Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 1, 1983, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT


INTRODUCTIONS

C D Watson introduced Perry W Munger and daughter W Cherie. Mrs Munger lost her life recently in an accident in India. Perry Munger is here on study leave from Spicer Memorial College.

Instead of the customary devotional message, the following reports were given.

REPORTS

D A Delafield summarized the accomplishments of retirement clubs in the past 2 1/2 years. The first convocation in North America was held at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists last year, the second, held at Loma Linda, California, closed June 27, 1983, and the third is scheduled for August 10-13, 1984, at Berrien Springs, Michigan. Retirement clubs are service organizations, not just social clubs. Members have contributed toward special mission projects and the needs of worthy students in North America.

V H Cooper accompanied a four-man team from CBS Television as they spent two weeks in Peru discovering the work that is being done by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The film and cassettes they accumulated will be edited to a 30-minute program to be released on the program "For Our Times" early in 1984.
He also gave a short report on the work of pioneer missionaries in the Peruvian jungle area, the dire physical needs of the people in the highlands, and the vigorous evangelistic program promoted by Henrique Berg, President of the Inca Union, and his administration.

R W Bates reported on the assistance given by three mobile vans to 360 people during the Martin Luther King commemorative March on Washington, August 27, 1983. The service rendered by the van personnel was commended by a representative of the Department of Justice.

M T Battle announced that in spite of the tense situation in Beirut, Lebanon, all Seventh-day Adventist Church members are safe.

V S Griffiths offered prayer.

MINUTES of the meeting held August 25, 1983, were approved.

RFW/GCC to RFW

ANNUAL COUNCIL 1983 DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To make the following adjustments in the standing committee, Distribution of Materials, for the 1983 Annual Council:

Delete: R E Barron
D E Robinson
Paul G Smith

Add: Gordon O Engen
Tulio R Haylock
Leo R Van Dolson
Charles D Martin

GCO/GCC to LLB

LIBRARY, GENERAL CONFERENCE—CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION

VOTED, To appropriate $10,000 from the General Conference Contingency Fund for the expense of establishing a General Conference Library, to be housed temporarily in the Review and Herald building.
CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Niles, Norma (Philadelphia, Penna)--Principal, Barbados Secondary School, Inter-American Division, national returning

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Duffield, Randall (Aust Div)--Physician, Hong Kong Adv Hospital, Far Eastern Division
Manager, Publishing House (Euro-Afr Div)--Malagasy Publishing House, Madagascar, Africa-Indian Ocean Division
Raymond, Steven (Aust Div)--Physician, Hong Kong Adv Hospital, Far Eastern Division, Special Service basis, 1-2 years

Releases

Raymond, Steven (Aust Div)--Released from call to Hong Kong Adv Hospital, Far Eastern Division; declined

Permanent Returns

Aitchison, Brenda June from Hong Kong Adv Hosp, Far Eastern Division to Australasian Division; budgetary considerations, effective December 1983
Pollin, Maurice from Ivory Coast Secondary School, Africa-Indian Ocean Division to Euro-Africa Division, instead of Northern European Division; personal, effective August 1981
Smith, Indrajit from Trinidad, Inter-American Division to Southern Asia Division; health, effective August 1983
Wieland, Robert J from Nairobi, Kenya, Eastern Africa Division; retirement, effective August 1983.

FREx/GCC to WLM

EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in fixed rates of exchange, effective September 1, 1983:

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Northern European

- British Pound £ 1.50 .6666667

South American

- Brazil Cruzeiro $Cr 900.00 .0011111

Boff/TRE/GCC to FLJ

EURO-AFRICA DIVISION—NUERNBERG CHURCH FINANCIAL PLAN APPROVED

VOTED, To approve the financial plan presented by the Euro-Africa Division and the South German Union for the construction of a new Nuernberg, South Germany, church, with funds on hand.

Boff/TRE/GCC to FLJ

FAR EASTERN DIVISION—HIROSHIMA CHURCH FINANCIAL PLAN APPROVED

VOTED, To approve the financial plan presented by the Far Eastern Division and the Japan Union for the construction of a new Hiroshima Church. Details of the financial plan are on file with the minutes of this meeting.

