

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 2, 1991, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

C B Rock (Ch), M T Battle (Sec), M J Allen, Karl H Bahr, Harold W Baptiste, R E Barron, B B Beach, M A Bediako, W Floyd Bresee, Shirley Burton, S Peter Campbell, W T Clark, Larry R Colburn, D E Crane, G H Crumley, Eric C Fehlberg, Karen Flowers, D F Gilbert, R R Hegstad, David C Jarnes, Murray E Joiner, Israel Leito, A C McClure, W L Murrill, Rose M Otis, Gary B Patterson, Stoy E Proctor, Humberto M Rasi, D E Robinson, Gary M Ross, Walter Scragg, Calvin Smith, R S Smith, Virginia Smith, Elizabeth A Sterndale, F G Thomas, G Ralph Thompson, O A Troy, J C Viera, K H Wood.

Prayer was offered by C B Rock.

## DEVOTIONAL

The story of Cushie and Ahimaaz as recorded in 2 Samuel 18 and 19 points out important recommendations and qualifications for service. Joab sent both Ahimaaz and Cushie to take a message to David. When Cushie was commissioned to carry the message of Absalom's defeat and death to the king, Ahimaaz begged to take the message. Joab, however, turned to Cushie and said, "Go, tell the king what thou hast seen." And Cushie bowed himself to Joab and ran. When Ahimaaz again begged to take the message, Joab gave his permission. Ahimaaz started out second but overtook Cushie and reached the king first. However, when David asked him what happened, he replied, "I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was." He had no message.

Cushie had the needed qualifications.

1. Availability - He was there.
2. Willingness - He did not volunteer but carried the message.
3. Humility - He did not have to be number one but went when he was asked.
4. Persistence - Even though Ahimaaz reached the king first, Cushie finished his course and bore his message.
5. Honesty - He told the king what the king did not want to hear.
6. Tact - He did not go into all the details but tactfully told David that his son was dead.

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7. Witness - He witnessed what had happened so he could give an accurate account.

We must never forget Christ's first coming where He paid a debt that He did not owe because we owed a debt that we could not pay. If witnessing for Christ is our magnificent obsession, it will shine through in our service and God's name will be exalted through us to others.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer was requested for Carlos Aeschlimann who is recovering at home but still needs our prayers. Prayer was also requested for the eleven field schools of evangelism which will be held in the USSR Division and will begin soon. Murray E Joiner offered prayer.

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MINUTES of the meeting held April 25, 1991 were approved.

SEC/GCC to GRT

#### ANNUAL COUNCIL, 1991—INVITATIONS

In view of the important discussions that will take place in Perth regarding the final recommendations of the Commission on the Church in South Africa and the need for adequate representation of the interested parties, it was

VOTED, To invite the following individuals to attend the 1991 Annual Council in Perth:

The Secretaries and Treasurers of the South African Union  
Conference and Southern Union Mission  
W Duncan Eva, member of the Commission on the Church in  
South Africa and Chairman of the Transition Team.

GCO/GCC to HWB

#### INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM—AUTHORIZED MEETING APPROVAL

VOTED, To include in the list of authorized meetings the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from September 1 to 5, 1991.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Clark, Richard Eugene (Olsburg, KS)—Chemistry Teacher, Mountain View Col, Philippines (FED)  
Edwards, Dean Mitchal (Kentucky-Tennessee Conf)—Mathematics, Science, & Computer Teacher, Maxwell Adv Academy, Kenya (EAD)  
Uhrig, Robert Lee Jr (Iowa-Missouri Conf)—Principal, Palau Mission Academy, Caroline Islands (FED)  
Yorke, Gosnell L O R (Atlantic Union Col)—Theology Teacher & Head of Dept of Religion & Biblical Studies, Un of Eastern Africa, Kenya (EAD)

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Ferry, Raymond Keith (SPD)—Request of FED as Maintenance Worker, Mae Sot School, Thailand, AVS basis, 1 mo  
Gates, Jeffrey Ralph (NAD) (Thuet, France)—Call of AID as Public Health Teacher, Adv U of C Africa, Rwanda  
Kotanko, Paul Anthony (SPD)—Request of FED as Accountant, Marshall Islands Mission Academy, AVS basis, 2 yrs  
Mustard, Andrew G (NAD)—Extend service as Lecturer in Theology, Newbold Col, England (TED) 2 yrs to Sep 93  
Physician/OB-GYN (FED)—Call of EAD for Malamulo Hosp, Malawi

Releases

Crabtree, Barry L (SPD) from request as Pastor, Balestier Road Church, Singapore Mission (FED) Assignment changed to AVS

Permanent Returns

Brown, Danny A, Construction Supervisor, Adv International Institute of Advanced Studies, Philippines (FED) to NAD, Assignment Completed, eff May 91  
Edney, Carl Steven, Dentist, Guam SDA Clinic (FED) to NAD, Education, eff Apr 91  
Ladlow, John Brian, Nurse, Kendu Adv Hosp, Kenya (EAD) to SPD, Personal, eff Apr 91  
van der Lingen, Adriaan Marinus, Theology Teacher, Adv U of C Africa, Rwanda (AID) to TED, Education, eff May 91  
Yoshioka, Pamela Tatsue (dtr, D T Yoshioka, Far Eastern Academy, Singapore) (FED) to NAD, Education, eff Jun 91

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CAA/GCC to GHC-RetirePlan

NELSON, OREN LEE--RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To grant North American Division Retirement Plan benefits to Oren Lee Nelson following 37.64 years of service, effective May 1, 1991.

TRE/GCC to DER

APPROPRIATION FOR USSR DIVISION PUBLISHING HOUSE

VOTED, To approve an advance of \$600,000 from 1992 Special Appropriations for the USSR Division publishing house.

ADCOM/GCC to MAB

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

Adventist World Radio

Grisier, Daniel  
(AWR-Africa)

Trans-European Division,  
June 17-July 26, 1991 to attend  
the Radio Producer's Course to  
be held at Newbold College.

Biblical Research Institute

Reid, George W

South American Division,  
May 20-June 5, 1991 to evaluate  
the South American Theological  
Seminary (SALT) and its  
graduate programs on the three  
campuses in Peru, Argentina,  
and Brazil.

Church Ministries

Allen, Malcolm J  
Stevenson, Michael H

Trans-European Division and  
Euro-Africa Division, May 5-11,  
1991 for a consultation  
regarding the International  
Evangelistic Workshop to be  
held in Europe in 1992.

Leito, Israel

South American Division and Inter-American Division, May 9-22, 1991 to conduct a week of prayer at River Plate College in Argentina and to prepare for an evangelistic campaign to be held in Curacao in November 1991.

Education

Ganson, Reo

South American Division, May 20-June 5, 1991 to evaluate new graduate-degree programs and to conduct college accreditation visits on behalf of the International Board of Education and the Board of Regents.

Segovia, Agripino C

Eastern Africa Division, June 27-July 27, 1991 to assist the EAD Board of Regents in evaluating Lakeview Seminary and Malamulo College.

Ministerial

Zachary, James H

USSR Division, July 22-Aug 22, 1991 to participate in the division evangelism program.

Presidential

Folkenberg, Robert S

USSR Division, Aug 11-20, 1991 to visit churches and institutions.

Reynolds, Donald G

Euro-Africa Division and USSR Division, May 9-June 10, 1991 to participate in the International Health Food Association Convention in Germany and to conduct Christian Leadership Seminars.

Wilcox, Richard N

USSR Division, June 12-30, 1991 to meet with the division committee regarding the construction of the publishing house.

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2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Euro-Africa Division

Vogel, Winfried

USSR Division, July 29-Aug 29, 1991 to participate in the division evangelism program.

North American Division

Andreasen, Niels-Erik  
(Walla Walla College)

South American Division, May 20-June 4, 1991 to evaluate the South American Theological Seminary (SALT) and its graduate programs on the three campuses in Peru, Argentina, and Brazil. Travel will be paid by Walla Walla College and the General Conference Board of Regents.

Duerkson, Richard E  
(Pacific Union College)

South Pacific Division, June 11-21, 1991 to participate in an evangelistic campaign in the Greater Sydney Conference. Travel will be paid by the South Pacific Division.

Emori, Hiroshi W  
(Oregon Conference)

USSR Division, May 27-June 12, 1991 to participate in a field school of evangelism.

Gienger, Edmund  
Jacobsen, Donald G  
(Oregon Conference)

USSR Division, May 27-July 3, 1991 to participate in a field school of evangelism.

Howell, Reynold  
(Central Calif Conf)

Trans-European Division, May 18-June 22, 1991 to participate in the Brixton evangelistic campaign. Travel will be paid by the Trans-European Division.

Jones, William C  
Mejia, Onesimo  
(Southwestern Union)

Inter-American Division, July 22-Aug 2, 1991 to examine various ADRA projects in the division.

Lister, Robert  
(SW Region Conf)

Inter-American Division,  
July 22-Aug 2, 1991 to examine  
various ADRA projects in the  
division.

Miller, Cyril H  
(Southwestern Union)

USSR Division, May 27-June 22,  
1991 to participate in a field  
school of evangelism; Inter-  
American Division, July 22-  
Aug 4, 1991 to examine various  
ADRA projects in the division.

Orduno, Ralph  
(Texico Conf)

Inter-American Division,  
July 22-Aug 2, 1991 to examine  
various ADRA projects in the  
division.

Palmer, Leighton  
(Allegheny West Conf)

Inter-American Division,  
June 28-30, 1991 to be a guest  
speaker at the graduation  
service of the Harrison  
Memorial High School. Travel  
will be paid by the Inter-  
American Division.

Pritchett, Clayton R  
(Southwestern Union)

Inter-American Division,  
July 22-Aug 2, 1991 to examine  
various ADRA projects in the  
division.

Rider, Robert D  
(Oklahoma Conf)

Inter-American Division,  
July 22-Aug 2, 1991 to examine  
various ADRA projects in the  
division.

Rodriguez, Angel M  
(SW Adventist College)

South American Division,  
May 20-June 4, 1991 to evaluate  
the South American Theological  
Seminary (SALT) and its  
graduate programs on the three  
campuses in Peru, Argentina,  
and Brazil.

Trevino, Max A  
(Southwestern Union)

USSR Division, July 1-31, 1991  
to participate in a field  
school of evangelism.

Zackerson, James  
(S California Conf)

Trans-European Division,  
May 5-22, 1991 to participate

in the Quinquennial Council in the Netherlands. Travel will be paid by the Trans-European Division.

3. SPECIALS

Bokovoy, Alexis Peter  
(Layperson)

USSR Division, May 27-June 27, 1991 to participate in a field school of evangelism. Travel will be at personal expense.

Chon, Ben  
(Layperson)

USSR Division, May 1-9, 1991, to participate in a field school of evangelism. Travel will be paid from the USSR Evangelism Fund.

Gilly, James  
(Layperson)

USSR Division, July 1-31, 1991 to participate in a field school of evangelism. Travel will be at personal expense.

Gray, Donald  
(Retiree)

USSR Division, June 24-July 31, 1991 to participate in a field school of evangelism. Travel will be at personal expense.

Knowles, George E  
(Retiree)

USSR Division, June 3-July 11, 1991 to participate in a field school of evangelism. Travel will be paid from the USSR Evangelism Fund.

McFarland, J Wayne  
(Retiree)

Peoples Republic of China and USSR Division, May 14-July 11, 1991 to conduct smoking cessation programs and field schools of evangelism. Travel will be shared by the Eastern Asia Committee and J Wayne McFarland.

Peters, Warren R  
(Weimar Institute)

USSR Division, July 22-Aug 22, 1991 to participate in a field school of evangelism. Travel will be paid from the USSR Evangelism Fund.

Ramirez, Ted  
(Layperson)

Euro-Africa Division, July 12-14, 1991 to participate in a



meeting for SDA lawyers in Spain. Travel will be at personal expense.

Wylie, Ronald J  
(Layperson)

USSR Division, May 15-June 4, 1991 to participate in the Moscow Trade Exposition and to work with disabled children. Travel will be paid from the USSR Mission Projects General Expense.

Arakaki, Shigenobu  
(Retiree)

Far Eastern Division, July 27-Aug 1, 1991 to lecture for the All-Japan Teachers Institute in Gotemba, Tozanso, Japan. Travel will be paid by the Japan Union Conference.

4. CANCELLATIONS

Nelson, Dorothy

South Pacific Division,  
July 1-13, 1991.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

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

Zork, Stephen P (Walla Walla College)--Assistant  
Professor of Music, Andrews University

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

VIERA, JUAN CARLOS--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 October 24, 1991 to December 23, 1991.

Adjourned.

C B Rock, Chairman  
M T Battle, Secretary  
Fay Welter, Recording Secretary

*W. C. ...*

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 9, 1991, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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## REPORT

J Robert Spangler read the following formula for success, "It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time. God is the great Master Worker, and by His providence He prepares the way for His work to be accomplished. He provides opportunities, opens up lines of influence and channels of working. If His people are watching the indications of His providence, and stand ready to co-operate with Him, they will see a great work accomplished. Their efforts, rightly directed, will produce a hundredfold greater results than can be accomplished with the same means and facilities in another channel where God is not so manifestly working."--6T 24

If this statement were taken at face value and implemented, it would probably revolutionize the work of the Church. It defines right faith as doing the right thing at the right time.

