

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 3, 1989, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

R J Kloosterhuis (Ch), Leo Ranzolin (Sec), Karl H Bahr, Rosa T Banks, M A Bediako, C E Bracebridge, C D Brooks, G H Crumley, Eric C Fehlberg, E R Gane, D F Gilbert, R B Grady, J H Harris, Tulio R Haylock, F L Jones, G E Knowles, J Lynn Martell, T R Neslund, R E Osborn, D A Roth, Virginia Smith, E H J Steed, Elizabeth A Sterndale, Michael H Stevenson, Iris H Stober, F G Thomas, G Ralph Thompson, O A Troy, F W Wernick, Alan W White, M K Widmer, K H Wood, F Donald Yost, Samuel Young.

DEVOTIONAL

R J Kloosterhuis opened the devotional by reading from Matthew 24:45-47 concerning the story of the faithful servant who feeds the master's household in His absence and states how blessed he will be if he is found doing that upon His return. However, a wicked servant becoming weary and complaining that His lord delays His coming, begins to beat the faithful servants of the household.

Could there be any correlation between the faithful and wicked servants of the Bible and our contemporaries today? Both identify with the same master. On what basis does the wicked servant beat his fellow servants; on a personal and/or theological level? He looks inwardly to beat his fellow servants rather than outwardly to proclaim a positive message to save souls.

Ellen G White has clearly stated that it is the desire and plan of Satan to encourage people to be critical, sharp, and exacting, going to great lengths in matters of minor importance while they neglect the weightier matters of the law--judgement, mercy and the love of God--thereby causing disunity (see Review and Herald May 19, 1888). Leaders should seek to discourage the slightest tendency to division, always encouraging the spirit of unity and love in the Church. "For the spirit we manifest towards our brethren declares what is our spirit towards God."--(DA 505)

Paul said, "I appeal to you brothers . . . that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.--(1 Cor 1:10 NIV) May this be the spirit in which we work, not only here, but around the world; not only working against evil and its results but also working more unitedly to bring about positive results.

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#### INTRODUCTIONS

R J Kloosterhuis introduced M K Widmer's guest, Bob Clark, pastor of the Beltsville Church.

D A Roth introduced Maitland A Di Pinto, ADRA Director for the Far Eastern Division.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Prayer was requested for the family of Clarence E Palmer, father of Adele Ice and a former General Manager of Review and Herald Publishing Association, who died last Friday, July 28, 1989 in Mississippi.

Prayer was also requested for the delicate and extremely difficult Middle East situation, and for protection for the 17-20 thousand Pathfinders and their leaders traveling to a camporee in Pennsylvania. Included in the prayer was an expression of thankfulness to God for the freedom to import foreign publications, including Bibles into the Soviet Union.

Prayer was offered by Bob Clark, Pastor of the Beltsville Church.

#### REPORTS

R J Kloosterhuis reported that the Andrews University Board of Trustees elected Werner K Vyhmeister, presently dean of the Asia Adventist Theological Seminary to be dean of the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. It will be approximately one year before he can assume his duties as dean of the Seminary. In the meantime the Board has appointed Raoul Dederen to be dean. Benjamin Schoun has been invited to be the associate dean of the Seminary. When Vyhmeister arrives Dederen, at his own request, will return to full-time teaching.

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MINUTES of the meeting held July 17, 1989 were approved.

CA/GCC to SEC

#### COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

#### Appointments

Danquah, Boakye (AID Natl, St, Andrews U)--Publishing Director,  
W African Un Mission, Ghana (AID) Natl returning

Piomgraipakd, Somchai (So CA Conf)--Dept Director, Southeast Asia  
Un Mission, Singapore (FED) Natl returning  
Velazquez, Manuel (IAD Natl, LaGrange, IL)--Reassign from  
Metropolitan Adv Academy to W Puerto Rico Conf as Director,  
Dept of Ed (IAD) Natl returning

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Gemeda, Mathews (EAD Natl, St, Philippines)--Treasurer, W Ethiopia  
Field (EAD) Natl returning  
German Pastor-Evangelist (EUD)--Call of SAD for Santa Catarina  
Conf, Brazil  
Hartley, Charmaine (SAU)--Call of EAD as Dentist, SDA Health Ctr,  
Blantyre, Malawi  
Porchet, Samuel-Philippe, Principal, Northeast Brazil Academy,  
(SAD)--Call of IAD to transfer after furlough as Music  
Teacher to Montemorelos U, Mexico

Releases

Gallagher, Jonathan (TED) from call to Pacific Union College as  
Pastor-Teacher, Dept of Religion (NAD) Declined

Permanent Returns

De Largilliere, Philippe, Headmaster, Pic Vert Adv Col, Tahiti,  
French Polynesia Mission (SPD) to EUD, Division  
recommendation eff Jul, 89  
Fisher, James Roger, Academic Dean and Chairman, Dept of Theology,  
Taiwan Adv Col (FED) to NAD, Education, eff Sep, 89  
Vidal, Elsa Matula, Nurse Tutor, Kanye Hosp, Botswana (EAD) to  
FED, Family considerations, eff Jun, 89

GCC to DFG

GENERAL CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS

D F Gilbert updated members on the progress being made towards the  
final completion of the building.

