
Hardin, J R	

(A-1705) MABLE R MILLER--SUSTENTATION BENEFITS

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of Mable R Miller for sustentation beginning July 1, 1976.

STANDING COMMITTEES--ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To accept terms of reference and adjustments to the standing Administrative (ADCOM) and Personnel committees, and to appoint a standing Screening (AC) Committee with terms of reference and membership as indicated on the information sheets filed with the office copy of the minutes.

(A-1703) AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION AUDITOR

VOTED, To elect F Norman Pottle, currently serving as auditor of the East African Union, auditor of the Afro-Mideast Division.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To accept the following report of the Committee on Appointees:

Appointments

Buchanan, Bernice F (Silver Spring, Maryland) - Director, School of Nursing, Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica, national returning
Ingersoll, Herbert D (Arnoldsburg, WV) - Chaplain, SDA Health Center, Blantyre, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division
Schmid, Fredrick Carl (Iowa Conference) - Health Educator/PR Director, Karachi Hospital, Pakistan, Southern Asia Division

Calls and Transfers between Divisions

Dos Santos, Alberto (EAD/TAD) Student AU) - Call of Inter-American Division as Education teacher Franco-Haitian Seminary, Haiti
Lasta, Arthur F (FED) - Call of Afro-Mideast Division as physician Kendu Mission Hospital, Kenya
Matsuyama, Yasumitsu (FED) - Call of South American Division as AVSC Bible instructor, Lower Amazon Mission, Brazil

Releases

Collins, Norberto (SAD) from call to Nicaragua Hospital as physician
Lott, John D, from appointment to Phuket, Thailand as physician/surgeon
Far Eastern Division - Declined
Rodriguez, Eugenio (Italy, EAD) from call to Brazil as pastor
Veloso, Marion (SAD) from call to Montemorelos University, Mexico
as theology teacher

Permanent Returns

Erich, I R, from Youngberg Memorial Hospital, Singapore. Education effective June 1, 1977
Gouge, Victor, from Far Eastern Division. Education, effective June 29, 1976
Johnson, Ginger Lee, from Southeast Asia Union, Far Eastern Division. Education, effective June 29, 1976
Johnson, Cynthia Dee, from Sarawak Mission, Far Eastern Division Education, effective May 31, 1976
Keizer, Ira Lester Stanley, from Surinam, Inter-American Division. Education, effective May 3, 1976
Melnick, John R, from Penang Adventist Hospital, Far Eastern Division Family considerations, effective April 19, 1976
Moyer, Arthur M., from Middle East College, Beirut, Afro-Mideast Division. Personal, effective June 1976
Petersen, Floyd F, from Rusangu Secondary school, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division. Education, effective September 1, 1976
Sabot, Claude (EAD) - Change of effective date from January 1, 1976 to August 1976
Wilson, Lois Rachel, from Korean Union College, Far Eastern Division Personal, effective August 8, 1976

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION EMERGENCY

Because of an accident which injured four office secretaries serving in the South American Division office, Brasilia, and in answer to an appeal from the Division officers for emergency help,

VOTED, To authorize Martha Horn, of the Secretariat, to give up to three months' relief service in the South American Division office.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

VOTED, To grant credentials and licenses to the following new members of the General Conference staff for the quinquennium ending in 1980:

Ordained Ministers

Carter, Tom
Hamill, Richard
Hughson, O John
Joiner, Jim
Strickland, L C

Missionary Credentials

Bullock, Luella
Carson, Walter
Cullum, Helen
Davis, Elizabeth
Jemson, Ruby
Lantry, Julie
Lawrence, Muriel
Longard, William
Montgomery, Dorothy
Nye, Vivienne

Pillgreen, Ena
Platt, Evelyn
Robinson, Marvin J
Rosado, Abda
Roth, Doris
Segar, Mary Lou
Stickle, Alice
Taylor, June
Wilcox, Violet

Missionary Licenses

Armstead, Marcia
Carey, Arnet Jean
Donato, Reynaldo
Friday, Lynn
Gallagher, James

Hermann, Joyce
Jensen, Brenda
Mead, Barbara
Michel, Eva

Adjourned.

Neal C Wilson, Chairman
C E Bradford, Secretary
Mildred Dumas, Recording Secretary