Circumstances in the world today are not just happening by chance; Providence prepares the way and God is operating behind the scenes. Almost everyone was caught off guard when the Berlin Wall fell. What plans are we making to enter China when its walls fall, and they will fall! We must put our money and energies into the places that have opened and are ready.

Eleven field schools of evangelism, lasting a month or more, have been organized for the USSR Division during the coming summer. Meetings that run for several weeks in the same hall have never before been held in the Soviet Union. Morning classes will be held for ministers and administrators to teach them how to win souls. With only 37,000 members in this vast country, it is hoped these meetings will build a people base on which to greatly expand the Church's outreach.

While in the USSR recently, Spangler was overwhelmed by the number of people who attended his meetings even though there was very little advertising. The halls were jammed every night with standing room only.

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John Carter just returned from the USSR after holding meetings there, and over 1,000 people enrolled for the Bible Correspondence Course and 300 individuals are attending baptismal classes.

Spangler requested that each one pray for the success of these meetings.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

A group from ADRA will be going to Bangladesh next week to see what can be done for the people there. The German Government has donated 1.3 million marks for relief work. Prayer was requested for this project. Prayer was also requested for the people in Peru who are suffering from the cholera epidemic taking place there. Prayer was offered by Samuel Young and F Donald Yost.

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MINUTES of the meeting held May 2, 1991 were approved.

PRE/GCC to GRT

#### ANNUAL COUNCIL, 1991---INVITATION

VOTED, To invite Allen R Steele to attend the Annual Council in Perth. (The Adventist World Radio Board will be meeting in Perth in October at which time AWR will celebrate its Twentieth Anniversary.)

CA/GCC to SEC

#### COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

##### Appointments

Eisele, Edwin (Berrien Center, MI)---Director, Church Ministries-Trust Services, Sahel Un Mission, Togo (AID)  
Pierre, Max Jose (Northeastern Conf)---President, Gabon Mission, C African Un Mission (AID)

##### Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Agriculture-Adult Education Instructor (TED)---Request of AID for The Gambia, W African Un Mission, AVS basis, 2 yrs  
General Maintenance Supervisor-Adult Education Instructor (TED)---Request of AID for The Gambia, W African Un Mission, AVS-SIDA basis, 2 yrs

Nongrang, Eva (SUD)—Request of FED as Elementary Teacher, Truk SDA School, AVS basis, 2 yrs  
Project Construction Supervisor (TED)—Request of AID for ADRA-Burundi, AVS basis, 18 mos

Releases

Philipsen, Philip (TED) from call as Business Teacher, Adv U of C Africa, Rwanda (AID) Declined

ADCOM/GCC to MAB

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

ADRA

de Leon, W Hugo

Inter-American Division,  
May 7-13, 1991 to conduct an  
audit of the Central America  
Social Assistance (CASA)  
Nicaragua project.

Gainer, R I

Euro-Africa Division and Eastern  
Africa Division, May 12-29, 1991  
to assist the auditors and to  
attend the opening of the  
Rumanian orphanage.

Seidl, Haroldo J

Middle East Union, May 12-19,  
1991 to assess the Kurdish  
refugee program and the housing  
project.

Tetz, Raymond D

Far Eastern Division, May 23-  
June 10, 1991 to produce a video  
in Thailand, Vietnam, and  
Cambodia to be used by ADRA-FED  
and ADRA-International.

Watts, Ralph S Jr

Inter-American Division and  
South American Division,  
July 22-Aug 2, 1991 to evaluate  
various ADRA projects in the  
divisions.

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Auditing

Vail, Wayne R

Trans-European Division and  
Eastern Africa Division, May 12-  
June 14, 1991 to conduct audits.

Church Ministries

Leito, Israel  
Stevenson, Michael H

Middle East Union, Aug 6-12,  
1991 to participate in the MEU  
International Youth Congress in  
Cairo, Egypt.

Geoscience Research Institute

Clausen, Benjamin L  
Roth, Ariel A

USSR Division, Aug 22-Sept 1,  
1991 to participate in a  
symposium at the Academy of  
Natural Science and to lecture  
at the seminary in Zaokski.

Media Services

Brillhart, David

Far Eastern Division, May 23-  
June 10, 1991 to produce a video  
in Thailand, Vietnam, and  
Cambodia to be used by ADRA-  
International. Travel will be  
paid by ADRA Communications.

Presidential

Ranzolin, Leo

Far Eastern Division and Eastern  
Africa Division, Sept 1-15, 1991  
to attend the International  
Commission for the Prevention of  
Alcoholism in Kuala Lumpur,  
Malaysia and the All-Africa  
Religious Liberty Congress and  
Public Affairs and Religious  
Liberty World Advisory in  
Nairobi, Kenya.

2. NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION HEADQUARTERS STAFF

Church Ministries

Martell, J Lynn

USSR Division, June 28-July 21,  
1991 to conduct a field school  
of evangelism.

Communications

Troy, Owen A

Eastern Africa Division,  
May 26-June 12, 1991 to conduct  
a communications seminar and to  
speak at the Solusi College  
commencement.

3. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Andrews University

Habenicht, Donna

South American Division,  
May 20-June 5, 1991 to evaluate  
new graduate-degree programs and  
to conduct college accreditation  
visits on behalf of the  
International Board of Education  
and the Board of Regents. Travel  
will be shared by Andrews  
University and the International  
Board of Education.

Vyhmeister, Werner K

South American Division,  
May 20-June 5, 1991 to evaluate  
the South American Theological  
Seminary (SALT) and its graduate  
programs on the three campuses in  
Peru, Argentina, and Brazil.  
Travel will be shared by Andrews  
University and the GC Board of  
Regents.

Euro-Africa Division

Romain, Sylvain

Middle East Union, Aug 6-11,  
1991 to participate in the  
Middle East Union International  
Youth Congress in Cairo, Egypt.  
Travel will be at personal  
expense.

Far Eastern Division

Fujita, Kiyoshi

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,  
Jan 20-Feb 10, 1992 to inspect  
ADRA projects. Travel will be  
paid by ADRA-FED.

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Inter-American Division

Suescun, Leonardo

South American Division,  
May 20-June 5, 1991 to evaluate  
new graduate-degree programs and  
to conduct college accreditation  
visits on behalf of the  
International Board of Regents.

Middle East Union

Dunn, David

Middle East Union, May 7-  
June 24, 1991 to work with the  
ADRA relief team in Turkey and  
Iraq. Travel will be paid by  
ADRA-International.

North American Division

Finley, Mark  
(Michigan Conf)

USSR Division, May 20-July 4,  
1991 to conduct a field school  
of evangelism. Travel will be  
paid from the USSR Evangelism  
Fund.

Patterson, Clifford  
(Canadian Union Conf)

Eastern Africa Division and the  
Middle East Union, May 7-  
June 21, 1991 to assist with  
financial records in Uganda and  
to survey possible projects in  
Turkey, Jordan, and Egypt. All  
expenses will be paid by ADRA-  
Canada.

Torres, Saul  
(Atlantic Union College)

South American Division,  
May 20-June 5, 1991 to evaluate  
new graduate-degree programs and  
to conduct college accreditation  
visits on behalf of the  
International Board of Education  
and the Board of Regents. Travel  
will be shared by Atlantic Union  
College and the General  
Conference Board of Regents.

Weigley, David  
Weigley, Rebecca  
(Washington Conference)

USSR Division, May 16-June 18,  
1991 to participate in an  
evangelistic campaign.

Woodruff, William L  
(Arkansas-Louisiana Conf)

Inter-American Division,  
July 22-Aug 2, 1991 to observe  
various ADRA projects.

South Pacific Division

Truscott, W Peter

Eastern Africa Division,  
May 20-25, 1991 to conduct a  
project inspection. Travel will  
be paid by ADRA-SPD.

Wallace, John G

Far Eastern Division, May 1-10,  
1991 to conduct a workshop in  
Vietnam. Travel will be paid  
from the ADRA-Southeast Asia  
Union Mission Indo-China Project  
Fund.

4. SPECIALS

Kim, Tae H  
Bartholomew, Mardene  
(Student Laypersons)

USSR Division, May 16-June 18,  
1991 to participate in an  
evangelistic campaign. Travel  
will be paid by the Washington  
Conference.

Dysinger, Edwin  
(ADRA Consultant)

Middle East Union, May 1-31,  
1991 to write the Detailed  
Implementation Plan (DIP) for a  
health project. Travel will be  
paid by ADRA-International.

Eva, W Duncan  
(Retiree)

South Africa, May 26-Aug 26,  
1991 to chair the Transition  
Team and to give leadership and  
counsel to the two unions  
regarding implementation of the  
recommendations of the General  
Conference Commission on the  
Church in South Africa.

Kahn, Meheub  
(Layperson)

Trans-European Division,  
October-November 1991 to  
participate in an evangelistic  
campaign. Travel will be paid  
from the Eusey Fund.



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5. ADJUSTMENTS

Ford, Robert

Inter-American Division,  
May 19-27, 1991 instead of dates  
previously voted (Feb 17-24,  
1991).

Nixon, Robert W

Eastern Africa Division,  
Sept 8-18, 1991 instead of dates  
previously voted (Sept 8-14,  
1991).

TRE/ADCOM/GCC to FGT

FINANCIAL AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—  
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

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

Add Rick, Rowena R, Secretary

Robinson, D E

Delete Robinson, D E, Secretary

Murrill, W L

Wilson, Neal C

Adjourned.

C B Rock, Chairman  
Ted N C Wilson, Secretary  
Fay Welter, Recording Secretary

*W. Carson, Esq*

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## MEMBERS PRESENT

Leo Ranzolin (Ch), Ted N C Wilson (Sec), Roy Adams, R E Appenzeller, M A Bediako, Shirley Burton, S Peter Campbell, Larry R Colburn, G H Crumley, Charles J Griffin, B E Jacobs, W G Johnsson, Murray E Joiner, J Lynn Martell, Rose Otis, Rowena R Rick, Gary M Ross, Walter Scragg, Calvin Smith, Virginia Smith, John M Stephenson, Elizabeth A Sterndale, F G Thomas, O A Troy, M A Tyner, Mario Veloso, K H Wood, F Donald Yost.

Prayer was offered by Leo Ranzolin.

## DEVOTIONAL

Robert W Olson opened the devotional message by referring to George R Knight's article from the June 1991 Ministry entitled, "What is the Future of the Seventh-day Adventist Church?"

The editors of Ministry have asked us to read these articles and reflect where we are. The question is raised, "Do new movements of the spirit, whose fiery beginnings offer such promise, inevitably face a decline in legalism on the one hand, or permissiveness, on the other?"

Olson commented that only once did Ellen G White fear that God might have to raise up another movement. This was after the 1888 General Conference Session at Minneapolis.

"As reformers they had come out of the denominational churches, but they now act a part similar to that which the churches acted. We hoped that there would not be the necessity for another coming out. While we will endeavor to keep the 'unity of the Spirit' in the bonds of peace, we will not with pen or voice cease to protest against bigotry."—EGW 1888 356, 357.

But she never expressed that doubt again. After the 1901 General Conference she was very positive about the Seventh-day Adventist organization.

"We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization, for this would mean apostasy from the truth."—2SM 390

Olson went on to suggest that while organization will remain, the membership list will undergo a drastic revision under persecution.

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"The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out--the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place."--2SM 380

Olson concluded by saying that this Church will go through to the end. We must be sure our lives are firmly rooted in Christ and daily molded by the Holy Spirit so that when persecution comes and the Church's income drops drastically, we will not be shaken out but will remain with the faithful and triumph with all of God's people.

After this stirring message several members responded by concluding that each Seventh-day Adventist church member should never lose hope and faith in the Church and that God will see it through to success. This is God's Church and He expects us to be responsible individuals making decisions whether or not they are popular. We are living in the last days just before Christ's second coming. May the Lord keep us faithful.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Walter Scragg reported that the Japanese company which had previously been interested in purchasing the AWR-Asia property and relocating the station has now filed for bankruptcy. We should thank the Lord for protecting AWR from the problems that would have developed had the purchase been made.

Prayer was requested for the Christian Record Service board which will meet next week to select a new president, for the evangelistic field schools which are beginning this week throughout the USSR, and for James Harris who is recovering nicely from his recent bypass surgery.

The committee members separated into small groups of two for prayer.

#### INTRODUCTIONS

Shirley Burton introduced Richard Wagenleitner, Treasurer of The Quiet Hour, and Gregory Wallace, an investment counselor from Great American Securities at Redlands, California and Adventist lay advisor to The Quiet Hour.

#### REPORT

Leo Ranzolin reported on his visits to several institutions during the last month. He conducted a week of prayer at the Union Adventist

Educational Complex in Peru and was thrilled to see 1,500 young people attending classes there. He was able to see some of the ADRA projects including two of the largest food projects in Peru and Bolivia. He also visited the new Adventist university in Bolivia located in Cochabamba. He next went to the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra where he and 20 other ministers baptized 409 people as a result of the recent evangelistic meetings held by Carlos E Aeschlimann and his team. After returning to the United States Ranzolin attended the Christian Record Services rally at Cohutta Springs, Georgia. He then went to the Inter-American Division to Chair the Antillian Union Conference Survey Commission and the Colombian Union Mission Survey Commission.

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MINUTES of the meeting held May 9, 1991 were approved.

CA/GCC to SEC

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Church, Max Henry (Silver Spring, MD)—ADRA Director, SoE Africa Un, Malawi (EAD)  
Farrel, Andrew Joel (IAD Natl, Loma Linda, CA)—District Pastor, E Caribbean Conf (IAD) Natl Returning  
Kraft, Edwin Carl (Anchorage, AK)—Physician/Surgeon, Malamulo Hosp, Malawi (EAD)  
Lewis, Gerald Byron (Bozeman, MT)—Country Director, ADRA Sudan, Khartoum (MEU)  
Yen, Nathaniel Yung-Tse (C California Conf)—Reassign as President, So China Island Un Mission, Hong Kong from Associate Director, Church Growth Institute, FED, Taiwan (FED)

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Carrington, Michael (IAD Natl, TED)—Call of IAD as Teacher, Computer Science Dept, Caribbean Un Col, Trinidad, Natl Returning  
Jarpa, Jorge Daniel (SAD)—Request of EUD as Agriculturalist, ADRA-Mozambique, Contract Basis, AVS basis, 2 yrs  
Nicolescu, Anton Christian (TED)—Request of FED as Physician, Palau SDA Clinic, Caroline Islands, AVS basis, 3 mos  
Sicalo, Donaldo Jose (SAD)—Call of IAD as Physician/Surgeon, Valley of the Angels Hosp, Honduras

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Permanent Returns

Hsu, King-Yi Eugene, President, So China Island Un Mission, Hong Kong (FED) to NAD, Accepting General Conf call, eff Jun 91

SEC/GCC to GRT

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE--ELECTIVE MEMBER

VOTED, To elect the following overseas member of the General Conference Executive Committee as provided for in the General Conference Constitution, Article V, Section 1-b:

Africa-Indian Ocean Division      Jackson, Flavie, Layperson

TRE/GCC to DER

CITIBANK, NEW YORK--BANK SIGNATURES

VOTED, To authorize Citibank, New York, to recognize any one of the following signatures: Donald F Gilbert, Donald E Robinson, Bekele Heye, Gary De Boer, or Hailemelecot Zerai to sign or make any changes and order for the payment of money for account number 10804918 which is in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists - Eastern Africa Division. Prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

TRE/GCC to DER

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, NEW YORK--BANK SIGNATURE

VOTED, To authorize Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, to recognize any one of the following signatures: Donald F Gilbert, Donald E Robinson, Bekele Heye, Gary De Boer, or Hailemelecot Zerai to sign or make any changes and order for the payment of money for account number 949 1 035029 which is in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists - Eastern Africa Division. Prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

ADCOM/GCC to MAB

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

ADRA

Monsalve, Rudolfo

Inter-American Division,  
May 16-22, 1991 to assist with  
the Central America Social  
Assistance (CASA) Nicaragua  
project.

Ormsby, Gail

South American Division,  
May 21-June 6, 1991 to assist  
with a food handling and  
storage workshop in Bolivia.  
Travel will be paid from the  
Strengthening Grant.

Adventist World Radio

Dedio, Claudius  
(AWR-Europe)

North American Division,  
April 15-18, 1991 to visit  
Continental Transmitters Texas  
en route to AWR-Asia.

Sumicad, Ben O  
(AWR-Asia)

Euro-Africa Division, August  
1991 to assist the newly  
appointed Treasurer for AWR-  
Europe to set up accounting  
facilities.

Vence, Elvin  
(AWR-Asia)

North American Division,  
April 14-21, 1991 to attend the  
National Association of  
Broadcasters in Las Vegas,  
Nevada.

Auditing

Vail, Wayne R

Eastern Africa Division,  
July 14-Aug 10, 1991; Euro-  
Africa Division and Eastern  
Africa Division, Oct 13-Nov 15,  
1991 to conduct audits.

Church Ministries

Barron, Richard E

Trans-European Division and  
Euro-Africa Division, May 5-11,  
1991 for consultation regarding  
the International Evangelistic

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Workshop to be held in Europe in 1992. (He is replacing Malcolm J Allen who was voted previously.)

Joiner, Murray E

Far Eastern Division, July 11-29, 1991 to participate in a lay-witnessing training seminar.

Kangas, Janet L

USSR Division, June 9-30, 1991 to gather promotional material for the Mission special project offering and to visit offering promotion sites. Travel will be paid by the USSR Division.

Presidential

Ranzolin, Leo

South American Division, July 1991 to speak at a camp meeting while on furlough in the SAD.

2. SPECIALS

Reed, Carl  
(ADRA-Consultant)

South American Division, May 24-31, 1991 to assist with a food handling and storage workshop in Bolivia. Travel will be paid from the Strengthening Grant.

Velado, Sidney  
(ADRA-Consultant)

South American Division, May 23-June 1, 1991 to assist with a food handling and storage workshop in Bolivia. Travel will be paid from the Strengthening Grant.

3. CANCELLATION

Allen, Malcolm J

Trans-European Division and Euro-Africa Division, May 5-11, 1991.

ADCOM to FGT-GCC

GENERAL CALLS

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

Chiomenti, Peter J (Review and Herald Publishing Association)—Assistant for Records Management, Archives and Statistics, General Conference

Lawson, A Melville (Andrews University)—Academic Dean, Kettering College of Medical Arts, Kettering, Ohio

PER/GCC to GHC-RetirePlan

WILSON, NEAL C—RETIREMENT

RECOMMENDED, To grant North American Division Retirement Plan benefits to Neal C Wilson following 51.08 years of service, effective February 1, 1991.

GCC to TNCW

WILSON, NEAL C—APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express deep and grateful appreciation to Neal C Wilson, recent President of the General Conference, for his 51.08 years of unstinting and dedicated service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Wilson's parents were long-time missionaries to Africa, India, Australia, and Indonesia. During the family's stay in India, he completed his studies at Vincent Hill Junior College and began his denominational service as an accountant at the Southern Asia Division office in January 1940. In 1941 he became Assistant Cashier at the St Helena Sanitarium and pursued his bachelor's degree in theology at Pacific Union College. After graduating in 1942, he pastored in the Wyoming Mission and shortly thereafter became a mission appointee studying Arabic in anticipation of service in the Middle East. In 1944, during World War II, he and his wife Elinor E Neumann Wilson embarked for Egypt by a circuitous route through Africa to take up duties as a pastor/evangelist in the Egypt Field.

In 1945 he became Acting Chairman of that field and in 1946 President. In 1951 he was elected President of the Nile Union Mission serving in that capacity until his return to North America in 1958. After serving one year in the Central California Conference as the



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Religious Liberty and Public Relations Department Director, he became Religious Liberty Director for the Columbia Union Conference in 1960. In 1962 he was elected President of that union. At the 1966 General Conference Session he was elected as Vice President of the General Conference for North America.

At the 1978 Annual Council he was elected President of the General Conference to begin his official duties in January 1979 and served as the world leader of the Seventh-day Adventist Church until July 1990.

Various committee members expressed gratitude for Wilson's leadership and his influence in their personal lives. Wilson is appreciated for his strong spiritual emphasis, keen intellect, interpersonal skills, committee leadership, formidable memory, and immediate grasp of a situation or problem. His broad understanding of the world field and its needs, the use of his God-given speaking skills, and his open and fair approach to examining issues and problems have brought strength to the Church. He has given strong promotion to and shown great interest in evangelism by his leadership in The Thousand Days of Reaping, Harvest 90, and Global Mission as well as his personal example in holding evangelistic meetings. His unshakable belief in the authority of the Scriptures, the relevancy and authenticity of the Spirit of Prophecy, the need of the Holy Spirit, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a last-day, heaven-born movement has been a blessing to the Church as it nears Christ's soon second coming.

Wilson will continue to serve the Church in retirement since he has been asked to serve as the general administrative consultant in nurturing the USSR Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists working closely with the General Conference President and the President of the division to ensure the fullest possible support. He will also take special assignments as requested by the General Conference President. He continues to be a member of the General Conference Committee, as do all former General Conference Presidents. He will continue to serve on a variety of denominational boards including Adventist World Radio, Geoscience Research Institute, Home Study International, Loma Linda University, and as a life-long member of the Ellen G White Estate Board.

Adjourned.

Leo Ranzolin, Chairman  
Ted N C Wilson, Secretary  
Nancy Heller, Recording Secretary

*W. Carson Eng.*

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 23, 1991, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

M A Bediako (Ch), Ted N C Wilson (Sec), Roy Adams, Karl H Bahr, Rosa T Banks, Shirley Burton, S Peter Campbell, G Tom Carter, G H Crumley, John M Fowler, David C Jarnes, Warren L Johns, W G Johnsson, David E Johnston, Gary B Patterson, Rowena R Rick, Gary M Ross, Walter Scragg, R S Smith, Virginia Smith, John M Stephenson, G Ralph Thompson, M A Tyner, Mario Veloso, Alan W White, Myron K Widmer, F Donald Yost.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer was requested for government leaders and for our work in India and Ethiopia. There is a great deal of turmoil and anxiety in these countries due to the assassination of the former Prime Minister in India and the unsettled political situation in Ethiopia. The financial aspects of merging the two unions in South Africa are now being discussed, and finding a solution will not be easy. It is hoped that by the end of the year these two unions will be merged into one. Prayer was requested for God's will to be done there.

Prayer was offered by F Donald Yost, Virginia Smith, and W G Johnsson.

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MINUTES of the meeting held May 16, 1991 were approved.

## GLOBAL MISSION REPORT

A financial report covering funds donated for Global Mission was presented by Rowena R Rick.

CA/GCC to SEC

## COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Appointments

Almonte, Aldine C (FED) (San Bernardino, CA)—Physician/General Practice, Mwami Adv Hosp, Zambia (EAD)

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Burton, Michael Ray (Riverside, CA)—Matron, Ishaka Adv Hosp,  
Uganda (EAD)  
Mayne, Timothy Allen (Rocky Mountain Conf)—Pastor-Evangelist,  
Guam-Micronesia Mission (FED)  
Nave, Patrick Joseph (Berrien Springs, MI)—English Teacher, Japan  
Missionary Col (FED)

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Cooper, Peter (NAD) Director, Gambia Mission Station, AID—Call of  
FED as Health Evangelism Coordinator, Sri Lanka Un of  
Churches to transfer at furlough time  
Huzzey, Elizabeth (TED)—Request of EAC as English Teacher,  
Guangzhou Col of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Asia Pacific,  
AVS basis, 1 yr  
Olesen, Inger (TED)—Call of FED as Physical Therapist, Hongkong  
Adv Hosp  
Osorio, Abelardo T (FED)—Call of EAD as Physician/General  
Practice, Botswana Adv Medical Services, Gaborone, Botswana  
(EAD)  
Raboisson, Catherine (TED)—Request of EAC as English Teacher,  
Hubei Teachers' Col, Asia Pacific, AVS basis, 1 yr

Releases

Taylor, Gregory Edward from appt as Pastor-Evangelist, Guam-  
Micronesia Mission (FED) Declined

Permanent Returns

Affolter, Bryan Todd (son, G L Affolter, Far Eastern Academy,  
Singapore) (FED) to NAD, Education, eff Jun 91  
Bosdedore, Claude Robert, Translator, Abidjan Office (AID) to EUD,  
Family Considerations, eff Jun 91  
Brody, Meagan Gay (dtr, R W Brody, Bangkok Adv Hosp) (FED) to SPD,  
Education, eff Jul 91  
Burkath, Leon, Maintenance-Woodshop Director, Indian Ocean Un  
Mission (AID) to EUD, Retirement, eff Jul 91  
Chee, James, Physician/Family Practice, Tsuen Wan Adv Hosp, Hong  
Kong (FED) to SPD, Personal, eff May 91  
Colburn, Kenneth Lee, Physician/Family Practice, Adv Medical Ctr,  
Okinawa (FED) to NAD, Education, eff Jul 91  
Dulhanty, Joel Marcus (son, Paul Dulhanty, ADRA-Nepal) (SUD) to  
SPD, Education, eff Nov 91  
Galanth, Samuel, Director, Ivory Coast Secondary School, Bouake  
(AID) to IAD, Assignment Completed, eff Jun 92  
McFadden, Jeffery Arthur (son, D D McFadden, Youngberg Adv Hosp,  
Singapore) (FED) to NAD, Education, eff May 91  
Newbold, Scott Gregory, Physician/Surgeon, Guam SDA Clinic (FED)  
to NAD, Assignment Completed, eff Jun 91  
Newport, Kenneth George Charles, Theology Teacher, Hong Kong Adv  
Col (FED) to TED, Education, eff Jul 91

Norheim, Martin, Industrial Arts Teacher, Adv U of C Africa,  
Rwanda (AID) to NAD, Education, eff Jun 91  
Trussell, Bertram Edwin, Assistant Professor, Spicer Memorial Col,  
India (SUD) to NAD, Personal, eff Jul 91  
Urrejola, Ruben Arnoldo—Change eff date voted Dec 14 89 from  
Apr 91 to Mar 91  
Vyhmeister, Ronald Elmer, Business Teacher, Adv U of C Africa,  
Rwanda (AID) to NAD, Education, eff Jun 91

CA/GCC to TNCW

#### BURKARTH, LEON—APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express deep appreciation to Leon Burkarth for the 37 years of dedicated service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Burkarth has served for this entire period of time as a Maintenance Director in the Indian Ocean Union located in the Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

#### BUDGET AND COST CONTROL REPORT

The budget and cost control report for May was presented by Rowena R Rick. The report showed an encouraging improvement over the same period last year, and the personnel cutbacks made a few months ago are beginning to produce positive financial results.

TRE/GCC to DER

#### APPROPRIATION—FAR EASTERN DIVISION

VOTED, To appropriate the equivalent of US\$100,000 from nontithe and Sabbath School funds in Korea for the purchase in that country of tents and other equipment and supplies to be used for the disaster victims in Bangladesh.

ADCOM/GCC to MAB

#### INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

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1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

ADRA

Baber, Edward E  
David, Elwin B

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,  
May 26-June 9, 1991 to assist  
with ADRA accounting in Ghana.

Biblical Research Institute

Reid, George W

Far Eastern Division,  
Oct 17-Nov 15, 1991 to conduct  
seminars on creation en route  
home from Annual Council in  
Perth.

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Young, Samuel

Eastern Africa Division,  
Sept 8-14, 1991 to participate  
in the All-Africa Religious  
Liberty Congress and the PARL  
World Advisory in Nairobi.

Presidential

Rock, Calvin B

Eastern Africa Division,  
Dec 1-22, 1991 to conduct an  
evangelistic campaign in  
Zimbabwe.

Women's Ministries

Otis, Rose M

Far Eastern Division,  
Mar 9-Apr 11, 1992 to organize  
Women's Ministries programs in  
Japan, Korea, Thailand, the  
Philippines, and Indonesia.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Andrews University

Dederen, Raoul F

USSR Division, July 15-Aug 6,  
1991 to teach theology classes  
at the Zaoski Theological  
Seminary.

Loma Linda University

Koenig, Vernon H

Far Eastern Division,  
Oct 22-27, 1991 to conduct a  
Christian Leadership Seminar at  
Philippine Union College.  
Travel will be at personal  
expense.

North American Division

Colon, Jose A  
(Washington Conf)

USSR Division, June 3-July 17,  
1991 to conduct a field school  
of evangelism. Travel will be  
paid by the North Pacific  
Union.

Harris, Stanley  
(Pacific Union Conf)

Africa-Indian Ocean Division,  
September 1991 to conduct an  
evangelistic campaign in Lome,  
Togo (Sahel Union Mission).  
Travel will be at personal  
expense.

Jones, W C  
Lister, Robert  
Mejia, Onesimo  
Miller, Cyril  
Orduno, Ralph  
Pritchett, Clayton R  
Trevino, Max A  
(Southwestern Union Conf)

South American Division,  
July 31-Aug 11, 1991 to observe  
various ADRA projects in the  
division. Travel will be paid  
by the Southwestern Union.

Murdoch, Floyd  
(Chesapeake Conf)

Southern Asia Division,  
June 26-Aug 8, 1991 to teach  
classes and assist  
administration.

3. SPECIALS

Bradford, Charles E  
(Retiree)

Inter-American Division,  
Jan 24-Feb 1, 1992 to  
participate in a week of  
prayer at Caribbean Union  
College. Travel will be paid  
by the college.

Caesar, Lael  
(Layperson)

Inter-American Division,  
May 31-June 2, 1991 to be the  
guest speaker at the graduation

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	exercises for Caribbean Union College. Travel will be paid by the college.
Cleveland, Charles Dull, Wayne McNelius, Leland (Laypersons)	USSR Division, June 2-10, 1991 to evaluate property on which to start a small sanitarium and an agricultural program. Travel will be at personal expense.
Cowley, Al (Layperson)	Africa-Indian Ocean Division, and Eastern Africa Division, June 24-July 17, 1991 to conduct a financial evaluation of the vocational program at the Adventist University of Central Africa and to explore the possibility of beginning a vocational program at the University of Eastern Africa. Travel will be at personal expense.
Cureteu, Octavian (Layperson)	USSR Division, June 4-July 15, 1991 to assist with meetings and seminars. Travel will be paid from the USSR Evangelism Fund.
Guild, Daniel (Retiree)	USSR Division, Aug 26-Oct 4, 1991 to assist in the evangelism program. Travel will be paid from the USSR Evangelism Fund.
Folkenberg, Don (Layperson)	Africa-Indian Ocean Division, and Eastern Africa Division, June 24-July 17, 1991 to conduct a financial evaluation of the Adventist University of Central Africa and to explore the possibility of beginning a vocational program at the University of Eastern Africa. Travel will be from nondenominational sources.
Peters, Warren (Layperson)	Inter-American Division, May 30-June 2, 1991 to be a

guest speaker at the division  
retreat. Travel will be paid  
by the division.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

Adventist Review

Adams, Roy

Trans-European Division,  
July 8-23, 1991 instead of  
dates previously voted  
(July 5-15, 1991). (See GCC  
91-10, January 10, 1991.)

Trust Services

Carter, G Tom

Far Eastern Division,  
Aug 7-25, 1991 instead of  
dates previously voted  
(May 26-June 10, 1991). (See  
GCC 90-463, October 11, 1990.)

TREn/NADCOA/NADCOM/ADCOM/GCC to FGT

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS COMMITTEE  
(GCC-S)--MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Calendar of Special Days  
and Offerings Committee (GCC-S), as follows:

Add     Feldbush, Martin W     Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries

TREn/NADO/NADCOA/ADCOM/GCC to GHC

DENOMINATIONAL STATUS - KOREAN ADVENTIST PRESS

The Korean Adventist Press prints and distributes Korean periodicals and Spirit of Prophecy books for the Korean churches in the North American Division. The building and land used by the Korean Adventist Press are owned by the Southern California Conference. Sung H Oh, Undertreasurer of the Southern California Conference, is also Manager of the Korean Adventist Press which is considered to be a subsidiary of the Southern California Conference.

VOTED, To approve denominational status for the Korean Adventist Press, 4323 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90019, effective January 1, 1991. The Korean Adventist Press will be tax exempt as a subsidiary of the General Conference under 501(c)(3) of the



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United States Internal Revenue Code in harmony with the provisions of NAD C 47. This organization will participate in the Retirement Plan for North America as an Adventist Book Center.

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

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

Kerbs, John G (Loma Linda University)—President, Union  
College, Mid-America Union Conference

Adjourned.

M A Bediako, Chairman  
Ted N C Wilson, Secretary  
Fay Welter, Recording Secretary

*W. Carson, Eff*

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 30, 1991, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

M A Bediako (Ch), Ted N C Wilson (Sec), Karl H Bahr, M T Battle, B B Beach, G Tom Carter, W T Clark, Karen Flowers, R M Flowers, John M Fowler, E R Gane, B E Jacobs, Warren L Johns, David E Johnston, R J Kloosterhuis, W L Murrill, Leo Ranzolin, Elizabeth A Sterndale, Michael H Stevenson, F G Thomas, G Ralph Thompson, Alan W White, F Donald Yost, Samuel Young.

Prayer was offered by W T Clark.

## DEVOTIONAL

B B Beach presented the devotional message. Seventh-day Adventists are a Christ-centered, Spirit-filled people. We need Christ because He is our Savior, Redeemer, and Model. We need the Holy Spirit because we are not a perfect people.

Through the influence of the Holy Spirit we must reach out and grow and develop toward more perfect love, unity, and greater maturity. The Church is sometimes referred to as the House of God, the Body of Christ, or the Bride of Christ. If it were not for the Holy Spirit, however, the house would be shaky, the body would be sick, and the bride would be imperfect. The bride must be perfect so she will be worthy of the Bridegroom.

At a dinner a week ago for the retiring Archbishop of Canterbury, now Lord Robert Runcie, he used the term Paraclete when referring to Beach and the Adventist Church. The Paraclete is the person of the Godhead who comforts, who encourages, the one who gives counsel and stands by our side. We are to be the agents of the Paraclete and are to reflect the nature of the Holy Spirit.

The new Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, called for the church to give "continuous robust witness." He mentioned that the man who has impressed him most in his Christian experience and in bringing him to Christ is his brother Bob whose wife is a Finnish Seventh-day Adventist!

After the official ceremony at which time Carey assumed his duties as the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury, he interviewed small groups of individuals and asked what counsel they would give him. Beach counseled the Archbishop to use his influence on the majority churches in Eastern Europe not to abuse their power and to respect the rights of minority churches. He also requested that the Archbishop encourage the

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Church of England and others to use appropriate terminology when referring to other minority churches by avoiding such terms as sect.

Some years ago Robert Runcie stated that he viewed Beach as a bridge builder. Beach commented that it is easy to blow up the bridges around us and live in an isolated world of our own; but with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can be small but strong bridge builders reaching out to those not of our faith.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer was requested for the political situation in Ethiopia as well as our people and especially the expatriate workers there; for Judy Ham, the wife of the Chaplain at Hinsdale Hospital who is being treated for cancer; for Celia Cleveland, the wife of E E Cleveland who will have surgery one week from today; and for a bountiful harvest in Kumasi when William C Scales Jr finishes his evangelistic meetings in Africa. Prayer was offered by Tulio Haylock.

#### INTRODUCTION

G Ralph Thompson introduced A E Gibb, a former Undersecretary of the General Conference who is retired.

#### REPORTS

Leo Ranzolin reported that the new President of Christian Record Services, Incorporated is Clarence Hodges. This is the first time that a layperson has been elected to this position.

G Ralph Thompson reported that the newly elected President of the Review and Herald Publishing Association is Robert Kinney who has been serving as the interim president. Kinney has been with the Review and Herald for 33 years.

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MINUTES of the meeting held May 23, 1991 were approved.

CA/GCC to SEC

#### COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

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

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Dettori-Campus, Jean Pierre (EUD) Science Teacher, Nanga-Eboko Adv  
Secondary School, AID--Call of SPD as Principal-Teacher, Pic  
Vert High School, French Polynesia, to transfer after  
furlough  
Norlin, Dag (TED)--Call of EAD as Manager, Upper Nile Press,  
Uganda  
Praestlin, Bent (TED)--Call of EAD as Manager, Africa Herald  
Publishing House, Kenya

Permanent Returns

Koo, Jung Mo, District Pastor, S Sao Paulo Conf, Brazil (SAD) to  
FED, Personal, eff Jun 91  
Preston, Louis Randolph, Associate Church Ministries Director,  
Eastern Africa Division, Zimbabwe (EAD) to NAD, Family  
Considerations, eff Aug 91  
Stijnman, Andreas H M, Teacher, U of E Africa, Kenya (EAD) to  
TED, Assignment Completed, eff Jun 91

TRE/GCC to DER

EXCHANGE RATES

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments to fixed rates of  
exchange, effective June 1, 1991:

<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	290.00	0.003448
Eastern Africa Zimbabwe	ZWD	3.05	0.327869
Euro-Africa France	FFR	5.80	0.172414
North American Canada	C\$	1.15	0.869565
South Africa	R	2.80	0.357143
South American Brazil	BRZ	320.00	0.003125
South Pacific Australia	A\$	1.33	0.751880

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<u>Division/Union</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Local Currency Units Per US \$</u>	<u>US \$ Per Local Currency Units</u>
Southern Asia India	Rs	19.75	0.050633
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	R	25.00	0.040000

ADCOM/GCC to MAB

INTERDIVISION TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following interdivision travel:

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF

ADRA

Dysinger, P William

Inter-American Division,  
June 4-6, 1991 to assess the  
Central America Social  
Assistance (CASA) Nicaragua  
project.

Gustavsson, Lars

Inter-American Division,  
June 3-5, 1991 to assess the  
Central America Social  
Assistance (CASA) Nicaragua  
project.

Auditing

Dennis, David D

Trans-European Division,  
Oct 26-Nov 22, 1991 to conduct  
an evangelistic campaign in  
Yugoslavia. Travel will be  
shared by the Trans-European  
Division and Dennis.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS

Christian Record Services

Bretsch, Vernon L

Far Eastern Division,  
July 9-24, 1991 to establish  
work for the blind in the  
Philippines. Travel will be  
paid by the North Philippine  
Union Mission.

Loma Linda University Medical Center

Anderson, Ronald J

Far Eastern Division,  
Sept 14-20, 1991 to conduct a  
Health/Finance Administration  
Seminar and attend AHS/Asia  
Presidents' Council in Pusan,  
Korea. Travel will be paid by  
the Far Eastern Division.

Eastern Africa Division

Muganda, Baraka

Middle East Union, Aug 6-11,  
1991 to participate in the  
International Youth Congress in  
Cairo, Egypt. Travel will be  
paid by the Middle East Union.

3. ADJUSTMENTS

ADRA

Seidl, Haroldo J

Inter-American Division,  
June 2-6, 1991 instead of  
dates previously voted  
(April 29-May 3, 1991). (See  
GCC 91-164, April 25, 1991.)

ADCOM/GCC to FGT

GENERAL CALLS

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

Burgher, Mima (Pacific Union College)—Associate Professor  
of Nursing, Andrews University

Okuno, Roger W (Columbia Union Conf)—Warehouse Supervisor  
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SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BOOK SUBSIDIES

VOTED, To approve the following requests for subsidies for the printing of Spirit of Prophecy Books:

<u>Div</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Copies</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>
IAD	<u>Story of Redemption</u>	French	433	10,000	\$11,258
TED	<u>Mind, Character and Personality</u>	Polish	812	10,000	10,008

Adjourned.

M A Bediako, Chairman  
Ted N C Wilson, Secretary  
Fay Welter, Recording Secretary

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