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

Presidential

Mittleider, Kenneth J

Eastern Africa Division,  
Aug 30-Sept 12, 1989 to meet  
with the Botswana Survey  
Commission.

Secretariat

Battle, Maurice T

Eastern Africa Division,  
Sept 1-11, 1989 to meet with  
the Botswana Survey Commission.

Middle East Union Mission,  
Nov 12-17, 1989 to attend the  
year-end meetings.

Treasury

Osborn, Robert E

Eastern Africa Division,  
Sept 1-11, 1989 to meet with  
the Botswana Survey Commission.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

North American Division

Oosterwal, Gottfried  
(Institute of World Mission)

Far Eastern Division, Oct 10-  
30, 1989 to participate in a  
medical-dental seminar and to  
conduct a Church Growth in  
Secular Cities Seminar.  
Far Eastern Division, Mar 21-  
Apr 18, 1990 to conduct an  
evangelistic crusade for  
Buddhists.

3. ADJUSTMENTS

Presidential

Otis, Harold F Jr  
Otis, Rose M

USSR, Aug 2-25, 1989 instead of  
dates previously voted.

Publishing

Henning, Rudi H

South Pacific Division, May 25-  
July 7, 1991 instead of dates  
previously voted.

AWPS-CDS/ADCOM/GCC to FGT

ADVENTIST WORLD PURCHASING AND SERVICES (AWPS)---  
NEW NAME

VOTED, To approve the name Adventist World Purchasing and Services for the combined services comprised of Adventist World Purchasing Services, Central Departmental Services, Mailroom and Office Supplies.

PSI/ADCOM/GCC to FGT

PHILANTHROPIC SERVICE FOR INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE  
(PSI) (GCC-S)--- MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Philanthropic Service for Institutions Committee (PSI) (GCC-S) as follows:

Add           Burton, Shirley  
                  Patterson, G B

Delete         Nixon, R W  
                  Thomas, F G

H&T/ADCOM/GCC to FGT

HEALTH-CARE ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE (HARC) (GCC-S)---  
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Health-Care Advisory Review Committee (HARC) (GCC-S) as follows:

Delete         Torske, Kenneth

Adjourned.

R J Kloosterhuis, Chairman  
Leo Ranzolin, Secretary  
Betty Pierson, Recording Secretary

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 10, 1989, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Enoch Oliveira (Ch), Leo Ranzolin (Sec), Karl H Bahr, M T Bascom, R W Bendall, C E Bracebridge, Eric C Fehlberg, E R Gane, D F Gilbert, R B Grady, J H Harris, Tulio R Haylock, W G Johnsson, F L Jones, S F Monnier, W L Murrill, T R Neslund, S H Parker, D A Roth, A E Schmidt, P G Smith, Virginia Smith, E H J Steed, Iris H Stober, F G Thomas, G Ralph Thompson, C D Watson, A S Whiting, M K Widmer, K H Wood, F Donald Yost.

## DEVOTIONAL

Enoch Oliveira opened the devotional by mentioning two cliches that should be deleted from the conversations and writings of God's people. One resented by Africans is "Africa, the dark continent," implying that Africa is a pagan geographical area associated with ignorance. By the end of the century it is quite possible that Africa will be a predominantly Christian continent and the sophisticated areas of Europe and America may be considered pagan nations. Some missiologists believe that by the year 2000 African missionaries will be trying to rescue the Christian churches in Europe and America from complete failure.

Another cliché to discontinue is "Mexicans are tomorrow people" which suggests that they do not energetically face the challenges of daily life. Oliveira attended the Festival of Laity in Mexico and there was no evidence of "manana" there. The believers in Mexico are working in season and out of season. They are witnessing in the evenings by visiting neighbors, giving Bible studies, and distributing literature. As a result the workers reached their goal in July of this year, by baptizing 34,000 souls. By the year 2000 they hope to have one million baptized members! They are not "tomorrow people."

Biblical and secular history shows that there have always been various cultural groups. But the Church should not be fragmented by using one's own culture as a criteria, thereby labeling other groups.

David said, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—(Psalms 133:1)

Prayer was offered by J H Harris in which he remembered four Seventh-day Adventist students who are receiving medical scholarships from the U S Air Force to study at Loma Linda University and who are being denied Sabbath privileges during summer military duty. He also praised the Lord for the improvement in the health of C E Bracebridge.

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## INTRODUCTION

C W Watson introduced Donald and Bonnie Eichner who have served in difficult parts of the world. They were located in Beirut and later in Nepal. The Eichners have now responded to the call to serve at Valley View, a new college in Ghana, transferring from West Indies College. Some of the furniture from the former General Conference headquarters is being crated and shipped to Valley View College.

