

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 4, 1988, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W O Coe (Ch), R L Woodfork (Sec), G P Babcock, W S Banfield, M T Battle, G J Bertochini, C E Bracebridge, W Floyd Bresee, G O Engen, R B Grady, R R Hegstad, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, R L McKee, Enoch Oliveira, R E Osborn, Gary B Patterson, Humberto M Rasi, G W Reid, D A Roth, A C Segovia, R S Smith, E H J Steed, Iris H Stober, F G Thomas, O A Troy, J C Viera, A S Whiting, K H Wood, Samuel Young.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

W O Coe, Chairman, referred to the book, The Believer's Absolute Surrender, by Andrew Murray written about 100 years ago. The main message of this book is death to self which is still the heart of our need today.

He read Ephesians 4:17-32, portions of which follow:

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." (verse 29)

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (verses 31 and 32).

The speaker commented on how careful we should be to promote unity in the Church and consider the impact of what we say. He referred to a song he heard in church, "I Won't Take Less Than Your Love." This is true of God. He wants absolute surrender from each of us.

Robert B Grady offered prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

Fred G Thomas introduced Max Webster, now retired, whose lifetime of service to the Church continues to be an inspiration to many. He has just completed another two years of service in Malawi where he served as treasurer of the South-East Africa Union Mission.

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His parents were among the first to settle in Zambia where they operated a successful ranch for many years. They lived on the great northern road and through the years freely gave of their hospitality to missionaries passing through the area. His grandparents raised eleven children of whom ten were Seventh-day Adventists. The children and grandchildren are scattered throughout Africa serving the Church.

Warren S Banfield presented Carole Kilcher who is visiting the Office of Human Relations. She is the associate director of the Institute of Church Ministries, and director of the Center for Human Relations at Andrews University.

MINUTES of the meeting held July 28, 1988 were approved.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Mayo, Ragui (SUD Natl, Philippine Un Col)—Teacher, Adv Training School, Shillong (SUD) Natl Returning
 Richards, Winston Anthony (IAD Natl, St, Andrews U)—District Pastor, N Caribbean Conf (IAD) Natl Returning

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Cannenpasse-Riffard, Jean Charles (IAD)—Call of AID as Publishing Director, Zaire Un
 Richli, Alfred (EUD)—Request of AID as Bible Teacher, Adv U of C Africa, Rwanda, AVS basis, 3 mos
 Wild-Tapsoba, Brigitte (EUD)—Call of AID as Nurse, Niaguis Clinic, Senegal

Releases

Harju, Leo J (TED) from call as Secy-Treasurer, Egypt Field and Treasurer, Egypt Food Factory (MEU) Declined.
 Kim, Kwang Soo (FED) from call as Administrator to Vegetarian Restaurant, Sao Paulo, Brazil, AVS basis (SAD) Call Withheld

Permanent Returns

Cole, Samuel Eugene—Rescind PR voted Jul 25, 85 to NAD
 Fehr, Jorg, Chief Builder, Adv U of C Africa, Rwanda (AID) to EUD, Education, eff Mar 88

GCC to FLJ

GENERAL CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS

Frank L Jones reported that the building of the new office continues to proceed very rapidly. The workmen are clearing the site as they work. The outside paving work should be completed before October.

Jones also reported that automatic door closers in the closed offices will not be used. Access to the building, for hourly workers, will be by means of cards with a code on a magnetic tape. This card will be inserted into a machine which will record hours worked.

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

ADRA

Gainer, R I

Inter-American Division,
Aug 14-28, 1988 to evaluate and
audit ADRA projects in Haiti
and other fields.

Archives and Statistics

Yost, F Donald

Euro-Africa Division, Sept 1-
20, 1989 to assist with records
management.

Communication

Burton, Shirley

Eastern Africa Division, three
to four weeks, February, 1989
to participate in Communication
Seminars and work with the new
division director.

Ministerial Association

Aeschlimann, Carlos E
Bresee, Ellen
Bresee, W Floyd

Eastern Africa Division,
Oct 12-16, 1988 to attend the
Ministerial Advisory following
Annual Council.

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Risk Management Services

Kutta, J Thomas
Mastrapa, Hector

Inter-American Division, Miami,
Aug 8 and 9, 1988 on insurance
business.

Singh, Vicky

Trans-European Division,
London, Aug 15-26, 1988 to
assist with computer programs
in the St Albans office.

World Food Service

Fehlberg, Eric C

South American Division,
Oct 31-Nov 30, 1988 to evaluate
South American Division food
factories.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Adventist Media Center

Delker, Del and Accompanist
Henderson, Gordon
Henderson, Phyllis
Richards, Harold M S

South African Union
Conference and Southern Union
Mission, Nov 17-Dec 6, 1988 to
conduct rallies; Trans-
European Division, Dec 7-12,
1988 to hold special meetings.
Expenses will be paid by the
Voice of Prophecy, sale of
records, and offerings.

