

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 1, 1989, 10:00 a.m.

WEC

MEMBERS PRESENT

R J Kloosterhuis (Ch), M T Battle (Sec), C E Aeschlimann, Karl H Bahr, M A Bediako, Shirley Burton, R W Bendall, G Tom Carter, W T Clark, R L Dale, G O Engen, Eric C Fehlberg, P A Gordon, V S Griffiths, J H Harris, Tulio R Haylock, Noelene Johnsson, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, G E Knowles, Enoch Oliveira, R W Olson, Gary B Patterson, G R Ramsey, G W Reid, D E Robinson, D A Roth, W C Scales Jr, A E Schmidt, Elizabeth A Sterndale, Iris H Stober, F G Thomas, G Ralph Thompson, M A Tyner, M C Van Putten, J C Viera, Alan W White, A S Whiting, T F Wick, M K Widmer, F Donald Yost, Samuel Young.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

R W Olson emphasized the necessity of daily Bible reading. God speaks to us through the Bible and our devotions. Are we listening as much as we ought? He also speaks to us through the Spirit of Prophecy.

Ellen G White wrote in a letter to O A Olsen and D H Kress, "I have been referred by the Lord to the first epistle of Peter. I must impress upon the churches in every place the importance of reading this scripture, and of practicing, with watchfulness and prayer, the instruction given. 'Here,' said my Instructor, 'is a most precious representation of what Christians may be, if they will only hear and obey.'"—(MR 1459, Letter 188, 1906) R W Olson then read I Peter 1:1-5.

Ellen White always urged people to read the Bible. "Several times each day precious, golden moments should be consecrated to prayer and the study of the Scriptures, if it is only to commit a text to memory, that spiritual life may exist in the soul."—(4T 459)

A pocket-sized portion of the Bible or a xerox copy of a favorite chapter in a pocket can help us to feed our souls in spare moments instead of picking up something else to read.

We need to give greater emphasis each day as well as on the Sabbath to the study of the Bible—those special moments. We must be people of the book!

T F Wick offered prayer in which he remembered the chaos in China where some of our people are suffering.

INTRODUCTION

Karl H Bahr introduced Freidbert Ninow and his wife Bernina whose father Wilfried is President of the Central Rhenish Conference in West

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Germany, and Edgar Machel and his wife, Friedelgard who are students at Andrews University.

MOUNT, BESSIE — DEATH

Bessie Mount passed away between 1:30 and 2:00 a.m. this morning at age 95 in Deerpark, California. Miss Mount was a former missionary to China where she served as Sabbath School Director. Upon permanent return she worked as an office secretary in the White Estate for many years. The funeral will be held on Monday at 11:00 a.m. at the Richard Pierce Services Funeral Home, 1660 Silverado Trail, Napa, California, 94559. Miss Mount has no immediate family.

MINUTES of the meeting held May 25, 1989 were approved.

SEC/GCO/GCC to GRT

1989 ANNUAL COUNCIL INVITEES

VOTED, To invite the following persons to attend the 1989 Annual Council:

1. **Members of the General Conference Committee:**

Presidents of World Divisions
Secretaries of World Divisions
Treasurers of World Divisions
Union Presidents from World Divisions, as chosen by
their respective Divisions
General Conference Committee Members Resident in North
America
General Conference Committee Lay Members Outside of North
America
USSR Representatives—M P Kulakov, N A Zhukaluk
President, Adventist Health System/US
Presidents of Attached Unions—Middle East Union Mission,
South African Union Conference, Southern Union Mission
Adventist World Radio—Asia, Allen R. Steele
Eastern Asia Committee—Hong Kong, H. Carl Currie

2. **Other Persons not members of the General Conference
Committee:**

Secretaries, NAD Unions
Treasurers, NAD Unions
Presidents, NAD Local Conferences

Presidents, NAD Senior Colleges
Provost of Loma Linda University for La Sierra Campus
Dean, SDA Theological Seminary (Andrews University)
Director, Institute of World Mission (Andrews University)
President, Adventist Health System/Loma Linda
Presidents of NAD Adventist Health Systems
AHS Representatives as recommended by AHS/US
Associate Secretaries, NAD Unions
Vice-Presidents, NAD Unions
Pacific Union Conference Special Affairs Directors
Regional Department Secretaries, NAD Unions
Director, Associate Directors, and Area Directors
of GC Auditing Service

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Daka, Kebede (EAD Natl, East Lansing, MI)—Chaplain-Bible Teacher, U of E Africa, Kenya (EAD) Natl Returning
Faltamo, Marcos (EAD Natl, East Lansing, MI)—Reassign from Ethiopian Adv Col to U of E Africa, Kenya as Teacher, Education—Psychology Department (EAD)
Gustavsen, Verne Allan (College Heights, Alberta, CA)—Manager, Qasid Publishing House, Pakistan (TED)
Lewis, Gerald Byron (Montana Conf)—Farm Director, Minas Gerais Adv Academy, Brazil (SAD)
Quarcoo, C T (AID Natl, St, NAD)—Business Manager, Adv Seminary of W Africa, Nigeria (AID) Natl Returning

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Relief Physicians (TED)—Request of AID for Masanga Hosp, Sierra Leone, AVS basis, 5 mos

Permanent Returns

Bailey, Merren Anne, Physiotherapist, Hongkong Adv Hosp (FED) to SPD, Assignment completed, eff Nov 89
Kesler, Mervin Oliver, Principal, Majuro SDA School, Marshall Islands (FED) to NAD, Personal, eff Jun 89
Lafever, Beecher Franklin, Country Director, ADRA-Niger (AID) to NAD, Education, eff Jun 90
Lawrence, Errol A—Change eff date of PR voted Feb 22, 89 from Jun 89 to Jun 90
Wesley, Cathy Peters, Director of Nursing, Hongkong Adv Hosp (FED) to NAD, Assignment completed, eff Aug 89

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GENERAL CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS

F L Jones reported that the fire marshall is scheduled to make his final walk-through the new building on June 6, 1989.

The final cleaning is taking place starting with third floor. The counters are installed in the cafeteria. The kitchen area of the cafeteria will be cleaned by volunteers on Sunday, June 4. The library shelving and the furniture for the enclosed offices has arrived. The committee room tables will arrive next week. The atrium furniture will be installed next week.

The final meeting for the move coordinators will be held on Thursday, June 8 and it is very important for all members to attend.

The owners of the Central and South buildings have given the General Conference good cooperation by extending the lease for one more month although the rate has been increased by 50 percent.

