

## Minutes of Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 3, 1979, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

M S Nigri, J W Bothe, D H Baasch, M T Battle, H D Burbank, D R Christman, D A Delafield, V S Griffiths, W J Hackett, C B Hirsch, W R Leshner, N W Litchfield, E H Mack, R F Mattison, J W McFarland, A V Pinkney, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, R L Reynolds, A H Roth, D A Roth, H D Singleton, F A Soper, W M Starks, L R Van Dolson, F C Webster, F W Wernick, Ruth M White, R A Wilcox, DeWitt S Williams, K H Wood, F Donald Yost.

## OTHERS PRESENT

Jan Doward, James Gallagher, Donald Lee.

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

M S Nigri, Chairman, read excerpts from letters received from the leaders of the work in Angola and Israel. In Angola last year 2,000 people were baptized. In Israel a new evangelistic center has been built in Nazareth to foster the growing work.

"Zeal for God and His cause moved the disciples to bear witness to the gospel with mighty power. Should not a like zeal fire our hearts with a determination to tell the story of redeeming love, of Christ and Him crucified? It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of the Saviour." --AA 600.

V S Griffiths offered prayer.

## REPORTS

D R Christman, after mentioning the progress of the Encounter program especially in Spanish, touched briefly on his recent trip to the Northern Europe-West Africa Division.

At a lay evangelism meeting in Nigeria about 200 delegates reported that 2,000 people had been won by them over the last two-year period. Ingathering in the British Union shows a gain of 20 percent over last year in funds raised, and an active interest in the spiritual aspect of the campaign. In Poland, laymen are active in door-to-door work, rejoicing in their freedom to witness for Christ.

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MINUTES of the meeting held April 26, 1979, were approved, with one addition.

From Personnel/ADCOM/GCC to WLM

SHOUP, EUNICE R - RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To grant Retirement Plan benefits to Eunice R Shoup after 25 years of denominational service, the last 17 years as a member of the General Conference staff. Benefits to begin August 1, 1979.

From NSO/PRADCO/GCC to CS

ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT--DAVIDSON, HESGARD,  
TAYLOR, TEEL

VOTED, To grant ecclesiastical endorsement for the following to serve as chaplains in the armed forces and the veterans administration of the United States. This is in addition to their regular denominational employment through which they are accruing service credit:

Robert R Davidson - US Army

Randon N Hesgard - US Airforce

*Willie L.* William Taylor - US Airforce or US Army

C W Teel, Sr - Loma Linda Veterans Administration Medical Center.

From NAD Admin/ADCOM/OJP SM 78/ADCOM/PRADCO/GCC to AHR

A 2466 MARANATHA FLIGHTS--LIABILITY INSURANCE,  
STUDY COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following ad hoc Maranatha Flights--Liability Insurance, Study Committee:

Wilson, Neal C (Chairman)

Nigri, M S (Vice-Chairman)

Bothe, J W (Secretary)

Aitken, J J

Baasch, D H

Bradford, C E

Bruce, G O

Carson, W E

Emmerson, K H

Frederick, C O

Freeman, John

Johns, W L

Johnson, H D

Lance, Harold

Long, A M

Mack, Erwin

From CA to GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Allen, William Earl (Berrien Springs, Mich)--English teacher, Middle East College, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division  
Johnson, Ronald (Ooltewah, Tenn)--Mathematics/Science teacher, Konola Academy, Liberia, Northern Europe-West Africa Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Buckley, Robert M (Afro-Mideast Div)--Transfer after furlough as physician, Lilongwe Medical and Dental Practice, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division  
Gee, Richard (Aust Div)--Physician, Hong Kong, Far Eastern Division  
Riggins, Scott and Janice (Aust Div)--Nurses, Karachi Hospital, Southern Asia Division, Special Service basis for 6 months

Releases

Cooper, Robert Franklyn (White Mem Med Center, Calif) from appt to Karachi Hospital, Pakistan, Southern Asia Division  
Flerl, Judy from appt to Antillean Hosp, Curacao, Inter-American Division. Declined  
Mastrapa, Misael from appt to Central American Union College (CADES) Costa Rica, Inter-American Division. Declined.  
Mitchell, Walter L from appt to Mwami Hospital, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division. Call cancelled  
Quaile, Frederick (Juneau, Alaska) from appt to Gabal Asfar Academy, Egypt, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined.

From OTC/GCC to AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Chase, J E	Int-Amer Div, Guatemala, May 2-4, 1979 Euro-Afr Div, Berne & Portugal, June 25- July 9, 1979
Kemmerer, M E  (Specials) Barnes, Sylvia (Oakwood Coll)	So Asia Div, Nov 25-Dec 7, 1979, following visit to Australasian Division  Int-Amer Div, Bahamas, May 11-13, 1979. Travel and entertainment by Conference

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(Overseas Travel - contd)

(Specials)

Brown, Robert )

Coffin, Harold)

Lugenbeal, Ed )

Roth, Ariel )

(Geoscience Inst)

Int-Amer Div, Antillian College, June 4-10,  
1979. Expenses by Geoscience Institute

Liu, Herbert and wife  
(China)

N Eur-W Afr Div, Northern Europe, May 20-  
June 25, 1979. Travel and entertainment  
by Division.

Proctor, Stoy  
(Pac Un)

Int-Amer Div, Franco-Haitian Un, June 21-  
July 7, 1979. Travel and entertainment  
by Division.

From ADCOM/GCC to JE

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General calls:

Duerksen, Jack (Southeastern Calif)--Assistant Dean of Men,  
Loma Linda University

Gay, Gordon (PR-TAD)--Assistant treasurer and accountant, Quebec  
SDA Church Association

Holbrook, Robert (PR-SAD)--Youth director, Alabama-Mississippi  
Conference.

Adjourned

M S Nigri, Chairman  
J W Bothe, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 10, 1979, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

W Duncan Eva, D S Johnson, W Melvin Adams, T M Ashlock, D H Baasch, W S Banfield, R Curtis Barger, R W Bates, G J Bertochini, W P Bradley, C D Brooks, G O Bruce, G T Carter, D R Christman, A E Gibb, V S Griffiths, C D Henri, C B Hirsch, G M Hyde, Warren L Johns, F L Jones, W R Leshner, N W Litchfield, R F Mattison, J W McFarland, S D Meyers, S F Monnier, W L Murrill, D F Neufeld, M S Nigri, P F Pedersen, Elbio Pereyra, A V Pinkney, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, R L Reynolds, A H Roth, W C Scales, H D Singleton, P G Smith, J R Spangler, E H J Steed, C R Taylor, G Ralph Thompson, L R Van Dolson, D S Williams, W H Wilson, K H Wood.

## OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, B Russell Holt, Donald Lee.

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

W Duncan Eva, Chairman, read portions of Manuscript 7 written in 1863, as follows:

"I was shown that the time that is consumed in so much reading and study is often worse than thrown away. A large portion of the time spent over books and in studying should be spent before God imploring Him for heavenly wisdom and for strength and power to let the truth which they do fully understand, shine out before the people in its clearness and harmonious beauty. There is too little time spent in secret prayer and in sacred meditation. The cry of God's servants should be for the holy unction and to be clothed with salvation, that what they preach may reach hearts. . . ."

G Ralph Thompson offered prayer.

## INTRODUCTIONS

P G Smith presented Samuel D Meyers, newly elected associate director of the General Conference Stewardship and Development Department.

P A Gordon introduced Elbio Pereyra who has just arrived to take up his work as an associate secretary of the White Estate.

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REPORTS

P F Pedersen, Associate Director of the Lay Activities Department, reported briefly on his eight-week itinerary in the Australasian Division most of which was spent in Community Service Congresses in the island fields. He commented on the strong, youthful leadership in the mission fields.

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MINUTES of the meeting held May 3, 1979, were approved with two amendments.

From Personnel/Secretariat/ADCOM/GCC to CDH

WELCH, SHIRLEY--ASST SECY, MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION,  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR, MINISTRY

VOTED, 1. To appoint Shirley Welch to serve as assistant secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association

2. To approve the appointment of Shirley Welch as an associate editor of Ministry magazine.

From CA/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Zita, Pierre (Quebec, Canada)--Pastor/Evangelist, Franco-Haitian Union, Inter-American Division, national returning

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Fehr, Jorg (Euro-Afr Div)--Builder, Gitwe College, Rwanda, Trans-Africa Division. Special Service basis for 1 year.

French-speaking evangelist (Euro-Afr Div)--Ivory Coast Mission, Northern Europe-West Africa Division

Watts, William (Aust Div)--Physician, Hongkong Adventist Hospital, Far Eastern Division

Releases

Alexander, Dolly from call to transfer from Afro-Mideast Division to Trans-Africa Division as French teacher, Lukanga Secondary School. Declined for health reasons.

Collins, Phyllis from appt to Malamulo Hospital, Trans-Africa Division. Declined.

(Appointees - contd)  
(Releases)

French-speaking evangelist (Int-Amer Div)--Cancel open call for Ivory Coast Mission, N Europe-W Africa Division. Inter-American Division unable to fill.

Peterson, Thomas A from appt to Ethiopian Union, Afro-Mideast Division  
Visa unobtainable

Storfjell, Bjornar from appt to River Plate College, Argentina,  
South American Division. Declined

Permanent Returns

Engel, Larry C from South American Division. Education, effective July 1979

Glantz, Marvin from Brazil, South American Division. Education, effective May 1979.

From OTC/GCC to AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Brooks, C L	Aust Div, Jan 15-Feb 26, 1980
Gordon, P A	Int-Amer Div, Puerto Rico, June 4-7, 1979
Holbrook, D W ) Holbrook, Betty)	Euro-Afr Div, Switzerland, Aug 27-Sept 11, 1979 (Immediately follows trip to Trans-Africa Division)
	N Eur-W Afr Div, Dec 28, 1979-Feb 6, 1980
	So Asia Div, Feb 7-24, 1980.

(Specials)

Follet, Philip ) Follet, Mrs Philip) (No Calif Conf)	Trans-Afr Div, June 20-Aug 20, 1979. Travel expense and salary by Northern California Conference. Entertainment by Trans-Africa Division.
Leach, B E (Southwestern Un)	N Eur-W Afr Div, Nov 6-Dec 11, 1979. Travel and entertainment expense by Southwestern Union.
Youngberg, John ) Youngberg, Millie)	Int-Amer Div, Costa Rica, time to be arranged in December 1979. Travel and entertainment expense by Inter-American Division.

Adjustments

Hackett, W J	N Eur-W Afr Div, Nov 8-Dec 18, 1979.
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From FREC/GCC to MEK

EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in fixed rates of exchange, effective May 1, 1979:

<u>Country</u>			<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>US\$</u>
<u>N Europe-W Africa Division</u>				
Denmark	Krone	DKr	5.30	.1886792
Gambia	Dalasis	D	1.95	.5128205
Ghana	Cedi	Ng	2.75	.3636363
Great Britain	English £	£	.4807692	2.08
Iceland	Krona	IKr	330.00	.0030303
Nigeria	Naira	N	.6060606	1.65
Norway	Krone	NKr	5.15	.1941747
Poland	Zloty	ZL	30.00	.0333333
Sierra Leone	Leone	Le	.9615385	1.04

From ADCOM/GCC to JE

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General calls:

Newer, Harry B (Walla Walla Coll)--Web Press operator, Pacific Press  
Publishing Association  
Wirsz, Ron (Loma Linda U)--Teacher, Upper Columbia Conference

Adjourned

W Duncan Eva, Chairman  
D S Johnson, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary



## Minutes of Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 17, 1979, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

M S Nigri, D S Johnson, W Melvin Adams, J J Aitken, T M Ashlock, D H Baasch, G P Babcock, R Curtis Barger, R W Bates, M T Battle, C D Brooks, G O Bruce, H D Burbank, G T Carter, D R Christman, N R Dower, G O Engen, A E Gibb, P A Gordon, J H Hancock, R L Hilde, C B Hirsch, W R Leshner, N W Litchfield, Alf Lohne, E H Mack, R F Mattison, J W McFarland, A C McKee, S F Monnier, W L Murrill, P F Pedersen, A V Pinkney, H F Rampton, M H Reeder, R L Reynolds, A H Roth, H D Singleton, P G Smith, F A Soper, J R Spangler, W M Starks, G Ralph Thompson, L R Van Dolson, D S Williams, C M Willis, W H Wilson, K H Wood, F Donald Yost

## OTHERS PRESENT

J.F Ashlock, Karl H Bahr, John Daly, Sandra Goldenberg, B Russell Holt, Donald Lee, Shirley Welch

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

M S Nigri, Chairman, read several passages from I Kings 10 and 11 concerning the experience of Solomon and supplemented these passages with paragraphs from E G White's Prophets and Kings, pp 55 and 84. From these passages he called attention to the need to be careful in little things. Failure to endure trials in small things makes one unready to face the larger. We need to inquire of the Lord at each step if this is the way to go. He will be our constant companion if we will let Him. Solomon's experience indicates to us the importance of maintaining a right relationship day by day for one's influence for wrong cannot be called back.

George P Babcock offered prayer.

## INTRODUCTIONS

T M Ashlock introduced his father, J Frank Ashlock, retired worker visiting from Collegedale, Tennessee, who served many years in the Southern Asia Division.

N R Dower presented Shirley Welch who has returned to the Ministerial Association as assistant secretary and associate editor of the Ministry magazine. She has been studying at Andrews University where she has earned the Master of Arts in Religion and has begun work on a doctorate.

Erwin Mack introduced John Daly who has joined IS-ESDA as administrative assistant. He also presented his secretary Mrs Sandra Goldenberg.

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## REPORTS

Erwin Mack, Manager of Institutional Services/ESDA, called attention to the fact that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is in reality big business, having insurable assets internationally in excess of three billion dollars exclusive of real estate holdings, and should be managed as efficiently as a large business would be. He cited examples of the savings which can be achieved through volume purchasing and suggested that IS/ESDA be remembered when goods and services are needed. He also told how his business contacts gave opportunity for witnessing.

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MINUTES of the meeting held May 10, 1979, were approved.

From CA/GCC to Secretariat

## COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

### Appointments

Bristol, Arlen A (Los Angeles, CA)--History/Geography teacher/Dean of Men, Lukanga Adventist Secondary School, Zaire, Trans-Africa Division  
Hill, John Evans Clyde (Berrien Springs, MI)--Teacher, Education, Antillian College, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division, national returning  
Gepford, Jon William (Battle Creek, MI)--Administrator, Hongkong Adventist Hospital, Far Eastern Division  
Moradillos, Alicia Mercedes (La Fox, IL)--Biology teacher, Antillian College, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division, national returning  
Sayler, Joan Doreen (Calgary, AB, Canada)--Medical secretary, Karachi Hospital, Pakistan, Southern Asia Division  
Shinoda, Mamoru (Far Eastern natl, student, PUC)--Cook, Tokyo San-Hospital, Japan, Far Eastern Division, national returning  
Storfjell, Johan Bjornar (Andrews University)--Chairman, Theology Department, Middle East College, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division  
Wangsa, Damrong (Takoma Park, MD)--Assistant Treasurer, Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Thailand, Far Eastern Division

### Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Donato, B (Far Eastern Division)--Call of Afro-Mideast Division as Youth/Temperance Director, Ethiopian Union  
Hein, Walter C (South American national, Riverside, CA)--Call of Inter-American Division as Science teacher, West Indies College, Jamaica  
Vervoort, P Eugeen (Euro-Africa Division)--Call of Trans-Africa as Evangelist/Director, Kinshasa Evangelistic Center, Zaire, Transfer after furlough

Appointees - contd  
(Calls and Transfers)

Watts, William (Australasian Division)--Call of Far Eastern Division  
as Physician, Hongkong Adventist Hospital

Releases

Ciril, Dominique (Inter-America) from call to Gitwe College, Rwanda  
as Science teacher, Trans-Africa Division. Unacceptable creden-  
tials

Permanent Returns

Alexander, Dolly, Teacher, Ethiopian Adventist College, Afro-Mideast  
Division. Personal, effective July, 1979  
Follett, O Ronald, Maintenance, Yuka Hospital, Zambia, Trans-Africa  
Division. Education, effective June, 1979  
Heisler, Barbara Jean (daughter of E J Heisler, Youngberg Mem Hosp)  
Far Eastern Division. Education, effective May, 1979

From OTC/GCC to AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Jemison, Hedwig Int-Amer Div, Guatemala, Aug 9-12, 1979  
Enroute to So Am Div visit Aug 13-Sep 25,  
1979

(Specials)  
Benn, B W Int-Am Div, June 8-10, 1979  
(Oakwood College) Travel and entertainment expense by Carib-  
bean Union  
Yamazaki, Mary Int-Am Div, Honduras, 6-8 weeks, time to  
(Hinsdale) be arranged.  
Travel and entertainment expense by Central  
American Union

Adjustments

Jemison, Hedwig So Am Div, Aug 13-Sep 25, 1979 instead of  
4-5 wks Aug-Sep, 1979 as voted 10-26-78

From Spirit of Prophecy Comm/GCC to MTB

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BASIC LIBRARY FUND  
SUBSIDIES

VOTED, To make the following appropriations from the Spirit of  
Prophecy Basic Library Fund to the Far Eastern Division:

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Spirit of Prophecy - contd

<u>Name of Book</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Copies</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>
<u>Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education</u>	Chinese	4,000	47	\$ 252.04
<u>Acts of the Apostles I &amp; II</u>	Japanese	6,000	602	3,250.80
<u>Colporteur Ministry</u>	Japanese	1,000	176	423.67
<u>Counsels for the Church, IV</u>	Japanese	3,000	422	2,278.80
<u>Desire of Ages, I-III</u>	Japanese	3,000	863	2,110.95
<u>Great Controversy, I &amp; II</u>	Japanese	2,000	718	1,707.58
<u>Messages to Young People</u>	Japanese	2,000	498	727.52
<u>Ministry of Healing</u>	Japanese	3,000	516	2,336.69
<u>Patriarchs &amp; Prophets I &amp; II</u>	Japanese	2,000	793	2,068.46

From NWD/BOFC/GCC to FLJ

NORTHERN EUROPE-WEST AFRICA DIVISION--HOPEANIEMI  
SANITARIUM FINANCIAL PLAN APPROVED

VOTED, To approve the financial plan presented by the Northern Europe-West Africa Division and the Finland Union for the building of a chapel-gymnasium addition to the Hopeaniemi Sanitarium. A copy of the financial plan is on file with the official minutes.

Adjourned

M S Nigri, Chairman  
D S Johnson, Secretary  
Eunice Rozema, Recording Secretary

## BORROWING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS COMMITTEE

MAY 14, 1979

MEMBERS PRESENT: G O Bruce, F L Jones, N R Dower, W H Wilson

PRAYER: F L Jones

COLUMBIA UNION-- Ohio Conference-- Hamlett, Ohio Church

VOTED, On recommendation of the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference, to approve the borrowing of funds up to \$168,000 in connection with the construction of a new church. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$336,000. It is understood that this loan will be repaid in eight years from appropriations and pledges.

NORTHERN EUROPE-WEST AFRICA DIVISION-- Finland Union-- Hopeaniemi Sanitarium

VOTED, On recommendation of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division and the Finland Union Conference, to approve the borrowing of funds up to \$75,000 in connection with the construction of a chapel-gymnasium. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$212,500. It is understood that this loan will be repaid in eight years.

G O Bruce, Acting Chairman  
F L Jones, Secretary

## Minutes of Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 24, 1979, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Neal C Wilson, D S Johnson, D H Baasch, G P Babcock, R W Bates, M T Battle, G J Bertochini, J W Bothe, W P Bradley, H D Burbank, J E Chase, D R Christman, G O Engen, Joseph Espinosa, C O Franz, A E Gibb, P A Gordon, V S Griffiths, Richard Hammill, J H Hancock, F E J Harder, C D Henri, C B Hirsch, J N Hunt, M E Kemmerer, J C Kinder, N W Litchfield, Alf Lohne, Alice Lowe, E H Mack, C D Martin, R F Mattison, S F Monnier, D F Neufeld, M S Nigri, R W Nixon, R E Osborn, A J Patzer, Leo Ranzolin, H L Reiner, R L Reynolds, A H Roth, D A Roth, M C Sawvel, W C Scales, H D Singleton, Clark Smith, P G Smith, J R Spangler, E H J Steed, Ella May Stoneburner, C R Taylor, G Ralph Thompson, L R Van Dolson, F C Webster, F W Wernick, Bruce M Wickwire, R A Wilcox, D S Williams, W H Wilson, K H Wood.

## OTHERS PRESENT

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, James Gallagher, Bert Haloviak, Everette W Howell, Charles Jenson, Mrs Jenson, Donald Lee, Mrs Ruth Murrill, Commie Saxton, Ardoval Schevani, L R Thrift, Shirley Welch, N C Wilson, Mrs Wilson.

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Neal C Wilson, Chairman, spoke briefly regarding plans for the re-organization of the work in Africa. Following the report he read Acts 17:16 concerning Paul on Mars Hill: ". . . his soul was exasperated at the sight of a city so completely idolatrous." (The New Testament in Modern English). How disturbed do we become as we see the condition of the world around us? Do we do something about it? We must not suffer wrongs to continue in our lives, in our homes, in the church, or in the world without taking action. If we fearlessly and tactfully declare the gospel of Christ there will be positive results.

N C Wilson offered prayer.

J H Hancock introduced the theme song which has been chosen for the 1980 General Conference Session, "By His Spirit" which was composed by Mrs Kathleen Newman of the Netherlands Antilles Mission. In all, 102 entries were considered.

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#### INTRODUCTIONS

Leo Ranzolin introduced Ardoval Schevani of Brazil who is now the pastor of the Portuguese church in Washington, DC.

He also presented Mr and Mrs Charles Jenson who are teachers at Spicer Memorial College.

The Chairman introduced his parents, Elder and Mrs N C Wilson, and his sister, Mrs Ruth Murrill. Pastor Wilson has served as president of four world divisions--North American, Southern Asia, Trans-Africa and Australasian Divisions.

G R Thompson introduced Everette W Howell of the East Caribbean Conference who has accepted a call to serve in the South England Conference.

C R Taylor presented L R Thrift, Director of the Department of Education of the Trans-Australian Union.

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MINUTES of the meeting held May 17, 1979, were approved.

From Allowances/ADCOM/GCC to WLM

CHRISTENSEN, J E--RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To authorize Retirement Plan benefits for J E Christensen after 40 years of denominational service rendered largely in the Far Eastern Division. Benefits begin approximately January 1, 1980.

From GCC to DSJ

CHRISTENSEN, J E--APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to J E Christensen for 40 years of denominational service, 36 of which were for the Chinese people.

From Allowances/ADCOM/GCC to WLM

NEUFELD, R D--SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

RECOMMENDED, To refer the name of Raymond D Neufeld to the Retirement Plan Committee for appropriate action, because of his health condition.

From Administration/PRADCO/GCC to WDE

MC FARLAND, KENNETH--ASSOCIATE BOOK EDITOR,  
ENGLISH BOOK EDITORIAL DEPT, PACIFIC PRESS

VOTED, To approve the appointment of Kenneth McFarland to serve as Associate Book Editor of the English Book Editorial Department of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

From Administration/PRADCO/GCC to COF

O 2823 ANNUAL COUNCIL 1979--INVITATIONS

VOTED, To invite the following persons to attend the 1979 Annual Council to be held in Washington, DC, October 9-17, 1979:

1. Members of the General Conference Committee:

Presidents of Overseas Divisions  
Treasurers of Overseas Divisions  
Chief Auditors of Overseas Divisions  
General Conference Committee Members Residing in North America  
One or two Union Presidents from each Division other than the  
North American Division, to be selected by the Division  
Committees.

2. Other persons, not members of the General Conference Committee:

NAD Union Secretaries  
NAD Union Treasurers  
NAD Local Conference Presidents  
Dean, SDA Theological Seminary  
NAD Senior College Presidents  
SDA Hospital Association President

O R Caldwell, R B Caldwell, Earl Canson, T W Cantrell, D D Dennis,  
Irwin Hansen, C M Laue, T P Miller, T O Moore, E J Remboldt,  
J R Shawver, L C Strickland, Ivan Toews, D W Welch, Eastern  
States Adventist Health Services representative, Northwest Medical  
Foundation representative.

From Far East Div/Min Assn/Secretariat/ADCOM/PRADCO/GCC to CDH

ZACHARY, JAMES H--MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION SECRETARY,  
FAR EASTERN DIVISION

Inasmuch as Harold K West has resigned and is returning to the United States permanently,

VOTED, To elect James H Zachary as Ministerial Association secretary of the Far Eastern Division.



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From CA/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Dickerson, Dennis (Platte Valley Acad)--Math/Science teacher, Konola Academy, Liberia, Northern Europe-West Africa Division  
Lampson, Elmer E (Boring, Oregon)--Business manager, Solusi College, Rhodesia, Trans-Africa Division  
Vietz, Donald James (Twin Falls, Idaho)--Builder/Industrial Arts teacher, The Gambia, Northern Europe-West Africa Division  
Williams, DeWitt S (Gen Conf Dept of Communication)--President, Central Africa Union, Trans-Africa Division.

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Engineer (Aust Div)--Granose Foods, Ltd, England, Northern Europe-West Africa Division  
Peterson, Clifton (Trans-Afr Div)--Teacher, Language School, Korea, Far Eastern Division, 1 year on Special Service basis.

Releases

Allen, William Earl (Berrien Springs, Mich) from appt to Middle East College, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined  
Irvine, David (Aust Div national) from call to Sydney Adventist Hosp, Australasian Division as national returning. Declined  
Johnson, Ronald (Ooltewah, Tenn) from appt to Konola Academy, Liberia, Northern Europe-West Africa Division. Declined  
Patterson, Jean (Grand Terrace, Calif) from appt to Middle East College, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division. Health clearance denied  
Pierce, Charles L from appt to Antillian College, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division. Declined  
Stevens, Richard A from appt to TALKES, Trans-Africa Division. Declined.

Permanent Returns

Clarke, Wilton E L from Helderberg College, South Africa, Trans-Africa Division. His request, effective June 1979  
Leazer, Wilma Lucille from Far Eastern Division. Retirement, effective October 1979  
Lee, William Milton--Rescind permanent return action of December 20, 1978, from Far Eastern Division, change to furlough  
Lezeau, Jean-Luc from Zaire, Trans-Africa Division to Euro-Africa Division. Personal, effective July 1978.

From OTC/GCC to AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

(Specials)

Day, Larry

(Loma Linda U)

So Asia Div, Pakistan, June 15-July 29,  
1979. Travel, salary and lodging by  
Southern Asia Division.

Liu, Dr and Mrs Herbert  
(China)

Far East Div, Singapore, time to be  
arranged in connection with return to  
China. General Conference will care for  
any extra expense involved.

Adjustments

Thompson, G R

Trans-Afr Div, Nov 5-Dec 17, 1979.

Cancellations

Liu, Dr and Mrs Herbert  
(China)

N Eur-W Afr Div, May 20-June 25, 1979.  
Unable to arrange visas.

From ADCOM/GCC to JE

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General calls:

Aldridge, Don (PR-SAD)--Director, Trust Services, Texico Conference  
Camacho, Harold S (PR-SAD)--Associate pastor, Southeastern California  
Conference

Lickey, Harold (Walla Walla Coll)--Professor of Music, Andrews  
University

McFarland, Kenneth (Washington)--Associate Book Editor, Pacific Press  
Publishing Association

Mitchell, Kathleen (Col Un Coll)--Telephone operator, General Conference

Murray, Keith (Atlantic Un Coll)--Asst professor, Business Administra-  
tion, Andrews University

Nowack, David (Southern Calif)--Asst instructor, Education, Science  
and Mathematics, Andrews University

Robinson, W B (Gen Conf)--Treasurer, HHES, Forth Worth, Texas, South-  
western Union

Thayer, Jerome (Atlantic Un Coll)--Professor, Education Measurements,  
Andrews University

Weidling, Joyce (Andrews Univ)--Teacher, English, Laurelwood Academy,  
Oregon Conference

Adjourned

Neal C Wilson, Chairman  
D S Johnson, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 31, 1979, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

F W Wernick, D A Roth, W Melvin Adams, T M Ashlock, D H Baasch, M T Battle, G J Bertochini, J W Bothe, C L Brooks, G O Bruce, J E Chase, D A Delafield, N R Dower, G O Engen, C O Franz, C O Frederick, A E Gibb, E G Gomez, P A Gordon, Richard Hammill, J H Hancock, R H Henning, C D Henri, J N Hunt, H D Johnson, F L Jones, W R Leshar, N W Litchfield, Alf Lohne, Alice Lowe, R F Mattison, S D Meyers, M S Nigri, H F Rampton, H L Reiner, A H Roth, M C Sawvel, W C Scales, A E Schmidt, H D Singleton, P G Smith, W M Starks, E H J Steed, Ella May Stoneburner, C R Taylor, L R Van Dolson, F C Webster, R A Wilcox, D S Williams, C M Willis, W H Wilson, F Donald Yost.

## OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Orley Berg, R W Frost, Donald Lee.

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

F W Wernick, Chairman, read a portion of the book Faith and Works by Ellen G White:

"Our faith is not to stand in the ability of men but in the power of God. There is danger of trusting in men, even though they may have been used as instruments of God to do a great and good work. Christ must be our strength and our refuge. The best of men may fall from their steadfastness, and the best of religion, when corrupted, is ever the most dangerous in its influence upon minds." (p 89).

Our work will be effective only as we trust in God and not in our own abilities.

H L Reiner offered prayer.

## INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman presented E G Gomez, newly appointed Associate Director, Office of Human Relations.

G O Bruce introduced R W Frost, Treasurer of the Japan Union.

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REPORTS

H F Rampton reported on new programs being carried forward by the Sabbath School Department. The Vacation Bible School series is being re-written, a revised international picture roll is being prepared and a new series of Sabbath School lessons for the collegiate group is being considered.

Sabbath School membership has reached nearly four million in the world field. The Trans-Africa Division has the largest Sabbath School membership--twice the church membership in that field.

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MINUTES of the meeting held May 24, 1979, were approved.

From Administration/ADCOM/GCC to JWB

FRASER, IAN--FURLOUGH

VOTED, To grant a two-month furlough to Ian Fraser of Loma Linda, California, to the Australasian Division during September and October, 1979.

From Administration/ADCOM/GCC to JWB

SUAREZ, JUAN J--FURLOUGH

VOTED, To grant a two-month furlough to Juan J Suarez of the Pacific Press, to Venezuela, Inter-American Division, during June and July, 1979.

From NAD Administration/ADCOM/GCC to AHR

P 2757 NEI-LISTEN--REVIEW, STUDY COMMITTEE  
INVITEES

VOTED, To invite the following persons to attend the meeting of the NEI-Listen--Review, Study Committee to be held in Washington, DC, May 31, 1979, beginning at 3:30:

Clyde Brooks, Reginald Froot, E O Glenz, Eric Ristau.

From Administration/ADCOM/GCC to AHR

COMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following changes in standing committees:

(Committee Adjustments - contd)

INVESTMENT AND SECURITIES

Add: Bradford, C E

YOUTH COUNCIL--NAD

Add: Klimes, R E  
Discontinue: Bertochini, G J

From Administration/ADCOM/GCC to GRT

A 2854 CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS 1980  
CORRECTION

VOTED, To amend the Calendar of Special Days and Offerings for 1980 voted at the time of the 1978 Annual Council (78-329) by deleting the North American Missions Offering, the offering for June 21 now to be designated as follows:

Servicemen's Literature Offering June 21  
(Alternates with North American Missions Offering)

From Admin/ADCOM/PRADCO/GCC to COF

A 2781 GC SESSION 1980--DELEGATES, 25% PROVISION

VOTED, To authorize the following partial list of delegates for the 1980 General Conference Session under the 25 percent provision of the General Conference Constitution, Article III, Section 3b. (Where quotas are given, specific names will be voted after consultation with the organizations concerned:)

1. General Conference Institutions:

Andrews University	10
Christian Record Braille Foundation	2
Harris Pine Mills	3
Home Study Institute	1
Loma Linda Foods	1
Loma Linda University	14
Oakwood College	3
Pacific Press Publishing Assn	6
Review and Herald Publishing Assn	6
SDA Radio, TV and Film Center	7
Southern Publishing Association	5

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2. North American Union Conferences:

Atlantic Union	15
Canadian Union	12
Central Union	14
Columbia Union	20
Lake Union	18
North Pacific Union	18
Northern Union	8
Pacific Union	38
Southern Union	23
Southwestern Union	12

3. Northern Europe-West Africa Division:

Ljung, Arne  
Luxton, Mrs R M  
Morgan, S  
4 delegates from West Nordic Union (Names to be supplied)

4. Veterans:

Banks, G N  
Bohner, Leonard F  
Dittberner, Jesse L  
Hiscox, Elizabeth J  
Jones, Rosalie  
Lee, Milton  
Nash, Gerald R  
Richards, Harold M S  
Sandefur, Cree  
Shrewsbury, R  
Simmons, Marion  
Tilghman, Kenneth W  
Walde, Elmer R  
Whitney, Kingdon W  
Young, Ethel

Each of the divisions except North America is invited to send one Veteran with the understanding that the division will pay the transportation costs and the General Conference will care for entertainment in Dallas.

5. General Conference Personnel:

Aasheim, Karsten  
Bahr, Karl H  
Berg, Orley M  
Bohner, John F  
Boothby, Lee  
Caldwell, Raymond B  
Caldwell, O Richard

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Carballal, Manuel M  
Carson, Walter E  
Cash, Robert W  
Coffin, Harold G  
Dennis, David D  
Doward, Jan S  
Dunn, Leslie D  
Gallagher, James  
Graybill, Ronald D  
Haloviak, Bert B  
Holbrook, Mrs D W  
Hold, William E  
Holt, B Russell  
Horning, Patricia  
Jemison, Hedwig  
Jennings, Jerry H  
Joiner, James L  
Laue, Clarence M  
Lee, Donald E  
Lugenbeal, Edward N  
Mansell, Donald E  
Marsh, Gene M  
Martin, Benjamin A  
McCulloch, Milton J  
Miller, Thomas P  
O'Ffill, Richard W  
Opp, Arthur  
Penner, Bernard J  
Peterson, Laurell  
Quigley, W B  
Rick, Rowena  
Roth, Ariel A  
Roth, John E  
Strickland, Lloyd C  
Taylor, Wayne  
Wagner, Raymond A  
Welch, Shirley  
Wetherell, William  
Wiggle, Jerry L  
Zinke, E Edward

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From CA/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Griffin, Charles J (Keene, Texas)--Pastor, Portuguese Church,  
Johannesburg, South Africa, Trans-Africa Division  
Rivera-Martinez, Mildred (Chicago, Ill)--Teacher, Spanish, Antillian  
College, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division, national returning  
Wilson, Edith Fern (Berrien Springs, Mich)--Elementary teacher,  
Songa, Zaire, Trans-Africa Division  
Yeboah, Daniel (Charlotte, No Carolina)--Auditor, C Ghana Conference,  
N Europe-W Africa Division, national returning.

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Chukwu, S (WIC, Jamaica)--Youth Director, Rivers Mission, Nigeria,  
N Europe-W Africa Division, national returning  
Otto, William H (Aust Div)--Conference evangelist, Transvaal Conference,  
South Africa, Trans-Africa Division.

Releases

David, S G (Andrews U) from appt to Spicer Memorial College, India,  
Southern Asia Division, national returning. Declined.  
Galbraith, Loris B from appt to Gwelo Dental Clinic, Rhodesia, Trans-  
Africa Division. Declined  
Hrenyk, Allen Gordon (Willowdale, Ont) from appt to Pakistan Union,  
Southern Asia Division. Declined  
Patterson, Clifford Geoffrey from appt to Korea, Far Eastern Division  
Declined  
Potts, Larry (Loma Linda U) from appt to Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto  
Rico, Inter-American Division. Declined  
Wical, Charles Leonard from appt to Youngberg Memorial Hospital,  
Singapore, Far Eastern Division. Declined.

Permanent Returns

Buckman, David D from Kanye Hospital, Botswana, Trans-Africa Division  
Division recommendation, effective May 1979  
Sponghagen, Margot from Sakie Clinic, Ethiopia, Afro-Mideast Division  
to N Europe-W Africa Division. Health, effective February 1979  
Vandulek, George L from Malamulo Hospital, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division  
Education, effective June 1979.

From OTC/GCC to AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:



(Overseas Travel - contd)

Authorizations

Pelton, R L	Int-Amer Div, Puerto Rico, July 1-4, 1979
Steed, E H J	Int-Amer Div, Mexico, time to be arranged.
(Specials)	
Brantley, P S (Oakwood Coll)	Int-Amer Div, St Croix, Aug 20-23, 1979. Travel and entertainment by Caribbean Union
Streeter, E A (Andrews U)	Trans-Afr Div, Rwanda, Aug 19-31, 1979 Travel and entertainment by Trans-Africa Division
Welch, Don (So Hosp Assn)	Int-Amer Div, Puerto Rico, July 1-4, 1979 Travel and entertainment by Southern Hospital Association.

Adjustments

Taylor, C R	Trans-Afr Div, July 27-Sept 3, 1979 instead of March 1-April 12.
Zinke, E ) Hasel, (F)G)	So Amer Div, July 8-Aug 15, 1979 instead of July 10-Aug 6.

From FREC/GCC to MEK

EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in fixed rates of exchange, effective June 1, 1979:

<u>Country</u>		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>US\$</u>
<u>Australasian Division</u>			
Australia	Australian \$	\$A .8928571	1.12
Fiji	Fijian \$	\$F .8130081	1.23
New Caledonia & Fr Polynesia	Pacific Franc	Pfr 77.00	.0129870
New Zealand	New Zealand \$	\$NZ .9523809	1.05
Papua New Guinea	Kina	K .7042254	1.42
Tonga	Pa'anga	\$P .8695652	1.15
Western Samoa	Tala	\$T .7092199	1.41
<u>Far Eastern Division</u>			
Japan	Yen	Y 2.20	.004545455

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From ADCOM/GCC to JE

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General calls:

Casebolt, W R (Pacific Press)--Van driver/maintenance, Central  
California Conference

Gallagher, James (Gen Conf)--Director of Public Relations, It Is  
Written, SDA Radio-TV and Film Center.

Adjourned

F W Wernick, Chairman  
D A Roth, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary