

## Minutes of Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Enoch Oliveira, D R Christman, Alva R Appel, D H Baasch, W S Banfield, G O Bruce, Helen C Craig, D E Crane, G H Crumley, R L Dale, R R Drachenberg, V S Griffiths, Iris Hayden, C B Hirsch, Frank Holbrook, B E Jacobs, W G Johnsson, Herbert Kiesler, J C Kinder, R E Klimes, Alf Lohne, Alice Lowe, Eloy Martinez, S D Meyers, R E Osborn, A J Patzer, P F Pedersen, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, G W Reid, Gary M Ross, A C Segovia, F A Soper, F R Stephan, Elizabeth Sterndale, L R Van Dolson, K H Wood, R L Woodfork, F Donald Yost, E E Zinke.

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Enoch Oliveira, Chairman, read Philippians 3:2, which follows:

"Look out for the dogs, look out for the evil-workers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh." (RSV)

Although present-day "evil-workers" are not concerned with circumcision and Jewish traditions, they are preachers, teachers and administrators influenced by liberal views who are trying to undermine the structure and theological basis of our faith while asking for flexibility, theological concessions and latitude in our thinking.

Evil workers today do not feed the flock with spiritual food but too often become involved in political and social issues. They are critical of the Church's leadership, structure, theology and publications while ignoring the joy of fellowship and Christian cooperation. They love prestige, position and power and sometimes employ questionable means to reach the ideals generated in their unsanctified hearts. Such workers are a disgrace to the ministry. Beware of evil workers.

Iris Hayden offered prayer.

## REPORTS

Gary M Ross, Associate Director of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department, traced the progress of the proposition for the

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United States to send an ambassador to the Vatican. The proposition, the Lugar amendment, was included in a block of proposals identified as "non-controversial." No public hearings were held on this issue prior to its enactment by the Senate, and Congress is seeking to adjourn by November 18, 1983. In the limited time available, efforts will be made to have a public hearing on the subject, during which the Church will defend the principle of separation of church and state.

MINUTES of the meeting held October 27, 1983 were approved, including the addition of R R Drachenberg as a member of the Committee on Allowances and Adjustments.

GCC to DRC

**FIGUHR, R R--CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY  
APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE**

Information has been received of the death of R R Figuhr in California, October 28, 1983.

VOTED, To extend condolences to the wife and family of R R Figuhr at this time of sorrow, and express appreciation for his years of outstanding service as a leading administrator in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He served as General Conference President from 1954 to 1966.

GCO/ADCOM/GCC to CBH DHB

**LEGAL AFFAIRS--COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT**

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the standing committee, Legal Affairs, as follows:

Add	D H Baasch
	G H Crumley
	N O Matthews
	M A Tyner
	F W Wernick
Delete	G T Carter
	A E Gibb
	J N Morgan
	E M Stiles
	W F Wetherell

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TRE/GCO/GCC to GOB 84AC

**CONTAINERIZED FREIGHT SHIPMENTS - POLICY PROPOSAL**

VOTED, To adopt the following policy proposal, Containerized Freight Shipments, as a working guideline and for possible future insertion into the GC Working Policy:

If approved by the General Conference/division treasurer, an interdivision worker's household goods and personal effects may be shipped by container-van and financial settlement made on the actual cost up to, but not exceeding, the cost of the per pound (break bulk) rate as calculated on the total authorized weight allowance.

GCO/GCC to GRT

**KORFF, ERIC A--ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, GENERAL  
CONFERENCE AUDITING SERVICE**

VOTED, To elect Eric A Korff, presently the auditor for the Trans-Africa Division, Associate Director of the General Conference Auditing Service.

PPPABd/GCO/NomCom/PPPABd/GCO/GCC to LB

**HOLLAND, KENNETH J--EDITOR OF NEW NAD MISSIONARY MAGAZINE**

VOTED, To accept the nomination by the Pacific Press Publishing Association Board of Directors of Kenneth J Holland as editor of the new North American Division missionary magazine, and to approve his appointment by the Board to that position.

GCC to DRC

**MAXWELL, LAWRENCE--APPRECIATION**

VOTED, To express appreciation to Lawrence Maxwell for his work as editor of the Signs of the Times publication. This magazine is being merged with These Times.

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SUD/GCO/GCC/SurCom/GCO/SUD/GCC to GRT

**155-83G NORTHERN UNION MISSION (SUD) TERRITORIAL  
REORGANIZATION - SURVEY COMMISSION REPORT**

On May 26, 1983, the General Conference Committee appointed a survey commission to consider the request of the Southern Asia Division for a reorganization of their Northern Union Mission territory into two unions. (See GCC 83-154.)

The survey commission presented its report to the General Conference Officers and the Southern Asia Division. Both entities are recommending its approval. A copy of the report is attached to the official copy of these minutes. It was

VOTED, 1. To approve the request of the Northern Union Mission and the Southern Asia Division for the reorganization of the Northern Union Mission into two unions to be called the Northern Union Mission and the Northeast Union Mission, effective January 1, 1984. (The commission specified certain conditions which are included in the full report which is attached to the General Conference Committee minutes.)

2. To express concern regarding the assignment of departmental leadership in the two new union organizations and request the Southern Asia Division to restudy this aspect of the reorganization.

CA/GCC to SEC

**COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES**

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

Appointments

Dull, Lloyd (Washington State)--Teacher of chemistry and physics, Kamagambo High School & Teachers College, Kenya, Eastern Africa Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Enyinna, E E (Euro-Afr Div)--Reassignment from Cameroun Mission Hosp to Aba Public Health Ctr & Maternity Hosp, Nigeria as physician, Africa-Indian Ocean Division; national returning  
Gensolin, Glenda (Far East Div)--Physician, Yuka Hosp, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division

Male Nurse (Euro-Afr Div)--Bere Maternity Dispensary, Chad, Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Nurse (Euro-Afr Div)--Cameroun Mission Hosp, Africa-Indian Ocean Division, 12 months, AVSC basis

Nurse (Euro-Afr Div)--Cameroun Mission Hosp, Africa-Indian Ocean Division, 12 months, AVSC basis  
Slavica, Kis (Euro-Afr Div)--English teacher, Adv College for French-speaking Africa, 12 months, AVSC basis  
Urbina, Miss (Euro-Afr Div)--Reassignment from Special Service to AVSC basis, 12 months as teacher, Adv College for French-speaking Africa

Releases

Youngblood, Marilyn (Euro-Afr Div) from call to Africa-Indian Ocean Division office, Ivory Coast; declined

Permanent Returns

Allen, Laverne (daughter of J A Allen, Sierra Leone Miss) from Africa-Indian Ocean Division to Inter-American Division; education, effective May 1980  
Allen, Meverley (daughter of J A Allen, Sierra Leone Miss) from Africa-Indian Ocean Division to Inter-American Division; education, effective May 1980  
Buhler, R G from Spicer Mem College, India, Southern Asia Division; family considerations, effective May 1984  
Cherenfant, Michelet (son of J M Cherenfant, E Cameroun Miss) from Africa-Indian Ocean Division to Inter-American Division; education, effective September 1983  
Cordray, Paul J (son of P R Cordray, Div office) from Trans-Africa Division; education, effective September 1983  
Deschamps, Elise from Cameroun Miss Hosp, Africa-Indian Ocean Division to Euro-Africa Division; division recommendation, effective October 1983  
Hermans, Veronique (daughter of Georges Hermans, W Cent Afr Un) from Africa-Indian Ocean Division to North American Division; education, effective June 1984  
Hoag, James Ira from Hongkong Adv Hosp, Far Eastern Division; personal, effective October 1983  
Johnson, Afriyie (daughter of J D Johnson, Nigeria) from Africa-Indian Ocean Division to North American Division; education, effective September 1983  
Potter, W J from South Africa, Trans-Africa Division to Australasian Division; budgetary considerations, effective October 1983  
Thrasher, Kurtis, Tjen (son of N R Thrasher, Bangkok Adv Hosp, Thailand) from Far Eastern Division; education, effective September 1983  
Wiese, W O from Indonesia Publishing House, Far Eastern Division; visa problem, effective June 1983.

(The name of one of the persons under appointment was referred to the Committee on Appointees for restudy.)

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ITC/GCC to AL

### **INTERDIVISION TRAVEL**

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

#### **AUTHORIZATIONS**

##### ADRA/SAWS

Ochoa, Mario

So Amer Div, Nov 18-Dec 5, 1983

##### GENCON

James, H D  
Schraven, R D

No Eur Div, Oct 29-Nov 9, 1983  
No Eur & Euro-Afr Divs, Oct 29-  
Nov 17, 1983

##### Islamic Evangelism

Schmidt, Arturo E

So Amer Div, Time to be arranged in  
1984

#### **SPECIALS**

##### Adventist Media Center

Breath of Life Quartet

Trans-Afr Div, Nov 18-Dec 14, 1983

#### **ADJUSTMENTS**

Schmidt, Arturo E

So Asia Div, Mar 1984 instead of  
Nov 16-28, 1983 as previously voted

Carman, E E

So Asia Div, Feb 15-Mar 16, 1984  
instead of month of November as  
previously voted

#### **CANCELLATIONS**

Hirsch, C B

Aust Div, Nov/Dec 1983.

Adjourned

Enoch Oliveira, Chairman  
D R Christman, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

MINUTES  
SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION SURVEY COMMISSION  
ON THE  
REORGANIZATION OF THE NORTHERN UNION

October 2, 1983, Washington, DC

PRESENT: C D Watson, E A Hetke, L L Butler, G J Christo, R D Riches,  
D E Robinson

ABSENT: I E Grice

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONS & PROCEDURES

The Southern Asia Division Committee voted to pass on the request of the Northern Union to the General Conference that consideration be given for a reorganization of that union mission with the possibility that two union organizations be established.

The General Conference Officers appointed the following Survey Commission:

C D Watson, Chairman; E A Hetke, Secretary; L L Butler, G J Christo, I E Grice and R D Riches. Since it was not possible for I E Grice to be present, D E Robinson, the Southern Asia Division representative resident in USA was invited to attend as a member.

In its deliberation the Survey Commission took note of the following statements expressed as an explanation for the desired reorganization:

1. Distances and required method of travel (much by foot) make supervision and promotion an almost impossible situation in the existing Northern Union.
2. The overall population of the union, 402,613,218 (1983 Yearbook), makes this a vast territory of unentered areas.
3. Ethnic violence and political demands in the eastern area of the Northern Union brought suspicion and terror on plains people who travelled there and made Union supervision perilous to the few individuals who could be persuaded to go to this region at or near the outbreak of the violence. (Great difficulty was experienced by the Union administration in getting Union personnel to return to this area for subsequent visits.)
4. Threats of violence caused plains people living in the northeast to leave their posts of duty.
5. Unrest and violent activities prevented some Northeast Section administrators from travelling to the plains for important meetings.

NORTHERN UNION REORGANIZATION SURVEY COMMISSION--RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED, To approve the request of the Northern Union and the Southern Asia Division for the reorganization of the Northern Union on the following conditions:

1. The reorganization, making two unions out of the present Northern Union, to be called Northern Union and Northeast Union shall be effected as of January 1, 1984 with a constituency meeting in the Northeast to be held during the early part of 1984. It seems unnecessary to hold a Northern Union constituency as the creation of a Northeast Union does not materially affect that portion of the territory which will continue to be known as the Northern Union.