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MINUTES of the meeting held August 3, 1989 were approved.

## REPORT

M T Bascom attended classes for a week at a youth training program in Greater New York where the North American Division has the highest percent of baptisms. Bascom participated in visitation and felt the thrill of seeing what can happen in a place like New York City.

SEC/GCO/GCC to FGT

WOOLSEY, RAYMOND H, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, VIBRANT LIFE

VOTED, To approve the appointment of Raymond H Woolsey as Editor-in-Chief of the magazine Vibrant Life.

SAD/GCO/GCC to LR

DOS SANTOS, FLORIANO X--ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Floriano X dos Santos as Director of the International Health Food Association of the South American Division.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

### Appointments

Golles, Dee Eugene (Williams Lake, BC)--Dentist, Youngberg Adv Hosp, Singapore (FED)

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Assoc Farm Manager/Agriculture Industrial Teacher (FED)--Call of  
EAD for Solusi College, Zimbabwe  
Manfrin, Lourival (SAD)--Call of IAD as Plant Technical Manager,  
IAD Health Food Company, Montemorelos Branch, Mexico  
Williams, Charles Phillip (SPD)--Request of IAD as Director-  
Builder, Corn Island Housing and Vocational School Projects,  
Nicaragua, 2 yrs, AVS basis

Releases

Haverstock, Robert Irving from appt to Karachi Adv Hosp, Pakistan,  
as Physician/Surgeon (TED) Declined  
Sanchez, Albert from appt to Inca Un U as Teacher, Natural and  
Nutritional Sciences (SAD) Declined  
Sunsted, Arlyn Carlyle from appt to Palau Mission Academy as  
Principal (FED) Declined

Permanent Returns

Skau, David Arlyn--Change of eff date voted May 17, 89, from May  
to Oct 89

BBB/GCC to FLJ

FAR EASTERN DIVISION, WEST JAPAN CONFERENCE OFFICE  
AND OSAKA CENTER CHURCH - PROJECT APPROVAL

VOTED, To approve the blueprints and financial plan for the West  
Japan Conference office and Osaka Center Church.

Japan Union--West Japan Conference office and Osaka Center Church  
Total project cost is ¥4,000,000,000, with no borrowing on this  
project.

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

ADRA

Flemmer, Kenneth D

Eastern Africa Division,  
Aug 14-25, 1989 to evaluate the  
Child Survival Project in  
Malawi. Travel expenses will  
be paid from the Child  
Survival Grant Fund.



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Taylor, David

Middle East Union Mission and  
Trans-European Division,  
Aug 22-Sept 10, 1989 to orient  
a new ADRA director in Cyprus,  
to attend an ADRA workshop in  
Denmark, and to visit the ADRA  
office in Stockholm, Sweden.

Church Ministries

Gane, Erwin R

Far Eastern Division, Nov 29-  
Dec 16, 1989 to conduct revival  
meetings throughout the  
division.

Communication

Haylock, Tulio R

Inter-American Division,  
Aug 24-Sept 7, 1989 to  
participate in the Tenth  
Anniversary celebration of the  
Adventist World Radio in  
Guatemala, to attend the  
inauguration of the new  
transmitter in Costa Rica, and  
to meet other appointments in  
the Central American Union.

Ellen G White Estate

Coon, Roger W

South Pacific Division,  
January 1990 to speak at the  
South New Zealand, Victorian,  
and Tasmanian Conference Camp  
Meetings.

Risk Management Services

Grismore, Rodman  
Parker, Stanton H

South Pacific Division,  
Aug 20-31, 1989 to visit the  
division office on insurance  
business.

Singh, Vicky

Trans-European Division,  
Aug 16-Sept 1, 1989 to  
coordinate a computer project  
in the Risk Management Services  
London office.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Adventist Media Center

Matthews, Daniel G

South Pacific Division,  
Oct 3-6, 1989 to participate in  
the filming of "Focus on  
Living" in Auckland, New  
Zealand.

Peverini, Milton

Inter-American Division,  
Aug 24-28, 1989 to participate  
in the Tenth Anniversary  
celebration of the Adventist  
World Radio in Guatemala and to  
attend the inauguration of the  
new transmitter in Costa Rica.

Andrews University

Rand, David G

Far Eastern Division, Aug 9-  
Sept 5, 1989 to attend the  
Adventist Youth Service  
orientation in the Guam-  
Micronesia Mission and to visit  
the English Language Schools in  
Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Hong  
Kong. Travel expenses will be  
paid by the English Language  
Schools and the Guam-Micronesia  
Mission.

Christian Record Services

Bretsch, Vernon L

Far Eastern Division,  
Aug 10-23, 1989 to establish  
the services of Christian  
Record Services in the  
Philippines and Singapore.

Institute of World Mission

Oosterwal, Gottfried

Southern Asia Division,  
November 1990 to conduct a  
Church Growth Seminar.

North American Division

Giao, Le Cong  
(Southern California Conf)

Far Eastern Division, Aug 20-  
Sept 20, 1989 to visit Vietnam

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and to attend a Global Strategy meeting in Singapore. Travel expenses will be paid by the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

Knechtle, Emilio  
(Revivalist)

Euro-Africa Division,  
Sept 7-14, 1989 to conduct meetings in Milan, Italy in connection with a trip previously voted to the Trans-European Division. Travel expenses will be shared by Knechtle and the Milan Church.

South Pacific Division

Butler, Lance L  
Butler, Margaret

North American Division,  
Oct 3-10, 1989 to attend the General Conference Annual Council. Travel expenses will be paid by the General Conference.

Trans-European Division

Nyberg, Rigmor

Eastern Africa Division,  
Sept 29-Oct 10, 1989 to review and inspect the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) projects in Ethiopia. Travel expenses will be paid by ADRA/Sweden.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

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

Trace, Alvin K (AHS-Highland Hospital)—Director of Specialty Marketing, Pacific Press Publishing Association

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS CANCELED—J ROGER McQUISTAN

VOTED, To cancel the call for J Roger McQuistan to serve as

Associate Director of Signs/Circulation at the Pacific Press Publishing Association (see GCC 89-251). He has declined the call.

H&T/ADCOM/GCC to FGT

CHRISTIAN VIEW OF HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE (GCO-SSub)--  
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Christian View of Human Life Committee (GCO-SSub) as follows (see GCC 88-247):

Add       Banks, Rosa T  
            Rasi, Humberto

Delete     Akers, G H  
            Banfield, W S

GCC to WLM

LA LOMA FOODS, INC--SALE - REPORT

W L Murrill reported that at the time the General Conference approved the sale of La Loma Foods, Inc, a committee of five persons was appointed to consider prospective offers and to make a recommendation to the General Conference Officers and to the General Conference Corporation for the proposed sale of the company.

Six different groups expressed an interest and were given a deadline of July 31 to submit their offers. Three offers were received from Adventist groups.

The special committee met on August 4 and 7, 1989. Worthington Foods had previously been interviewed. After interviewing the other two interested parties, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the offer of a partnership of Lin R Martin, a dentist in Fresno, California and Joseph D Lao, an investment banker living in Los Angeles. This recommendation was presented to the General Conference Officers and to the General Conference Corporation. The General Conference Corporation has approved the recommendation of the special committee and has agreed to accept the offer of this partnership.

The offer is for nine million dollars, four million dollars in cash at the time of closing and five million dollars in United States government securities that are fully negotiable. The securities will earn interest at the rate of nine percent during a six-year term. These securities can be sold or kept to maturity.

This offer has several favorable aspects to it. It is a stock purchase proposal. The payment will come directly to the General Conference Corporation, tax exempt.

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Another positive aspect of this sale is that the company will stay in the same area. The prospective owners are negotiating for a piece of property in the Loma Linda area. They intend to offer employment to all of the present employees. Several employees have already committed themselves to stay on the payroll. The new owners are anxious to develop a close relationship with Loma Linda University --both the school of business and the nutrition department. With this sale there should be reduced criticism concerning a monopoly as would have been the case if Worthington Foods had bought La Loma Foods, Inc.

Nutricia does have the right of first refusal, but it is not expected to be interested.

Adjourned

Enoch Oliveira, Chairman  
Leo Ranzolin, Secretary  
Betty Pierson, Recording Secretary

*W. Carson, Eng*

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 17, 1989, 11:10 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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MINUTES of the meeting held August 17, 1989 were approved.

CA/GCC to SEC

## COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

McLane, Gerard Douglas (Colorado Springs, CO)—Health Educator, Youngberg Adv Hosp, Singapore (FED)

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Anthony, Garth (TED)—Call of FED as President of Sri Lanka Union of Churches

Wolff, Hans Jorg (EUD)—Request of FED as Relief Dentist, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2 mos AVS basis

Releases

Quarcoo, C T (AID Natl, St, NAD) from call to Adv Seminary of W Africa, Nigeria, as Business Manager (AID) Call rescinded

Permanent Returns

Cordas, Daniel L—Change of eff date from Sep to Aug 89

ADCOM/GCC to EO

## INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

Biblical Research

Reid, George W

Trans-European Division,  
Aug 29-Sept 17, 1989 to lecture  
at the Jerusalem Center.

Ministerial

Spangler, J Robert

Trans-European Division,  
Sept 10-15, 1989 to confer with  
leaders at the Hungarian Union  
Conference.

Presidential

Otis, Harold F Jr  
Otis, Rose M

USSR, Sept 5-18, 1989 to attend  
the Moscow International Book  
Fair, to dedicate a new church  
in Siberia, and to attend  
workers' meetings.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Andrews University

Touchard, Wolfhard

USSR, Aug 20-Sept 10, 1989 to  
set up the seminary library  
system on computer. Travel  
expenses will be paid from the  
Eastern European Affairs funds.

North American Division

Clements, James Jr  
(Columbia Union Conference)

Trans-European Division,  
September 1989 to conduct an  
evangelistic campaign in  
Manchester, England. Travel  
expenses will be paid by the  
North British Conference.

Wright, Henry M  
(Columbia Union Conference)

Trans-European Division,  
Mar 3-11, 1990 to participate  
in the London Youth Federation  
Spiritual Emphasis Week.  
Travel expenses will be paid by  
the South England Conference.

Review and Herald Publishing Association

Pierce, Bruce and Doris

USSR, Sept 7-18, 1989 to assist in the Moscow International Book Fair booth and to attend the graduation at the SDA seminary agricultural school.

Southern Asia Division

Willmott, John

South African Union Conference, March-April 1990 to conduct evangelistic meetings in the Transvaal Conference. Travel expenses will be paid by the Transvaal Conference.

3. SPECIALS

North American Division

McDougal, Norman and Sharon  
Garwin McNeilus and Marilee  
Zapara, Tom and Violet

USSR, Sept 7-18, 1989 to assist in the Moscow International Book Fair booth and to attend the graduation at the SDA seminary agricultural school. Travel will be at personal expense.

McFarland, Wayne  
(Retired Physician)

USSR, Sept 1-7, 1989 to meet with health officials in Leningrad regarding the Breathe-Free Plan. Travel expenses will be paid from the Eastern European Affairs funds.

McNeilus, Garwin  
Paulson, Robert  
(Lay Persons)

South Pacific Division,  
Aug 15-22, 1989 to witness the baptisms in Goroka, Papua New Guinea. Travel will be at personal expense.

Wieland, Robert J  
(Retiree)

Southern Asia Division, time to be arranged, to visit Spicer Memorial College to do research and to dialogue in preparation for a manuscript on Hinduism. Travel expenses will be paid by the Southern Asia Division.



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4. ADJUSTMENTS

Coon, Roger W

Trans-European Division,  
Aug 23-Oct 29, 1989 instead of  
dates previously voted.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

NADEN, ROY CECIL--FURLOUGH

VOTED, To approve a one-month furlough for Roy Cecil and Jennifer Naden to Cooranbong, Australia, South Pacific Division, from August 22 to September 22, 1989.

GCC to RLD

APPRECIATION--D F GILBERT, F L JONES, C O FREDERICK  
AND OFFICE SECRETARIES

VOTED, To express appreciation to D F Gilbert, F L Jones, C L Frederick and their secretaries for the excellent work done during the construction of the new office and the move to the new location.

Adjourned.

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

*W E Coon, Esq*

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August 24, 1989, 10:10 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer was requested on behalf of Kelsey, the 14 month old daughter of Ralph C Workman who has just returned from the West Indies College. She was struck by an automobile and is in intensive care. Requests were also made for the Mathi family, who are mourning the loss of Elinor, and for Eugene Stiles, President of Pacific Press Publishing Association, who is recovering from serious surgery.

Prayer was offered by A C Segovia and W J Brown and the above families were especially remembered.

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MINUTES of the meeting held August 17, 1989 were approved.

## RETIRES AFFAIRS, COORDINATOR--REPORT

D A Delafield was given an assignment in the Spring of 1981 to organize clubs of retired workers to provide fellowship and social opportunities. There are now 50 to 60 clubs in North America and scores of senior citizen associations in local churches. Several retired workers' clubs have been organized in Australia, South America, the Philippines, and Europe.

Eight annual retirees' convocations have been held since 1982, and the next one will convene at La Sierra College. Registration fees amounting to approximately \$30,000 have covered convocation expenses. Liberal convocation banquet offerings have augmented mission and church building projects. Three convocations have been held overseas--one in Australia and two in Denmark.

Esther Chalmers, assisted by D A Delafield, is compiling a book from the writings of Ellen G White on the challenge of being a senior citizen.

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"Retirees' World," a six-page quarterly paper, is circulated by the North American Division retirement office.

Delafield expressed appreciation for the interest of the Church in its retirees.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Langeni, H T (SUM Natl, St, U of AL)—Teacher, Bethel Col, So Africa (SUM) Natl Returning

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Badenas, Roberto (EUD)—Call of the General Conference to serve as Associate Professor of New Testament, Andrews University

Hale, Jonathan (SAU)—Call of the General Conference Southern Africa Affairs Committee to serve as Auditor of the Southern Africa area

Ulrich, Wayne (SPD)—Request of IAD as Technical Superintendent for Maintenance and Construction, Westico Foods Ltd, Jamaica, AVS basis, 2 yrs

Releases

Svantesson, Mikael (TED) from assignment as Builder, ADRA Building Project, Nicaragua (IAD) Declined

Permanent Returns

McGhee, Frederick Nelson, Pastor, Palau District, Caroline Islands, Guam-Micronesia Mission (FED) to NAD, Personal, eff Aug 89

McLeod, Robert C, Auditor, General Conference Southern Africa area to SAU, Assignment Completed, eff Jan 1, 90

Workman, Ralph C Jr, Biology Teacher, W Indies Col, Jamaica (IAD) to NAD, Education—Change furlough to PR eff May 89

CAA/GCC to GHC-RetirePlan

PERRIN, MILFORD DWAIN—RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To grant NAD Retirement Plan benefits to Milford Dwaine Perrin following 38 years of service to the Church, effective September 1, 1989.

GCC to SY

PERRIN, MILFORD DWAIN--RETIREMENT

VOTED, To express appreciation to Milford Dwaine and Wilma Perrin for 38 years of service to the Church, which included two years in the Far Eastern Division.

ADCOM/GCC to EO

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

Ellen G White Estate

Coon, Roger W  
Olson, Robert W  
Rice, George E

South Pacific Division,  
February 1990 to attend  
workers' meetings and to  
conduct Spirit of Prophecy  
Seminars.

Poirier, Timothy L

Trans-European Division,  
Nov 27-Dec 4, 1989 to meet with  
the Marienhoehe students for  
the annual research session at  
Newbold College.

International Health Foods Association

Fehlberg, Eric C

South American Division,  
Sept 4-22, 1989 to provide  
orientation to school  
industries and the SAD food  
company.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Far Eastern Division

Fujita, Kiyoshi

South American Division,  
Sept 25-Oct 8, 1989 to visit  
the Japanese community in  
Paraguay and to assist with  
ADRA projects. Travel expenses

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will be paid by the Japan Union  
Conference.

Trans-European Division

Dabrowski, Rajmund

Far Eastern Division,  
September 1989 for one week to  
visit Korea and Singapore to  
assist with Global Strategy  
planning. Travel expenses will  
be paid by the Far Eastern  
Division.

3. SPECIAL

North American Division

Yeboah, Paul  
(Lay Person)

Trans-European Division,  
Oct 1-8, 1989 to present health  
lectures at the South England  
Conference Camp Meeting.  
Travel expenses will be paid by  
the South England Conference.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

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

Aquino, Maria R (AHS/Washington Adventist Hospital)--Timecard  
Processor-Secretary, General Conference Personnel  
Administration

Adjourned

C D Watson, Chairman  
Samuel Young, Secretary  
Betty Pierson, Recording Secretary

*W. E. Lawson, Esq.*

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 31, 1989, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

C B Rock (Ch), Leo Ranzolin (Sec), Karl H Bahr, W S Banfield, Rosa T Banks, M T Bascom, R W Bendall, G J Bertochini, W T Clark, G H Crumley, Eric C Fehlberg, Karen Flowers, R B Grady, Joseph E Gurubatham, J H Harris, R R Hegstad, F L Jones, Israel Leito, R L McKee, S F Monnier, T R Neslund, R E Osborn, H F Otis Jr, Leo Ranzolin, Humberto M Rasi, D A Roth, A C Segovia, P G Smith, Virginia Smith, E H J Steed, Elizabeth A Sterndale, Iris H Stober, Gary B Swanson, F G Thomas, M A Tyner, Alan W White, A S Whiting, Ted F Wick, D S Williams, F Donald Yost, Samuel Young.

## DEVOTIONAL

C B Rock opened the devotional with prayer and then read from the Scriptures as follows: "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."--(Matt 11:12) This verse may at first seem out of character for the Master who said that if someone takes away your coat, give him your vest also. At the time Jesus said this, John was in prison and had sent his disciples to Christ to ask if he was indeed the Christ or if someone else was yet to come.

Jesus taught that discipleship is not easy. It is not a picnic but a violent and bloody affair requiring sacrifice, hardship, pain, and suffering. Christians are involved in a violent struggle in the battle of sin. Satan is angry with Christ and is violently opposed to His program. Unable to destroy Christ, he does all he can to destroy His followers.

The most difficult of all opposition, causing severe pain and problems, is that which comes from within as when an army mistakenly or intentionally turns on itself. If God's people are going to obtain the kingdom, they will have to go after it by preaching and teaching, sacrificing, leaving families, and enduring criticism and opposition. Ellen G White states that individuals will have to seek their spiritual salvation with the same violence that Jacob manifested when he wrestled with the angel. The violence that must be exerted to maintain personal devotions involves the whole heart and life. Every ounce of energy must be pressed to the limit as with an athlete in the Olympic Games.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Kelsey Workman, 14 month-old-daughter of Ralph C and Cathie Workman, returning missionaries from West Indies College, is still in serious condition following a car accident in Miami and may need liver surgery.

Prayer was also requested for Eugene Stiles, President of Pacific Press Publishing Association and for Kenneth Scheller formerly from Treasury and now a pastor in the Chesapeake Conference.

Prayer was offered by R E Osborn.

#### REPORTS:

Leo Ranzolin reported that all United States citizens have been asked to leave Colombia due to the tense political situation. Any telephone calls should be referred to Ranzolin or to the Inter American Division office. A missionary family is in Colombia but communication has not come through that they are leaving.

R E Osborn was in the Middle East two weeks ago. Middle East College has completed the 1989 summer school program. The college anticipates opening for the fall semester, perhaps in a new location. A home belonging to one of the security personnel was partially destroyed.

R B Grady attended the Inter-American Division Festival of the Laity. It was an exciting, dynamic time surpassing any previous meeting. Harrington Henry, a layman, has won 2,000 people to Christ in the last five years. Some members have won over 500.

An inspirational "passing of the torch" service took place with young people coming from the audience to receive the torch. George W Brown once again reminded listeners that the Inter-American Division is on fire. One needs only a brain, a tongue in the head, and Christ in the heart to witness. In the Caribbean Union 62 per cent of the laity are actively involved in evangelism. This union enjoys a 77 per cent retention rate of those baptized which is up seven per cent from four years ago. This is attributed to lay people shepherding the converts. Nine per cent of the population of the island of Tobago and three per cent of the entire Caribbean Union are Seventh-day Adventists.

The combined 1989 Harvest 90 baptismal goal for the North and South Mexican Unions is 21,000 baptisms. In the Inter-American Division which has a quinquennial goal of 400,000 baptisms, the 87,442 recorded to date this year has brought the total to 391,270. The quinquennial goal will be achieved within the next month.

The Seventh-day Adventist world baptismal rate is approximately 1,300 per day. Of that number, 410 persons are being baptized each day in the Inter-American Division and it hopes to reach 120,000 baptisms this year. Praise the Lord!

C B Rock reported on the recent session of the Loma Linda University Board. In an endeavor to meet accreditation requirements, the board took steps to strengthen the organization of the university. While the university will continue to comprise two campuses, each campus will have its own chancellor and semi-autonomous operating board. Norman Woods will remain as the university president and secretary of the full university board of trustees.

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MINUTES of the meeting held August 24, 1989 were approved.

#### GCC COMMITTEE VENUE

F G Thomas announced that General Conference Committee will meet in the Auditorium September 7, 1989.

CA/GCC to SEC

#### COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

##### Appointments

- Haakmat, Johan Rudolf Arnold (Ontario Conf)--Assistant Prof, Dept of Theology and Religion, W Indies Col, Jamaica (IAD) (GC D 17 25-2)
- Hanan, Jeffrey Dean (Days Creek, OR)--Industrial Technology Teacher, U of E Africa, Kenya (EAD)
- Ola, Janet O (AID Natl, St, Andrews U)--Senior Accountant, Adv Seminary of W Africa, Nigeria (AID) Natl Returning
- Perrin, Ralph Wesley (WWC)--President, Bangladesh Adv Seminary and Col (FED)

##### Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

- Chapman, Barry (SPD)--Call of EAD as Manager, Agriculture Project, No and So Botswana Fields, Gaborone, Botswana
- Dirks, Lucille (SAU)--Call of EAD as Head Nurse, Maternity Ward, Malamulo Hosp, Malawi
- Fletcher, Alan (SPD)--Call of TED as Col Education-English Teacher and Rural Development Supervisor, Pakistan Adv Seminary
- Jordan, Albert (EUD)--Extend assignment voted Jul 12, 89 from 6 mos to 2 yrs
- Klimesch, Susi (EUD)--Call of EAD as Nurse, Gimbie Hosp, Ethiopia



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Oster, Karin (TED)—Request of MEU as Elementary Teacher, Cairo Overseas School, Egypt, AVS basis, 12 mos  
 Tranborg, Lilian (TED)—Request of AID as Social and Rehabilitation Officer, Masanga Hosp, Sierra Leone, AVS/AAV basis, up to 2 yrs

Permanent Returns

Andrews, Robert Thompson Jr, Director of Institutional Research and Advancement Programs, W Indies Col, Jamaica (IAD) to NAD, Family Considerations—Change furlough to PR, eff May 89  
 Garbutt, Arthur Norman, Dentist, Yaounde Dental Clinic, Republic of Cameroun (AID) to NAD, Education, eff Mar 90  
 Mbangukira, Ereda, Director of Nursing, Mwami Adv Hosp, Zambia (EAD) to AID, Family Considerations, eff Feb 89  
 Patterson, Clifford Geoffrey, Field Secy-ADRA Director, Eastern Africa Division, Zimbabwe (EAD) to NAD, Assignment Completed, eff Jul 89  
 Sundin, Robert Allen, Senior Accountant, Eastern Africa Division, Zimbabwe (EAD) to NAD, Education, eff Nov 89  
 Wosinski, Jacqueline, Nursing Instructor, Mugonero Hosp, Rwanda (AID) to EUD, Assignment Completed, eff Jun 90

TRE/GCC to WLM

## EXCHANGE RATES

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

<u>Division/Union</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Local Currency Units Per US \$</u>	<u>US \$ Per Local Currency Units</u>
Africa-Indian Ocean	CFA	330.00	0.003077
Eastern Africa Zimbabwe	ZWD	2.19	0.456621
Euro-Africa France	FFR	6.60	0.153846
Switzerland	SFR	1.70	0.606061
North America Canada	C\$	1.17	0.854701
South Africa	ZAR	2.77	0.369004
South America Brazil	BRZ	4.50	0.285714

Southern Asia			
India	Rs	16.50	0.060976
South Pacific			
Australia	\$A	1.33	0.751880
Trans-European			
Britain	L	0.621118	1.610000

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INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries

Feldbush, Martin W

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,  
Sept 27-Oct 3, 1989 to conduct  
a chaplains seminar and to  
interview government officials  
in connection with travel  
previously voted.

Education

Segovia, Agripino C

Southern Union Mission,  
Sept 10-16, 1989 to conduct an  
evaluation of Bethel College in  
connection with travel to the  
Euro-Africa and Southern Asia  
Divisions previously voted.

Health and Temperance

Hadley, G Gordon

Far Eastern Division,  
Sept 5-13, 1989 to consult with  
officials in Hong Kong and  
China on the possibility of  
Loma Linda University  
cooperating in the operation of  
a hospital in China.

Whiting, Albert S

South Pacific Division, Feb 11-  
March 11, 1990 to attend the

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Third Pan-Pacific Medical and  
Dental Conference in Sydney and  
to visit health-care  
institutions and personnel in  
Papua New Guinea, Solomon  
Islands, and New Zealand.

Ministerial Association

Spangler, J Robert

South Pacific Division,  
Dec 29, 1989-Feb 3, 1990 to  
speak at camp meetings.

2. SPECIALS

ADRA

Kankam, Edward  
(Consultant)

Inter-American Division,  
Sept 25-Dec 18, 1989 to write a  
draft of the annual progress  
report for the project in  
Haiti. Travel expenses will be  
paid from the Enhancement Grant  
Fund.

3. ADJUSTMENTS

Church Ministries

Smith, Paul G

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,  
Oct 15-Nov 22, 1989 instead of  
Apr 27-May 31, 1989 as voted.

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SMITH, VIRGINIA L--COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

VOTED, To assign Virginia L Smith to the following General  
Conference committees replacing Helen Craig:

Sabbath School Lessons Reading--Junior (GCC-S)  
Sabbath School Materials Children Ages 0-9 (GCC-S), Chairman  
Sabbath School Program Helps Reading--Junior/Earliteen (GCC-S)

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INVESTMENTS AND SECURITIES COMMITTEE (GCC-S)--  
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

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

Add           Pee, Denise L

Delete        Budd, Sylvia M

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

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

O'Ffill, Rebecca (Home Study International)--Office Secretary,  
General Conference Church Ministries Department

SpProph/GCC to SY

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BOOK SUBSIDIES

VOTED, To grant the following request for subsidies for the printing of condensed editions of Spirit of Prophecy books:

SUBSIDY REQUESTS

Far Eastern Division

	<u>Language</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Copies</u>	<u>GC Subsidy</u>
<u>Indonesian Union</u>				
Child Guidance	Indonesian	569	3000	\$ 3,596.00
Conflict and Courage	Indonesian	370	3000	2,338.00
Counsels for the Church I	Indonesian	91	3000/2500	575.00
Counsels for the Church II	Indonesian	96	3000/2500	607.00
Counsels for the Church III	Indonesian	128	3000/2500	809.00
Counsels for the Church IV	Indonesian	107	3000	676.00
Education	Indonesian	309	3000	1,952.00
In Heavenly Places	Indonesian	372	5000	2,351.00
Life at Its Best	Indonesian	309	1000/7500	1,953.00
Messages to Young People	Indonesian	466	10,000	2,945.00
My Life Today	Indonesian	369	5000	2,332.00
Our High Calling	Indonesian	371	5000	2,345.00
Patriarchs and Prophets I	Indonesian	446	110,000	2,819.00

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Patriarchs and Prophets II	Indonesian	380	110,000	2,401.00
Temperance	Indonesian	258	110,000	1,630.00
The Faith I Live By	Indonesian	371	110,000	2,345.00
The Impending Conflict	Indonesian	136	110,000	<u>860.00</u>
			TOTAL	\$32,534.00

NOTE: The above books have already been printed but no General Conference subsidy was requested previously.

North American Division

North Pacific Union

Alaska Conference

Steps to Christ	Yupik (Eskimo)	83	7,000	\$ 1,328.00
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Adjourned

C B Rock, Chairman  
Leo Ranzolin, Secretary  
Betty Pierson, Recording Secretary

*W. Casper, Esq.*