ITC/GCC to AL

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

AUTHORIZATIONS

Administration

- Wilson, Neal C So Amer Div, Argentina, Nov 13-24, 1983

Education

- Griffiths, V S Int-Amer Div, Dec 4-21, 1983
- Taylor, C R No Eur Div, England, Apr 18-22, 1984
GENCON

LaClair, L
Int-Amer Div, Miami & Puerto Rico, Sept 4-9, 1983

Health/Temperance

Pelton, R L
So Asia Div, time to be arranged during 1984

ICPA

Steed, E H J
So Amer Div, Oct 18-Nov 30, 1983

Legal Services

Johns, W L
Euro-Afr Div, Italy, 3rd week of September 1983

SPECIALS

Kansas-Nebraska Conf

Venden, M L
Far East Div, Korea & Guam, Sept 18-Oct 9, 1983. Expenses by organizations concerned

Lake Union

Finley, M
No Eur Div, British Un, Dec 28, 1983-Jan 9, 1984. Travel and entertainment by British Union

Loma Linda University

Scharffenberg, J A

CANCELLATIONS

DeShay, S L
No Eur Div, So Eng Conf, Sept 23-Oct 2, 1983
Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 8, 1983, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT


INTRODUCTIONS

W G Johnsson introduced James Nix, Curator of the Ellen G White Research Center and director of the Heritage Room, Loma Linda.

He also presented Richard Kuykendoll, Assistant to James Nix in the Heritage Room at Loma Linda, California.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Lowell L Bock called attention to Paul's letter to the Colossians which was also to be read to the Laodiceans. The admonition to the believers in Colossae would also apply to the Church today—modern Laodicea. He read a number of verses from Colossians 2 and 3, calling special attention to chapter 3, selections from verses 3-15, a portion of which follows:

"Then put to death those parts of you which belong to the earth—fornication, indecency, lust, foul cravings, and the ruthless greed which is nothing less than idolatry. . . . But now you must yourselves lay aside all anger, passion, malice, cursing, filthy talk—have done with them! . . . Then put on the garments that suit God's chosen people, his own, his beloved: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience. Be forbearing with one another, and forgiving, where any of
you has cause for complaint: you must forgive as the Lord forgave you. To crown all, there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole." (NEB)

God expects much from the leaders of His Church—direction, encouragement, initiative—in the troubled times in which we live. We can fulfill His will only by opening our hearts in response to the call of the Holy Spirit.

C L Brooks offered prayer.

REPORTS

J H Harris gave a report of NSO (National Service Organization) affairs. Last week three high-ranking officers from the Pentagon visited the General Conference office. They complimented the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the high quality of pastors who serve as military chaplains. It is estimated that 7,000 Seventh-day Adventist-related persons are serving in the armed services of the United States at the present time.

F W Wernick announced the retirement of V N Olsen, President of Loma Linda University, effective the summer of 1984. He expressed appreciation for his service as president for a period of ten years. It is hoped that the process of choosing a new president will be completed by January 1984.

W R Lesher gave an up-to-date report on the Seventh-day Adventist members and property in Beirut. All members are safe and although five shells exploded nearby, there was no damage to the former division property.

Lowell L Bock gave a progress report on the relocation of the Pacific Press Publishing Association. The land was offered to the developer as a light industrial site, according to present zoning. Inasmuch as the city desires to have the land zoned for residential use, E M Stiles, General Manager, and Lowell L Bock met with the city planners and the developer and offered to classify the land as mixed usage with 60% for light industry. Studies are being made by the city commissioners and the developer and the matter will finally be presented in a public meeting.

The Site Committee has studied the 120 proposals received for a new location of the Pacific Press and has narrowed the choice to four locations. No final decision has been made.

L L Bock mentioned the organizational improvements that have been made which will increase efficiency at the Press. New appointments to
date include the following:

E M Stiles, General Manager
F Martin Ytreberg, Secretary-Treasurer
David J Lawson, Production Manager
Robert Kyte, Manager for Marketing
Humberto M Rasi, Manager for International Publications
Herbert E Douglass, Manager for English Publications.

MINUTES of the meeting held September 1, 1983, were approved.

GCO/GCC to WGJ DHB

ADVENTIST REVIEW EDITORIAL BOARD AND ADVISORY COUNCIL—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Adventist Review Editorial Board and Advisory Council as follows:

Add Robert Smith

GCO/GCC to NCW DHB

ROLE AND FUNCTION OF DENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS—COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint a commission, Role and Function of Denominational Organizations, with terms of reference and membership as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To identify and define the functions and programs/services of administrative offices, departments and services on all levels of denominational organization

2. To analyze how the functions and programs/services of each level relate to those on other levels and with those of other organizational units on the same level
3. To identify the organizational units and organizational levels at which specific functions and program/services are required and/or can be most effectively applied

4. To identify the organizational units and organizational levels from which functions and programs/services can be most effectively administered

5. To recommend which, if any, functions and programs/services might be shifted in their level(s) of application and/or administration

6. To recommend which, if any, functions and programs/services should be significantly modified or discontinued

7. To authorize the Commission to requisition specialists in any and all types of denominational organizations as resource individuals to assist the Commission in its assignment

8. To direct the Commission to complete its work no later than August 31, 1984.

Members


Ex Officio Members

C E Bradford, L L Butler, G Ralph Thompson, Neal C Wilson.

*These individuals compose the "Working Committee of the Commission" and will work under its direction.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Bowman, Charles Ray (Bangor, Michigan)—Dental Technician, Bangladesh, Southern Asia Division

Hansen, Leif Erik (Perm Ret from Afr-Indian Ocean Div)—Minister, East Denmark Conference, Northern European Division, national returning, special arrangement
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Hildebrand, Steven Werner (Loma Linda, Calif)--Physician, Internal Medicine, Bangkok Adv Hospital, Thailand, Far Eastern Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Assistant Treasurer (Euro-Afr Div)--West Central African Union Mission, Cameroun, Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Releases

Brandl, Iris-Manuela (Euro-Afr Div) from request to serve at Japan English Language School, Far Eastern Division, Special Service basis; visa denied

Burchard, Robert Warren from appt to E Indonesia Union Mission, Far Eastern Division; declined

Permanent Returns

Hanninen, Kirsi from Maluti Hosp, Lesotho, Trans-Africa Division to Northern European Division; personal, effective December 1983

Jones, Kent Leslie (son of R H Jones, Spicer Mem Coll, India) from Southern Asia Division; education, effective August 1983

Jordan, Evelyn Sylvia from Malamulo Hosp, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division; personal, effective October 1983

Lowry, R S from Field Secretary, Southern Asia Division; retirement, effective January 1984.

GCC to MTB

LOWRY, R S—APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to R S Lowry, returning from India for retirement, for over 42 years of service in leadership roles in the Southern Asia Division.

NADO/GCC to HCC DHB

PRIMARY SABBATH SCHOOL MATERIALS—AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint an ad hoc committee, Primary Sabbath School Materials, and to authorize it to meet in Washington, DC, September 19-21, 1983 to evaluate and revise as necessary the materials being used by the primary division of the Sabbath School for the three-year cycle, with power to act.
September 8, 1983

Committee appointed

Helen C Craig, Chairman; Helen Stiles, Secretary; T M Ashlock, Noelene Johnsson, Barbara Manspeaker, Betty Ortner, L Schutter, Mary Thompson, Lira Weiss.

NADO/GCC to HFR DHB

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REVISION—AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint an ad hoc committee, Vacation Bible School Revision, and to authorize it to meet in Washington, DC, September 22 and 23, 1983 to evaluate and revise as necessary new Vacation Bible School materials now in course of preparation, with power to act.

Committee appointed

H F Hampton, Chairman; Helen C Craig, Secretary; T M Ashlock, G J Bertochini, E E Calkins, Vera Groomer, J R Hardin, Aleta Hubbard, Alice Lowe, Betty Ortner, F D Retzer, S Thomas, K Wasenmiller.

Adjourned

Lowell L Bock, Chairman
M T Battle, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary
Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 15, 1983, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT


DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

The Chairman read 1 Corinthians 13, the love/charity chapter, from the Amplified New Testament.

Roy F Williams offered prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

Karl H Bahr introduced his cousin, Reinhard Thaeder, his wife and daughter Susan from Germany. Reinhard Thaeder is connected with the Hamburg Publishing House.

C D Watson presented Girma Damte and his wife. Girma Damte has just completed additional studies at Andrews University and he and his wife will be returning to Ethiopia in the near future.