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

ADRA

Kim, Danny
Nelson, Warren

Far Eastern Division, June 29-
July 13, 1989 to videotape ADRA
volunteer projects in
Bangladesh and Thailand.
Travel expenses will be paid by
ADRA International Public
Relations.

Health and Temperance

Carman, Eldon E

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,
Jan 14-Feb 4, 1990 to visit
dental clinics throughout the
AID.

Presidential

Kloosterhuis, Robert J

Far Eastern Division, Sept 11-19, 1989 to attend the Global Strategy meetings in Japan and Singapore.

Rock Calvin B

Inter-American Division, Jan 14-20, 1990 to participate in the Triennial Session and Continuing Education Program for workers in the Guyana Conference.

Treasury

Robinson, Don E

South Pacific Division, Feb 9-25, 1990 to participate in the 1991 Annual Council planning session.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Andrews University

Case, Steve W

Trans-European Division, Aug 3-7, 1989 to participate in a workers' camp meeting and youth work for the Finland Union Conference. Travel expenses will be paid by the Finland Union.

Dederen, Raoul

Trans-European Division, Aug 12-19, 1989 for preaching appointments and to conduct workers' meetings in the Hungarian Union.

Staples, Russell L

Euro-Africa Division, July 31-Aug 27, 1989 to participate in the 1989 Institute of World Mission to be held at Marienhoehe Seminary.

Euro-Africa Division

Durbant, Fred

Africa-Indian Ocean Division, Jan, 1990 to conduct evangelistic meetings in

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Burkina Faso. Travel expenses will be paid by the Sahel Union Mission.

Lake Region Conference

White, F E

Inter-American Division, Aug 1-6, 1989 to participate in the East Jamaica Conference Camp Meeting. Travel expenses will be paid by the East Jamaica Conference.

Oregon Conference

Rust, Gary

South Pacific Division, March, 1990 to conduct a week of prayer in Christchurch, South New Zealand Conference. Travel expenses will be paid by the South New Zealand Conference.

South Pacific Division

Fowler, Lawrence

Inter-American Division, April 18-July 17, 1989 to assist with a special assignment at the Caribbean Union College Press. Travel expenses will be paid by the Caribbean Union.

3. SPECIALS

North American Division

Greene, Chris
(Lay Person)

Africa-Indian Ocean Division, June 7-July 25, 1989 to assist with an evangelistic campaign to be held in Rwanda. Travel will be at his own expense.

Thomas, Lindsay
(Lay Person)

Eastern Africa Division, June, 1989 to conduct a Lay Bible Institute in Malawi. Travel will be at his own expense.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

Church Ministries

Martell, J Lynn

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,
June 7-July 25, 1989 instead of
dates previously voted.

NADA/ADCOM/GCC to FGT

PLUBELL, GILBERT L--COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

VOTED, To assign Gilbert L Plubell to the following General
Conference committees replacing F R Stephan:

Legislation and Religious Liberty (GCC-S)
Philanthropic Service for Institutions (PSI) (GCC-S)
Remuneration Scale (GCC-S)
General Conference Committee (GCC)

NADA/ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (GCC-S)--MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, 1. To record that Harold L Lee, by virtue of his
election as Associate Secretary of the Church Ministries Department,
has become a member of the General Conference Committee under the terms
of the General Conference Constitution, Article V, Section 1-a and
Article VI, Section 1-a (see also Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 1-a).

2. To inform the Columbia Union Conference that under the terms
of the Constitution, Article V, Section 1-b, a pastor should be
recommended to replace Harold L Lee on the General Conference
Committee.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

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

Oliver, C Gary (Wisconsin Conference)--Associate Director,
Planned Giving, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda Campus

Keith, Dennis C (under appointment to EAD)--Vice President
for Finance, Oakwood College

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MEMBERS PRESENT

R J Kloosterhuis (Ch), M T Battle (Sec), R E Appenzeller, M T Bascom, R W Coon, R M Flowers, G Gordon Hadley, J H Harris, T R Neslund, J David Newman, Enoch Oliveira, R W Olson, R E Osborn, R L Pelton, Gary M Ross, P G Smith, E H J Steed, Elizabeth Sterndale, Iris H Stober, Gary B Swanson, M A Tyner, C D Watson, F W Wernick, Alan W White, D S Williams.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

R J Kloosterhuis read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and then spoke on the problems of literalism and verbal inspiration in the past and in the present. The Pharisees had problems in these areas and this may be one of the reasons why they rejected Christ. The Pharisees felt that if there was only one God, how could Jesus claim to be God? The Pharisees also took the ten commandments to heart, but before long Sabbath-keeping became more important to them than the individual.

If we study the ministry of Christ on this earth, we see that He preached and lived a "whole" gospel. He had proper balance in all He did. This is what the Church needs today. Our presuppositions greatly color the problems we face. Truth does not change, but does enlarge. It does not reject, but fortifies. If we will allow God to expand our minds, we will grow with understanding as truth unfolds before us and God's will can then be accomplished in our lives.

Prayer was offered by Gary M Ross who remembered Mabel Joiner who is suffering from cancer.

REPORTS

E H J Steed reported on his recent attendance at the Muslim Conference on Prevention of Alcoholism and Drugs held in Pakistan. More than 200 top Muslims from 15 countries met together. When it became known that Steed is a Seventh-day Adventist, people crowded around him asking for the Church's help in combating the effects of alcohol and drugs. The Church has a unique opportunity today to lead out in the health message in Muslim countries.

T R Neslund recently returned from Egypt where he had the opportunity to meet with top officials to discuss temperance concerns. Egypt would like to see Seventh-day Adventists leading out more in

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temperance topics. The comment was made to him that Muslims and Seventh-day Adventists are alike in their regard for the human body.

M T Bascom reported on his recent itinerary in the South American Division. He showed one of the new Sabbath School picture rolls being printed in Portuguese by the Brazil Publishing House. It is hoped that picture rolls can soon be published in other divisions.

Thousands of Revelation Seminars are being held throughout the South American Division. Bascom showed one of the Revelation Seminar packets which has been produced and is being used in many churches. There is a willingness on the division's part to share this packet with the world field.