Review and Herald

Baker, Delbert W

Eastern Africa Division,
Sept 26-Oct 11, 1988 to cover
Annual Council for Message
magazine. Expenses will be
shared equally by the Africa-
Indian Ocean Division, Eastern
Africa Division, General
Conference, and Review and
Herald.

North American Division

Jenson, Russell
(Appointee to IAD)

Inter-American Division, Haiti,
Aug 14-28, 1988 to assess and
evaluate ADRA projects in
Haiti. ADRA will pay expenses.

3. SPECIALS

North American Division

Ford, Robert
(ADRA consultant)

Inter-American Division, Haiti,
Aug 14-28, 1988 to assess and
evaluate ADRA projects in
Haiti. ADRA will pay expenses.
ADCOM to FGT-GCC

ADCOM/GCC to NCW&FGT

COUNCIL ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Council on Interchurch
Relations Committee (GCC-S) as follows:

Add Friday, Lynn

Delete Robinson, Elaine

MIN/ADCOM/GCC to KJM&FGT

HARVEST 90 ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Harvest 90 Advisory
Committee (GCC-S) as follows:

Add Harcombe, Neville

Delete Holbrook, Betty
Holbrook, D W

ADCOM/GCC to BBB&FGT

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Protocol Committee
(GCC-S) as follows:

Add Friday, Lynn

Delete Robinson, Elaine

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ADCOM/GCC to WOC&FGT

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO BOARD—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GCC-B)—
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Adventist World Radio Board—Executive Committee (GCC-B) as follows:

Add COE, W O, Chairman
 Bresee, W Floyd
 Gilbert, D F
 Kloosterhuis, R J
 Rock, C B
 Wheeler, D A (Technical Consultant)

Delete Bock, L L, Chairman
 Butler, L L
 Fuller, Gerald F
 Lohne, Alf
 Mittleider, K J
 Spangler, J R

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

PICHOT, MARCEL E—FURLOUGH

VOTED, To approve a regular three-month furlough for Marcel E Pichot to France beginning June 19, 1988 in accordance with GC M 35 10, Transfer at Furlough.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To record the following calls involving the General Conference or its institutions:

Andress, Monte R (Central California Conf)—Professor, Social Relations, Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus

Gaskins, Harold G (Oakwood College)—Pastor, Allegheny West Conference

Kreaseck, Barbara (Atlantic Union College)—Assistant Professor Mathematics and Computing, Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus

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Adjourned

Wallace O Coe, Chairman
Robert L Woodfork, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS PRESENT

W O Coe (Ch), D A Roth (Sec), G P Babcock, Karl H Bahr, D E Crane, G H Crumley, G O Engen, C O Frederick, D F Gilbert, R B Grady, R R Hegstad, R H Henning, Noelene Johnsson, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, H L Lee, R L McKee, M J Murray, R W Olson, R E Osborn, Gary M Ross, P G Smith, E H J Steed, F G Thomas, Alan W White, D S Williams, K H Wood.

INTRODUCTIONS

R W Olson introduced Elder and Mrs Toms, retired workers who are still active in the Tazewell, Virginia church.

The Chairman welcomed R R Frame. He served the Church in a number of positions among them President of the Australasian Division, Associate Secretary of the General Conference and, just before his retirement, Manager of the Adventist Media Center.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

W O Coe, Chairman, spoke on the secret of better relationships. "If you are to be saints in heaven, you must first be saints upon the earth."—TM 145. This begins with an intimate relationship with Christ and will be revealed in the home.

"The characters we form will speak in the home life. . . . If there is wise management at home, kindness, meekness, forbearance, combined with firm principles, then be assured that the husband is a house band; . . .

"That family, properly conducted, is a favorable argument to the truth, and the head of such a family will carry out the very same kind of work in the church as is revealed in the family."—Ev 342.

There is a tendency to feel we are too busy to take time for at least one hour of prayer, Bible study and communion with God. We must remember that only the work accomplished with much prayer, and sanctified by the merit of Christ, will in the end prove to have been efficient for good. (DA 362).

"Nothing is more needed in our work than the practical results of communion with God."—MH 512.

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R R Frame offered prayer.

MINUTES of the meeting held August 4, 1988, were approved.