2. The unions thus formed shall endeavor to reduce in the case of the Northern Union, and exercise restraint in the case of the Northeast Union in the staffing of these organizations. It is thought desirable to have in each union a President, Secretary and Treasurer. However, it is to be expected that there will be a combining of departments making the functions of a union possible but with fewer personnel. The positions to be filled are as follows:

	Northern U	Northeast U
President		
Secretary	" "	" " "
Treasurer	" "	" " "
Auditor	Appointed by Division	
Ministerial	Assigned to Union President	
Stewardship	Assigned to Union Treasurer	
Sabbath School & LA	Assigned to Union Secretary	
Youth/Education	To be appointed	
Publishing	" " "	
Hlth/Temp/Comm	" " "	

It is to be the objective of the Northern Union to reduce its personnel in a phased manner, thus coming into line with this recommendation.

3. The Section organizations in the Northeast Union shall hold to personnel appointments in the following manner until such times as growth or higher organization approval would indicate:

President  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Lay Activities & Sabbath School Director  
Ministerial-Stewardship Director  
\*Northern Union Sections will retain Publishing Directors.

4. The territorial adjustments are to be on the following basis: (Please see enclosed map.)

a. Northern Union: Indian States of Bihar, Delhi, Harayana,



Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal; the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and the Countries of Bhutan and Nepal; comprising the East India, North India and Upper Ganges Sections, and Madhya Bharat Region.

b. Northeast Union: Indian States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura; comprising the Manipur-Nagaland, Mizo and Northeast Sections.

c. The membership and church statistics as of the end of 1982 would be on the following basis:

NORTHERN UNION	CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP
East India Section	48*	5273*
North India Section	17	4854
Upper Ganges Section	21	3340
Attached Fields	11	994
Total	97	14,461

\*Note: 7 churches and approximately 500 members of the East India Section would come under Northeast Union jurisdiction.

NORTHEAST UNION	CHURCHES	MEMBERS
Manipur Nagaland Section	30	3037
Mizo Section	24	3472
Northeast Section	21	2351
Attached Field	7	500
Totals	82	9,360

5. The appropriation granted to the Northern Union is to be reduced by approximately Rs100,000, which in turn shall be channeled to the Northeast Union. Adequate provision shall also be made for the Northeast Union financially in order for it to function effectively.

Income and appropriations in 1982 in these areas as divided on the basis of reorganization was:

NORTHERN UNION	TITHE	APPROPRIATIONS
East India Section	225,751	685,296
North India Section	174,450	448,620
Upper Ganges Section	272,610	487,296
Attached Field	91,058	100,000 approx
Union Admin, Evangelism & VOP Schools		1,239,072
Raymond Memorial High School		210,288
Roorkee High School		226,332
Scheer Memorial Hospital		NR 183,300
Nepal Health Education		31,200

NORTH EAST UNION	TITHE	APPROPRIATIONS
Manipur-Nagaland Section	36,980 (9 mos)	238,840
Mizo Section	281,810	316,584
Northeast Section	222,302	284,940
Assam Training School		210,288

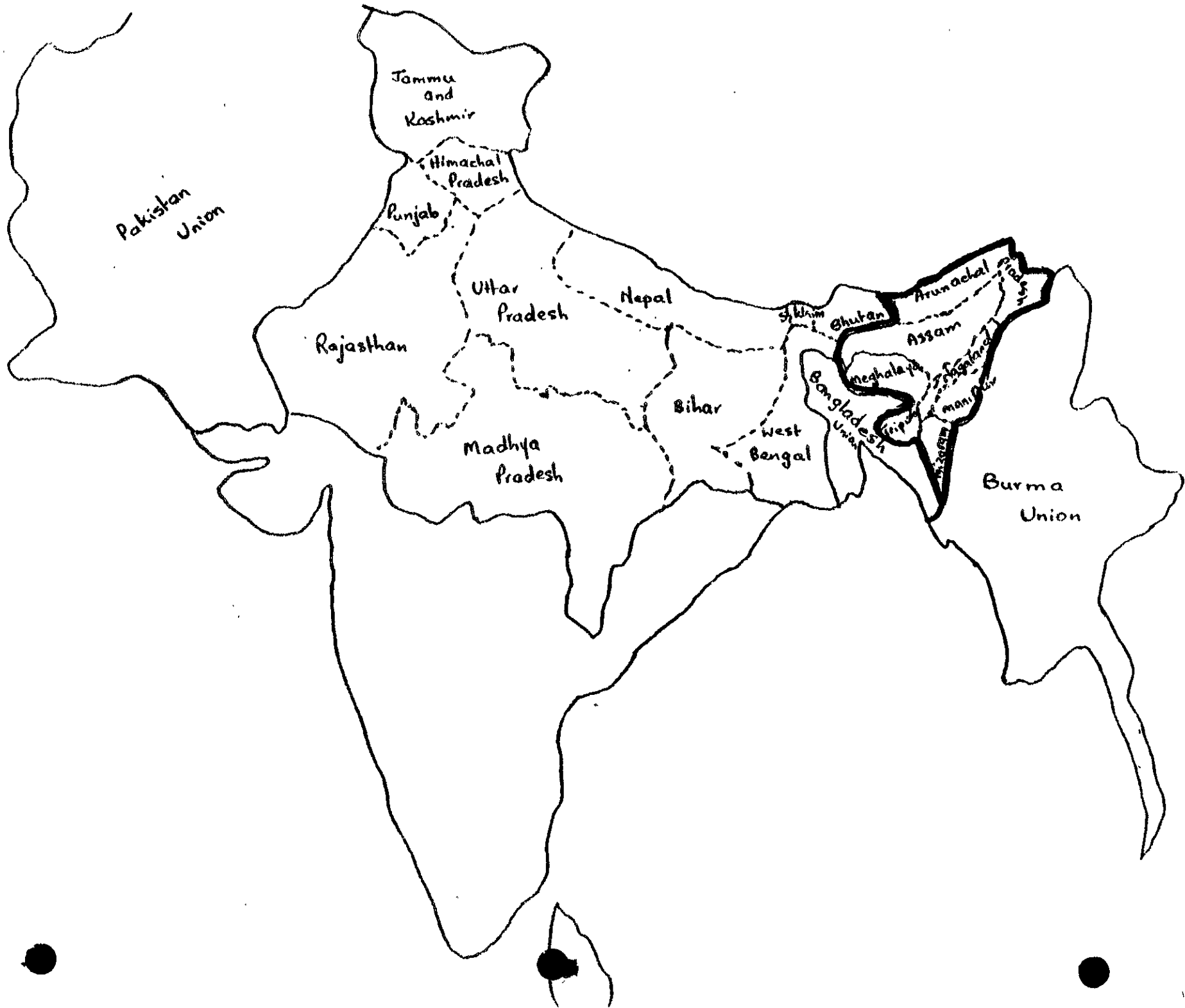
ORDER OF ROUTING AND IMPLEMENTATION

RECOMMENDED, To adopt the following order of routing and implementation for the reorganization of the Northern Union, provided the above recommendations are approved and the conditions stipulated are accepted by the respective organizations:

1. Northern Union Reorganization Survey Commission tentative report submitted to the General Conference Officers on October 3, 1983.
2. Presentation of the report with General Conference Officer suggestions and recommendations to the Southern Asia Division Committee on November 2, 1983.
3. General Conference Committee action on Southern Asia Request November 3, 1983.
4. Southern Asia Division Committee to record General Conference action and proceed with implementation November 4, 1983.

NOTE: It was expressed to the Commission by the SUD representatives that for nominating the officers for the Northeast Union, an invitation shall be extended to the officers of the sections directly involved in this area, the president of the East India Section, the Calcutta Church pastor, the ATS principal and three prominent laymen from the three sections.

C D Watson, Chairman  
E A Hetke, Secretary



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**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

D H Baasch, B E Jacobs, J W Bothe, G O Bruce, V H Cooper, G H Crumley, N R Dower, R R Drachenberg, V S Griffiths, Tulio R Haylock, R R Hegstad, Betty Holbrook, Frank Holbrook, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, Alice Lowe, Eloy Martinez, A J Patzer, W B Quigley, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, G W Reid, R L Reynolds, Gary M Ross, A C Segovia, Michael Stevenson, C R Taylor, O A Troy, L R Van Dolson, D S Williams, K H Wood, F Donald Yost, E E Zinke

**DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE**

D H Baasch, Chairman, read portions of 2 Chronicles 17 which pictures the difficult times and the general apostasy of God's people during the reign of Jehoshaphat. One of his solutions for apostasy was to teach the people the law of the Lord--Scripture. The result of that teaching was that "the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were around about Judah." When the Word of the Lord is taught or preached God's people are strengthened and the Church prospers.

"Throughout the kingdom the people were in need of instruction in the law of God. In an understanding of this law lay their safety; by conforming their lives to its requirements they would become loyal both to God and to man. Knowing this, Jehoshaphat took steps to ensure to his people thorough instruction in the Holy Scriptures.

"To this wise provision for the spiritual needs of his subjects, Jehoshaphat owed much of his prosperity as a ruler."--PK 191,192

Victor S Griffiths offered prayer.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

J W Bothe introduced Ernest Monteith of Ontario, Canada. He served as a teacher at Oshawa Missionary College (Kingsway College) and as a local church elder for over forty years.

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**REPORTS**

Michael Stevenson gave a report of his recent visit with J C Smuts van Rooyen who is leaving Good News Unlimited and returning to South Africa, his homeland.

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MINUTES of the meeting held November 3, 1983 were approved, including condolences to the family of R R Figuhr.

PUB/ADCOM/GCC to LAR DHB

**PUBLISHING HOUSE EXPANSION COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP  
ADJUSTMENT**

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the standing committee, Publishing House Expansion as follows:

Add           R E Appenzeller  
                  F Martin Ytreberg

Delete         J N Hunt  
                  W L Muir

CAA/ADCOM/GCC to GHC-RetirePlan

**JONES, IVAN NEILL—RETIREMENT**

RECOMMENDED, To change the effective date for NAD retirement benefits for Ivan Neill Jones from September 1, 1983 to November 1, 1983 after 41.54 years (instead of 41.18 years) of denominational service. (See GCC 83-133.)

CAA/ADCOM/GCC to GHC-RetirePlan

**WIELAND, ROBERT J—RETIREMENT**

RECOMMENDED, To approve for NAD retirement benefits Robert J Wieland, effective February 1, 1984 after 43.27 years of denominational service.

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M&S/ADCOM/GCC to LLB DHB

**GC SESSION PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE--  
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT**

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the 1985 General Conference Session Physical Arrangements Committee as follows:

Add - D E Crane

GCO/GCC to NCW

**ADVENTIST BROADCASTING SERVICE, INCORPORATED--  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

It has been determined that in order to carry out the global radio coverage of Adventist World Radio (see GCC 83-288, 83-386) it will be required by the Federal Communications Commission to have a separate corporate body under which the radio station on Guam, and possibly others, can be administered. The proposed Articles of Incorporation have been studied by the General Conference Officers and were distributed to General Conference Committee members.

VOTED, 1. To approve the organization of a new corporation to be known as Adventist Broadcasting Service, Inc, in harmony with the Articles of Incorporation, a copy of which will be filed with the official copy of these minutes.