Last Sabbath M T Bascom was in Peru. A bomb exploded in a bus outside the residence of the president of Peru and several people were killed. Terrorists are operating throughout the country. A number of missionaries in the interior have been forced to flee. Terrorists are ordering Peruvians in some areas of the interior to leave their homes and lands and they are crowding around the city of Lima by the thousands and even millions. ADRA and other aide agencies are doing what they can to provide food and water. In the midst of all this turmoil, the Inca Union has already reached its Harvest 90 goal.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 1, 1989 were approved.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Dunder, Roger Lee (Arcadia, IN)—Mathematics-Science Teacher,
Tanzania Adv Seminary & Col, Tanzania (EAD)
Thomas, Olan Boyd (Gobles, MI)—ABC Coordinator, E African Un,
Kenya (EAD)

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Chase, Francis Noble (SUM)—Call of AID to transfer at furlough as
Principal, Konola Academy, Liberia
Jorgensen, Allan (TED)—Request of AID as Assistant Director, ADRA-
Gambia, AVS/AAV basis, up to 2 yrs
Stradowsky, Ronald D (EUD)—Call of TED as Director, MA Education
Programme, Newbold Col, England

Releases

Feio, Manuel Elisio from call as Pastor, Cape Verde Mission (AID)
Budgetary considerations
Keith, Dennis Collins Sr from appt to Eastern Africa Division as
Associate Treasurer (EAD) Work permit denied

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

ADRA

Krause, Derris
Valenzuela, Alberto

Inter-American Division,
June 19-25, 1989 to gather
materials for the October
Fundraising Appeal and ADRA
Public Relations. Travel
expenses will be paid by
ADRA/Public Relations.

Church Ministries

Bertochini, Gilbert J

Inter-American Division, Apr 8-
15, 1990 to participate in a
Sabbath School Institute in
Martinique.

Communication

Haylock, Tulio R

Euro-Africa Division,
June 27-July 4, 1989 to attend
the AWR-Europe Broadcast
Committee meeting.

Health and Temperance

Neslund, Thomas R

Trans-European Division,
July 9-15, 1989 to attend the
International Commission for
the Prevention of Alcohol in
Yugoslavia.

Pelton, Ray L

Far Eastern Division, July 19-
Aug 22, 1989 to assist in
hospital surveys in the
Philippines.

Presidential

Kloosterhuis, Robert J

Southern Asia Division, Aug 6-
18, 1989 to attend the Asia
Literature Ministry
Coordinating Board in Bangalore
and to visit the Oriental
Watchman Publishing House in
Poona.

Risk Management Services

Green, Richard E

Trans-European Division,
June 13-27, 1989 to visit the
Risk Management Services London
office in St. Albans, England.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Loma Linda University

Gillespie, V Bailey

Inter-American Division,
Sept 22-24, 1989 to conduct a
Ministerial Seminar at
Antillian College. Travel
expenses will be paid by
Antillian College.

North American Division

Ford, Herbert
(Pacific Union College)

South Pacific Division,
July 13-Aug 23, 1989 to engage
in research. Travel expenses
will be paid by the Pitcairn
Islands Study Centre.

Martin, Douglas
(Southern College)

Trans-European Division, Nov 5-
11, 1989 to conduct a Week of
Prayer at Newbold College.
Travel expenses will be paid by
Newbold College.

Oakwood College

Lavender, John
Melancon, James
Sampson, Agniel

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,
June 18-July 30, 1989 to
conduct evangelistic meetings
in Cameroun. Travel expenses
will be paid by the Central
African Union Mission.

3. SPECIALS

Nelson, Wilbur and Dorothy
(Weimar Institute)

Trans-European Division, Aug 6-
19, 1989 to participate in a
Health-Expo in Alta, Norway.
Travel expenses will be paid by
private funding.

4. CANCELLATIONS

White Publications

Coon, Roger W

USSR, month of September, 1989.

Per/GCC to GHC-Retire Plan

SIBLEY, CAROLYN J--RETIREMENT

VOTED, To grant NAD Disability Retirement Plan benefits to
Carolyn J Sibley following 30.09 years of service, effective July 1,
1989.

GCC to MTB

SIBLEY, CAROLYN J--APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to Carolyn J Sibley for more than
30 years of faithful service to the Church. She began her service in
the South American Division and after seven years transferred to the
Far Eastern Division for four years. She came to the General
Conference in 1971 and has been serving in the Treasury Department
since then.

Per/GCC to GHC-Retire Plan

REYES, PRIMITIVO (PETER) T--RETIREMENT

VOTED, To grant NAD Retirement Plan benefits to Primitivo (Peter)
T Reyes following 39.75 years of service, effective July 1, 1989.

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GCC to MTB

REYES, PRIMITIVO (PETER) T—APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to Primitivo (Peter) T Reyes for nearly 40 years of faithful service to the Church. He began his service in the Philippines, his home country, and later made an independent transfer to the North American Division. Since 1970 he has been employed by the General Conference Transportation and International Personnel Service, most recently at the Baltimore Warehouse.

Adjourned

R J Kloosterhuis, Chairman
M T Battle, Secretary
Rowena J Moore, Recording Secretary

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Enoch Oliveira, (Ch), M T Battle, (Sec), Roy Adams, R E Appenzeller, W Conn Arnold, Karl H Bahr, M T Bascom, Shirley Burton, R L Dale, G O Engen, Eric C Fehlberg, D F Gilbert, G Gordon Hadley, J H Harris, R R Hegstad, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, G E Knowles, Israel Leito, R L McKee, R W Olson, R E Osborn, Leo Ranzolin, D E Robinson, D A Roth, A C Segovia, F G Thomas, M A Tyner, M C Van Putten, C D Watson, R S Watts Jr, M K Widmer, D S Williams, K H Wood, F Donald Yost, Samuel Young.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Enoch Oliveira stated that Old Testament priests waited at the temple for the people to come to them. The priest offered all the sacrifices for the people. New Testament ministers were called to go out to the people not to offer sacrifices but to sacrifice themselves in proclaiming the mission of God's Son. We also are called to go forth with an obligation to proclaim Jesus with a consuming power. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"--(Matt 28:19)

Uriah Smith understood that since this nation is a melting pot with representatives from many nations, the ministers of that time were preaching to the entire world. For two decades the Church remained within the boundaries of this country. But God was looking for a man to take the message to mission lands and found J N Andrews, a most qualified man who opened a new chapter in the history of the Church. He made a remarkable thrust in conquering the world for Christ.

John Mott, a leading evangelical who was a great promoter of the mission program, completed three trips around the world. When he returned from the first trip he said, "We need more missionaries." After the second trip he commented, "We need more qualified national workers" but after the third trip he said, "We need more of the Holy Spirit." Oh how we need the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome the obstacles and fulfill the task before us in countries with only limited freedom to work.

"For the daily baptism of the Spirit every worker would offer his petition to God. Companies of Christian workers should gather to ask for special help, for heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to plan and execute wisely. Especially should they pray that God will baptize His chosen ambassadors in mission fields with a rich measure of His Spirit. The presence of the Spirit with God's workers will give the

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proclamation of truth a power that not all the honor or glory of the world could give."--(AA 50, 50)

"During the loud cry . . . light will be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. . . the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere.--(Ev 694)

The Chairman noted that this was the last General Conference Committee meeting to be held at this historical site where it has operated for approximately 85 years. It is hoped that the move to the new building will be the last move before Jesus comes.

Opening prayer was offered by Israel Leito. He especially mentioned the General Conference move, Milton Murray's recovery from surgery, C E Bracebridge's encouraging outlook for the future, the jury selection on the Cottam trial in Pennsylvania, and the situation in China.

INTRODUCTIONS

Shirley Burton introduced Herbert Ford from Pacific Union College who is retiring but who will now work for Adventist World Radio. Herbert Ford and D A Roth were two men who encouraged her when she started her career in Communication and Public Relations.

Shirley also introduced Keith Potts who is applying for an internship in the General Conference Communication Department this summer. Keith Potts served as photographer for the final General Conference Committee meeting.

REPORTS

DeWitt Williams reported that on his last trip to Africa, he found national chapters of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (ICPA) springing up everywhere. The temperance work opens doors in Muslim countries where some of the strongest ICPA chapters are located. Williams read part of a letter from a Muslim which said that Christians and Muslims make good neighbors as they hold the same principles.

Developing countries are becoming the target of tobacco and alcohol industries. While usage of these drugs is decreasing in the United States, these industries are replacing this loss by marketing these drugs in developing countries, mostly without the warning labels required in this country. Elementary students are receiving free packages of cigarettes and nine-year-old boys and girls are seen smoking. Fathers in developing countries who acquire the habit of

smoking reduce the family income by 80 percent to cover the cost of their habit. Williams urged governments to require warning labels on cigarette packets.

The temperance work helps the Church to get into high offices in countries which would otherwise be inaccessible. For this reason, it is hoped that an ICPA congress can be held in Africa. The congress held in Australia was not financially accessible to Africans.

Gaspar Colon, Africa-Indian Ocean Division Temperance Director, speaks good French and is making a tremendous impact. There is a drug-dependency ministry in the Cote d'Ivoire Government located in a lovely well-maintained building.

The Breath-Free clinics in the African-Indian Ocean Division are very successful and all expenses are being paid for by the governments.

Leo Ranzolin reported on his trip to Brazil. He held a Week of Prayer in Chile. He preached 27 sermons during which time forty decisions were made for Christ. The main purpose of his trip was to hold an evangelistic effort in the city of Belo Horizonte, Brazil. The workers were surprised that a General Conference officer would come there to hold a meeting. One worker is reported to have said that this meeting would be a waste of time because the work is so difficult in this area. However, the team enrolled 600 people in the Voice of Prophecy lessons. Young people stopped the traffic and distributed fliers.

The fourth largest network in the world televised Ranzolin on the first Sabbath without being requested to do so. The local church really prepared for the meetings. Ranzolin preached three to four times each Sabbath and every evening on the book of Revelation. One hundred people were baptized and two more baptisms are to follow in June and July.

The mayor of the city of Belo Horizonte reported that there are one million people living in the slums. They were invited to the meetings even though the church members were slow to accept this idea at first. A convert from the slums who is now a successful businessman donated 50 percent of the cost to build a Seventh-day Adventist Church in the slums. These new members are now clean and well-dressed, a difference made by the gospel.

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EAD/GCO/GCC to MTB

BOTSWANA UNION SURVEY COMMISSION (GCC-A)—APPOINTMENT

The Eastern Africa Division has requested a survey commission to study the feasibility of organizing a union in Botswana. It was

VOTED, To appoint the following Botswana Union Survey Commission (GCC-A) to meet in September 1989:

Membership

Mittleider, K J, Chairman
Battle, M T, Secretary

Osborn, R E
EAD Officers
One Departmental Director
One Field Secretary
President, North Botswana Field
President, South Botswana Field
Treasurer, North Botswana Field
One Layperson or Departmental Director from either field

GCO/GCC to DFG

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER--AYER HOY Y MANANA - APPROPRIATION

VOTED, To appropriate \$75,000 from the General Conference Contingency Fund to the Adventist Media Center as an additional operating appropriation for 1989 to enable Ayer Hoy Y Manana to continue its programing.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Booth, Ronald Walton (Grand Rapids, MN)—Computer Teacher, Konola Academy, Monrovia, Liberia (AID)
Penstock, A Floyd (Hamburg, PA)—Bible Teacher, Konola Academy, Monrovia, Liberia (AID)
St Clair, Glenn Walter (Berrien Springs, MI)—Administrator, Masanga Hosp, Sierra Leone (AID)

Stiles, John Jay (Guadalupe, CA)--Physician/General Practice,
Maluti Adv Hosp, Lesotho, So Africa (SUM)
Tiffany, James Eugene (Silver Spring, MD)--Director, ADRA-Mali
(AID)

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Hayter, Frank C (EAD)--Call of the General Conference So Africa
Affairs Committee to serve as Auditor of the So Africa area
Hokin, Earl (SPD)--Request of EAD as Physiotherapist, Adv Health
Ctr, Lilongwe, Malawi, AVS basis, 12 mos
Ussher, Rex (W R) (SPD)--Request of FED as Engineer, Food Factory,
SE Asia Un Mission, Thailand (FED) AVS basis, 1 yr

Releases

Aranze, Ranjit (FED) from appt as Teacher, Spicer Memorial Col
(SUD) Visa Unobtainable

Permanent Returns

Brown, Dennis James, Principal, Truk SDA Elementary School,
Caroline Islands (FED) to NAD, Personal, eff Jun 89
Coutsoumpos, Panayotis, Theology Prof, Chile Col, Chile (SAD) to
IAD, Health, eff Jul 89
Ekvall, Merlin David, Dentist, Taiwan Adv Hosp (FED) to NAD,
Education, eff Jun 89
Neumann, John Walter, Music Teacher, Far Eastern Academy,
Singapore (FED)--Rescind PR to NAD voted Nov 9, 88,
reassigned in FED
Newbold, Robson Sims, Physician/Surgeon, Taiwan Adv Hosp (FED) to
NAD, Retirement, eff Sep 89
Penner, Jack C, Principal, Palau Mission Academy, Caroline Islands
(FED) to NAD, Personal, eff Jun 89
Tidwell, Charles Hermann, President, Sri Lanka Un of Churches
(FED) to NAD, Retirement, eff Sep 89

GCC to MTB

NEWBOLD, ROBSON SIMS--APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to Robson Sims Newbold for over 29
years of mission service as a physician and surgeon in Africa and the
Far East.

GCC to MTB

TIDWELL, CHARLES--APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to Charles Tidwell for over 40
years of service to the Church. He served the first 6 years in the

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North American Division in education. In 1953 he was called to serve in the Southern Asia Division. Since 1974 he has served in the Far Eastern Division. During the past six to seven years he has served as President of the Sri Lanka Union of Churches. The Tidwells have two sons who are missionaries presently serving in the Far Eastern Division.

GCC to DFG

GENERAL CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS

D F Gilbert and Frank L Jones reported on the new office building. Even though everything is not in complete readiness the move has already commenced. Progress on the cafeteria and auditorium is being made but it will not be possible to use them at this time.

The new building has been prepped for moving. Walls, corners and carpets have been covered to prevent damage and D F Gilbert is pleased with the care the movers are taking. Wednesday's storm delayed the moving for one night.

Landscaping is moving swiftly with new sod and the planting of shrubs. The grounds will be entirely changed in a few weeks.

The "Park and Ride" lot is completed. Frank Jones was on hand with the county dignitaries to receive final approval for its use. The employee parking lot will be ample, but until the workmen complete their tasks and remove their vehicles, it will be fuller than usual.

D F Gilbert and his secretary, Bette Bertochini, are moving with the first group in order to be on hand for any problems that may arise. Employees are requested to wear their badges for identification when entering the new building.

F L Jones proudly showed the Certificate of Occupancy he received this morning. It covers all floors and the shell and core of the building. Jones expressed the wish that all employees be moved to the new building as quickly as possible to make sure that rent in the old buildings does not continue into July. Jones also gave an explanation of the distribution of packing boxes, labels and their usage.

Jones also stated that Risk Management, Adventist Development and Relief Agency, and Home Study International will be moving a little later.

The computer main frame and Treasury will be moved to the new building on Wednesday, June 21 and 22.

The next meeting of the General Conference Committee will be held on June 22 in the new building.

WORSHIP LOCATION - NEW BUILDING

The last regular worship in the old building will be held on Friday, June 16 in the Chapel. Beginning Monday and until the auditorium is ready for occupancy each department will plan for its own worship in the following areas:

Third Floor

Secretariat - Room 3 H10
Ministerial - Room 3 D15
Presidential - Room 3 F14

Second Floor

Education - Room 2 I18
Auditing - Room 2 I19
Trust Services - Room 2 I19
Health and Temperance - Room 2 I13, 14

First Floor

Treasury - Atrium
Personnel - Atrium

Lower Level

Archives - Room L34 - Fitness Room
White Estate - Room L34 - Fitness Room

FLOOR PLANS - MINIATURE

Shirley Burton stated that miniature floor plans will be available to personnel soon.

Discounts are being offered by local merchants to General Conference employees who wear their identification badges when taking advantage of these discounts.

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

Education

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Akers, George H

Euro-Africa Division, July 12-25, 1989 to participate in a Faith/Learning Seminar at Collonges.

Segovia, Agripino C

Euro-Africa Division, Oct 11-17, 1989 to visit schools in Italy, France, and Spain in connection with a trip to the Southern Asia Division.

International Health Foods

Fehlberg, Eric C

Trans-European Division, July 1-10, 1989 to attend the opening of Granose Foods, Ltd and to participate in the planning and negotiations for the 1990 World International Health Foods Conference.

Presidential

Oliveira, Enoch

Inter-American Division, Feb 2-5, 1990 to speak at AIMS the Adventist International Medical Society (AIMS) Congress in Mexico.

Publishing

Henning, Rudi H

South Pacific Division, April 1991 to itinerate in the division and speak at the SPD Publishing Department Directors' Council.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Trans-European Division

Van Bemmelen, P
(Newbold College)

South African Union Conference, Sept 19-Oct 12, 1989 to teach at Helderberg College at the request of Andrews University. Travel expenses will be paid by Andrews University.

3. SPECIALS

North American Division

Hardinge, Fred
(Total Health Foundation)

Far Eastern Division, May 16-
June 12, 1990 to teach Health
Education Programs I in the
Philippines and at Indonesia
Union College. Travel expenses
will be paid by the Far Eastern
Division.

Senior, Blondel E
(Advent Home)

Trans-European Division,
Sept 29-Oct 8, 1989 to conduct
Family Life lectures and
workshop for the South England
Conference Camp Meeting.
Travel expenses will be paid by
the South England Conference.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

International Health Foods

Fehlberg, Eric C

South American Division,
July 16-Aug 17, 1989 instead of
dates previously voted.

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Hegstad, Roland R

Trans-European Division,
June 12-26, 1989 instead of
dates previously voted.

5. CANCELLATION

South Pacific Division

Young, N H
(Avondale College)

Far Eastern Division, July 17-
Aug 5, 1989.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

INTERDIVISION WORKER REMUNERATION PLAN COMMITTEE (GCC-S)---
TERMS OF REFERENCE

VOTED, To approve the terms of reference of the Interdivision
Worker Remuneration Plan Committee (GCC-S) as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Monitor implementation of interdivision worker remuneration plan.
2. Recommend changes in guidelines as necessary.
3. Review and monitor adjustments in factors as recommended by General Conference treasurers.
4. Recommend number of interdivision worker budgets for each division as covered by General Conference appropriations.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Power to act.
2. Recommend to the Standing Finance Committee and Annual Council.
3. Power to act.
4. Recommend to the General Conference and Division Officers and Annual Council Budget Committee.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

INTERDIVISION WORKER REMUNERATION PLAN COMMITTEE (GCC-S)---
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Interdivision Worker Remuneration Plan Committee (GCC-S) as follows:

Add Clark, W T
 Moore, Rowena
 Thomas, F G

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

FEHLBERG, ERIC C---FURLOUGH

VOTED, To approve a prorated early furlough of seven weeks for Eric C and Delysia O Fehlberg to Sydney, Australia, South Pacific Division, from October 11 to November 29, 1989.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

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

Patterson, Robert (Oakwood College)—Treasurer, Southeastern
Conference, Southern Union
Vander Mei, Corliss M (PR-EAD)—Reference Librarian, Columbia
Union College, Columbia Union Conference

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

HAYTER, FRANK C—GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF AUDITOR - APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To record the appointment of Frank C Hayter, presently
serving as an auditor in the Eastern Africa Division, to the General
Conference Auditing Service, as District Director for the North Eastern
District of the South Africa Area.

Adjourned

Enoch Oliveira, Chairman
M T Battle, Secretary
Betty Pierson, Recording Secretary

WBA

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 22, 1989, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

K J Mittleider, (Ch), M T Battle, (Sec), Karl H Bahr, M T Bascom, E E Carman, G Tom Carter, W T Clark, R B Grady, V S Griffiths, J H Harris, F L Jones, J David Newman, Enoch Oliveira, G W Reid, D E Robinson, A C Segovia, J R Spangler, F G Thomas, M A Tyner, Alan W White, Samuel Young.

WELCOME

K J Mittleider warmly welcomed the General Conference Committee members to their first meeting in the new complex. He also welcomed Orley Berg who with his wife just returned from an enjoyable Adventist Volunteer Service tour of duty in Thailand.

DEVOTIONAL

K J Mittleider, introduced the devotional message by reading from Isaiah 28:10—"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:" How was this new building erected? A brick at a time. A little here and a little there. "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."—(Psalm 126:3)

All of us have seen pictures of the giant sequoia trees. How did they get that way? A smaller type of pine tree has a foot-long sugar cone, but the giant sequoia has a cone less than an inch long with a small seed. Back in 1863 the membership of God's remnant church was small like the sequoia seed. Today church members number almost six million.

Is our Christian experience growing as it should? "But for your part, stand by the truths you have learned and are assured of. Remember from whom you learned them; remember that from early childhood you have been familiar with the sacred writings which have power to make you wise and lead you to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."—(II Tim 3:14-16) (NEB)

Mittleider noted upon return from camp meeting that members are anxious to have the message reaffirmed that brought them into the Church in the first place. They want the assurance that the leaders still believe the truths of God's word.

The little things we do each day make the difference in our daily lives. As breakfast should be the most important meal of the day, so our first spiritual meal should be the most important. The members

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were challenged to start each day with a healthy spiritual breakfast and also to spend one more minute each day in communion with God than is spent watching television and reading news magazines.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests were made on behalf of the situation in China, the illness of fellow workers, and the move to the new office which is still in progress. Thankfulness was also expressed for the new office building.

Robert J Burgess, Professor of Economics at the International University of Business and Economics in Beijing, China offered the opening prayer.

REPORTS

Robert J Burgess gave a short report on the situation in China. ADRA has made many good contacts with the government officials. He believes that after the situation settles in China, ADRA representatives will be able to return and build on these good relationships that have been established.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Roderick, Richard H (No Cal Conf)—Associate Treasurer, FED, Singapore (FED)
Semakula, Elisha Godfrey (EAD Natl, Littleton, CO)—Business Teacher, Bugema Adv Col, Uganda (EAD) Natl Returning
Williams, Richard Alan (Il Conf)—Principal, Palau Mission Academy, Caroline Islands (FED)

Releases

Chernipeski, Randolph Alexander from appt as Principal, Palau Mission Academy, Caroline Islands (FED) Declined

Permanent Returns

Oberholster, F R, Science Teacher, Anderson School, Zimbabwe (EAD) to SAU, Family Considerations, eff Dec 87

GCC to FLJ

GENERAL CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS

F L Jones reported that most of the employees have been moved into the new building. Some items from the Ellen G White Estate and Treasury have not yet been moved but it is anticipated that the work will be completed shortly.

K J Mittleider, on behalf of the whole staff, expressed appreciation to the payroll personnel who in spite of the move were able to process salary checks on time.

The headquarters staff are settling in well. Workmen are still completing certain areas of the building but in general most employees are comfortably situated.

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

Communications

Haylock, Tulio R

Trans-European Division, July 5 and 6, 1989 to review the Bible Correspondence School computer program in Norway in connection with a trip to the Euro-Africa Division.

Education

Akers, George H

Inter-American Division, July 30 and 31, 1989 to participate in the Caribbean Union Conference Teachers' Conference.

Presidential

Oliveira, Enoch

Inter-American Division, Aug 1-6, 1989 to participate in the Festival of the Laity in Mexico City.

Otis, Harold F, Jr

USSR, July 2-8, 1989 to
complete negotiations for a
donation.

Ellen G White Estate

Coon, Roger W

Trans-European Division,
Aug 25-Oct 13, 1989 to
participate in seminars,
workers' meetings, and
appointments in the Finland,
Polish, and Yugoslavian Unions.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Andrews University

Bacchiocchi, Samuele

South Pacific Division,
Sept 30-Oct 24, 1989 to
participate in the North New
South Wales Camp Meeting and
other meetings. The North New
South Wales, Northern
Australian, and Victorian
Conferences will share travel
and entertainment expenses.

Southeastern California Conference

Cox, Kenneth O

South Pacific Division, time to
be arranged in 1990 to conduct
an evangelistic campaign in the
Greater Sydney Conference.
Travel expenses will be paid by
the Greater Sydney Conference.

3. SPECIALS

McNeilus, Denzil and Donna
McNeilus, Pat

USSR, July 2-8, 1989 to
complete negotiations on a
personal donation. Travel will
be at personal expense.

Wall, Clinton A
(Consultant)

Trans-European Division,
Dec 28, 1989-Jan 2, 1990 to
attend The European Missionary
Association Conference in the
Netherlands to assess the food
service needs for the 1995
General Conference Session.

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General Conference Session.
Travel expenses will be paid
from GC Session Expense.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALL

VOTED, To record the following call involving the General
Conference:

Bosley, Galen C (General Conference)--Research and Nutrition
Director, Total Health Foundation, North Pacific Union
Conference

Adjourned

K J Middleider, Chairman
M T Battle, Secretary
Betty Pierson, Recording Secretary



GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 29, 1989, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

C E Bradford (Ch), R L Dale (Sec), Roy Adams, C E Aeschlimann, M J Allen, R E Appenzeller, W Conn Arnold, G P Babcock, Karl H Bahr, W S Banfield, Rosa T Banks, M T Bascom, M A Bediako, R W Bendall, G J Bertochini, C E Bracebridge, Shirley Burton, G Tom Carter, W T Clark, D E Crane, G O Engen, Eric C Fehlberg, R M Flowers, R B Grady, V S Griffiths, G Gordon Hadley, R R Hegstad, Frank Holbrook, Noelene Johnsson, W G Johnsson, G E Knowles, Israel Leito, S F Monnier, W L Murrill, J David Newman, R W Olson, Gary B Patterson, R L Pelton, G L Plubell, Stoy E Proctor, G R Ramsey, G W Reid, D E Robinson, Gary M Ross, D A Roth, Virginia Smith, E H J Steed, Gary B Swanson, F G Thomas, O A Troy, M A Tyner, M C Van Putten, C D Watson, Alan W White, A S Whiting, M K Widmer, D S Williams, K H Wood, F Donald Yost.

MINUTES of the meetings held June 15 and 22, 1989 were approved.

IAD/GCO/GCC to LR-89AC

222-89G FRENCH CARIBBEAN UNION MISSION--NAME CHANGE

RECOMMENDED, To approve the recommendation of the Inter-American Division to change the name of the French Caribbean Union Mission to the French Antilles-Guiana Union Mission.

IAD/GCO/GCC to LR-89AC

223-89G VENEZUELA-NETHERLANDS ANTILLES UNION MISSION--NAME CHANGE

RECOMMENDED, To approve the recommendation of the Inter-American Division to change the name of the Venezuela-Netherlands Antilles Union Mission to the Venezuela-Antilles Union Mission.

R&H/NADA/GCO/GCC to CEB

CALKINS, JACK--EDITOR OF CELEBRATION! - APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To approve the appointment of Jack Calkins, upon the recommendation of the Review and Herald Publishing Association and the

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North American Division Officers as editor of Celebration!, the monthly journal of the North American Division Church Ministries Department.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Dickerson, Stephen Lee (Milton-Freewater, OR)—To regularize AVS assignment as Builder, Bangkok Adv Hosp, Thailand (FED) eff Oct 3, 88

Dybdahl, Jon Lee (WWC)—Reassign from President to Vice President for Mauk Lek Campus, Thailand Mission Col (FED)

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Cobillos, Eunice (IAD)—Call of SAD as Physician-Clinic Coordinator, No Coast Mission, Brazil

Concha, Rene Valentin (SAD)—Call of IAD as Laboratory Technician, Adv Hosp of Haiti

Duarte, Enrique (IAD)—Call of SAD as District Pastor, No Coast Mission, Brazil

Wood, Debra Ann (SPD)—To regularize request of FED as Dean of Student Nurses, Bangkok Adv Hosp, School of Nursing, Thailand, eff Feb 8, 89

Releases

Williams, Richard Alan from appt as Principal, Palau Mission Academy, Caroline Islands (FED) Declined

Permanent Returns

Musgrave, Paul Henry, Business Manager and Chairman, Technology Dept, Taiwan Adv Col (FED) to NAD, Education, eff Jun 89

Rodriguez, Eugenio (SAD)—Change eff PR date to May 89

Willis, Lloyd A, Professor, Spicer Col, India (SUD) to SPD, Personal, eff Jun 30, 89

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

Education

Segovia, Agripino C

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,
Nov 22-Dec 9, 1989 to visit
educational institutions within
the division.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Inter-American Division

Brown, George W

Trans-European Division,
Apr 23-29, 1990 to speak at
the South England Conference
Camp Meeting and Bible
Conference. Travel expenses
will be paid by the South
England Conference.

North American Division

Grant, Lorenzo
(Allegheny East Conference)

Trans-European Division, Oct 1-
8, 1989 to participate in the
South England Conference Camp
Meeting. Travel expenses will
be paid by the British Union
Conference and the South
England Conference.

Halvorsen, Ron
(Southern Union)

South Pacific Division, Mar 23-
Apr 1, 1990 to speak at
regional meetings in the
Greater Sydney Conference.
Travel expenses will be paid by
the Greater Sydney Conference.

Lu, John
(Southern California Conf)

Far Eastern Division, for a
two- or three-week period
between Aug 1989 and Jan 1990
to conduct a Field School of
Evangelism and a Crusade in
Taiwan. Travel expenses will
be paid by the South China
Island Union Mission.

Tseng, Robert
(Greater New York Conf)

Far Eastern Division, Jul 29-
Aug 20, 1989 to conduct a Week
of Prayer for the Sam Yuk
Middle School in Hong Kong.
Travel expenses will be paid by

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the South China Island Union
Mission.

ADCOM/GCC to WLM

CHAN SHUN INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC

VOTED, To authorize Chan Shun, Donald F Gilbert, and Samuel Young to establish and organize the Chan Shun International Foundation, Incorporated.

ADCOM/GCC to 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 Cheatham, Charles (Secretary, Allegheny East Conf)
Kibble, Alvin (President, Allegheny East Conf)
Pionkowski, Mike (Pastor, Takoma Park Church)

Delete Kibble, Alvin (Secretary, Allegheny East Conf)
Lenhoff, Roland (Pastor, Takoma Park Church)
Van Putten, M C (President, Allegheny East Conf)

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CONFERENCE LITERATURE GUIDANCE COMMITTEE (GCC-S)--
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Literature Guidance Committee (GCC-S) as follows:

Add Kloosterhuis, R J
Thompson, G Ralph

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

VIERA, JUAN C--FURLOUGH

VOTED, To approve a two-month furlough for Juan C Viera, Associate Secretary in the Ellen G White Estate, and Alicia to Entre Rios, Argentina, South American Division from November 5, 1989 to January 4, 1990.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

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

McQuistan, J Roger (Kansas-Nebraska Conference)—Associate
Director of Signs Circulation, Pacific Press Publishing
Association

TRE/GCC to WLM

EXCHANGE RATES

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments to fixed rates of exchange, effective July 1, 1989:

<u>Division/Union</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Local Currency Units Per US \$</u>	<u>US \$ Per Local Currency Units</u>
Eastern Africa Zimbabwe	ZWD	2.10	0.476190
Euro-Africa Switzerland	SFR	1.70	0.588235
Far Eastern Singapore	S\$	1.96	0.510204
South Africa	ZAR	2.77	0.361011
Southern Asia India	Rs	16.00	0.062500
South Pacific Australia	\$A	1.30	0.769231
Trans-European Britain	£	0.645160	1.580001

GCC to WLM

GENERAL CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS

W L Murrill stated that only Adventist Relief and Development Agency International, Home Study International, and Risk Management Services are still to be moved into the new building.

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TRE/GCC to GRT

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - TRANSFER OF ACCOUNT

VOTED, To transfer the bank account number 059 9 075 (Checking, for TRIPS East) from the Citizens Bank of Maryland-Takoma Park Branch to the Citizens Bank of Maryland-Hollinswood Shopping Center Branch.

TRE/GCC to GRT

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SIGNATORIES

VOTED, To authorize the Citizens Bank of Maryland to recognize the signatures of D F Gilbert, and/or W L Murrill, and/or Marvin Robinson, and/or John Szasz to sign and make any changes and order for the payment of money for account number 059 9 075 (Checking, for Trips East), which is in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. All prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and cancelled.

INTRODUCTION

G E Knowles introduced Virginia Smith, the new Associate Director of Church Ministries Department responsible for children's ministries. She has just completed her comprehensives as a doctoral candidate in Teacher Education and Staff Development at Michigan State University.

Adjourned

C E Bradford, Chairman
R L Dale, Secretary
Betty Pierson, Recording Secretary

WEC

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 30, 1989, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neal C Wilson (Ch), R L Dale (Sec), Roy Adams, C E Aeschlimann, M J Allen, G P Babcock, Karl H Bahr, W S Banfield, Rosa T Banks, M T Bascom, B B Beach, M A Bediako, G J Bertochini, C E Bradford, C L Brooks, Shirley Burton, Richard W Bendall, G Tom Carter, W T Clark, G H Crumley, G O Engen, Eric C Fehlberg, C O Frederick, E R Gane, D F Gilbert, R B Grady, V S Griffiths, G Gordon Hadley, Frank Holbrook, Warren L Johns, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, Israel Leito, K J Mittleider, W L Murrill, R W Olson, R E Osborn, H F Otis Jr, S H Parker, Gary B Patterson, R L Pelton, Humberto M Rasi, G W Reid, D E Robinson, D A Roth, Virginia Smith, J R Spangler, E H J Steed, Michael H Stevenson, Gary B Swanson, F G Thomas, O A Troy, M A Tyner, C D Watson, F W Wernick, Alan W White, A S Whiting, D S Williams, F Donald Yost.

REPORTS

Neal C Wilson commented on the challenge presented by New York City. Yesterday he spent time with leaders and laity visiting churches. It is almost impossible to purchase property because it is available only at prices that are prohibitive. Something must be done for New York City. Ellen G White has some specific counsels on the matter.

New members are often baptized during an evangelistic series held in a public hall or in a tent. They hear of the world-wide influence of the Church but when they start attending their area churches they are shocked and cannot believe the conditions under which they must worship.

In spite of the difficulties and challenges there are many encouraging evidences of God's leading in New York City.

D F Gilbert reported on the organizational meeting of the Chan Shun International Foundation. Dr Chan Shun plans to use this organization as a vehicle for making substantial donations to the Church.

Wilson mentioned how marvelous it is that God places these assets in the hands of those who dedicate them to His Church.

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GCC to FGT

ROZEMA, EUNICE—TRIBUTE

F G Thomas paid tribute to Eunice Rozema who was spending her last day of work at the General Conference. She has served the Church for 49 years. Thomas thanked Eunice for her contribution to the work.

Neal C Wilson mentioned that he first met Eunice 45 years ago. R W Olson said he met her at Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University. W L Murrill found her most helpful when he enrolled at Washington Missionary College, now Columbia Union College.

Prayer was offered by W G Johnsson in which he remembered the bereaved, Eunice Rozema in her retirement and the proposed sale of La Loma Foods, Incorporated.

GCC to NCW

LA LOMA FOODS, INC - POSSIBLE SALE

Neal C Wilson introduced the subject of the possible sale of La Loma Foods which is wholly owned by the General Conference Corporation. The General Conference Officers considered the possibility at a recent meeting. A majority favored the sale but expressed the need for counsel from the General Conference Committee. Wilson stated that a decision needs to be made quickly.

Wilson noted that the forthcoming Global Strategy meeting will consider the Church's mission statement. There is a growing feeling that in the fulfillment of its mission the Church will need to utilize certain of its assets in more productive ways.

Loma Linda Foods was established in the Pacific Union Conference but it later became a General Conference institution. A group of dedicated Adventist laypersons also established a similar company called Worthington Foods. The hope was that the non-Adventist public would accept soya bean products as a meat substitute but such has not proved to be the case in any great measure.

Loma Linda Foods experienced some serious financial problems through the years although recently under the able management of Alejo Pizarro it became a profitable enterprise. Recently the infant formula production line was sold to Nutricia, a Dutch firm.

One fact impacting this situation today is that the emphasis of healthful eating is to eat more foods in their natural state rather than eating meat analogs or processed foods.

Worthington Foods was established by a devoted group of laypersons in Ohio. At one time strong consideration was given to merging Loma Linda Foods and Worthington Foods. Through the years many Adventists thought that Worthington Foods was indeed owned by the Church. Later on it was sold to Miles Laboratories who in turn sold it to a West German Company. A few years ago a group composed primarily of Adventist laypersons once again obtained ownership of Worthington Foods which has now made an offer to purchase La Loma Foods, Incorporated.

It is this offer that has prompted earnest consideration of the future of La Loma Foods, Incorporated which at the present is saleable because it is making a profit.

Several other factors are also involved such as,

1. The need for a separate retirement fund.
2. The growing risk of labor union involvement.
3. The possible relocation of La Loma Foods, Incorporated with the resultant loss of key personnel who do not wish to move.
4. The difficulty of training or finding qualified management personnel in the future.
5. The problem of marketing products. La Loma Foods, Incorporated caters mostly to the Adventist market.

Objections to the sale of La Loma Foods, Incorporated include the following:

1. A monopoly would be set up in the meat analog business if La Loma Foods, Incorporated were sold to Worthington Foods which would doubtless drive up prices to consumers.
2. Formulas would be lost to the Church.
3. Some faithful and talented employees would be displaced or even lost to the service of the Church. Some also feel that promises which were made to employees will appear to be broken.
4. The Church should operate a health food enterprise in the North American Division. Not to do so is contrary to the counsel of Ellen G White.

The pros and cons of the proposed sale were elaborated on at length. Wilson finally stated, however, that a consensus is developing among both the Officers and prominent Adventist businessmen that the time has come for the Church to utilize the asset it has in

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La Loma Foods, Incorporated in other ways. After caring for its obligations to employees of the company the proceeds of the sale (including the money already realized from the sale of Loma Linda Foods) could be invested and the income used to fund certain pressing needs in the Church.

Information was also presented on the purchase offer by Worthington Foods. Some expressed the need to obtain proposals from other interested parties before arriving at a decision.

The Chairman suggested a straw vote by members be conducted to ascertain the mind of the group. A secret ballot revealed 28 in favor of selling La Loma Foods, Incorporated and 19 against.

The way was then opened for a formal motion.

VOTED, 1. To recommend the sale of La Loma Foods, Incorporated, giving health food organizations in overseas divisions and interested lay persons in the North American Division the opportunity to submit proposals.

2. To authorize the Chairman to appoint a small group of five individuals to expedite the evaluation of offers within a 30 day period if possible. The group is authorized to extend the time if needed but emphasis was placed on the need to expedite the sale.

MEMBERS:

MITTLEIDER, K J, Chairman
Fehlberg, Eric, Secretary

Gilbert, D F
Murrill, W L
Osborn, R E

Adjourned.

Neal C Wilson, Chairman
R L Dale, Secretary
Betty Pierson, Recording Secretary

W E Carson