EAC/GCO/GCC to DFG

CHINA RECONSTRUCTION FUND

VOTED, To accept the following proposal for the distribution of the China Reconstruction Fund:

1. To set aside \$500,000 as an Eastern Asia Committee Radio Endowment Fund, the interest to be used for KSDA, AWR-Asia.
2. To invest \$500,000 in housing for Eastern Asia Administrative Committee workers in Hong Kong. It is estimated that in seven to eight years this amount will be recovered by savings in rental expenses. If the housing is sold, the proceeds will revert to the China Reconstruction Fund.
3. To set up \$250,000 as a China Church Construction Endowment Fund, the interest to be used to help church building construction in China as directed by the Eastern Asia Committee.

AID/GCO/GCC to DFG

GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISM FUND APPROPRIATIONS

VOTED, To make the following appropriations from the General Conference Evangelism Fund:

1. \$2,000 for an evangelistic campaign being conducted in Kumasi, Ghana by Matthew Bediako during his furlough.
2. \$15,000 for an evangelistic campaign to be conducted in Kigali, Rwanda early next year by Neal C Wilson. \$10,000 of this will be used for the printing of Revelation Seminar materials which will form a base for the evangelistic meetings.

R&H/GCO/WHH/SPD/GCO/GCC to DFG

E G WHITE HERITAGE VIDEO SERIES

The South Pacific Division is preparing a video series presenting

the historical roots of the Church. The series could be ready by the time of the 1990 General Conference Session. Included will be the foundations of the Church, the Great Disappointment, E G White, the Sabbath, the great controversy, the body temple, and the Church's education, health, and publishing work.

The latest estimate from the South Pacific Division on the cost of the video series is A\$185,347. The South Pacific Division has already appropriated A\$40,000. The General Conference is being asked to appropriate US\$100,000 and the South Pacific Division will underwrite the balance unless there are changes that are requested by the General Conference.

VOTED, 1. To approve the production of the Ellen G White video series by the South Pacific Division at an estimated cost of A\$185,347 with the understanding that the South Pacific Division has already appropriated A\$40,000.

2. To appropriate US\$100,000 toward production costs with the understanding that the South Pacific Division will make further appropriations to cover the balance. US\$20,000 from the General Conference Contingency Fund will be made available in 1988 and US\$80,000 in 1989 from budget allocations.

3. To authorize a small group from the General Conference to work with the South Pacific Division in reviewing the script, photography, etc, to ensure its suitability for the world field.

4. To request the General Conference Communication Department to work with the General Conference Treasury to clarify ownership and marketing of the video series with a view to making them available to the world field at the lowest possible cost.

GCC to DFG

GENERAL CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS

Donald F Gilbert mentioned the professional work being done by the Seventh-day Adventist masonry group from Texas under the leadership of Al Brown.

The County is preparing the bid for the reconstruction of Old Columbia Pike and there is hope that the road work will all be completed by the time the office is ready for occupancy.

The additional cost in connection with the cooling system (see previous report) may be substantially reduced by not duplicating the

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system but having a modified back-up system for the computer room or the White Estate. A duplicate standby system is not deemed necessary.

He commented on the sample open and closed offices on display in the Review building. They are not finished samples but the color of the open office sample is the same as it will be in the completed building. The Office Relocation and Building Committee has, however, voted to change the secretary stations from drywall to systems construction so they will be similar to the other open offices. Decisions are now being made in regard to the present office furniture that may be used in the closed offices.

The Denominational Building Service has secured a bid for heavier grade carpet at a lower price effecting an approximate saving of \$100,000.

TRE/GCC to WLM

CITIBANK OF NEW YORK--ACCOUNT SIGNATURES -
ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AFRICA

VOTED, To open a checking account in the name of General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Adventist University of Central Africa, and to authorize Citibank, New York, to recognize the signature of Elton H Wallace, and/or P N Onwere, and/or Jerry G Gallego, and/or David Gay, and/or W L Murrill, to sign and make any changes and order for the payment of money.

SUD/TRE/GCC to DFG

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OFFICE BUILDING--APPROPRIATION

VOTED, To allocate \$500,000 to the Southern Asia Division to assist in the completion of construction of the new Southern Asia Division office, funds to be taken from the Division Reorganization Fund.

GCO/GCC to GRT

CURRIE, H CARL--INVITED TO 1988 ANNUAL COUNCIL

Inaamuch as he will already be in Africa concluding his furlough,

VOTED, To invite H Carl Currie, Chairman of the Eastern Asia Administrative Committee, to attend the 1988 Annual Council in Nairobi, Kenya, October 4-11, 1988.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Cornejo, Herman Walter (SAD)—Call of EUD as Bible Teacher, Huambo Seminary, Angola

Releases

Hackett, Arlind Eugene from appointment as Auditor, Far Eastern Division (FED) Declined
Iedra, Dominique (EUD) from call as Office Secy, Division Office, Cote d'Ivoire (AID) Declined
Washburn, Harold Thomas J from appt as Maintenance Director, Ethiopian Adv Col (EAD) Declined

Permanent Returns

Ambrosen-Teka, Inge Lis, Nurse, Abonza Clinic, Ethiopia (EAD) to TED, Family Considerations, eff Sep 87
Bowman, Charles Ray, Laboratory Supervisor, Adv Dental Clinic, Bangladesh (FED)—Rescind PR voted Jun 15, 88, changed to furlough
DoCouto, Jean Clay (son, Antonio DoCouto, Kanye Hosp) Botswana (EAD) to NAD, Education, eff Jul 88 (SAD based)
DoCouto, Vivian Lee (dtr, Antonio DoCouto, Kanye Hosp) Botswana (EAD) to NAD, Education, eff Jul 88 (SAD based)
Engelbrecht, Maeline, Office Secy, South-East Africa Un, Malawi (EAD) to SAU, Personal, eff Mar 88
Hewes, Warren Clarence, Publishing Director, E African Un, Kenya (EAD) to NAD, Retirement, eff Sep 88
Osborn, Kenneth Walter, Associate Treasurer, E Africa Division, Zimbabwe (EAD) to NAD, Family Considerations, eff Dec 88
Plantier, Anthony Joseph, Business Manager, SDA Health Services, Tanzania (EAD)—Change reason cited for PR voted Jun 15 to Budgetary Consideration
Sakul, Vanda Orlyens (dtr, Hans F Sakul, E Africa Division) Zimbabwe (EAD) to NAD, Education, eff Aug 88 (FED based)
Smit, Herman J, ADRA Director, Zambia Un (EAD) to TED, Call to home division, eff Sep 88 (Change eff date of PR voted Jun 15, 88)
Villagomez, Johnever Glenn (son, Juanito B Villagomez, Bugema Adv Col) Uganda (EAD) to FED, Education, eff Aug 88
Wright, Ronald Jerome, Jr (son, Ronald Jerome Wright, Sr, E African Un) Kenya (EAD) to NAD, Education, eff Jun 88

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

ADRA

de Leon, W Hugo

Inter-America Division,
Aug 15-30, 1988 to assist the
division auditor. Expenses
will be paid from Enhancement
and matching grant funds.

Church Ministries

Allen, Malcolm J

South American Division, Jan 3-
22, 1989 for a camporee in the
Austral Union.

Bertochini, Gilbert J

Euro-Africa Division, Jan 19-
Feb 12, 1989 to conduct Sabbath
School Seminars.

Crane, Donald E

Euro-Africa Division, Sept 15-
28, 1989 to conduct Stewardship
Seminars; Southern Asia
Division, Oct 2-23, 1989 to
participate in Stewardship
Institutes.

Watts, Dorothy

Southern Asia Division,
Sept 18-Oct 9, 1988 to prepare
material for Mission magazine.
SUD will pay expenses.

Ministerial Association

Aeschlimann, Carlos E
Bresee, W Floyd

Southern Asia Division,
three to four weeks in
September, 1989 for Harvest 90
Review.

Presidential

Rock, Calvin B

South Pacific Division,

Feb 18-28, 1989 to be a guest speaker at meetings in the Greater Sydney Conference.

Publishing

McKee, Richard L

Southern Asia Division, Feb 1-22, 1989 for Literature Evangelist Institutes.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Euro-Africa Division

Chevrier, Jacky & Wife
(ADRA Worker/Mozambique)

ADRA, Washington, DC, Sept 14-28, 1988 to become better acquainted with ADRA International. Travel and entertainment will be paid by the Euro-Africa Division.

Inter-American Division

Haughton, Crystell
Russell, Relina
(ADRA Worker/Nicaragua)

ADRA, Washington, DC, Aug 19-29, 1988 to learn the computer system and accounting details for Nicaragua project. Expenses will be paid from the Nicaragua Child Survival Assistance program.

North American Division

Loveless, William A

South Pacific Division, Oct 2-8, 1988 to appear in "Focus on Living" telecasts for the South Pacific Adventist Media Centre.

Trans-European Division

Utterback, Bertil

Eastern Africa Division, first week of October, 1988 to visit Swedish International Development Assistance projects in Uganda.

Eriksson, Olle
Nyberg, Rigmor

Eastern Africa Division, last week of August and first week of September, 1988 to review

ADRA projects in Zimbabwe and
Zambia.

3. SPECIALS

North American Division

McNeil, Frank
(ADRA Medical Consultant)

Inter-America Division,
Aug 15-19, 1988 to assess
medical needs for a Nicaragua
project. Expenses will be paid
from the Nicaragua Child
Survival Assistance program.