2. To authorize David H Baasch, Frank L Jones and Tulio R Haylock to constitute themselves as incorporators of the new corporation which will be formed under the laws and statutes of the District of Columbia.

IAD/NAD Pub Advisory/GCO/GCC to LB

**PPPA AND IAPA EDITORIAL COORDINATION AD HOC  
COMMITTEE**

VOTED, To appoint an ad hoc committee, Pacific Press Publishing Association and Inter-American Publishing Association Editorial Coordination.

Committee appointed

Lowell L Bock, Chairman; L A Ramirez, Secretary; D H Baasch, C E Bradford, G W Brown, D R Christman, Juan DeArmas, Joseph Espinosa, J C Kinder, Ramon Maury, Humberto Rasi, E M Stiles, F Martin Ytreberg.

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CA/GCC to SEC

**COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES**

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

Appointments

McKenzie, Roland L (Berrien Springs, Mich)--Principal, Solusi College, Zimbabwe, Trans-Africa Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Youlden, G E (Aust Div)--Pastor/Evangelist, So England Conf, Northern European Division

Releases

Liem, Ben Yee Sang (Far East Div) from call to Tsuen Wan Adv Hosp, Hong Kong, Far Eastern Division; call withdrawn

Permanent Returns

Fernando, Felicito from Kanye Hosp, Botswana, Trans-Africa Division; division recommendation, effective January 1984.

Adjourned

D H Baasch, Chairman  
B E Jacobs, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ADVENTIST BROADCASTING SERVICE, INC.

FIRST: The undersigned, whose names and addresses are as follows:

David H Baasch  
2844 Shannandale Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Frank L Jones  
13010 Greenmount Avenue  
Beltsville, MD 20705

Tulio R Haylock  
11185 Columbia Pike  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

each having attained the age of majority, do hereby constitute themselves incorporators with the purpose of forming a corporation under and by virtue of the laws and statutes of the District of Columbia.

SECOND: The name of the Corporation (which is hereinafter called the "Corporation") is Adventist Broadcasting Service, Inc.

THIRD: The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows:



(a) To apply for, hold, and/or dispose of licenses issued by the Federal Communications Commission to operate any broadcast station, and licenses for any auxiliary station or stations appertaining thereto, and to operate such station or stations;

(b) To produce, buy, develop, reproduce, rent, sell, license, or otherwise acquire, distribute, or dispose of broadcast program materials;

(c) To acquire, own, improve, develop, sell, lease, let and convey land, real estate, radio stations, television stations, and all properties usable in connection therewith;

(d) To accomplish any other purpose permitted of corporations by the laws and statutes of the District of Columbia.

FOURTH: For the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which it is organized and which are permitted of corporations by the laws and statutes of the District of Columbia.

FIFTH: The post office address of the principal office of the Corporation is 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012. The name and post office address of the initial registered agent of the Corporation are Adventist Broadcasting Service, Inc., 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

SIXTH: The Corporation shall not be authorized to issue capital stock.

SEVENTH: The members of the Corporation shall be selected and qualify for membership as provided for in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

EIGHTH: The number of Directors which shall constitute the Board of Directors shall be such as is fixed from time to time by, or in the manner provided in, the Bylaws, but in no case shall the number be less than three. Directors shall be selected pursuant to the Bylaws of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the Directors who shall act until the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors and until their successors are duly chosen and qualify are:

David H Baasch

2844 Shannandale Drive

Silver Spring, MD 20904

Frank L Jones

13010 Greenmount Avenue

Beltsville, MD 20705

Tulio R Haylock

11185 Columbia Pike

Silver Spring, MD 20901

NINTH: The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific and literary purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). The Corporation shall not carry on any

activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Except as may be specifically authorized under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended from time to time, no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. In the event of the dissolution or final liquidation of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all of the assets of the Corporation to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

TENTH: Each Director, whether or not then in office, shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with or resulting from any civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding to which he may be made a

party by reason of his being or having been a director of the Corporation, except in relation to matters in which he has been finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to have been derelict in the performance of his duties as such Director. The foregoing right to indemnification shall include a right to reimbursement of the amounts paid and expenses incurred in settling, compromising or otherwise adjusting any such action, suit or proceeding, when such disposition thereof appears to be in the best interests of the Corporation and shall not be exclusive of other rights to which such Director may be entitled as a matter of law.

ELEVENTH: The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have signed these Articles of Incorporation, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1983, and we acknowledge the same to be our act.

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## Minutes of Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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

## MEMBERS PRESENT

C B Hirsch, D A Roth, G P Babcock, M T Bascom, B B Beach, Floyd Bresee, C D Brooks, C L Brooks, W J Brown, Helen C Craig, G H Crumley, N R Dower, V S Griffiths, Iris Hayden, Tulio R Haylock, Frank Holbrook, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, Herbert Kiesler, Alice Lowe, Eloy Martinez, S D Meyers, A J Patzer, Leo Ranzolin, G W Reid, Gary M Ross, Elizabeth Sterndale, Michael Stevenson, O A Troy, M A Tyner, L R Van Dolson.

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

C B Hirsch, Chairman, read 2 Corinthians 4:17,18 as his text.

Many of the General Conference Committee members are traveling and concerned about passports and visas, but the most important thing is for us to be sure of our passport to heaven.

"The difficulties which those who put on Christ and keep His commandments must undergo, are not of Christ's designing. 'If any man will come after me,' He says, 'let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me' (Matt 16:24). The duty of intelligent souls is to hold to the truth, to practice virtue. We are born with a disinclination to both. It is sad to find in one's own constitution an opposition to virtues that are commendable in the sight of God, as submission, charity, sweetness of spirit, and patience that will not be provoked. Say to yourselves, dear children, I am weakness, but God is my strength. He has given me my post of duty. The General whom I serve bids me be an overcomer."--EGW Letter 10, Jan 26, 1898.

W J Brown offered prayer.

## REPORTS

M T Bascom gave the first Ingathering report for 1983. The amount raised to date across North America is \$2,387,308. This is a gain of \$105,545 over the same period last year.

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

GCC to DAR

**MURDOCH, W G C--CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY**

Word has been received of the death of W G C Murdoch, prominent denominational worker who served as Dean of the Theological Seminary for many years. He passed away November 16, 1983, at Loma Linda, California.

VOTED, To express our sympathy to the wife and family of W G C Murdoch and assure them of our appreciation of his service to the Church.

CA/GCC to SEC

**COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES**

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

Appointments

Canale, Juan Carlos (LLUMC)--Physician, River Plate Sanitarium and Hospital, Argentina, South American Division; national returning

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Departmental Director (Portugal, Euro-Afr Div)--Director of Sabbath School/Lay Activities or Youth/Stewardship Depts, West Amazon Mission, South American Division (NBU #11)

Kubo, Sakae (Newbold Coll, No Eur Div)--Transfer as President/Dean, SDA Theological Seminary, Far East, Philippines, Far Eastern Division

Pastor (Portugal, Euro-Afr Div)--District Pastor, West Amazon Mission, South American Division (NBU #5)

Tieche, Alain (Euro-Afr Div)--Medical Director, Mugonero Hosp, Rwanda, Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Releases

Brathwaite, Noel from appt to West Afr Union, Africa-Indian Ocean Division; call withdrawn

Permanent Returns

Harder, Palmer from South American Division office; retirement, effective July 1, 1984

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Zuill, Richard & Brian (sons of Henry Zuill, Antillian Coll, Puerto Rico) from Inter-American Division; education, effective May 1983.

ITC/GCC to AL

**INTERDIVISION TRAVEL**

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

**AUTHORIZATIONS**

ADRA

O'Ffill, R W

No Eur Div, Dec 13-16, 1983

O'Ffill, R W

Afr-Ind Ocean Div and Mid East Union  
Jan 3-Feb 3, 1984

Publishing

Appenzeller, R E

Far East Div, Mar 16-24, 1984 on  
return from So Asia Div already voted

Ramirez, L A

Int-Amer Div, June 27-July 20, 1984

White Estate

Pereyra, Elbio

Afr-Ind Ocean Div, Abidjan and Accra,  
Oct 21-Nov 5, 1984

Youth

Ranzolin, Leo  
Pitton, Leslie

Int-Amer Div, Mexico, Nov 20-23, 1983  
(Free tickets from airline)

**SPECIALS**

Inter-American Division

Fletcher, Herbert

So Amer Div, Austral & So Brazil  
Unions, Jan 16-28, 1984. Travel by  
Int-Amer Div, board and lodging by  
South American Division.

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Leito, Israel

So Amer Div, Dec 27, 1983 to Jan 7,  
1984. Travel by Int-Amer Div, board  
and lodging by South American  
Division.

Southeastern California

Watts, C B and wife

Far East Div, Kobe Adv Hosp, Nov 16-  
Dec 7, 1983. Expenses by Kobe  
Adventist Hospital.

ADJUSTMENTS

Coon, R W

Afr-Ind Ocean Div, Sept 13-23 and  
Oct 21- Nov 7, 1984.  
So Afr & So Unions, Sept 24-Oct 2,  
1984  
East Afr Div, Oct 6-20, 1984  
Above dates instead of those voted  
previously.

CANCELLATIONS

Taylor, C R

Int-Amer Div, Dec 4-21, 1983.

Adjourned

C B Hirsch, Chairman  
D A Roth, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary



## Minutes of Meeting

**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

November 22, 1983, 10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

C B Hirsch, D A Roth, Alva R Appel, R E Appenzeller, D H Baasch, G P Babcock, R W Bates, B B Beach, G J Bertochini, J W Bothe, C E Bradford, Floyd Bresee, C L Brooks, L L Butler, R W Coon, V H Cooper, G H Crumley, P A Gordon, Tulio R Haylock, R R Hegstad, Frank Holbrook, W G Johnsson, J C Kinder, Kenneth Livesay, Alice Lowe, Eloy Martinez, R W Olson, A J Patzer, Elbio Pereyra, G W Reid, Gary M Ross, F A Soper, F R Stephan, Elizabeth Sterndale, Michael Stevenson, C R Taylor, O A Troy, M A Tyner, L R Van Dolson, K H Wood, R L Woodfork, F Donald Yost.

**DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE**

C B Hirsch read Exodus 18:19-24 in which Jethro gave Moses advice for effective leadership. A portion of the text follows:

". . . Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. But select capable men from all the people--men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain--and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens." (NIV)

C E Bradford offered prayer.

AUD/GCC to CDW-CA GRT

**SCRAGG, W R L--PRESIDENT OF AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION**

VOTED, To elect W R L Scragg, presently serving as president of the Northern European Division, as president of the Australasian Division, in harmony with the recommendation of the Australasian Division Committee.

Adjourned

Prayer by Michael Stevenson

C B Hirsch, Chairman  
D A Roth, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

Minutes of Meeting

**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

November 23, 1983, 1:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

C E Bradford, B E Jacobs, D H Baasch, G P Babcock, R W Bates, G J Bertochini, J W Bothe, C L Brooks, W J Brown, L L Butler, Eric Fehlberg, V S Griffiths, R R Hegstad, R H Henning, C B Hirsch, Betty Holbrook, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, G E Knowles, Kenneth Livesay, Alice Lowe, M J Murray, R W Olson, A J Patzer, P F Pederson, Elbio Pereyra, L A Ramirez, G W Reid, Gary M Ross, D A Roth, F A Soper, Elizabeth Sterndale, C R Taylor, O A Troy, M A Tyner, L R Van Dolson, A S Whiting, K H Wood, E E Zinke.

**DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE**

C E Bradford, Chairman, read Habakkuk 3:1,2, a portion of which follows:

"Yahweh, I have heard of your renown, . . . . Repeat it in our own time, reveal it in our time. For all your wrath, remember to be merciful." (The Jerusalem Bible)

The Church is always in need of revival and renewal and must receive fresh infusions of blessings from above.

W J Brown offered prayer.

**REPORTS**

R W Bates presented the second Ingathering report for the 1983-84 campaign. The total raised to date is \$3,030,145.29 which represents a gain of \$216,692.32 over the same period last year.

C E Bradford read a report from the "Toronto Star" on the three-week evangelistic campaign conducted in Massey Hall, Toronto, Ontario by C E Bradford assisted by C L Brooks as singing evangelist. Attendance the last night was approximately 3,000. To date, 148 have been baptized but additional baptismal services will be conducted in participating churches in the near future.

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

EAD/ADCOM/GCC to GRT

**EVERT, JOHANNES G--FIELD SECRETARY, EASTERN  
AFRICA DIVISION**

VOTED, To elect Johannes Gerhardus Evert, presently serving as president of the Botswana Field (Trans-Africa Division), Field Secretary of the new Eastern Africa Division.

NADO/ADCOM/GCC to JWB

**THE NEW ISRAELITE MAGAZINE--READING COMMITTEE**

VOTED, To appoint the following reading committee for The New Israelite magazine:

Committee appointed:

D A Delafield, G O Engen, J S Espinosa, R R Hegstad, F B Holbrook.

SEC/ADCOM/H&T/ADCOM/Fin/GCD083A C/G83A C/GCO/ADCOM/GCC to DHB

**151-83G POSTGRADUATE STUDY FOR PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS -  
POLICY REVISION**

General Conference and Division Officers meeting prior to the Annual Council agreed to a revision of GC P 35 15, Postgraduate Study for Physicians and Dentists. This item was on the agenda for the 1983 Annual Council but because no decision had been made in regard to the financial specifications of the policy, it was referred by Annual Council 1983 to the General Conference Committee for final action.

VOTED, To revise GC P 35 15, Postgraduate Study for Physicians and Dentists, to read as follows:

P 35 15 Qualifying/Licensing Expenses--Physicians/Dentists/Optometrists -- 1. Physicians under appointment to Commonwealth countries shall be authorized to become eligible for registration with the General Medical Council as may be determined.

2. Postgraduate work in tropical medicine, where required, shall be provided as far as practicable within the division fields, at centers where such courses are offered and at such times as can be arranged by the employing division.

3. Employing divisions shall pay physicians/dentists/optometrists seeking to qualify to practice in their respective territories at their regular mission rate of salary and shall meet the cost of tuition and required textbooks for the courses taken. Consideration shall also be given to the expense of local transportation. Where special courses are pursued, each division shall arrange for the expense involved as the individual case may require.

P 35 17 Postgraduate/Continuing Education for Licensing--  
Interdivision Health Care Professionals -- 1. Licensure and Professional Standing--Interdivision health care professionals shall be assisted in meeting the requirements to maintain licensure and professional standing in their respective professions in their country of assignment and in their base country/division.

2. Time Allowance -- a. Time Allowance--Two weeks for each year of interdivision service shall be allowed the health care professional on a cumulative basis for postgraduate study/continuing education required to maintain licensure. (But see 4. below) The time may be taken either in the division of assignment during the term of service or in the home division during furlough/permanent return.

b. Use of Time Allowance in Field -- The health care professional shall be expected to take full advantage of any postgraduate/continuing education programs in the division of assignment which are acceptable for his/her requirements and for which his/her employing organization provides time and opportunity. If he/she does not take full advantage of such opportunities he/she shall not expect to be granted additional time on furlough as provided in a. above.

3. Financial Allowance -- The financial allowance shall be credited annually on a cumulative basis (but see 4. below) as follows:

Physicians/Dentists/Optometrists	70% of NAD Remuneration Factor
Nurses	35% of NAD Remuneration Factor
Other health professionals	35% of NAD Remuneration Factor

4. Unused Allowances -- a. Unused Time Allowance--No credit for unused time shall carry over from one furlough period to another.

b. Unused Financial Allowance -- Any portion of the financial allowance unused during furlough shall revert to the employing division and shall not be available during a succeeding furlough period.

5. Information to Base Division -- When a health care professional is about to proceed on furlough the division shall advise the base division, or in the case of North America the General

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Conference, regarding the allowances of time and money available for postgraduate study required to maintain licensure.

6. Salary Continuation -- The salary of the missionary health care professional shall be continued during the authorized period of postgraduate study required to maintain licensure whether he is in the division of assignment or in the base division.

7. PR Salary Continuation Not Affected -- In the case of a permanently returned health care professional, the provisions of this policy are in no way intended to imply that the salary for which a division is responsible shall extend beyond the regular period provided for elsewhere in the Working Policy.

8. Planning and Authorization -- a. Planning for postgraduate study/continuing education required to maintain licensure, is the individual responsibility of each health care professional in counsel with his/her employing division.

b. Authorization for postgraduate study/continuing education required to maintain licensure shall be obtained by submitting a request to the division through the employing organization. The request shall include information showing the period of time requested for study, the institution where the study will be taken, the courses to be taken, and the estimated travel and study expense.

1) If the health care professional plans to return to mission service after furlough, the request shall be submitted prior to leaving on furlough.

2) If the health care professional is being transferred to another division, the request shall also be submitted to the new division for approval.

3) If the health care professional is returning permanently, the request shall be forwarded to the base division for approval.

c. Divisions shall apply the following criteria when considering requests for postgraduate study/continuing education.

1) The study should be for the purpose of meeting the requirements to maintain licensure and professional standing in the field of assignment and/or in the home country/division.

2) The study should be directed towards improving skills or knowledge in a health field compatible with the professional background and responsibilities of the health care professional.

3) The study should be at institutions in which the quality of instruction is recognized as appropriate.

P 35 19 Postgraduate/Continuing Education--Locally Employed Health Care Professionals -- Divisions may arrange for locally employed health care professionals to take postgraduate work/continuing education required for licensure within the division territory. The allowances for such cases shall be set according to the needs in each division in harmony with the general principles of the General Conference policy. Should the required postgraduate work not be available within the division territory, the division committee may, in special cases, arrange for locally employed health professionals to take postgraduate study/continuing education elsewhere. In such cases, the division committee shall determine the allowances to be made.

ADCOM/GCC to DRC

**GENERAL CALLS**

VOTED, To approve the following General call:

LeBard, Nita G (Pacific Union)--Secretary, ADRA International/SAWS, General Conference (West Coast).

IAD/NAD Pub Advisory/GCO/GCC to LB

**PPPA AND IAPA EDITORIAL COORDINATION--  
AUTHORIZE COMMITTEE MEETING**

VOTED, To authorize a meeting of the ad hoc committee, Pacific Press Publishing Association and Inter-American Publishing Association Editorial Coordination, at Mountain View, California, January 22, 1984. (Committee members listed in GCC 83-463.)

PARL/GCO/N83AC/200-83G/GCO/GCC to LB

**US-VATICAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**

VOTED, 1. To request the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department, in consultation with the Communication Department, to seek information and consult on the best size and placement of an advertisement setting forth the Church's position regarding US-Vatican diplomatic relationships, granting them power to act in the development of the wording and the placement of the ads within the maximum budget of \$30,000

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2. To request the General Conference Treasury to release the actual expense of the ads prepared by the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department up to the maximum of \$30,000.

NED/GCO/GCC to GRT

**PAULSEN, JAN--ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NORTHERN  
EUROPEAN DIVISION**

VOTED, To elect Jan Paulsen, Secretary of the Northern European Division, President of the Northern European Division, in harmony with the recommendation of the Division Committee.

CA/GCC to SEC

**COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES**

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

Appointments

Cheng, Eugene Yung Chung (Loma Linda, Calif)--Physician, Hongkong Adv Hosp, Far Eastern Division. (Voted October 20, 1983 on national returning basis, now changed to interdivision basis.)  
Cheng, Rebekah Wang (Loma Linda, Calif)--Physician, Hongkong Adv Hosp, Far Eastern Division. (Voted October 20, 1983 on national returning basis, now changed to interdivision basis.)  
Johnson, Charles Delmar (Middletown, Calif)--Surgeon, Youngberg Memorial Adv Hospital, Singapore, Far Eastern Division  
Rios, Norval (Montemorelos Univ, Mexico-80)--Assignment from def appt as IM physician, Bella Vista Hosp, Puerto Rico, effective at completion of residency

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Mau, Terry (Aust Div)--Physician/GP, Tsuen Wan Adv Hosp, Hong Kong, Far Eastern Division

Releases

Youlden, G E (Aust Div) from call to South England Conference as pastor/evangelist, British Union, Northern European Division; previously assigned appt by Australasian Division

Permanent Returns

Pedersen, Thorkild B from Kenya, Eastern Africa Union; personal, effective December 1983.

FREx/GCC to WLM

**EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

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

<u>Division</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Local Currency Units Per US \$</u>	<u>US \$ Per Local Currency Units</u>
Africa-Indian Ocean Ivory Coast	CFA	405.00	.0024691
Euro-Africa Switzerland	Sfr	2.15	.4651163
France	Fr	8.10	.1234568
Southern Asia India	Rs	10.40	.0961538

ITC/GCC to AL

**INTERDIVISION TRAVEL**

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

**AUTHORIZATIONS**

Administration

Mittleider, K H East Afr Div, Jan 23-date to be  
arranged in 1984

Leshner, W R  
Wood, L D Mid East Un, Jan 2-10, 1984

Education

Babcock, G P Mid East Un, Jan 2-10, 1984. En route  
to Far Eastern & Aust Divs already  
voted

Lay Activities

Bascom, M T So Afr Un, Jan 6-28, 1984



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Publishing

Appenzeller, R E

No Eur Div, England, 2-3 days end of  
January 1984 en route to So Asia & Far  
Eastern Divisions already voted

SPECIALS

Andrews University

Ogden, Merlene

Trans-Afr Div, Solusi Coll, time to be  
arranged at end of 1983 and beginning  
of 1984. Expenses by new Eastern  
Africa Division

Inter-American Division

Ramos, F

So Amer Div, Dec 28, 1983-Jan 4,  
1984. Food and lodging by SAD  
Pathfinder Camporee. Travel by  
Antillian Union

Textbook Program

Engelkemier, J

Int-Amer Div, Col-Venezuela Un Coll,  
Jan 17-21, 1984. Travel &  
entertainment by Col-Venezuela Union  
College

Upper Columbia Conference

Reynolds, D C

No Eur Div, Poland, time to be  
arranged in 1984. Travel and  
entertainment by Northern European  
Division

CANCELLATIONS

Babcock, G P

Euro-Afr Div, Collonges, Jan 8-10,  
1984

Steed, E H J

Far East Div, set for time to be  
arranged in 1984

Adjourned

C E Bradford, Chairman  
B E Jacobs, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary