

Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 3, 1983, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alf Lohne, D R Christman, Alva R Appel, D H Baasch, M T Battle, B B Beach, L L Bock, J W Bothe, C L Brooks, G O Bruce, L L Butler, V H Cooper, S L DeShay, G O Engen, Joseph Espinosa, P A Gordon, M G Hardinge, J H Harris, C B Hirsch, D W Holbrook, Frank Holbrook, B E Jacobs, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, Herbert Kiesler, J C Kinder, G E Knowles, C D Martin, N O Matthews, S D Meyers, M L Mills, W L Murrill, R W O'Ffill, RW Olson, R E Osborn, R L Pelton, W B Quigley, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, G W Reid, Gary M Ross, D A Roth, W C Scales, P G Smith, F A Soper, E H J Steed, Elizabeth Sterndale, E M Stiles, G Ralph Thompson, L R Van Dolson, F W Wernick, Roy F Williams, K H Wood, L D Wood, R L Woodfork, F Donald Yost.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Alf Lohne, Chairman, read Romans 16:17-20, a portion of which follows:

" . . . keep a watchful eye on those who cause trouble and make difficulties among you, in plain opposition to the teaching you have been given, and steer clear of them. Such men do not really serve our Lord Christ at all but their own ambitions. Yet with their plausible and attractive arguments they deceive those who are too simple-hearted to see through them."

Paul warns against persons who want to hurt God's church. They can be recognized by two characteristics:

1. They cause trouble and make difficulties among the believers
2. They deceive people by plausible and attractive arguments.

Paul goes on to state that "the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet." True peace does not come from inactivity, evasion of issues or refusal to make decisions. It is the result of decisive, victorious action.

Samuel L DeShay offered prayer.

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INTRODUCTIONS

Ron Flowers presented Ray McCurdy, pilot for the McKee Baking Company in Collegedale, Tennessee.

MINUTES of the meeting held January 27, 1983, were approved, with one amendment in the Interdivision Travel action.

ADCOM/GCC to EMS-RetirePlan

WEARNER, ROBERT G - RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To grant retirement benefits to Robert G Wearner effective June 5, 1983, after 41.5 years of denominational service.

GCC to DRC

WEARNER, ROBERT G - APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE

VOTED, To express appreciation to Robert G Wearner for over 41 years of denominational service in the area of education. Since 1955, with the exception of six years, he served in the South American Division.

ADCOM/GCC to JWB

DEDEREN, RAOUL F - FURLOUGH

VOTED, To approve a two-month furlough during July and August, 1983, for Raoul F Dederen and wife, to Belgium, Euro-Africa Division.

ADCOM/GCC to JWB

AUTHORIZED MEETINGS--DATES

VOTED, To approve the following meeting dates:

Methods of Bible Study Committee (ad hoc) to meet October 13-16, 1983, in Washington, DC

Daniel and Revelation Committee (ad hoc) to meet May 1-4, 1983, in Berrien Springs, Michigan

Biblical Research Institute Committee (BRICOM, standing committee) to change meeting date from May 4-8 to May 5-9, 1983 in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

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GCO/GCC to WDE-GCO

QUEST LEARNING CENTER BYLAWS COMMITTEE

VOTED, To approve the following ad hoc Quest Learning Center Bylaws Committee:

W D Eva, Chairman; Paul Smith, Secretary; J W Bothe, W E Carson, Colin Cook, K H Livesay, L R Palmer, Jr, Bryce Pascoe, Monte Sahlin, Fred Thomas.

GCO/GCC to FWW AEG

PAN-AFRICAN HEALTH SERVICES AND SCHOOL OF HEALTH
COMMITTEE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following Pan-African Health Services and School of Health Committee Board and the Pan-African Executive Committee:

Pan-African Health Services and School of Health Committee Board

F W Wernick, Chairman; Bekele Heye, Vice-Chairman; S L DeShay, Secretary; R W Wilmot, Treasurer; R J Kloosterhuis, Edwin Ludescher, K J Mittleider, AID Health Department Director, EAD Health Department Director, TAD Health Department Director, GC Health Department Director.

Pan-African Executive Committee

Bekele Heye, Chairman; S L DeShay, Secretary; R W Wilmot, Treasurer; EAD Health Department Director.

GCO/GCC to KHE-GCO

PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN IMPLEMENTATION
COMMITTEE

On the request of the Pacific Press Board,

VOTED, To approve the following ad hoc Pacific Press Publishing Association Implementation Committee:

K H Emmerson, Chairman; Otho Eusey, M E Kemmerer.

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GCO/GCC to LB

PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN INTERIM CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER--M E KEMMERER

On the request of the Pacific Press Board,

VOTED, To appoint M E Kemmerer as Interim Chief Financial
Officer.

GCO/GCC to CBH-GCO

SDA TRADEMARK COMMITTEE

VOTED, To approve the following ad hoc SDA Trademark Committee
which will consider the possibility of registering the Church name and
other uniquely denominational terms and usages:

C B Hirsch, Chairman; R W Nixon, Secretary; M T Battle,
R R Drachenberg, N O Matthews, L D Wood.

OUP 82AC/NAD 82AC/GCO/GCC to EMS-OUP 83AC

RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS STUDY COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following ad hoc Retirement Benefits and
Contributions Study Committee to prepare recommendations regarding the
rates for contributions to the North American Division Retirement Plan
and the level of retirement income that should be provided to
participants of the Retirement Plan. (See also NADCA 82-138).

General Conference

C E Bradford, Chairman; W L Murrill, Secretary; J W Bothe,
R E Osborn, E M Stiles, G Ralph Thompson, F W Wernick, L D Wood.

NAD Unions

W D Blehm, R H Carter, L W Crooker, J W Wilson.

NAD Conferences

E C Beck, H J Carubba, N K Harvey, Meade Van Putten, Cyril Miller,
Don Walker.

NAD Retirees

W R Beach, Ray Brodersen, Fenton Froom, Emil Hagele, C D Henri,
M E Kemmerer, Alice Smith, Ethel Young.

NAD Institutions

W J Blacker, J G Smoot, D W Welch.

Consultants

W E Hold, Michael Mudry, D R Pierson, Paul Robberson.

GCO/GCC to CBH AEG

HOME AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

VOTED, To appoint the following Home and Family Services Advisory Council:

C B Hirsch, Chairman; Betty Holbrook, Secretary; R E Barron, M T Battle, Ellen Bresee, Floyd Bresee, V H Cooper, Karen Flowers, Ronald Flowers, P A Gordon, M L Hartlein, D W Holbrook, Eloy Martinez, Enoch Oliveira, Ouida Westney, L D Wood, Warren Zork.

GCO/GCC to AEG

APPROACH TO ISLAM COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To add the name of Ernest H J Steed to the membership of the standing Approach to Islam Committee.

GCO/GCC to EO-GCO

CHAPLAINS COMMITTEE

VOTED, To approve the following ad hoc Chaplains Committee which will study issues of religious ritual which may conflict with Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and practice:

Enoch Oliveira, Chairman; B Russell Holt, Secretary; Mardian Blair, A E Brendel, Jr, M Jerry Davis, Merrill Enright, Dan Goddard, Melvyn Hayden, D W Holbrook, G Arthur Keough, C D Martin, James J North, Jr, D A Riesen, J R Spangler.

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GCC to DRC

MURRAY, W E - CONDOLENCES, APPRECIATION

Notice has been received of the death of Walter E Murray in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on January 27, 1983, at the age of 88 years.

VOTED, To express condolences to the family of Walter E Murray, and record our appreciation of his distinguished service as an administrator. He served as secretary of the Inter-American Division, president of the South American Division and the Southern European Division, and also as one of the general vice-presidents of the General Conference.

CA/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Bretsch, Vernon Leroy (Montana Conf)--President, Thailand Mission, Far Eastern Division
Pang, David Shu On (Berrien Springs, Mich)--Business teacher, Hong Kong Adventist College, Far Eastern Division, national returning
Steinman, Douglas William (Def med, LLU M-79A)--Assignment to Guam SDA Clinic, Far Eastern Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Affolter, Gary Lynn, Teacher, ASWA, Nigeria, Afr-Indian Ocean Div--To transfer as teacher, Kamagambo High School and Teachers' College, Kenya, Eastern Africa Division
Atkins, Leonard, Hostel Parent/Pastor, Maxwell Adv Acad, Kenya, Eastern Africa Div--To transfer at furlough time as Pastor, Kabula Hill Church, Blantyre, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division
Garsin, Michel (Euro-Afr Div)--Physician, Bere Maternity Dispensary, Chad, Africa-Indian Ocean Division
Kempf, Marie (Euro-Afr Div)--Nurse, Nanga-Eboko Dispensary and Leprosery, Cameroun, Africa-Indian Ocean Division on Special Service basis, 2 years (correction of base division information given Jan 13, 1983)
McChesney, Robert Lee, Teacher, Solusi Coll, Trans-Afr Div--To transfer at furlough time as Business teacher, Mt Klabat College, Indonesia, Far Eastern Division
Rojas, Thomas (Far East Div)--General Manager, Advent Publishing House, Ghana, Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Releases

Bahr, Karl H from appt to South China Island Union Miss, Far Eastern Division; declined

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Jensen, Svarre (No Eur Div) from invitation to serve at Advent Publishing House, Ghana, Afr-Indian Ocean Division, on SOS basis; declined

Mawikere, Edison (Far East Div) from call to Mt Klabat College, Far Eastern Div as national returning; declined

Permanent Returns

Jones, Ivan N from Qasid Publishing House, Pakistan, Southern Asia Division; retirement, effective August 1983

Maier, Rudolf from Lakpahana Adv Sem, Sri Lanka, Southern Asia Division to Euro-Africa Division; education, effective April 1983

Marin, Patricia from Trans-Africa Division office; personal, effective October 1983

Senarath, Don Augusta Malkanthie from Hongkong Adv Hospital, Far Eastern Division to Southern Asia Division; budgetary considerations, effective April 1980

Sigurdardottir, Lilja from Mwami Hospital, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division to Northern European Division; personal, effective August 1983

Ytreberg, Frederick Martin from India, Southern Asia Division; family considerations, effective April 1983.

FREx/GCC to WLM

FIXED RATES OF EXCHANGE

VOTED, To approve the following fixed rates of exchange effective February 1, 1983:

| <u>Division</u> | <u>Symbol</u> | <u>Local Currency Units Per US \$</u> | <u>US \$ Per Local Currency Units</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---|---|
| Euro-Africa French Franc | Ffr | 6.80 | .1470588 |
| Middle East Union Lebanese Lira | Li D | 4.00 | .25 |
| Northern European British Pound | £ | .6451613 | 1.55 |
| South American Brazil Cruzeiro | \$Cr | 450.00 | .0022222 |
| Trans-Africa Zimbabwe Dollar | \$Z | .9615385 | 1.04 |

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ITC/GCC to AL

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

AUTHORIZATIONS

ASI

Livesay, K H

No Eur Div, London, Feb 2-9, 1983

Biblical Research Institute

So Asia Div, May 25-June 21, 1983
to participate in Bible Conferences.
Travel by General Conference, food and
lodging by Southern Asia Division

Kiesler, Herbert
Leshner, W R
Shea, W
Johnsson, W G
Hasel, Gerhard
Finley, M

May 25-June 13, 1983
June 5-13, 1983
June 5-21, 1983

Health/Temperance

DeShay, S L

No Eur Div, England, Sept 23-Oct 2,
1983

Home and Family

Holbrook, Betty
Holbrook, D W

Int-Amer Div, Col-Venezuela Un
Dec 8-11, 1983

Sabbath School

Pizarro, Mirta

Int-Amer Div, Guadeloupe & Martinique,
March 30-Apr 11, 1983. To meet
appointments scheduled for Mrs
Luxton. Mrs Pizarro is from Inter-
American Div headquarters but General
Conference will pay travel.

Youth

Barron, R E

Int-Amer Div, Puerto Rico,
Aug 18-20, 1983

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SPECIALS

Institute of World Mission

Elick, J W (Loma Linda)

No Eur Div, Newbold College, Aug 15-
Sept 3, 1983. Travel by General
Conference, board and room by Northern
European Division

CANCELLATIONS

Hudgins, F W

No Eur & So Asia Divs, Aug 12-Sept 20,
1983. Change of employment.

NSO/GCC to CDM

TORGERSON, STEVEN M--ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT

VOTED, To grant ecclesiastical endorsement for Steven M Torgerson
of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference who will be serving as a chaplain
in the US Air Force.

Treas/GCC to LLB

DATA PROCESSING WORKSHOP POSTPONED

VOTED, To postpone the Data Processing Workshop scheduled for
March 1983 (see GCC 82-217) to a date which will be decided upon at the
time of the meeting of the General Conference and union treasurers in
March 1983.

Adjourned

Alf Lohne, Chairman
D R Christman, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 10, 1983, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F W Wernick, D R Christman, D H Baasch, R E Barron, M T Bascom, M T Battle, B B Beach, L L Bock, J W Bothe, C D Brooks, C L Brooks, W J Brown, L L Butler, S L DeShay, G O Engen, C O Frederick, P A Gordon, J H Hancock, M G Hardinge, J H Harris, Iris Hayden, C B Hirsch, Betty Holbrook, W G Johnsson, J C Kinder, R E Klimes, Kenneth Livesay, C D Martin, M L Mills, W L Murrill, R E Osborn, A J Patzer, P F Pedersen, R L Pelton, L H Pitton, W B Quigley, L A Ramirez, H F Rampton, M H Reeder, G W Reid, Gary M Ross, W C Scales, F R Stephan, Elizabeth Sterndale, G Ralph Thompson, O A Troy, L R Van Dolson, C D Watson, A S Whiting, Roy F Williams, K H Wood, L D Wood, F Donald Yost.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

F W Wernick, Chairman, read the following:

"It is God's plan to give sufficient evidence of the divine character of His work to convince all who honestly desire to know the truth. But He never removes all opportunity for doubt. All who desire to question and cavil will find occasion."--SM, Book 1, 72.

Each individual must make the choice to believe or to doubt. In the Church today there is sound evidence on which to base belief. When one makes the choice to believe, the Lord brings into the heart great peace, joy and happiness.

J H Harris offered prayer.

REPORTS

D R Christman announced that in the Illinois Conference there were 1,025 baptisms in 1982, which brings the church membership to over 10,000. The baptismal objective for the Illinois Conference for 1983 is 1,100.

In the North American Division for 1982, baptisms reached a total of 37,485--a gain of 1,094 over the previous year. Church membership

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at the close of the year was 642,317 which represents a membership gain of 19,356.

MINUTES of the meeting held February 3, 1983, were approved.

GCC to DRC

WAREHAM, BETHEL - CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY

On January 28, 1983, Bethel Wareham was killed in an automobile accident in northern California.

VOTED, To convey our sympathy to the relatives of Bethel Wareham, and reiterate our appreciation of her service as a medical missionary in the South American and Trans-Africa Divisions.

PanAm Youth Congress ad hoc/ADCOM/GCC to EO

PAN-AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS PLANNING COMMITTEE -
AUTHORIZATIONS

VOTED, 1. To authorize a change in the terminology as voted in GCC 82-243, 82-375 and 83-18 from Pan-American Festival of Faith to Pan-American Youth Congress.

2. To approve holding a Pan-American Youth Congress Planning Committee meeting in Mexico City on March 29-31, 1983, with authorization for Leo S Ranzolin, Richard E Barron, James H Harris, Les Pitton and Michael Stevenson to attend.

3. To approve attendance by youth representatives from the Inter-American, North American and South American Divisions at the Pan-American Youth Congress Planning Committee in Mexico City on the following basis:

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| IAD - One from each union* | 7 |
| IAD - Seven locally from Mexico City | 7 |
| NAD - One from each union | 9 |
| SAD - One from each union | 6 |

* One additional will be invited from Cuba

4. To advance the cost of attendance by the above youth representatives and charge it to the General Conference Pan-American Youth Congress Fund which will be composed of the registration and admission fee charged to all Pan-American Youth Congress delegates. The Inter-American Division is conducting a Division-wide camporee in

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Mexico just prior to March 29, 1983, therefore no travel expenses will be incurred for the Inter-American Division union youth representatives. Mexico City representatives will require no financial assistance. In summary, the costs incurred will be chargeable to the Pan-American Youth Congress Fund as follows:

| <u>Division</u> | <u>Number of Representatives</u> | <u>R/T Travel</u> | <u>Lodging Mar 29-31</u> | <u>Per Diem</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| IAD unions* | 7 | No | Yes | Yes |
| IAD Mexico City | 7 | No | No | No |
| NAD | 9 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| SAD | 6 | Yes | Yes | Yes |

*If a youth representative attends from Cuba, round-trip travel, lodging and per diem will be chargeable.

EGWBd/ADCOM/GCC to GRT AEG

ARCHIVES AND STATISTICS COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the standing Archives and Statistics Committee as follows:

Add Tim Poirier

ADCOM/GCC to CEB AEG

SPANISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the standing Spanish Advisory Committee as follows:

Add Pedro Geli
 W L Murrill

Delete Manuel Vasquez

ADCOM/GCC to JWB

MILLER, T P - FURLOUGH

VOTED, To approve a two-month furlough for T P Miller of the

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General Conference Auditing Service, July 1-August 31, 1983, in the United Kingdom, Northern European Division.

ADCOM/GCC to JWB

NESTARES, MANUEL H - FURLOUGH

VOTED, To approve a two-month furlough for Manuel H Nestares of the Southeastern California Conference, January 25-March 25, 1983, in Argentina, South American Division.

ADCOM/GCC to EMS-RetirePlan

PETTIBONE, M M - RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To place M M Pettibone of the General Conference staff on disability retirement, effective February 1, 1983.

GCC to DRC

PETTIBONE, M M - APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to M M Pettibone for 27 years of denominational service, the last 11 of these as a member of the General Conference staff.

ADCOM/GCC to DRC

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General call:

Keitt, Raymond (Review & Herald)--Security guard, General Conference

GCO/GCC to GRT

1983 SPRING MEETING INVITEES

VOTED, To invite all General Conference Committee members resident in North America to attend the 1983 Spring meeting of the General Conference Committee, April 6 and 7, 1983.

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GCO/GCC to GRT

1983 ANNUAL COUNCIL INVITEES

VOTED, To invite M P Kulakov and N A Zhukaluk from the USSR to attend the 1983 Annual Council of the General Conference Committee to be held in Washington, DC, October 5-13, 1983.

GCO/GCC to LB

PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUENCY MEETING

VOTED, To call a Pacific Press Publishing Association Constituency meeting for Sunday, April 10, 1983, in Mountain View, California.

GCO/GCC to EO-GCO

SPECIAL CHAPLAINS ISSUES COMMITTEE

VOTED, To add B B Beach and R L Pelton to the membership of the ad hoc Special Chaplains Issues Committee (See GCC 83-31).

GCO/GCC to CBH-GCO

SDA TRADEMARK COMMITTEE

VOTED, To add Victor H Cooper to the membership of the ad hoc SDA Trademark Committee. (See GCC 83-30).

GCO/GCC to GRT

SWANNELL, R J--RESIGNATION

VOTED, To accept the resignation of R J Swannell as Health and Temperance Department director of the Australasian Division, at his request.

GCO/GCC to GRT

DYSINGER, P WILLIAM--HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR,
AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION

VOTED, To elect Paul William Dysinger as director of the Health Department of the Australasian Division.

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GCO/GCC to GRT

DOWLING, W G--TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR,
AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION

VOTED, To elect W G Dowling as director of the Temperance
Department of the Australasian Division.

GCO/GCC to LB

PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION--EEOC CLASS
ACTION SUIT

The Pacific Press Publishing Association EEOC Class Action Suit has reached a point where, having lost in the lower courts, the Pacific Press must decide whether to settle or appeal to the United States Supreme Court. Our legal counsel advises that, although there is a growing concern that the EEOC has been awarded unduly large damages in the past, we do not have a strong case for a new appeal. In the meantime, interest compounded at 16 percent continues to accrue in favor of the litigants. This additional interest cost can be forestalled by depositing in escrow the full amount of the damages, plus interest to date.

VOTED, To request the General Conference Treasurer to immediately release the previously approved funds to the Pacific Press Association to partially cover the amount of assessed damages, plus accrued interest, in the EEOC Class Action Suit on the basis outlined in the General Conference Officers' minutes of August 24, 1982. (See GCO 82-200,201).

GCO/GCC to GRT

WILLIAMS, DE WITT S--ASSOCIATE HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE
DIRECTOR, GENERAL CONFERENCE

VOTED, To elect DeWitt S Williams as associate director of the
Health and Temperance Department of the General Conference.

Cred&L/GCO/GCC to LB-GCC

VAN ROOYEN, J C S - ACTION REFERRED

VOTED, To refer the action concerning J C Smuts van Rooyen to the
General Conference Committee which is to meet February 17, 1983.

Cred&L/GCC to DRC

CREENTIALS AND LICENSES

VOTED, To issue credentials and licenses to employees of the General Conference and the following General Conference institutions for the period ending August 31, 1985, or for the period of their denominational employment, whichever terminates first. (A complete record listing the names is on file with the official copy of these minutes):

Adventist Media Center
Andrews University
Christian Record Braille Foundation
Loma Linda Foods
Oakwood College
Pacific Press Publishing Association
Review and Herald Publishing Association

Cred&L/GCC to DRC

LANDA, PAUL--ORDINATION

VOTED, To accept the recommendation of the Loma Linda University Board that Paul Landa be ordained to the gospel ministry.

Secr/GCC to GRT

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To make the following adjustment in the membership of the standing Southern Asia Division Executive Committee:

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| Delete | Roy F Williams, Secretary |
| Add | Charles D Watson, Secretary |

CA/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Card, Eddie Clark (San Diego, Calif)--Pastor/Evangelist, Irish Mission, Northern European Division

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Sterner, Jerry (Beltsville, Maryland)--ABC Coordinator, East African Union, Nairobi, Kenya, Eastern Africa Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Bruket, Asle (No Eur Div)--Agriculturist, SDA Girls' Vocational Institute, Ghana, Africa-Indian Ocean Division, AVSC basis, 2 years

Releases

Cancel open call voted March 1980 for Science teacher/Dean of boys, Ivory Coast Sec School, Africa-Indian Ocean Division; filled locally

Cancel open call voted January 1981 for Science teacher/Dean of boys, Ivory Coast Sec School, Africa-Indian Ocean Division; filled locally

Dysinger, Paul William from appt to W Indonesia Union Miss, Far Eastern Division; declined

Jobson, Elaine from call to West Indies College, Jamaica, Inter-American Division; call cancelled

Morrison, Shaunielle A from call to Central African Union, Burundi, Africa-Indian Ocean Division; declined

Sayet Laurence, Jacqueline M from call to Masanga Leprosy Hosp, Sierra Leone, Africa-Indian Ocean Division; unavailable

Permanent Returns

Blinici, R E from Egypt, Middle East Union; education, effective June 1983

Cochran, William Roger from Sarawak Mission, Malaysia, Far Eastern Division; visa expires, effective January 1983

Delding, Raymond from Swazi Dental Clinic, Swaziland, Trans-Africa Division to Northern European Division; personal, effective March 1983

LeMarchand, Luc R from Adv Col for French-speaking Africa, Cameroun, Africa-Indian Ocean Division; assignment completed, effective June 1983

Stijnman, Andrew H M from ASWA, Nigeria, Africa-Indian Ocean Division to Northern European Division; education, effective August 1983

Wilson, Edith Fern from Bangladesh, Southern Asia Division; retirement, effective June 1983

Wonenberg, George L from Bulawayo Dental Clinic, Zimbabwe, Trans-Africa Division; personal, effective March 1983.

Adjourned

F W Wernick, Chairman
D R Christman, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

J C SMUTS VAN ROOYEN

NOTE:

On February 10, 1983, in response to the request of the General Conference Officers, I telephoned J C Smuts van Rooyen for the purpose of reading to him the recommendation regarding his relationship with the Church.

In our conversation, Dr van Rooyen was disappointed with the terms "apostacy" and "dissidence", etc, believing apostasy suggests in his understanding to be separation from the Lord. It was pointed out to him that the reference to apostacy in the context of Church policy, involved separation from the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Rather than "dissidence", he sees his situation as one of difference, even considerable difference in certain areas of theological thought and doctrinal position considered central to Adventism. On this basis he recognizes the responsibility of Church administration to reach a decision in his case.

He continues to hold the Seventh-day Adventist Church in high regard and not as a sect. He stated he did not regret one day of his ministry in service for the Church.

Lowell L Bock
General Vice-President
General Conference

CREDENTIALS & LICENSES
for
GC & GC INSTITUTIONS

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Commissioned Ministerial Credential

Wyman Wager

Missionary Credentials

Mrs Nancy Milliken
Marjorie Nelson
Mrs Patricia Orange

Licensed Missionary

Robert E Lowry Jr
Mrs Sheila Matthews
Mrs Beverly Rumble
Teri Tamayose

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER

Missionary Credentials

Dorothy Womach

Missionary Licenses

Vickie Clifford
Bettina Costello
Dolly Dietrich
Helga Hopkins
Debbie Schultz

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Ministerial Credentials

E Stanley Chace

Licensed Minister

Robert L Crouse

Missionary Credentials

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| Eloise A. Beardsley | Mary M. Dockerty |
| Bill K. Belles | Peter D. Erhard |
| Jon M. Butler | Lois Forrester |
| Dorothy Candy | James R. Frymire |
| Lewis R. Carrington | Leonard K. Gashugi |
| R. William Cash | R. A. George |
| Selma Chaij | Esther D. Goetzke |
| Paul Chambers, Jr. | Jean Graham |
| Melody Chambers | Wayne E. Hazen |
| Bruce A. Closser | Ronald L. Johnson |
| Carol A. Crider | Thesba N. Johnston |
| Jacqueline Davidson | Susan E. Murray |
| Marilyn L. Delinger | Joseph W. Warren |

Missionary Licenses

Harvey R. Brenneise
Keith G. Calkins
Charlotte M. Coy
Carol Dennis
Terrell Gottschall
H. Earl Greenidge
Norma E. Greenidge
Perry Haugen
Ada L. Kirby
Matthew Kirby
Thomas Knott
Oystein LaBianca
Russell Lazarus
Viola Lutz
Frank Martinez
Donald May
Virginia Nachreiner
David Nowack
Alio Santos
J. Bjornar Storfjell

CREREDENTIALS & LICENSES - Contd

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Missionary Credentials

Garland Dulan
Eldora G Eaton
Flora Flood
Nancy Lawson
Elfred Lee
James Massena
Juanita McClendon
Fred Pullins
Edna Roache
Emmanuel Rodgers
Isadore DeSouza

Missionary Licenses

Ornan Bailey
Brenda Bonds
Deborah Brown
John Dennison
Robert Dinkins
Jeanette Dulan
Mary Fulton
Anita Davis Harris
Shirley Theanacho
Constance Irving
Avril Julius
Kenneth Laihing
Delores Mayo Etter
Savonia McClellan
Donald McPhaul
Sandra Oakman

Florence Pelham
Nathan Peters
Beverly Riley
Theodore Rivers
Janice M Ross
David Rugless
Diane Rugless
Moges Selassie
Ruth Swan
Elise Toombs
Faye Trotman
Donald Vanterpool
Lillian Woodward
Rose Yates
Alma York
Shirley Youngman

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Betty J Dunlay

Missionary Licenses

Roberto Chavez
Joe Gutierrez
Randy Hoyt
Steve Shelly

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Missionary Credentials

Karen F Calhoun
Bettie J Kain
Diane Kenaston
David Latta
Donald R Seidel

Missionary Licenses

Silvia Bailey
Doreen Damazo
Jeannette Johnson
Jeanne Leister
Donald Moline
John Negley
Mark O'Connor
June Seidel
David Sherwin
Patricia Wegh
Dan Wegh

CREENTIALS & LICENSES - Contd

CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE

Ministerial Credentials

Arturo G Grayman
Robert D Pifer
David F Smith

Missionary Credentials

Henry W Cowen
G Howard Lowen
Ralph Owens
Claire D Pettit
Chung-Phing Shim
Philip T Sica

Missionary Licenses

Jessie M Battle
R Victor Berg
Jean-Marc Bourgault
Lawrence D Foy
Gerald A Goulet
Wilfred Hagen
William L Hahn
Crawford L Humphrey
Thomas Jefferson
R Johnny Johnston
David Jones
Frederick T King
Thomas Lawrence
Richard McConnell
Robert L Purvis
Chris J Risk
Letty J Stotz

LOMA LINDA FOODS

Missionary Credentials

Mrs. Virginia Bryne
Robert Bullis
Dwain H. Chastain
Joseph J. Childs
Robert E. Chilson
Robert Craig
Larry Boggess
Trini Briano
Ferdinand Figueroa
John Early
Mrs. Sue Gasperson
Dale A. Gooden
Milton C. Graham
James S. Herr
Stanley B. Hess
Richard P. Howard
Richard G. Hughes
Colin F. Jenks
Mrs. Wanda Jordan
John C. Ketelsen
Arthur L. King
Dan Murphy

Mrs. Pauline Mostert
Mrs. Rose Nestares
Dorothy A. Packwood
Harry E. Pearson, Sr.
Mrs. Iris B. Ram
Ronald A. Richardson
Delores Rivas
William P. Rippon
Howard M. Root
Fouad Sadek
Adam H. Schlereth
Mrs. Judith Schmid
Walter H. Spaulding
L. Joan Speyer
Mrs. Myrnie Stauffer
Robert L. Sterner
Mrs. Ida Mae Stoner
Irving M. Thornton, Jr.
Bud Todorovich
Mrs. Fern Uren
Mrs. Karen Wills
Larry D. Zweigle

Missionary Licenses

Hilmy Abd El-Maseh
Andrew Abraham
Jose Barrera
Susan V. Bates
Kevin Binder
Ruby D. Burns
Cornelius J. Boss
Isaias P. Chota
Charles Coble
George E. Coyl
E. Jane Cunningham
Gary R. Curtis
Andrew Edgerly
Willis J. Gatten
James C. Gibson
Richard Hack
Frances J. Hamilton
Dexter Janson
Betty L. Houle
Terry L. Houle
David Ko
Noah Leyva
Victor Lopez
James L. Mann

Carmen Mercado
David Morris
Norma J. Owen
James Olmsted
Joseph Parker
Mario Perez
Roberto Perez
Ricardo M. Polanco
Keith Powell
Abner Punsalan
Adar Punsalan
Ruben Punsalan
Pablo Rafanan
Charles Raifsnider
Mrs. Mary Rivas
Larry N. Roberts
James M. Seekford
Enoch V. Siddel
Mark W. Sisely
Hamilton Testa-Avila
Norman R. White
Cecil Wolcott
Rafael Yanez
Mark S. Young

Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 17, 1983, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alf Lohne, D R Christman, D H Baasch, G P Babcock, W S Banfield, R E Barron, M T Battle, B B Beach, G J Bertochini, J W Bothe, C D Brooks, W J Brown, J E Chase, R W Coon, V H Cooper, D E Crane, N R Dower, R R Drachenberg, Joseph Espinosa, C O Frederick, R D Graybill, V S Griffiths, J H Hancock, Iris Hayden, Tulio R Haylock, R R Hegstad, C B Hirsch, Betty Holbrook, D W Holbrook, Frank Holbrook, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, Herbert Kiesler, C D Martin, S D Meyers, M J Murray, R W Nixon, R W Olson, R E Osborn, A J Patzer, P F Pedersen, R L Pelton, Elbio Pereyra, L H Pitton, H F Rampton, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, G W Reid, Gary M Ross, D A Roth, A E Schmidt, F A Soper, E H J Steed, E M Stiles, G Ralph Thompson, O A Troy, M A Tyner, C D Watson, F W Wernick, Roy F Williams, L D Wood, F Donald Yost.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Alf Lohne read Romans 8:18-25, a portion of which follows:

"In my opinion whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has in store for us. The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own. . . . We were saved by this hope, and let us remember that hope always means waiting for something that we do not yet see. . . . then we must settle down to wait for it in patience." (Phillips).

The speaker said, "The key thought of this text is HOPE. What a glorious treasure the 'blessed hope' is! For a Christian, the future is not dark and hopeless. It is as bright as God's promises."

N R Dower offered prayer.

REPORTS

D R Christman reported that 1982 baptisms in the Southwestern Union reached 3,963 which is 9.41 percent of the membership. The Union objective for 1983 is to baptize the equivalent of 10 percent of the church membership.

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MINUTES of the meeting held February 10, 1983, were approved.

ADCOM/GCC to DRC

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General calls:

Gibson, Ann (Gen Conf)--Associate Professor of Business, Walla
Walla College
Lynch, Timothy (Review & Herald)--Boiler Operator, General
Conference
Robinson, Richard (Canadian Un)--Assistant Manager, Eastern
Canada ABC, Pacific Press Publishing Association.

GCO/GCC to GRT

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS

Arthur S Valle, Director of the South American Division
Communication Department, was killed in an automobile accident recently.
Itanel Ferraz, Director of the Lay Activities and Sabbath School
Departments, plans retirement at the end of 1983 but will be placed on
special assignment beginning immediately. Geraldo Boekenkamp, former
Director of World Foods Service, has transferred to the East Brazil
Union as treasurer. In harmony with the recommendations of the South
American Division to fill these vacancies, it was

VOTED, To elect the following departmental directors for the
South American Division:

Communication Department - Assad Bechard (former Division Youth
Department director)
Lay Activities Department - Marcos Eduardo Gutierrez (East Brazil
Union)
Sabbath School Department - Marcos Eduardo Gutierrez
World Foods Service - Paulo Stabenow (Minas Mission)
Youth Department - Claudio Belz (South Brazil Union)

R&H/GCO/GCC to GRT

WHEELER, PENNY - EDITOR OF GUIDE

VOTED, To approve the nomination by the Review and Herald
Publishing Association Board of Penny Wheeler as editor of Guide.

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Cred&L/GCO/GCC to GRT

VAN ROOYEN, J C S - MINISTERIAL DISCIPLINE

Church representatives have had numerous contacts and extensive discussions with J C Smuts van Rooyen since the termination of his employment at Andrews University. There has been no indication in any of these contacts that his openly expressed dissidence with regard to certain of the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be reversed or modified. It is therefore

VOTED, 1. To administer discipline to J C Smuts van Rooyen, an ordained minister formerly of Andrews University, for apostasy because he has identified himself with and has given continuing support to activity subversive to the denomination and its fundamental beliefs and authority. (See GC L 60 20 15/NAD L 70 15)

2. To implement the discipline referred to above by taking the steps outlined in GC L 60 20 and NAD L 70 20 for the disciplining of an ordained minister:

- a. The permanent withdrawal of his ministerial credential
- b. The recording of the fact that he has made void his ordination to the sacred office of the ministry by apostasy as stated in paragraph 1 above
- c. The submitting of a request, through the corresponding organizational channels, for the local church where he holds membership to review his membership for disciplinary action in harmony with the provision of the Church Manual section "Reasons for Which Members Shall be Disciplined"
- d. The noting of the fact that his denominational employment was terminated as of August 31, 1981.

GCC to GRT

VAN ROOYEN, J C S - EXPRESSION OF CHRISTIAN LOVE
AND CONCERN

VOTED, To express our deep Christian love to J C Smuts van Rooyen and our earnest hope that he will soon return to full fellowship with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

CA/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

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Appointments

Colburn, Kenneth Lee (Def Med, LLU M-80B)--Assign as physician, Adventist Medical Center, Okinawa, Far Eastern Division
Glass, Melvin (Ooltewah, Tenn)--Natural Science teacher, Parane Secondary School, Tanzania, Eastern Africa Division
Ing, Edith Isabel (Westlake Village, Calif)--Physician, Tsuen Wan Adv Hosp, Hong Kong, Far Eastern Division
Lutz, Cheryl Lynnette (Angwin, Calif)--Biology teacher, Indonesia Union College, Far Eastern Division, beginning June 1983
Villeneuve, Rosemary (Oshawa, Ont)--Office secretary, Division, Zimbabwe, Trans-Africa Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Aziz, Bishara (Middle East Un)--Anesthetist, and wife as nurse, Malamulo Hospital, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division
Dial, Danny & Myrna (Far East Div)--English teacher and Director of School of Nursing, respectively, Malamulo College and Hospital, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division
Hayward, Sue (Aust Div)--Sister-tutor, Maluti Hospital, Lesotho, Trans-Africa Division
Peltonen, Reijo S (No Eur Div)--Physician/GP, SDA Health Services, Nairobi, Kenya, Eastern Africa Division
Smith, Colville (Aust Div)--Extend service to Truk Island as Pastor/Principal, Special Service basis, Far Eastern Division, six months to September 1983

Permanent Returns

Rowland, Neil Wilson, Mt View College, Philippines, Far Eastern Division; retirement, effective April 1983
Zalabak, Naomi, FEA Elementary School, Singapore, Far Eastern Division; personal, effective June 1983.

ITC/GCC to AL

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

AUTHORIZATIONS

Administration

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bruce, G O | Far East Div, Jul 4-8, 1983 |
| Drachenberg, R R | Far East Div, Feb 28-Mar 9, 1983 |
| | Int-Amer Div, Mexico, Mar 14-16, 1983 |
| | So Amer Div, Mar 27-Apr 10, 1983 |

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Far East Div, Philippines, May 3-15,
1983

Euro-Afr, No Eur Divs, Aug 7-30, 1983
So Amer Div, Brazil, Aug 30-Sept 3,
1983

Gen Field Secretary

Banfield, W S

Int-Amer Div, Haiti, Apr 22-30, 1983

Youth

Ranzolin, Leo

Int-Amer Div, Mexico, Mar 24-31, 1983

Barron, R E
Harris, J H
Pitton, Les

Int-Amer Div, Mexico, Mar 29-31, 1983

SPECIALS

Andrews University

Smith, R C

No Eur Div, England & Netherlands,
Apr 21-May 5, 1983. Expenses by
Andrews University

Euro-Afr Div, France & Italy,
May 6-18, 1983. Expenses by Andrews
University

Euro-Africa Division

Rochat, Louis

Afr-Ind Ocean Div, Ivory Coast &
Senegal, time to be arranged.
Expenses by Afr-Indian Ocean Div

Loma Linda University

Alexander, Wilbur

No Eur Div, Finland, Sept 23-26,
1983. Travel and entertainment by No
European Division

Silva, Lourdes

Int-Amer Div, East Puerto Rico
Conf, Feb 28-Mar 13, 1983. Travel and
entertainment by Inter-American
Division

No Eur Div, England, Aug 31-Sept 3,
1983. Travel and entertainment by
Division

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Southern Union Conference

Metcalf, Harold

Far East Div, Philippines & Korea,
time to be arranged. Salary and
travel to field by So Union, local
travel, lodging and food by local
unions in Far Eastern Division.

RetirePlan/GCC to EMS

HOSPITAL RETIREMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

VOTED, To approve the following certificate of amendment to the
Hospital Retirement Plan:

I hereby certify that, on February 17, 1983, the Executive
Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists adopted
the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, on September 25, 1980, the General Conference of Seventh-
day Adventists, on its own behalf and on behalf of certain employers,
adopted the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Retirement Plan, and on
February 26, 1981, August 6, 1981, May 13, 1982, May 13, 1982 and May
27, 1982, respectively, adopted Amendments #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 to that
Plan; and

"WHEREAS, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists finds it
desirable to make an amendment to that Plan as adopted and heretofore
amended, it is hereby

"RESOLVED, that the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists,
pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Plan, on its own behalf and on behalf of
the employers set forth in Exhibits A and B hereto, hereby adopts the
following amendment to the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Retirement
Plan, such amendment to become effective as of February 17, 1983:

"Section 3.7 (a) is amended in its entirety to read:

"(a) If a Participant dies while in Employment, his surviving
spouse (including a former spouse) shall be entitled to a Surviving
Spouse Benefit if:

"(1) Such spouse is not entitled by reason of the
Participant's death to a Surviving Spouse Early Survivor Benefit under
Section 3.6 hereof; and

"(2) Either:

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 24, 1983, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alf Lohne, D R Christman, Alva R Appel, D H Baasch, W S Banfield, R E Barron, R W Bates, B B Beach, G J Bertochini, J W Bothe, C E Bradford, Floyd Bresee, C D Brooks, C L Brooks, W J Brown, G O Bruce, J E Chase, R W Coon, V H Cooper, D E Crane, S L DeShay, N R Dower, R R Drachenberg, C O Frederick, Sievert Gustavsson, R D Graybill, V S Griffiths, J H Hancock, M G Hardinge, Iris Hayden, Tulio R Haylock, R R Hegstad, Frank Holbrook, F W Hudgins, B E Jacobs, Warren L Johns, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, Herbert Kiesler, J C Kinder, R E Klimes, Kenneth Livesay, Eloy Martinez, N O Matthews, S D Meyers, W L Murrill, R W Olson, R E Osborn, A J Patzer, P F Pedersen, R L Pelton, Elbio Pereyra, L H Pitton, H F Rampton, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, G W Reid, Gary M Ross, D A Roth, W C Scales, A C Segovia, F A Soper, W M Starks, E H J Steed, F R Stephan, Elizabeth Sterndale, Michael Stevenson, E M Stiles, G Ralph Thompson, O A Troy, M A Tyner, L R Van Dolson, Irma B Vyhmeister, Wyman Wager, F W Wernick, A S Whiting, D S Williams, Neal C Wilson, K H Wood, L D Wood, R L Woodfork, F Donald Yost.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Alf Lohne, Chairman, read Colossians 1:28,29, a portion of which follows:

"We warn everyone we meet, and we teach everyone we can, all that we know about him, so that we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ. . . ." (Phillips)

We should keep in mind that the Gospel of Christ is the only great treasure that everyone in the world has the ability to enjoy--it fits every person. It is still true that "The church exists by mission as fire exists by burning " (Sam Shoemaker).

Iris Hayden offered prayer.

MINUTES of the meeting held February 17, 1983, were approved.

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GCC to DRC

HUDGINS, F W - APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE

Franklin W Hudgins has accepted a call to serve on the public relations team of the Voice of Prophecy, Glendale, California.

VOTED, To express warm appreciation and brotherly kindness and love to Franklin W Hudgins as he leaves the staff of the Communication Department of the General Conference.

ADCOM/GCC to DHB

BAASCH, D H--ASSIGNMENT TO STANDING COMMITTEES

VOTED, To make the following changes in the membership of standing committees inasmuch as A Edwin Gibb has retired and D H Baasch is now the undersecretary:

| <u>Name of Committee</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|--|---------------|
| *ADCOM | Secretary |
| Adventist World Purchasing Service | Member |
| *Appointees | Vice-chairman |
| Central Departmental Services | Member |
| Church Manual | Member |
| Credentials and Licenses | Member |
| *General Conference Officers | Secretary |
| GC Session 85 - CPPC | Member |
| Interdivision Travel | Secretary |
| Investments and Security | Member |
| Legal Affairs | Member |
| Office Space | Member |
| Overtime Screening Committee | Member |
| Personnel | Member |
| Philanthropic Service for Institutions | Member |
| *PRADCO | Secretary |
| *PREXAD | Secretary |
| *Request for Additional Personnel | Secretary |
| Retirement Plan Committee | Member |
| Screening (Annual Council) | Member |
| Security and Catastrophic Events Committee | Secretary |

*Committee in which D H Baasch's status has changed

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ADCOM/GCC to DHB

STANDING COMMITTEES - MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To make the following changes in the membership of the standing committees listed:

Committee on Appointees

Add B E Jacobs

Committee on Allowances and Adjustments

Add B E Jacobs

GC Session 85 - Physical Arrangements

Add D A Roth

Finance Committee

Add C D Watson

Trust Services Committee

Add Roy F Williams

ADCOM/GCC to FRS

NAD EDUCATION CODE K-12 BOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

VOTED, To authorize the following ad hoc NAD Education Code K-12 Book Revision Committee to meet in Washington, DC, July 25-29, 1983:

F R Stephan, Chairman; E Anderson, D K Griffith, W E Minder (invitee), G Plubell.

ADCOM/GCC to FRS

JUNIOR ACADEMY MANUAL COMMITTEE

VOTED, To authorize the following ad hoc Junior Academy Manual Committee to meet in Victoria, British Columbia, May 23-27, 1983:

P Kilgore, Chairman; F Eccles, R Fox, V Fullerton, J Miller, P Paytee, D Weatherall, P Wilcox.

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ADCOM/GCC to FRS

REGIONAL CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENTS OF EDUCATION
COUNCIL

VOTED, To authorize a Regional Conference Superintendents of Education Council to meet November 28-30, 1983, in Huntsville, Alabama:

F R Stephans, Chairman; V S Griffiths, Secretary; Regional conference superintendents of education, Education directors of unions which have regional conferences.

ADCOM/GCC to EMS-RetirePlan

HILL, RICHARD H - RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To place Richard H Hill of the General Conference Insurance Service on the Retirement Plan after 40 years of denominational service, effective April 1, 1983

ADCOM/GCC to DRC

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General call:

Martin, Brigitta (Leland Mem Hospital)--Litho Department employee, Review and Herald Publishing Association

CA/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Authorizations

Gerling, William Lewis (Cheyenne, Wyoming)--Physician, Guam SDA Clinic, Far Eastern Division
Mills, Robert Charles (Def Med, LLU M-79B)--Assign as physician, Penang Adv Hosp, Malaysia, Far Eastern Division
Murillo, Efrain (Pennsylvania Conf)--Reassign from West Bolivia Conference to North Peru Mission, Inca Union, South American Division
Murray, Gilbert (SS Teacher, Middle East Coll, M East Un)--Director, SAWS program, Chad, Africa-Indian Ocean Division

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Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Wild, Brigitte (Euro-Afr Div)--Nurse, Nanga-Eboko Dispensary,
Africa-Ind Ocean Division, AVSC basis, effective March 1982 to
June 1983

Releases

Schutgens, Wim (No Eur Div) from call to Masanga Leprosy Hospital,
Africa-Ind Ocean Division; declined

Wild, Brigitte (Euro-Afr Div) from call to Nanga-Eboko Dispensary,
Africa-Indian Ocean Division; misunderstanding of status

Permanent Returns

Barnett, Doyle Meloy from Singapore, Far Eastern Division;
retirement, effective August 1983

Copithorne, Ray W--Terminal date of Inter-American Division
responsibility to return to homeland: July 31, 1984

Kari-Koskinen, O Olavi from Jengre SDA Hosp, Nigeria, Africa-Indian
Ocean Division to Northern European Division; health,
effective January 1983.

Murphy, Stanley Philip from Hongkong Adv Hosp, Far Eastern
Division; budgetary considerations, effective February 1983

Rudisalle, Harvey Andrew, Jr, from Far Eastern Division; Division
recommendation, effective June 1983.

GCC to DRC

BARNETT, DOYLE M--APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express special appreciation to Doyle M Barnett and his
wife who have given 43 years of denominational service overseas in
China, Burma and the Far Eastern Division

ITC/GCC to AL

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

AUTHORIZATIONS

GENCON

Frederick, C O

No Eur & Euro-Afr Divs, Apr 15-25,
1983

ICPA

Steed, E H J

Euro-Afr Div, Apr 19-May 14, 1983

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Health/Temperance

Klimes, R E

So Amer Div, Apr 22-27, 1983. On return from Trans-Africa Division, already voted.

Ministerial/Stewardship

Quigley, W B

No Eur Div, Sept 23-Oct 2, 1983

SPECIALS

Adventist Media Center

Delker, Del
Peverini, Milton

Int-Amer Div, Mexico, Feb 25-Mar 5, 1983. Travel and entertainment by Mexican Union

Andrews University

LaRondelle, H K

Far East Div, Korea, Aug 8-19, 1983. Travel and entertainment by Korean Union Mission

Pacific Union College

Wheeler, Lyn

Int-Amer Div, Caribbean Un, time to be arranged. Travel and related expenses by Inter-American Division

Potomac Conference

Londis, James

Middle East Un, Apr 17-May 1, 1983. Travel and expense by Middle East Union

Adjourned

Alf Lohne, Chairman
D R Chrisman, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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The General Conference Committee reconvened at 10:30, following the weekly meeting of the North American Division Committee on Administration.

REPORT

Neal C Wilson announced the total baptisms for the Inter-American Division for 1982 reached 72,247. At this time there are 500 evangelistic campaigns being conducted in the Colombia-Venezuela Union.

The President also mentioned that a very successful evangelistic campaign is being held in Monrovia, Liberia. It is expected that by this week-end a total of 639 people will be baptized as a result of the meetings.

The remainder of the morning was devoted to a report of the Davenport matter by Neal C Wilson and C E Bradford, as well as to questions from the floor.

Adjourned
Dismissal prayer by R W Coon

Neal C Wilson, Chairman
D R Christman, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 24, 1983, 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neal C Wilson, D R Christman, Alva R Appel, D H Baasch, G P Babcock, W S Banfield, R E Barron, R W Bates, B B Beach, G J Bertochini, J W Bothe, C E Bradford, Floyd Bresee, C D Brooks, C L Brooks, W J Brown, G O Bruce, L L Butler, J E Chase, R W Coon, V H Cooper, D E Crane, S L DeShay, R R Drachenberg, C O Frederick, R D Graybill, V S Griffiths, J H Hancock, M G Hardinge, Iris Hayden, Tulio R Haylock, R R Hegstad, Frank Holbrook, B E Jacobs, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, Herbert Kiesler, R E Klimes, Kenneth Livesay, Alf Lohne, Eloy Martinez, N O Matthews, S D Meyers, M L Mills, M J Murray, W L Murrill, R W Olson, R E Osborn, A J Patzer, P F Pedersen, R L Pelton, Elbio Pereyra, L H Pitton, H F Rampton, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, G W Reid, Gary M Ross, D A Roth, W C Scales, A C Segovia, F A Soper, E H J Steed, Elizabeth Sterndale, Michael Stevenson, E M Stiles, G Ralph Thompson, O A Troy, M A Tyner, L R Van Dolson, Irma B Vyhmeister, Wyman Wager, F W Wernick, A S Whiting, D S Williams, K H Wood, L D Wood, R L Woodfork, F Donald Yost.

PRAYER

A C Segovia offered prayer.

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Wyman Wager, Associate Director of Trust Services, to the General Conference Committee.

DAVENPORT MATTER REPORT

Neal C Wilson gave a report regarding the resolution of the problem of loans made to Donald J Davenport by various Church organizations. Official recordings were made of his report.

Since January 4, 1983, (see GCC 83-1) additional information has come to light through oral testimony. The investigation of Church

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leaders involved in the Davenport matter has basically centered around the violation of the provisions covered in the two policies, GC S 40 "Safeguarding the Funds of the Cause and Investments" and GC S 50 "Conflict of Interest"; as well as the areas of personal loans to D J Davenport, unusual financial relationships, excessive returns on investments, unauthorized use of denominational position to encourage investments with Dr Davenport, and lack of attention to auditors' statements.

The matter of the Davenport loans was scrutinized more carefully beginning with 1969 inasmuch as clearly defined guidelines were developed at the 1968 Spring Meeting dealing specifically with denominational loans involving real estate. Auditors' statements had warned that denominational loans with Dr Davenport were not sound. The fact that such recommendations were not heeded indicates a dereliction of fiduciary responsibility. Also, not to be overlooked in this whole picture is policy NAD P 15 45 "Leaders to be Changed." This policy reads: "Leaders who show inability to operate the work in harmony with established financial policies shall not be continued in executive leadership."

Interviews with the leaders concerned have been completed. In view of the additional information and insights gained through oral testimony and personal interviews, considering that the General Conference should not be the organization responsible for administering discipline, to safeguard the regular organizational structure of the Church, and strongly feeling that it would be very unwise to initiate the publishing of names as a means of discipline, the General Conference Officers have recommended that the names of those disciplined not be published by the Church in the Adventist Review or elsewhere. The General Conference will, however, through personal representation by General Conference and/or the North American Division Officers, require that responsibility be assumed by controlling boards and committees for the administering of discipline. The above decision was reached after extended study of theological aspects, historical considerations, legal ramifications, and practical and emotional considerations. It also takes into account that the Church has a ministry to perform, that evangelistic activities must continue and that the morale of leadership in the North American Division must be preserved.

GCO/GCC to NCW

DAVENPORT MATTER--ENDORSEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

In view of the report presented by Neal C Wilson and summarized above, it was

VOTED, To endorse the procedures which will be followed by the General Conference Officers as outlined by Neal C Wilson and which

include the following:

1. The decision not to proceed with the previously proposed plan of publishing in the Adventist Review the names of individuals in certain disciplinary categories.

2. The plan of conveying the recommendation of the General Conference Officers regarding discipline for specific individuals in a personal presentation by General Conference/North American Division officers to the respective controlling board/committee thereby giving first and primary responsibility to such board/committee for the administration of discipline and with the directive that the discipline be administered at the earliest date possible. It is understood that if appropriate action is not taken by the respective governing body, the General Conference Committee may request a meeting of the respective constituency in order to place the matter before that body.

GCC to NCW

APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT'S REVIEW COMMISSION

VOTED, 1. To express appreciation to the President's Review Commission for its careful analyses and sound recommendations based on the written information at its disposal.

2. To encourage the President's Review Commission to complete Phase II of its assignment inasmuch as it is now uniquely prepared to develop needed recommendations for safeguarding the Church against the repetition of events such as have occurred in connection with the Davenport matter.

GCC to NCW

APPEL, ALVA R - ADMINISTRATIVE DISCIPLINE

Alva R Appel was Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference Association from 1964 to 1980. Between the years of 1967 and 1974 while he was in that position, the Columbia Union became involved in investments with Donald J Davenport which were out of harmony with policy.

The President's Review Commission and the General Conference Officers carefully reviewed the performance of Alva R Appel for the investments made during the period referred to above. The Officers have concluded that the degree of his shared responsibility in those investments requires that he receive an administrative reprimand. The General Conference Officers are hereby advising this body of their recommendation and are requesting that the corresponding action be

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taken. A letter is also being addressed to Alva Appel by the President of the General Conference advising him of this. It is

VOTED, 1. To regretfully record an administrative reprimand for Alva R Appel for dereliction of fiduciary responsibility during the years 1967 to 1974 while he was serving as Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference Association.

2. To encourage Alva Appel to learn and benefit from this administrative reprimand personally, and to do all in his power as a trust services leader to assist others to learn these important lessons.

3. To offer Alva Appel our full support as he continues to serve in his position as Director of Trust Services in the General Conference.

Adjourned

Dismissal prayer by George W Reid

Neal C Wilson, Chairman
D R Christman and
J W Bothe, Secretaries
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary