

Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 2, 1976, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F W Wernick, D H Baasch, W Melvin Adams, J J Aitken, G J Bertochini, J W Bothe, C E Bradford, H D Burbank, G Tom Carter, E E Cleveland, S L DeShay, G O Engen, W W Fordham, C E Guenther, J H Hancock, Mazie A Herin, C B Hirsch, E W Howse, D S Johnson, J C Kinder, J F Knipschild, W R Leshner, B J Liebelt, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, C D Martin, R F Mattison, G J Millet, S F Monnier, D F Neufeld, R W Nixon, R W Olson, W L Pascoe, A J Patzer, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, H D Singleton, Alice E Smith, Clark Smith, F A Soper, F C Webster, C C Weis, R A Wilcox, K H Wood, F Donald Yost, Ethel Young, A G Zytoskee.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Orley Berg, Betty Stirling, L R Van Dolson, A V Wallenkampf.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

F W Wernick, Chairman, read Isaiah 60:1-5

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. . . ."

The Chairman reported briefly on the Annual Council of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division which he attended. Plans for the future include calling three inter-union evangelists to serve in the northern European area of the Division.

R A Wilcox offered prayer.

REPORTS

C C Weis presented the report of the third week of Ingathering in the North American Division which brings the total to \$3,829,691.65. This is a gain of \$4,978.65 over the same period last year.

H D Burbank reported that SAWS is working with CARE in giving relief to earthquake victims in Turkey.

The government of Chile has requested SAWS-Chile to take over the feeding program for malnourished children in that country, and an order has been placed with the United States government for 7,522,000 pounds of processed food for this purpose.

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(Reports - contd)

Leo Ranzolin summarized the reports received on Bicentennial activities which will be sent to the Bicentennial Committee.

F Donald Yost, Director of Archives and Statistics, outlined the structure of this service and mentioned plans for the future. A guide of archival holdings is being prepared. There is also a manual in preparation which will be an aid to overseas division offices. The Review and Herald from 1850 to 1915 is already on microfilm and may be purchased by individuals or denominational institutions.

WELCOME

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Samuel L DeShay as Director of the Department of Health.

MINUTES of the meeting held November 24, 1976, were approved.

ARCHIVES AND STATISTICS--ADDITIONAL TERM
OF REFERENCE - REFERRED

VOTED, To refer to the Administrative Committee, the agenda item concerning an additional term of reference for the standing Archives and Statistics Committee.

(A-1938) REGIONAL SDA EDUCATION COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following ad hoc Regional SDA Education Committee, to meet at Berrien Springs, Michigan, March 2-4, 1977:

Millet, G J (Chairman)	Dent, J F
Booker, Robert (Secretary)	Gooden, S E
Barnes, R D	Howell, G D
Cox, S H	Lewis, W J
	Whidbee, E C

STANDING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY - PERSONNEL
ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To authorize the following adjustments in standing committees and advisory committees:

S L DeShay to replace E A Crawford on the following:

Standing Committees:
Allowances and Adjustments
Appointees

(Standing Committee and Advisory Adjustments - contd)

(Standing Committees)

Civil Defense
Congressional Liaison
Coordination of GC Department Programs
Finance
President's Administrative Council (PRADCO)
Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS)
Screening Committee (Annual Council)
Sustentation

Advisories:

Health Advisory (NAD)--Chairman
Health Advisory (World)--Chairman
Temperance (NAD)

G E Knowles to replace V W Schoen on the following:

Standing Committees:

Appointees
Approach to Judaism
Book Review Committee (NAD)
Calendar and Offerings
Civil Defense
Coordination of GC Department Programs
Court Cases
Finance
Missionary Literature Guidance Committee
North American Missions
President's Administrative Council (PRADCO)
Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS)--Vice-President
Screening Committee (Annual Council)

Advisories:

Lay Activities (NAD)--Chairman
Lay Activities (World)--Chairman
Sabbath School Advisory (NAD)

A V Wallenkampf to replace G M Hyde on the following:

Standing Committee:

Appointees

(A-1945) WEST, HAROLD K - COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR, FAR EASTERN DIVISION

On the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division and the President's
Administrative Council,

VOTED, To elect Harold K West as Director of the Department of
Communication for the Far Eastern Division, in addition to his work as
Secretary of the Ministerial Association.

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(A-1944) HARJU, L J - RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

On his request,

VOTED, To accept the resignation of L J Harju who has been serving as auditor for the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, inasmuch as he has accepted a call to serve in Finland.

(A-1944) KARKKAINEN, T J - AUDITOR, N EUROPE-
W AFRICA DIVISION

On the recommendation of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division and the President's Administrative Council,

VOTED, To elect T J Karkkainen as auditor of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, in addition to his work as assistant treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Delgado, Ramon Alberto (Int-Am Div, student, Andrews U)--Director of Development/Teacher, Antillian College, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division, national returning.

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Evangelist, Aust Div--Inter-union evangelist, Northern Europe-West Africa Division (Gary Williams suggested)
Idrisalmon, Esperanza (Far East Div)--Dietitian, Karachi Hospital, Pakistan, Southern Asia Division
Science/Math Teacher (Euro-Afr Div)--Kivoga College, Burundi, Trans-Africa Division

Releases

Novilunio, Luella (Far East Div) from call to transfer from Ethiopia (Afro-Mideast Div) to Karachi Hospital, Pakistan, Southern Asia Div

Permanent Returns

Butler, Vernon C from Korea, Far Eastern Division (Furlough-residency) Effective March 1971
Ewert, Arthur from Bangkok Adv Hospital, Thailand, Far Eastern Division Effective May 1976, family considerations
Jakobsen, Rebecca Gucilatar--Terminal date for return from Far Eastern Division to Inter-American Division set at December 31, 1977

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

On the recommendation of the Overseas Travel Committee,

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations:

Hancock, J H and

Barron, R E

Pelton, R L

Int-Am Div (Panama) Aug 4-7, 1977

Euro-Afr Div (Cameroun, Germany) Jan 31-

Feb 10, 1977. At close of visit already

voted to Africa part of N Eur-W Afr Div.

So Asia Div, Jan 20-Feb 27, 1977.

Reeder, M H

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General calls:

DeWees, Eleanor J (PR-FED)--Teacher, Oregon Conference

Grozdic, Trivoslav (Hinsdale San & Hosp)--Custodian, SDA Radio, Television
and Film Center

Adjourned

F W Wernick, Chairman

D H Baasch, Secretary

Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 9, 1976, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neal C Wilson, D H Baasch, W Melvin Adams, R Curtis Barger, G J Bertochini, J W Bothe, C E Bradford, G Tom Carter, D A Delafield, S L DeShay, G O Engen, W W Fordham, C O Franz, C E Guenther, Mazie A Herin, J N Hunt, J C Kinder, J C Kozel, W R Leshner, B J Liebelt, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, C D Martin, G J Millet, R W Nixon, R H Pierson, A V Pinkney, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, L B Reynolds, A H Roth, Milo Sawvel, H D Singleton, Alice E Smith, R A Wilcox, K H Wood, F Donald Yost.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, L R Van Dolson, A V Wallenkampf.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Neal C Wilson, Chairman, called attention to Galatians 4:4. As the promise of Jesus' first coming was fulfilled, so His second coming is sure.

The Chairman warned the leaders there is danger of silencing the prophetic voice, of hope dying in the heart, and of becoming insensitive in our relationships and responsibilities to God and one another. By word and deed, we are to help people be prepared for Christ's second coming.

L R Van Dolson offered prayer.

REPORT

C E Guenther presented the fourth Ingathering report. The total amount raised this week is \$891,488.40. The per capita for the North American Division is \$8.98. Three unions and 25 conferences show gains over last year's achievement for the same period.

MINUTES of the meeting held December 2, 1976, were approved.

HAMILTON, L MARK - SUSTENTATION

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of L Mark Hamilton for sustentation after 16 years of denominational service, beginning June 1, 1976.

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WILLIAMS, RUTH O - SUSTENTATION, APPRECIATION

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of Ruth O Williams for sustentation after 31 years of service in the General Conference Sabbath School Department, as well as previous service in various denominational organizations, retirement to begin February 1, 1977; and further, to express appreciation to her for her faithful service.

STANDING COMMITTEES, PUBLISHING DEPT - PERSONNEL
ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To authorize the following adjustments in standing committees:

Publishing Council (NAD)

Ex-officio members:

Add: Baer, F L
Bernet, J S
Meyers, S D
Torkelson, M C
Turpel, W P

Delete: Cleveland, H L
PPA Book Dept Manager
Proctor, J W
Smith, Robert
Walde, E R

Elective members:

Add: Darnell, C R
Delafield, D A
Hutchinson, J W
Reiber, R F
Smith, R S
Woolsey, R H

Delete: Anderson, G W
Cottrell, R F
White Estate Representative

Publishing Council (NAD)--Adventist Book Center Subcommittee

Add: Bernet, J S
Best, Clyde
Brown, Olice
Denslow, A E
Skidmore, W E, Jr
Turpel, W P
Weichert, P M
Woolsey, R H

Delete: Cottrell, R F
Proctor, J W
Rouse, R R
Wasenmiller, K D
Wollard, W R
i Regional ABC Manager
Atlantic Union Representative

Publishing Council (NAD)--Home Health Education Service Subcommittee

Add: Bernet, J S

Delete: Proctor, J W

Publishing Council (NAD)--Publishing House Subcommittee

Add: Hutchinson, J W
Turpel, W P
Woolsey, R H

Delete: PPPA Book Dept Manager
Smith, Robert

(Standing Committee Adjustments - contd)

Publishing Council (NAD)--Regional Publishing Subcommittee

Add: Gore, H A	Delete: Anderson, G W
Meyers, S D	Cleveland, H L
Turpel, W P	Wollard, W R

Publishing Council (NAD)--Subscription Literature Subcommittee

Add: Bernet, J S	Delete: Cottrell, R F
Bernet, P A	PPPA Book Dept Manager
Hutchinson, J W	Proctor, J W
Turpel, W P	Smith, R S
Woolsey, R H	

(A-1951) NUTRITION SEMINAR--INVITEES

VOTED, To invite the following to attend the Nutrition Seminar to be held at St Helena, California, January 25-27, 1977:

Blankenship, J W	Mutch, Pat
Hall, Jeanne	Register, U D
Hardinge, M G	Vyhmeister, I V
Marsh, Alice	Wall, Clinton

(A-1937) MUSIC TRENDS IN BLACK CHURCHES STUDY
COMMITTEE--ADJUSTED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

VOTED, To make personnel adjustments in the ad hoc Music Trends in Black Churches Study Committee, thus amending GCC 76-476, the revised committee to be as follows:

Fordham, W W (Chairman)	Hackett, W J
Banfield, W S (Co-Chairman)	Hancock, J H
Reaves, B F (Secretary)	Jackson, Samuel
Barron, Bill	Kilby, Shelton
Blackmon, Alma	Meyers, Samuel
*Breach, Allan	Mimms, Edgar
*Clark, Yolanda	Robertson, Jon
Cleveland, E E	*Turnbull, Walter
*Cornwall, Lonita	*Wright, Eleanor
Dudley, Charles	Wright, Henry

*Laypersons

(A-1948) TAYLOR, R W - RESIGNATION, TEMPERANCE
DEPT DIRECTOR ACCEPTED

On his request, inasmuch as he has been elected to serve as Secretary of the Australasian Division,

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(R W Taylor Resignation - contd)

VOTED, To accept the resignation of R W Taylor as director of the Temperance Department of the Australasian Division.

(A-1948) BAIN, D E - TEMPERANCE DEPT DIRECTOR,
AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION

On the recommendation of the Australasian Division and the President's Administrative Council,

VOTED, To elect D E Bain as director of the Temperance Department of the Australasian Division, in addition to his work as director of the Department of Health.

(A-1949) GRADY, R B - RESIGNATION, PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DIRECTOR, FAR EASTERN DIV

On his request, inasmuch as he already is serving as director of two other departments,

VOTED, To accept the resignation of R B Grady as director of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department of the Far Eastern Division.

(A-1949) WICK, P G - PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND RELIGIOUS
LIBERTY DEPT DIRECTOR, FAR EASTERN DIVISION

On the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division and the President's Administrative Council,

VOTED, To elect Palmer G Wick as director of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department of the Far Eastern Division, in addition to his work as Assistant Secretary of the Division.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Gaver, Paul Edgar (Encinitas, Calif)--Anesthesiologist, Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Thailand, Far Eastern Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Stahlnecker, Robert Eugene (Guam, Far East)--Principal, Lakpahana Adv Seminary, Sri Lanka, Southern Asia Division

Releases

Colange, Rafael (Euro-Afr Div) from call to Uruguay Mission, South American Division. Declined

(Appointees - contd)
(Releases)

Collins, Norberto (So Am Div) from call to Valle de los Angeles
Hospital, Honduras, Inter-American Division. Call withdrawn.
Johnson, Evelyn Pernela (Int-Amer Div national) from call to Andrews
Memorial Hospital, Inter-American Division. Declined.

Permanent Returns

Howe, F Muriel from Taiwan Adv Hospital, Far Eastern Division
Retirement, effective December 1976
Tkachuk, Jeannette from Mwami Hospital, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division
Education, effective December 1976

HOWE, F MURIEL - APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to F Muriel Howe for more than 35 years
of service as a nurse, much of her service having been given in the Far Eastern
Division.

GENERAL CALL

VOTED, To pass on the following General call:

Figueroa, Fernando (Greater NY)--Medical detail, Loma Linda Foods

Adjourned

Neal C Wilson, Chairman
D H Baasch, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Marion Brown, D Constantinescu, A Doroftei, L R Van Dolson, A V Wallenkampf.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Richard Hammill, Chairman, presented a brief message on "moral machinery" based on the first few verses of Romans 5 and a quotation from page 330 of God's Amazing Grace by Ellen G White, drawing a parallel between the cause and effect principle found in machinery and that found in spiritual matters: "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" Ellen White declares "God would have His servants become acquainted with the moral machinery of their own hearts."

L B Reynolds offered prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

C B Hirsch introduced Reuben Hilde who has joined the Department of Education staff as associate director. His primary responsibility will be the curriculum program K-16 for North America.

R H Pierson presented two guests, A Dorofstei, professor in the seminary in Roumania and D Constantinescu, pastor of a Roumanian congregation in New York City. Pastor Dorofstei addressed the committee telling of the progress of the work in Roumania.

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REPORTS

C C Weis presented the Ingathering report for the fifth week of the 1976 campaign. The total raised to date is \$5,815,932.92, a per capita of \$11.07 in the North American division. More than one million dollars was raised in this week. Seven conferences have exceeded their final totals of last year.

MINUTES of the meeting held December 9, 1976, were approved.

KOHLER, B J - SUSTENTATION, APPRECIATION COF

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of B J Kohler for sustentation after more than 41 years of denominational service, effective January 1, 1977, and further, to express appreciation to him for his faithful service.

(A-1952) INNER CITY SERVICES MEETING - JWB
CHANGE OF DATE AND PLACE

VOTED, To change the place and date for the Inner City Services meeting from Portland, Oregon, January 30-February 3, 1977 to Berrien Springs, Michigan, March 6, 7, 1977.

(A-1953) NAD EDUCATION CODE COMMITTEE JWB

VOTED, To appoint an ad hoc NAD Education Code Committee to serve in place of the ad hoc School Manual Revision Committee, which has been scheduled to meet in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 23, 24, 1977, as follows:

Hirsch, C B (Chairman)	Minder, Warren
Hilde, R H (Secretary)	Scriven, Ward
Barnes, Reginald	Taylor, C R
Marshall, Norweda	Young, Ethel
NAD union directors of Education	

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Aguirre, Vicente (Angwin, Calif)--Secretary-Treasurer, South Zambia Field, Trans-Africa Division	BES
Brewer, James Herbert (Walnut Grove, Mo)--Head, Mathematics Dept, West Indies College, Jamaica, Inter-American Division	DHB
Carter, John Ellerton (Student, Andrews University)--Ministerial Intern, East Caribbean Conf, Inter-American Division	DHB

(Appointees - contd)
(Appointments)

Dixon, Harold Romain II (Fresno Adventist Academy)--Chairman, Music
Department, Middle East College, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division RFW
Geli, Samuel (Central Calif Conf)--Theology teacher, River Plate
College, Argentina, South American Division DHB
Kimura, Tatsuo (Ventura, Calif)--Physician, Tokyo Sanitarium & Hos-
pital, Japan, Far Eastern Division DSJ
Nolin, Lloyd Eugene (Upper Columbia Acad)--Maintenance, Middle East
College and Division office, Afro Mideast Division RFW
Saliba, Janice El Habre (Toronto Jr Acad)--Dean of Women/Tchr,
Middle East College, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division RFW
Touchard, Wolfhard (Shenandoah Valley Acad)--Librarian, Middle
East College, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division RFW
Tuso, Hamdesa (E Lansing, Mich)--Chairman, Department of Education,
Middle East College, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division as national
returning RFW
Worrell, George Carlyle (Student, Andrews Univ)--Ministerial Intern,
South Caribbean Conf, Inter-American Division as National re-
turning DHB

Calls and Transfers

Garner, Arthur Dale (Far East Div)--Call of Inter-American Division
to transfer at furlough time to East Puerto Rico Conf as
Dentist DHB
Harju, Leo J (N Eur-W Afr)--Call of Afro-Mideast Division as Assist-
ant Auditor, Division RFW

Releases

Franke, Frederick (Deferred dental, Loma Linda U '77) from East
Puerto Rico Conf, Inter-American Division DHB
Henderson, Lyle M, Jr from Franco-Haitian Seminary, Haiti, Inter-
American Division DHB

SDA RADIO-TV AND FILM CENTER FINANCING

On the recommendation of the Borrowing and Distribution of Funds Com-
mittee,

VOTED, To authorize the Radio-Television and Film Center to borrow
an additional \$3,750,000 over a period of 20 years in order to assist in
the capital needs of the Center, mainly for the completion of the building
project. REO

FIXED RATES OF EXCHANGE

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EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

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

<u>Country</u>		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>US\$</u>
<u>South American Division</u>			
Chile	Peso	P 16.62	.0601684

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

FCW

On the recommendation of the Overseas Travel Committee,

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Hills, D B	Euro-Afr Div, Mar 13-17, 1977
Smith, Clark	Trans-Afr Div, Mar 22-Apr 2, 1977
Starks, W M (Specials)	Trans-Afr Div, Feb 17-Mar 14, 1977
Dysinger, Paul (LLU)	Far East Div, Dec 20-23, 1976 On return from govt sponsored trip to Tanzania. LLU responsible for extra expense involved.

Adjustments

Hunt, J N	Int Am Div, extend itinerary voted for Jan 4-17, 1977 by 3 weeks to Feb 7, 1977. Cancel itinerary to So Am Div
Liebelt, B J	Afro-Mideast Div, change of dates for visit from Aug 1-Sep 30, 1977 to Aug 11-Oct 11, 1977
Millet, G J	No Eur-W Afr Div, change of dates for visit from Jul 7-Aug 8, 1977 to Jul 29-Aug 29, 1977

GENERAL CALLS

CEB

VOTED, To pass on the following General call:

Lee, Gary C (Columbia Union Coll)--Custodial Services, General Conference

Adjourned.

Richard Hammill, Chairman
Roy F Williams, Secretary
Eunice Rozema, Recording Secretary

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MEMBERS PRESENT

R H Pierson, J J Aitken, T M Ashlock, J W Bothe, W P Bradley, W J Brown, H D Burbank, Samuel DeShay, C O Franz, Paul A Gordon, F E J Harder, M Carol Hetzell, C B Hirsch, D W Holbrook, M E Kemmerer, M E Loewen, G J Millet, D F Neufeld, M S Nigri, R E Osborn, Walter Ost, W L Pascoe, J W Peeke, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, L B Reynolds, H D Singleton, P G Smith, F A Soper, E H J Steed, C R Taylor, G Ralph Thompson, F C Webster, C C Weis, R A Wilcox, Roy F Williams, K H Wood, F Donald Yost, Ethel Young.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Walter Meske, Betty Stirling, L R Van Dolson.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Robert H Pierson, chairman, read Luke 24:36-49, the account of Jesus' appearance to the disciples following his resurrection, calling attention to three points: (1) Our Savior is real; (2) The divine imperative rests upon us to share Him with those around us; and (3) The secret of power to accomplish the task lies in His enabling power.

Prayer was offered by M S Nigri.

INTRODUCTION

T M Ashlock introduced Walter Meske of Walla Walla College.

REPORT

C C Weis, Associate Director, Department of Lay Activities, presented the report for the sixth week of the Ingathering campaign. The total funds raised through this week is \$6,920,625.92, a per capita of \$13.17 per member in North America. Ten conferences have exceeded their final totals for last year's campaign, five of these are regional conferences.

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(A-1577) RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL STUDY COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint an ad hoc Riverside Hospital Study Committee with membership as follows:

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(Committee - contd)

Bradford, C E, Chairman	Dudley, C E
Winston, J P, Secretary	Fordham, W W
Anderson, Charles	Kemmerer, M E
Broomes, L R	Meyers, S D
Cleveland, H L	Schmidt, H H
Dent, C A	Whitehead, J H
	Woodfork, R L

WILMA WIDMER--SUSTENTATION

VOTED, To recommend to the Sustentation Committee the application of Wilma A Widmer for sustentation benefits, beginning February 1, 1977, after 41 years of denominational service, the last eleven at the General Conference, and to express appreciation for her many years of faithful service.

BUILDING PLANS COMMITTEE--ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To name Reuben Hilde to serve on the Building Plans Committee replacing Ethel Young.

(A-1951) NUTRITION SEMINAR--SCHARFFENBERG INVITATION

VOTED, To invite J A Scharffenberg of Loma Linda University to attend the Nutrition Seminar to be held in St Helena, California, January 25-27, 1977.

(O-1575) FINANCING K-12 EDUCATION--SCHNEIDER

VOTED, To name Wilbert Schneider to serve on the ad hoc Financing K-12 Education committee replacing F W Wernick.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Erickson, Dwight David (Cleveland, ND)--Agronomist, SAWS Chad Project
Kinjo, Shigehiro (FED Natl, Los Angeles, CA)--Health Evangelist,
Okinawa, Far Eastern Division
Lighthouse, Callas Eugene (Winnemucca, NV)--Optometrist, SDA Clinic,
Guam, Far Eastern Division
McKenzie, Monica M (Ontario, Canada)--Nurse, Songa Hospital, Zaire,
Trans-Africa Division

(Appointees - contd)
(Appointments)

Woodin, John David (So Calif Conf)--Assistant treasurer, Division,
Brazil, South American Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Buonfiglio, Michele (Euro-Afr)--Call of South American Division
as Theology teacher, Chile College

Michael, Bereket O (Afro-Mideast)--Request of Trans-Africa Divi-
sion for special service as Anesthetist, Malamulo Hospital,
Malawi, 6 mos

Releases

Alcala, Adan (Inter-Amer Natl) from call to Central Amer Voc Coll
as mathematics teacher, Inter-American Division. Declined

Surel, Jean (Euro-Africa) from call to Gitwe Coll, Rwanda as Mini-
sterial Training teacher, Trans-Africa Division. Declined

Permanent Returns

Johnson, Cleo Vernon, Bus Mgr, Seoul Adv Hosp, Korea, Far Eastern
Division, Family considerations, effective 5-77

Lewis, Anthony Wetzel, Teacher, Mountain View Coll, Philippines,
Far Eastern Division, Family considerations, eff 3-77

Moore, Paul Elwyn, Bible teacher, River Plate Coll, Argentina,
South American Division, Personal

Schlunt, Charles H, Teacher, Bethel Coll, Transkei, Trans-Africa
Division, non-renewable residence permit

Stringer, Kenneth Robert, Physician, Tokyo Sanitarium-Hospital,
Japan, Far Eastern Division, Assignment completed

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

On the recommendation of the Overseas Travel Committee,

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel for attendance at
the First World Conference on Religious Liberty to be held in Amsterdam,
Netherlands in 1977, and for some of them to attend events immediately
preceding of following it: March 15-17, Preparation for Conference;
March 18-20, Two-Division Religious Liberty Council; March 21-26, First
World Conference on Religious Liberty, and March 27-April 5, On the Trail
of the Martyrs Tour.

Authorizations

Adams, Melvin W	March 15 to April 5
Engen, Gordon	March 15 to April 5
Hackett, W J	March 18 to March 26
Hegstad, Roland	March 15 to April 5
Johns, Warren	March 21 to March 26
Nixon, Robert	March 15 to April 5

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EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in the fixed rates of exchange in the Australasian and Trans-Africa Divisions, effective January 1, 1977:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Local Currency</u>		<u>US\$</u>
<u>Australasian Division</u>			
Australia	Australian \$	\$A .9345794	1.07
Fiji	Fijian \$	\$F .9259259	1.08
New Caledonia & Fr. Polynesia	Pacific Franc	Pfr 88.00	.0113636
New Zealand	New Zealand \$	\$NZ 1.0526315	.95
Papua New Guinea	Kina	.80	1.25
Samoa	Samoa \$	\$S .7751937	1.29
Tonga	Tonga \$	\$T .9174311	1.09
<u>Trans-Africa Division</u>			
Burundi	Franc	Fr 90.00	.0111111
Rwanda	Franc	Fr 90.00	.0111111

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General calls:

Ingersoll, Nancy (Gen Conf)--Office secretary, Alabama-Mississippi Conference

Peterson, Robert E (Pacific Press)--Paste-up artist, SDA Radio, TV and Film Center

House, David N (PR-FED)--Teacher, Upper Columbia Conference

Adjourned

Robert H Pierson, Chairman
Roy F Williams, Secretary
Eunice Rozema, Recording Secretary

Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 30, 1976, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

G Ralph Thompson, D H Baasch, W Melvin Adams, G J Bertochini, W P Bradley, W J Brown, G Tom Carter, N R Dower, G O Engen, R S Folkenberg, Richard Hammill, J H Hancock, F E J Harder, Mazie A Herin, M Carol Hetzell, C B Hirsch, D S Johnson, H D Johnson, M E Kemmerer, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, C D Martin, A C McKee, G J Millet, S F Monnier, M S Nigri, R W Nixon, R E Osborn, W L Pascoe, A J Patzer, H F Rampton, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, L B Reynolds, A H Roth, A E Schmidt, E H J Steed, F C Webster, Bruce M Wickwire, Neal C Wilson, Ethel Young, A G Zytkoskee.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Milton Murray, Betty Stirling.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

G Ralph Thompson, Chairman, spoke about the open doors before us as we enter a new year--the doors of opportunity for better performance, personal dedication, evangelism, friendship and personal witnessing.

A C McKee offered prayer.

REPORTS

S F Monnier, Associate Director of the Lay Activities Department, gave the seventh Ingathering report which revealed a gain over last year of \$97,792.91. The total amount of Ingathering raised through December 25, 1976, is \$7,537,084.25.

Milton Murray, Director of the General Conference Institutional Consulting Service, reported that approximately \$100,000 were received per month in 1976 by the five denominational institutions that the General Conference Institutional Consulting Service is working with. Major support came to the Huguley Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Medical Center, the Shawnee Mission Medical Center and the Bella Vista Hospital.

MINUTES of the meeting held December 23, 1976, were approved.

(A-1956) SAWS CHAD BANK ACCOUNT--OPENING, SIGNATURES

Resolved, That an account be opened in the name of the Seventh-day Adventist World Service in the Banque Tchadienne de Credit et de Depots, Chad, and that the said bank be and hereby is, authorized to honor the

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(Chad Bank Account - contd)

signatures of M E Kemmerer, Undertreasurer, and/or Ivan Lust, and/or Albert Bodenmann, to sign or make any changes and orders for the payment of money for the account in the name of the Seventh-day Adventist World Service.

(A-1957) MEXICAN UNION--CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION

VOTED, To grant an appropriation of \$50,000 to the Inter-American Division from the General Conference Contingency Fund to assist the Division and the Pacific Press Publishing Association with the exchange loss which occurred in connection with the book deliveries of student colporteurs because of the drastic devaluation of the Mexican peso.

(A-1958) ANGOLA REFUGEES--EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION

VOTED, To grant an appropriation of \$82,500 from the General Conference Emergency Fund to assist the Euro-Africa and South American Divisions with expenses connected with the resettling and relocating of Angola refugees, assigning the funds as follows:

Euro-Africa Division	\$ 80,000.00
South American Division	2,500.00
(For refugees settling in Brazil)	

(A-1961) SCHRAVEN, ROD--INSURANCE SERVICE BOARD

VOTED, To appoint Rod Schraven of the Western Branch Office of Insurance Service to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, Insurance Service.

(X-1966) ADVENTIST COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY SERVICES--
RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPENSES

VOTED, To assign responsibility for expenses connected with the Adventist Computer Technology Services, as follows:

General Conference (from Debt Reduction Fund)	\$190,000.00
Review and Herald Publishing Association	50,000.00
Columbia Union and subsidiary organizations	<u>10,000.00</u>
	\$250,000.00

Further, the General Conference is authorized to pay any additional charges connected with the Adventist Computer Technology Services.

(A-1663) LOWRY, W G--MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
SECRETARY, SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

On the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division and the President's Advisory Council,

VOTED, To elect W G Lowry, who has been acting secretary of the Ministerial Association, to serve as secretary of the Ministerial Association of the Southern Asia Division.

(A-1962) STANDING COMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the personnel adjustments in standing committees as on file with the official copy of the Minutes.

(A-993) EARLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE--RECONSTITUTION
AND MEETING DATE

VOTED, To approve the following reconstituted ad hoc Early School Attendance Committee, to meet in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 22, 1977:

Hammill, Richard (Chairman)	Hilde, R L
Brown, W J (Vice-chairman)	Hirsch, C B
Young, Ethel (Secretary)	Johns, Warren L
Adams, W Melvin	Moore, R S
Bradford, C E	Roesel, Paul
Boothby, O L	Stephan, F R
Hegstad, R R	Taylor, C R

(A-1919) MESSAGE MAGAZINE STUDY COMMITTEE
AND MEETING DATE

VOTED, To approve the following ad hoc Message Magazine Study Committee, to meet in Nashville, Tennessee, January 13, 1977:

Eva, W Duncan (Chairman)	Jones, Frank L
Fordham, W W (Secretary)	Jones, Ted
Banfield, W S	Mustow, Derek
Barber, Lloyd	Parchment, Earl
Bates, R W	Robinson, W R
Bradford, C E	Shoup, Max
Canson, Earl	Wickwire, Bruce M
Cleveland, E E	Willis, C M
Collins, John	Wollard, W R
Henning, R H	Regional Conference Presidents
Henri, C D	Regional Lay Activities Directors

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COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointees

Hayden, Iris (Kirkland, Wash)--Director of Public Health Program, Valle de Angeles Hospital, Honduras, Inter-American Division
Holm, Donald N (Clearlake Highlands, Calif)--Reassignment from Nairobi Medical Center, Kenya, to Heri Hospital, Tanzania, as medical director (Afro-Mideast Div)
Pierce, Claude Hilton (South Atlantic Conference)--Youth/Health/Temperance Director, Caribbean Union, Inter-American Division, national returning
Smith, Eden Merle (Banning, Calif)--Reassignment from Bangkok to Penang as physician (Far Eastern Division)
Vaughan, Anna May (Kettering, Ohio)--Sister Tutor, Kanye Hospital, Botswana, Trans-Africa Division.

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Arano, Pedro (Molino, Mexico, Int-Amer Div)--Youth/Stewardship Director, North Peru Mission, Inca Union, South American Division
Giddings, Philip E, Jr, Education Director, East Africa Un--Transfer to Gitwe College, Rwanda, as Ministerial Training teacher, Trans-Africa Division, at furlough time.
Silva, Vera Nympha M (South Amer Div)--Nurse, Bere Dispensary, Chad, Euro-Africa Division, 1 year special service

Permanent Returns

Borton, Harvey Dale from Venezuela Vocational Academy, Inter-American Division. Family considerations
Coleman, Bernard W from North Coast Mission, South American Division. Personal, effective November 1976
Laue, Clarence M from South American Division (Brazil) Personal, effective May 1977
Wolf, Nelson from Angola, Euro-Africa Division to South American Div. Political situation, effective October 1975

GENERAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENT FELLOWSHIP
ASSOCIATION - FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

VOTED, To approve the final report of the General Conference Benevolent Fellowship Association as presented, a copy of this report being on file with the official copy of the Minutes.

EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in the fixed rates of exchange, effective January 1, 1977:

<u>Country</u>		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>US\$</u>
<u>Australasian Division</u>			
Australia	Australian \$	\$A .9090909	1.10
Fiji	Fijian \$	\$F .9174311	1.09
Papua New Guinea	Kina	.78125	1.28
Samoa	Samoa \$	\$S .7633587	1.31
Tonga	Tonga \$	\$T .9009009	1.11
<u>Inter-American Division</u>			
Mexico	Peso	Ps 19.40	.0515464
<u>Northern Europe-West Africa Division</u>			
Great Britain	English £	£ .5882353	1.70
Sierra Leone	Leone	Le 1.1764705	.85

Adjourned

G Ralph Thompson, Chairman
D H Baasch, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

GENERAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENT FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION
Final Report - December 30, 1976

Members at Dissolution:		
718 @ \$10.00 Basis	\$ 7,180.00	
153 @ \$ 5.00 Basis	<u>765.00</u>	\$ 7,945.00
Benefits Paid from Inception:		
12 @ \$3,500 (Shultz, Lee, Ambs, Ramsdell, Gibson, Liebold, Hutchinson, Blazier, Biggs, Bietz, Robieson, Peterson)	(\$42,000.00)	o
11 @ \$4,000 (Sampson, Guild, Clarke, D. Cain, M. Cain, Brown, Lessard, Hunt, Crawford, Hunter, Tull)	(44,000.00)	(86,000.00)
Membership Fees Retained at Benefit Payments Disbursement Times from Inception:		
11 @ \$10.00 (Shultz, Ramsdell, Gibson, Hutchinson, Robieson, Peterson, Guild, Cain, Crawford, Hunter, Tull)	110.00	
11 @ \$ 5.00 (Lee, Ambs, Liebold, Blazier, Biggs, Bietz, Sampson, Clarke, Brown, Lessard, Hunt)	<u>55.00</u>	165.00
Membership Fee Adjustment		(15.00)
Assessments from Inception:		
No. 1 June 12, 1969	\$ 5,080.00	
No. 2 January 19, 1970	6,865.00	
No. 3 April 15, 1970	6,935.00	
No. 4 October 18, 1971	8,115.00	
No. 5 June 23, 1972	8,155.00	
No. 6 October 4, 1973	8,315.00	
No. 7 January 17, 1974	8,300.00	
No. 8 May 1, 1974	8,245.00	
No. 9 October 30, 1974	8,470.00	o
No. 10 April 30, 1975	8,500.00	
No. 11 June 7, 1976	<u>8,485.00</u>	85,465.00
Pro Rata Distribution of Fund:		
718 @ \$9.50	\$ 6,821.00	
153 @ 4.75	<u>726.75</u>	<u>7,547.75</u>
Balance - To GC Misc. Income		\$ <u>12.25</u>