Pro Musica Group
(Pacific Union College)

Far Eastern Division, Mar 19-
24, 1989, to build a jungle
chapel in Sarawak. Travel will
be paid by the group and
entertainment by the Sarawak
Mission.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

Education

Segovia, Agripino C

Far Eastern Division, Sep 26-
Nov 20, 1988 instead of dates
previously voted.

Review and Herald

Baker, Delbert W

Eastern Africa Division,
Sept 15-Oct 11, 1988 instead of
dates previously voted.

ADCOM/GCC to CBR&FGT

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST TRADEMARK COMMITTEE (GCC-S)--
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Seventh-day Adventist
Trademark Committee (GCC-S) as follows:

Add Wetmore, Thomas E, Secretary
 Carson, Walter E
 Shea, William H
 Tyner, Mitchell A

Delete Johns, Warren L, Secretary

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To record the following calls involving the General Conference or its institutions:

Elmer, William Donald (Review and Herald)--Four-color Litho Stripper, Pacific Press Publishing Association

Matychuk, Paul (PR-FED)--Assistant Professor, English, Andrews University

Miller, Harlan I (PR-SAD)--Music Teacher, Rio Lindo Academy, Northern California Conference

Adjourned

Wallace O Coe, Chairman
D A Roth, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Enoch Oliveira (Ch), F G Thomas (Sec), C E Aeschlimann, G P Babcock, G J Bertochini, C E Bracebridge, Eric C Fehlberg, Karen Flowers, Tulio R Haylock, R R Hegstad, F L Jones, G E Knowles, T R Neslund, R W Olson, G R Ramsey, A E Schmidt, E H J Steed, Elizabeth Sterndale, Iris H Stober, J C Viera, Alan W White, J F Wilkens, D S Williams, K H Wood.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Enoch Oliveira reviewed the story of the twelve spies sent out by Moses when Israel reached the borders of Canaan. Upon their return ten gave a negative report. Theirs was a message of despair and perplexity, concluding with the conviction that Israel would not be able to enter the land because the inhabitants were stronger than they.

This same message is heard today as the Church faces formidable giants, insurmountable obstacles, and great difficulties. The demographic explosion reveals that statistically the Church is falling behind in evangelism. By the year 2010 there will be over eight billion people in the world. Another problem is the large segment of the population which appears to be almost untouched, including the secularistic people in Christian countries. Sociologists predict that our movement will eventually lose its fervor, its sense of mission, and evolve into an institutionalized body. These are the strongholds we face.

Let us consider the courageous report of Caleb and Joshua who were convinced that with God's help Israel could overcome adverse circumstances and strongholds.

" . . . 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, . . . and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.'"--Matt 28:19,20, RSV.

With such promises no circumstances, no strongholds or problems can limit us in the fulfillment of our mission.

John F Wilkens offered prayer.

MINUTES of the meeting held August 11, 1988, were approved with one correction in the report of the General Conference headquarters building.

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CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Leatherman, Donn Walter (Montreal, PQ)—Theology Teacher, New Testament, U of Eastern Africa, Kenya (EAD)
Vanderwilt, David Lee (Fitchburg, MA)—Manager, Africa Herald Publishing House, Kenya (EAD)

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Campuzano, Walter David (SAD)—Call of IAD as Professor-Internist, Montemorelos U, Mexico (IAD)
Jensen, Sven Hagen (TED)—Call of EAD as ADRA Director, Zambia Un
Michael, Stanley Reginald (IAD)—Request of EAD as Relief Theology Teacher, U of E Africa, Kenya, AVS basis, up to 9 mos
Newbegin, Joanne (SPD)—Request of FED as Assistant to Principal, Kler Ko School, Thailand Mission (FED) AVS basis, 3 mos
Preston, Louis R Jr, Secy/Stewardship Director, No British Conf, TED—Call of EAD to transfer after furlough as Assoc Church Ministries Director, Eastern Africa Division, Zimbabwe
Ritlewski, Francis (EUD)—Call of AID as Director, Bazega Agricultural School, Burkina-Faso

Releases

Andersson, Knut Albert from appt as Chairman, Science Dept, Caribbean Un Col (IAD) Declined
Delding, Raymond (TED) from call to Grenada SDA Dental Clinic, W Indies (IAD) Call Cancelled
Dysinger, John William from appt as Bible Teacher/Pastor, Maxwell Adv Academy, Kenya (EAD) Work permit denied
Palmer, J C (AID)—Rescind assignment as Pastor, voted Sep 27, 1978 to Allegheny W Conf on AVS basis, 2 yrs (NAD) Did not serve on that basis

Permanent Returns

Jahn, Ronald Dwaine, Computer Instructor, Central Philippine Adv Col (FED) to NAD, Family Considerations, eff Aug 88
Juby, Llewellyn Peter, Farm Manager, Solusi Col, Zimbabwe (EAD) to SAU, Family Considerations, eff Jul 88

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

ADRA

Taylor, David C

Inter-American Division,
Aug 22-29, 1988 to provide
technical assistance on a Child
Survival proposal. Expenses
will be paid from grant funds.

Communication

Haylock, Tulio R

Euro-Africa Division, Aug 28-
31, 1988, Communication
Seminar; EUD and Trans-European
Division, Sept 1-14, 1988 to
contact possible suppliers for
a proposed radio station in San
Marino; TED, Sept 15-21, 1988
to attend the World
Communication Advisory.

Education

Rasi, Humberto M

South American Division,
Sept 12-28, 1988 to participate
in meetings and the 90th
Anniversary at River Plate
College.

World Foods

Fehlberg, Eric C

Trans-European Division,
Sept 22-Oct 2, 1988 to visit
food factories in Scandinavia
en route to Nairobi.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

North American Division

Regional Conference
Presidents

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,
date to be set in October, 1988
to visit Ghana during Centenary
celebrations. Expenses will be
paid from their travel budgets.

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3. SPECIALS

North American Division

Mueller, Konrad F
(Retiree)

Wall, Clinton A
(Retiree)

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,
Jan-Mar, 1989, to conduct an
evangelistic campaign in Port
Harcourt, Nigeria. Expenses
will be paid from private
funds.

South American Division, time
to be arranged, to visit the
Inca Union Education Center.
Travel and entertainment will
be paid by the Inca Union.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

Church Ministries

Allen, Malcolm J

Flowers, Karen

Smith, Paul G

Trans-European Division,
Sept 22-Oct 10, 1988 instead of
dates previously voted.

Trans-European Division,
Sept 25-Oct 20, 1988 instead of
dates previously voted.

Eastern Africa Division,
Oct 17-Nov 12, 1988 instead of
dates previously voted.

Health & Temperance

Neslund, Thomas R

South Pacific Division, Aug 24-
Sept 14, 1988 instead of dates
previously voted.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To record the following call involving the General
Conference or its institutions:

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Rogers, Wilbur Dean (PR-AID)—Office Manager, TRIPS, General
Conference Treasury

Adjourned

Enoch Oliveira, Chairman
Fred G Thomas, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 25, 1988

MEMBERS PRESENT

Enoch Oliveira (Ch), Samuel Young (Sec), C E Aeschlimann, M L Allen, R E Appenzeller, W Conn Arnold, G P Babcock, Karl H Bahr, M T Battle, B B Beach, G J Bertochini, Shirley Burton, G Tom Carter, W T Clark, W O Coe, Helen C Craig, D E Crane, G O Engen, Eric C Fehlberg, Karen Flowers, R M Flowers, E R Gane, V S Griffiths, Marion L Hartlein, Tulio R Haylock, R R Hegstad, Frank Holbrook, F L Jones, Herbert Kiesler, R L McKee, R L Pelton, Stoy E Proctor, G W Reid, G E Rice, D E Robinson, Gary M Ross, D A Roth, E H J Steed, Iris H Stober, F G Thomas, G Ralph Thompson, M A Tyner, J C Viera, R S Watts, Jr, Alan W White, Ted F Wick, Neal C Wilson, K H Wood, F Donald Yost.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Enoch Oliveira, Chairman, referred to three bedrock issues that polarized the 1988 General Conference session of the United Methodist church:

1. The banning of self-avowed practicing homosexuals from the ministry.
2. Use of traditional "Father, Son and Holy Spirit" language in the hymnal and worship program.
3. The relation of Scripture to tradition, reason and experience in interpreting Christianity.

The liberal wing of the church, which was defeated in the final deliberations, expressed concerns that the church could become a narrow sectarian branch in the religious world, despised by the intellectual community.

But, today the religious groups that are not considered relevant and acceptable are overflowing with vitality - the Mormons, Jehovah's Witness, Assemblies of God, the Pentecostals, etc. They are not tolerant. They are not trying to adjust their theology to be popular. They observe unusual rites and peculiar practices. They impose uniformity of belief and apply rigid discipline on their members. And it is ironic that these groups which persist in such "unreasonable" ways have surprising statistical growth.

Any attempt to make Adventist doctrine more acceptable and popular, will undermine the sense of identity and the missionary zeal.

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We were called to be the "remnant", a "residue" who remain faithful to God in time of moral and spiritual distress. We belong to the little flock. To us is the promise: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" Luke 12:32 RSV.

F Donald Yost offered prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

D E Robinson introduced Dr Allen R Steele and his wife Andrea. Dr Steele is a member of the General Conference Committee. He serves as manager of Adventist World Radio Asia, or KSDA, in Guam. Mrs Steele serves as director of Public Relations and as the Director of Development for KSDA. She has been visiting campmeetings in North America telling about Adventist World Radio Asia. Dr and Mrs Steele pioneered our radio work outside of North America, going in the early 1970s to Adventist World Radio Europe stationed in Portugal.

D E Robinson also introduced Dr and Mrs Olov A Blomquist, who for years have had a keen interest in the radio outreach of our church. Dr Blomquist faithfully attends all of our Adventist World Radio meetings. He is working with a number of Seventh-day Adventist independent radio stations, mainly in Europe, and has thrilling stories of what God is doing through the work of these stations.

REPORTS

Samuel Young read a telex received from Elder J J Nortey, President of the African-Indian Ocean Division sharing the news that 499 were baptized on August 20 in Kinshasa, Zaire as a result of an evangelistic effort being conducted by Elder W C Scales, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association.

Samuel Young also read a telex from Walter ^{R.L.}~~G~~ Scragg, President of the South Pacific Division, reporting that Stephen Jakovac, Pastor of the Sydney Yugoslav Church, is conducting meetings in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea. On Sunday night, August 21, police estimated that 25,000 people attended. Over 2,000 have requested baptism. These meetings have thrown the Province of New Britain into a religious turmoil.

Frank L Jones reported that the Purchase Agreement entered into on March 1, 1985 between the General Conference Corporation and Roberts, Munz and Associates, concerning the properties in Maryland comprising of the North Building, Home Study International building and Central Departmental Services building will be negotiated to rescind as of August 29, 1988.

MINUTES of the meeting held August 18, 1988 were approved.

LLUBd/GCO/GCC to NCW-OGC+GCO+LLUBd

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY LAND CORPORATION

There is an urgent need to maximize land and property assets owned by Loma Linda University at the La Sierra campus, in areas east of Loma Linda and near Interstate 10. The Loma Linda University Board has agreed that a Land Development Corporation be organized under the General Corporation State Laws of California as a for-profit corporation, and has now referred this to the General Conference Committee. The State of California Law provides for an organization to be developed along these lines.

While the bylaws indicate that the number of shareholders would not exceed 35, it is the plan that this Corporation will be a wholly-owned company of Loma Linda University. The shareholders would meet annually to select the Board of Directors, and to revise and/or repeal bylaws.

The Board of Directors would be appointed by the shareholders and would serve for a one-year term. The Board of Directors would choose the Director of the Corporation.

Under Federal Law if all the profits are contributed to a 501(c)(3) (tax-exempt) organization then the Land Development Corporation will be given a 501(c)(25) tax-exempt status by the IRS. The General Conference and Loma Linda University each have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

VOTED, To approve in principle the establishing of a legal corporation to be known as the Loma Linda University Land Development Corporation with the understanding that it will be a wholly-owned company of Loma Linda University. Before Loma Linda University files the Articles of Incorporation they must be carefully reviewed by the Office of General Counsel and the General Conference Officers.

SAU/GCO/GCO/GCC to DER

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE RETIREMENT PLAN CRISIS

D E Robinson gave a detailed explanation of the events leading to the crisis in the South African Union Conference Retirement Plan. This crisis has been precipitated by South African government legislation.

SAUC is requesting approximately \$1.2 million to meet the cost of purchasing retirement service credit to care for the 51-58 age group in the plan. It will accept responsibility for maintaining the existing fund, which cares for presently retired employees, plus those nearing retirement who are 59 years of age or older. In addition, the SAUC

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undertakes to purchase service credit in the new plan that will be operated by SANLAM, for those who were in regular church employment on January 1, 1988 and who at that time were under 51 years of age, plus funding ongoing service retirement credit for all regular church employees who as of January 1, 1988 were in church employment and whose age at that date was 58 or less.

Subject to cost analysis and interest rates to be assessed, the SAUC is going to request the Registrar for the option to buy into the new plan for those between the ages of 59 and 65, provided an extended time period can be negotiated, suggesting nine years. Heavy financial strains will be placed on the SAUC in funding both the old denominational retirement fund and the new plan required by government. Initial estimated total costs of buying back service credit in the SANLAM Plan for all eligible church employees is ZAR 10.7 million (\$4.4 million) if payment had been made January 1, 1988. Interest on the unpaid balance will accrue from that date.

Church officials are meeting with the Registrar of Pensions on September 1, 1988 and request assurance of forthcoming assistance prior to that meeting.

VOTED, To make an emergency appropriation of \$500,000 to the Southern Africa Affairs Committee (GCC-S) to assist the South African Union Conference in meeting its retirement plan needs.

GCO/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CONFERENCE AND NADCOM COMMITTEE MEETINGS---
SCHEDULE DURING 88AC & 88YE

VOTED, To record the schedule for the General Conference and NADCOM Committee meetings during the 1988 Annual Council and 1988 Year-end Meeting as follows:

September 22	Cancelled
September 29	In Nairobi, if needed
October 6	In Nairobi, if needed
October 13	Cancelled
October 20	In Washington DC, if needed
October 27	In Washington, DC
November 3	In Washington, DC, if needed

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Burton, Lloydston Oliver (IAD Natl, Bowling Green, OH)—
Ministerial Intern, N Caribbean Conf (IAD) Natl Returning

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

House, Colin Leonard (SPD Natl, St, AU)—Call of MEU as Theology Teacher (Old Testament/Archaeology) Middle E Col, Lebanon
Lanares, Pierre (EUD)—Request of AID as Theology Prof, Adv U of C Africa, Rwanda, AVS basis, 6 mos
Oquadjo, Samuel (AID Natl, Newbold Col, TED)—Call of AID as Ministerial Worker, Sahel Un, Natl Returning
Pietz, Edward R (SPD)—Call of TED as Treasurer, Pakistan Un

Releases

Bardu, Seth (AID Natl, St, AU) from call as Assistant Treasurer, Liberian Mission (AID) Declined
Kim, Kyeong Koo (FED) from call as Editor, C Brazil Un and Head of Graphics, Korean Print Shop, AVS basis (SAD) Visa Denied
Sabate, Ferran Casellas (EUD) from call as Assoc Prof of Pediatrics, Montemorelos U (IAD) Declined
Semakula, Elisha G (EAD Natl, U of CO) from call as Business Dept Teacher, U of E Africa, Kenya (EAD) Declined

Permanent Returns

DoCouto, Jean Clay (son, Antonio DoCouto, Kanye Hosp) Botswana (EAD) to SAD, Education, eff Jul 88 (will attend Columbia Un Col, NAD). Correction of Aug 10, 88 action.
DoCouto, Vivian Lee (daughter, Antonio DoCouto, Kanye Hosp) Botswana (EAD) to SAD, Education, eff Jul 88 (attending Bogenhofen Seminary, Austria, EUD). Correction of Aug 10, 88 action.
Garcia, Jorge, ADRA/Well Driller, E African Un, Kenya (EAD)—
Change of eff date from May to Jul 88
Gustavsson, Lars Goran, ADRA Director, Rwanda (AID) to NAD, Personal, eff May 89
Hutton, Barbara Aileen T, Director of Nursing, Karachi Adv Hosp (TED) Personal, eff Dec 88

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EXCHANGE RATES

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments to fixed rates of exchange, effective September 1, 1988:

	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Present Local Currency Units Per US \$</u>	<u>Suggested Local Currency Units Per US \$</u>	<u>US \$ Per Local Currency Units</u>
Africa-Indian	CFA	315.00	325.00	.003077
Eastern Africa Zimbabwe	ZWD	1.81	1.86	.537634
Euro-Africa France	FFR	6.30	6.50	.153846
Switzerland	SFR	1.55	1.60	.625000
Far Eastern Singapore	S\$	2.05	No change	
Middle East Union Cyprus	CY L	.475000	.485000	2.06
North America Canada	C\$	1.20	No change	
South Africa	ZAR	2.44	2.46	.406504
South America Brazil	BRZ	330.00	390.00	.002564
Southern Asia India	Rs	14.00	14.25	.070175
South Pacific Australia	\$A	1.25	No change	
Trans-European Britain	L	.574713	.598802	1.67

CAA/GCC to GHC-RetirePlan

BAILIE, DR IRA E--RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To grant NAD Retirement Plan benefits to Dr Ira E Bailie following 21.09 years of service, effective September 1, 1988.

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

Health and Temperance

Sterndale, Elizabeth

South Pacific Division, Aug 31-
Sept 8, 1988 to attend the
Health and Temperance Chemical
Dependency Seminar and the
International Commission for
the Prevention of Alcoholism
and Drug Dependency.

Ministerial

Edwards, Rex D

Trans-European Division,
Sept 6-Oct 14, 1988, Jerusalem
Center, to conduct a PREACH
Seminar and attend workers'
meetings in Britain.

Public Affairs

Beach, Bert B

Euro-Africa Division, June 1-
15, 1989 for a Religious
Liberty itinerary.

Matthews, Neville O

Southern Asia Division,
November, 1988 to arrange for
expatriate visas; South Pacific
Division, June 16-July 11, 1989
to attend Adventist Government
Seminars in union missions.

Adjourned

Enoch Oliveira, Chairman
Samuel Young, Secretary
Elaine Robinson, Recording Secretary