M T Battle presented Roy L Hendrickson and wife who are assigned to the Middle East Union where Brother Hendrickson will serve as relief secretary-treasurer. They plan to leave for Beirut today.

The Chairman introduced Stanton H Parker, recently elected by the Insurance Company Board as General Conference Insurance Service manager.
MINUTES of the meeting held September 8, 1983, were approved.

CAA/ADCOM/GCC to GHC-RetirePlan

WILSON, EDITH FERN—RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To place Edith Fern Wilson on the NAD Retirement Plan, effective October 1, 1983, for health reasons, after 31.17 years of denominational service.

ADCOM/GCC to DHB

CRUMLEY, GEORGE H—COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

VOTED, To make membership adjustments in standing committees as follows:

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GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General call:

Allen, Jane (SDA Radio, TV & Film Center)--Assistant Professor, Communications, Pacific Union College.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments
Baker, Robert Aldrich (Quincy, Wash)--Optometrist, Guam SDA Clinic, Far Eastern Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions
Ciesler, Paul (No Eur Div)--Pastor, Polish community, Victorian Conference, Australasian Division
Walter, Martin (W Germany, Euro-Afr Div)--To record Special Service assignment as teacher of German, Japan English Language School, Far Eastern Division, effective February 15, 1983.

Releases
Christian, Moses from call to transfer from Far Eastern Division to Jamaica, Inter-American Division; declined
Gentsler Darrell E from appt to Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division; declined
Giuliani, Hermine (Euro-Afr Div) from request to serve at Cameroun...
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Mission Hosp, Africa-Indian Ocean Division, Special Service basis; declined
Henriksen, Jens David from appt to Jengre SDA Hosp, Nigeria, Africa-Indian Ocean Division; declined
Johnsen, Carsten (No Eur Div) from call to Adv Univ Coll of Eastern Africa, Kenya, Eastern Africa Division; failed health clearance for SOS assignment

Permanent Returns
Bouit, Alain (son of Jean-Jacques Bouit, LA/SS dir, Sahel Union) from Africa-Indian Ocean Division; education, effective September 1983

Boff/TRE/GCC to FLJ

EURO-AFRICA DIVISION—ULM CHURCH FINANCIAL PLAN APPROVED

VOTED, To approve the financial plan presented by the Euro-Africa Division and the South German Union for the construction of a new church in Ulm, Germany, with funds on hand.

TRE/GCC to WLM

WEST COAST LEGAL OFFICE—SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK ACCOUNT

VOTED, To authorize the opening of a checking account with the Security First National Bank, Loma Linda, California, in the name of the West Coast Legal Office, and that the said bank be and hereby is, authorized to honor the signatures of L L Butler, and/or W L Murrill, and/or Robert H Ziprick, and/or William F Ziprick, to sign or make any changes and orders for the payment of money for the account which is in the name of the West Coast Legal Office.

Adjourned

C B Hirsch, Chairman
M T Battle, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary
Minutes of Meeting
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
September 22, 1983, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT


DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Alf Lohne, Chairman, read Philippians 1:27-30, a portion of which follows:

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ. ..." (Phillips)

In summarizing his remarks, the speaker said, "One thing is essential for a Christian; he must make sure that his everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ. Roman citizens never forgot they were Romans, even if they lived and worked in far-off colonies. We should always remember that we are called to do something fine for Christ."

Joseph Espinosa offered prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

R L Pelton introduced G M Burnham, Medical Director of the Malamulo Hospital and Leprosarium, Malawi. Dr Burnham is returning to Malamulo next week at the close of his furlough.

REPORTS

Irma B Vyhmeister reported on the convention of the American Dietetic Association held in Anaheim, California, recently.
Kathleen Zolber, a Seventh-day Adventist, is president of the Association. She received two standing ovations. Attendance reached 10,000, approximately 200 were Seventh-day Adventists. Lydia Sonenberg who was connected with Loma Linda University for many years, received the distinguished service award. Topics were varied and included a discussion of caffeine. Serious researchers agree with the writings of E W White on this subject.

C B Hirsch read an article from the London Daily Mail entitled "A Black School that Can Teach Us All a Lesson." It is an account of John Loughborough School in North London, England. Test results show the Black students attending this school are six times better in mathematics than students in comparable schools and twice as good in English. The school opened with 300 students and enrollment is growing. Applications from white families to enroll their children in this school with its strong spiritual program are increasing. Principal Orville Woolford is looking forward to higher attainments in the future.

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MINUTES of the meeting held September 15, 1983, were approved.

ADCOM/GCC to JWB

OCHOA, MARIO—FURLough

VOTED, To approve a two-month furlough for Mario Ochoa and wife of SAWS, General Conference, to the South American Division, December 5, 1983, to February 6, 1984.

ADCOM/GCC to JWB

OLIVEIRA, ENOCH—FURLough


OHR/ADCOM/GCC to WSB DHB

HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Human Relations Advisory as follows:
Add
George T Atiga
Rosa Banks
H W Baptiste
Pedro Geli
Arnold Trujillo
Meade C VanPutten
Won K Yoon

Delete
Joseph F Dent
Samuel L DeShay
John W Elick
William Loveless
Luther R Palmer, Jr
Charles Pereyra-Suarez
Benjamin Reaves

ADCOM/GCC to VSG DHB

ARTS AND SECULAR MAN—SUBCOMMITTEE OF APPROACH
TO SECULARISM - MEETING

VOTED, To approve a meeting of the Arts and Secular Man ad hoc
subcommittee of the Approach to Secularism Committee, in Washington, DC,
early November 1983.

Committee members:

Victor S Griffiths, Chairman; Alan Collins, Greg Constantine,
Jocelyn Fay, Richard Kuykendall, L A Ramirez, Ottilie Stafford, Melvin
West.

ADCOM/GCC to DRC

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General calls:

Burdick, Alfred W (PR-FED)—Assistant Manager, Village Market,
Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists
Ward, Verlie (Andrews Univ)—Instructor in Education, Walla Walla
College.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following report of the Committee on
Appointees:
September 22, 1983

Appointments

Guthrie, George Edward (Def Appt, LLU M-81A)—Assignment to Guam SDA Clinic as physician, Far Eastern Division
Hanna, Sami Bishay (Loma Linda, Calif)—Teacher, Egypt Field Academy, Cairo, Middle East Union; national returning
Robertson, Robert L (Sacramento, Calif)—Dentist, Davis Mem Hospital, Guyana, Inter-American Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions


Releases

Abdelnour, Anees from call to Middle East Union, national returning; declined
Estassi, Zaher from call to Bishmezzine Church, Lebanon, national returning; declined
Wilson, Craig from appt to Haiti Adv Hospital, Inter-American Division; declined

Permanent Returns

Christian, Moses Devadas from Youngberg Mem Hosp, Singapore, Far Eastern Division; unable to obtain medical license, effective June 1983
Day, Charles from IAD Food Co, Mexico, Inter-American Division; personal, effective October 1983
Raymundo, Benito (Ontario)—Terminal date for responsibility for return to South American Div, Oct 31, 1983
Thompson, Bruce from SAD Food Co, Brazil, South American Division to Australasian Division; personal, effective August 1983.

ITC/GCC to AL

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

AUTHORIZATIONS

ASI

Livesay, Kenneth

Communication

Haylock, T R
So Asia Div, Time to be arranged in 1984
Troy, O A

**Education**
Taylor, C R

**Health/Temperance**
Vyhnmeister, Irma B

Whiting, A S

**Lay Activities**
Bates, R W

Smith, Paul G

**Public Affairs & Rel Liberty**
Beach, B B

**Sabbath School**
Craig, Helen C

**Trust Services**
Appel, A R

**White Estate**
    Graybill, R D
    Olson, R W

**Youth**
Barron, R E

Afr-Ind Ocean Div, Mar 6-Apr 19, 1984

Int-Amer Div, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, Dec 4-21, 1983

Int-Amer Div, Nov 2-28, 1983, change from August

Far East Div, Apr 1-May 15, 1984

Aust Div, 4 to 5 weeks July/August 1984

So Amer Div, July 26-Aug 27, 1984


No Eur Div, Sept 25-Oct 8, 1984

No Eur Div, Apr 6-May 3, 1984

No Eur Div, Sept 15, 16, 1984
Following itinerary in Euro-Afr Div already voted

No Eur Div, Sept 23-Oct 1, 1983

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Martin, C D
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Int-Amer Div, Aug 31-Sept 16, 1984
Int-Amer Div, May 25-June 17, 1984

SPECIALS

Adventist Media Center

Richards, H M S, Jr

La Voz de la Esperanza
and Milton Peverini
Euro-Afr Div, Tour of Holy Land, June 7-16, 1984

Andrews University

Smoot, J G
No Eur Div, Newbold Coll, Nov 11-22, 1983

Lake Union

Bohannon, Jack
No Eur Div, British Un, Jan-March 1984. Travel and entertainment by British Union

Mid-America Union

Halvorsen, Ron

Northern European Division

Crouch, Tony
(Stanborough Press)
Int-Amer & No Amer Divs, Sept 29-Oct 10, 1983

Adjourned

Alf Lohne, Chairman
M T Battle, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary
Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 29, 1983, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT


DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

W R Lesher, Chairman, mentioned the recent meeting of the Sabbath Observance Problems Committee in St Albans, England. In one of the worship services it was mentioned that the only book of the Bible in which the Sabbath is not specifically mentioned is the book of Psalms. There is, however, a possible mention of the Sabbath in Psalm 84 which speaks of the yearning of the human heart for God and worship.

"How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

"My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. . . .

"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. . . ."

The speaker asked the question, "Does the Sabbath mean more than 1,000 other days—nearly three years?" He also pointed out that there is a need for encouragement of proper Sabbath observance.

Paul A Gordon offered prayer.
MINUTES of the meeting held September 22, 1983 were approved.

CAA/ADCOM/GCC to GHC-RetirePlan

AAEN, BERNARD A—RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To approve for NAD retirement benefits, Bernard A Aaen, effective November 1, 1983 after 32.9 years of denominational service.

ADCOM/GCC to GRT

COFFIN, KRIS, AID PRESIDENT—INVITED TO 83 AC

VOTED, To invite Kris Coffin, President of the Adventist Intercollegiate Association, to attend the 1983 Annual Council as an observer, with the understanding that the General Conference will care for her lodging and per diem during the time she is actually present at the Annual Council.

ADCOM/GCC to DRC

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General call:

Wilson, Jeffrey (Illinois)—Public Relations and Development director, Faith For Today, SDA Radio & TV Film Center.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments
Conran, James R (Norwalk, Iowa)—Assistant Treasurer, Zaire Union, Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions
Buckley, Robert M (No Eur/Far East Div)—Transfer from Hongkong Adv Hosp to Maluti Hosp, Lesotho, Trans-Africa Division as physician
Lyko, Jonaz (No Eur Div)—Physician, Nairobi SDA Health Services, Kenya, Eastern Africa Division
Lyko, Mrs Jonaz (No Eur Div)--Gynecologist, Nairobi SDA Health Services, Kenya, Eastern Africa Division
Stijnman, Andrew H M (No Eur Div)--Teacher, SDA Theological Seminary, Far East, Philippines, Far Eastern Division

Releases

Buckley, Robert M (No Eur/Far East Divs) from call to transfer from Hong Kong to Nairobi SDA Health Services, Kenya, Eastern Africa Division

Permanent Returns

Boutros, Joseph from call to Gitwe College, Rwanda, Africa-Indian Ocean Division; family considerations, effective September 1983
Lieca, Michel (Euro-Afr, Afr-Ind Ocean Divs)--Rescind perm return voted, will furlough and accept reassignment
McNiel, Frank H from HAVAH, Honduras, Inter-American Division; education, family considerations, effective November 1983.

FREx/GCC to WLM

EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in fixed rates of exchange, effective October 1, 1983:

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ITC/GCC to AL

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:
83-264
September 29, 1983

AUTHORIZATIONS

Administration

Wilson, Neal C
Int-Amer Div, Col-Venezuela Union, Nov 12-24, 1984

Health/Temperance

Pelton, R L
Vyhmeister, Irma B
Int-Amer Div, month of August 1984

Lay Activities

Knowles, G E
Monnier, S F

White Estate

Coon, R W

SPECIALS

Islamic Evangelism

Srour, Chafic

Review and Herald

Holland, Kenneth
Trans-Afr Div, Feb 5-19, 1984. Travel and entertainment by Trans-Africa Division.

CANCELLATIONS

Wilson, Neal C

Adjourned

W R Lesher, Chairman
D R Christman, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary