

SPRING MEETING

Silver Spring, Maryland, April 7, 1993

Minutes of Spring Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 7, 1993, 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Malcolm J Allen, Ronald E Appenzeller, Karl H Bahr, Bryan W Ball, Rosa T Banks, Harold W Baptiste, Richard E Barron, Maurice T Battle, B B Beach, Matthew A Bediako, B Lyn Behrens, Violetto F Bocala, George W Brown, Shirley Burton, Harold E Butler, Eldon E Carman, G Tom Carter, Robert H Carter, M E Cherian, Pyung Duk Chun, Winston T Clark, Larry R Colburn, Donald E Crane, James A Cress, George H Crumley,

David D Dennis, D D Devnich, Martin W Feldbush, Charles Ferguson, Robert S Folkenberg, Philip S Follett, Denis Fortin, Desmond Francis, R I Gainer, Erwin R Gane, Donald F Gilbert, James Gilley, Randy J Gombwa, Malcolm D Gordon, Paul A Gordon, Charles J Griffin, Joseph E Gurubatham, Rudy H Henning, Clarence E Hodges, Eugene Hsu, Ray Hubbartt, Flavie T Jackson, Bob E Jacobs, Svein B Johansen, William G Johnsson,

Bruce Johnston, David E Johnston, Murray E Joiner, Gerald D Karst, Robert J Kloosterhuis, Ruth C Komarniski, Robert E Kyte, Israel Leito, W R Leshner, Robert Lloyd, Edwin Ludescher, J Lynn Martell, Alfred C McClure, Kenneth J Mittleider, Raymond Morris, Thomas J Mostert, Milton J Murray, Mishael S Muze, Thomas Neslund, James R Nix, Jacob J Nortey, Robert E Osborn, Rose M Otis, Ruth E Parish, Robert L Patterson,

Doug Paulsen, Jan Paulsen, Donald G Pursley, L D Raelly, Barbara Randall, Leo Ranzolin, Humberto M Rasi, George W Reid, Rowena R Rick, Donald E Robinson, Calvin B Rock, W Dean Rogers, Gary M Ross, C Sangchia, Walter Scragg, Calvin Smith, Richard O Stenbakken, John M Stephenson, Elizabeth Sterndale, Robert L Sweezey, David L Taylor, Donald H Thomas, Fred G Thomas, G Ralph Thompson, Athal H Tolhurst,

Joel O Tompkins, John P Trimarchi, Owen a Troy, Shirley Van Vliet, Mario Veloso, Juan Carlos Viera, Charles D Watson, Ralph S Watts Jr, Martin Weber, Albert S Whiting, Myron K Widmer, Richard N Wilcox, Ted N C Wilson, Ron M Wisbey, Joao Wolf, Kenneth H Wood, F Donald Yost, Samuel Young, F Martin Ytreberg.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
1994 BUDGET ESTIMATES**

UNALLOCATED NON-TITHE INCOME

	Actual 1991	Actual 1992	Actual 1992 % Relationship Actual 1991	Budget 1993	Budget 1994	Budget 1994 % Relationship 1992 Actual
S-61 RESTRICTED OFFERINGS						
2000-009 World Mission Fund - OS	1,611,743	1,746,066	8.3%	1,692,000	1,851,000	6.0%
3000-009 World Mission Fund - NA	1,822,918	1,828,951	0.3%	1,823,000	1,829,000	0.0%
Total	3,434,661	3,575,017	4.1%	3,515,000	3,680,000	2.9%
S-73 UNRESTRICTED OFFERINGS						
2000-001 World Mission Fund - OS	20,105,288	21,082,792	4.9%	22,210,000	22,137,000	5.0%
3000-001 World Mission Fund - NA	21,152,315	20,953,426	(0.9)%	21,365,000	20,900,000	0.0%
Total	41,257,603	42,036,218	1.9%	43,575,000	43,037,000	2.4%
S-74 Unrestricted Donations	1,459,365	817,967	(56.0)%	300,000	300,000	(366.8)%
S-76 Unrestricted Invest Earnings	5,691,264	3,146,111	(55.3)%	2,538,000	2,600,000	(17.4)%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME						
1450-001 Miscellaneous	25,694	4,735	(184.3)%	20,000	20,000	422.4%
1700-001 Royalties	152,806	227,326	48.8%	300,000	300,000	31.9%
Total	178,500	232,061	30.0%	320,000	320,000	37.9%
Total	\$52,021,393	\$49,807,374	(4.3)%	\$50,248,000	\$49,937,000	0.2%

NOTE: Major line items used for this budget projection.

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PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Ann Taylor

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Calvin B Rock, Vice President of the General Conference, presented the devotional message and used for his text Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age."

The believers were gathered together for their final meeting with Jesus and suddenly He appeared. What was His message? The burden of His heart then and now is that people need the Lord.

It is with this principle in mind that Jesus gave us the Great Commission. It contains four absolutes of service. First, "All authority has been given to me." This is the absolute of power. Jesus is really saying, "I have been successful and all the power of the Godhead is being given you." You can be assured that in your service you have friends in high places.

The second absolute of service is found in verse 19 where Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." That is the absolute of peoples. Rock's faith was severely tested last summer. For two or three years he had been discussing taking an evangelistic team to Leningrad in the former Soviet Union. He was very excited about going to this historic city. His plans were all laid when he discovered that another evangelistic team was already on its way. He was told it would be better if he took his team to another place. When asked where he would go, he replied that he would go anywhere that the Lord led. The brethren there asked if he was really willing to go anywhere. When he said yes, they sent him to Siberia! That was not exactly the place he had in mind. However, after the meetings were over and nearly one thousand souls had been baptized, among whom were former Communists and members of the Orthodox Church, he was happy he went.

The work of God will not be finished anywhere until it is finished everywhere. Our task is to be prepared to place ourselves in God's hands and, filled with His Spirit, do His bidding.

The third absolute is found in verse 20, "Teaching them to observe all things." This is the absolute of persuasion. It is more than teaching the commandments and the 27 doctrines of the Church. It is persuading men and women to accept Jesus as their Savior. When one has established a relationship with Him, then obedience to His commandments is possible.

Satan resists our every endeavor as vigorously as he can. All who have been engaged in evangelism have seen this. It was never more evident than when Rock was in Accra, Ghana. There was great agitation in the area where he planned to hold his evangelistic meetings, and large gatherings were viewed with suspicion. The team planned to pitch a large tent in a prominent part of the city. Just before the meetings were to begin, they were told they could not pitch their tent on the site they had chosen; it would have to be moved to a much less prominent part of the city. The advertising had already gone out on the airwaves, and hundreds of handbills had been distributed announcing the former site as the place of the meetings.

They decided to do the best they could with what they had. Rock preached the message including the Sabbath and the state of the dead. The next day he was visited by the local pastor who warned him that if he went into the pulpit that night, he would be arrested. One of the Adventist members who was a member of the security forces had been in prison for three days for defending the evangelistic team. Attendance had dropped dramatically. They tried to make contacts so they would be allowed to continue the meetings, with no success. On Thursday evening Rock went to the ticket agency to prepare to leave the country if necessary. While he was away, two men in uniform visited the place where he was staying and asked his wife where he had gone and when he would return. She answered their questions and wondered what would happen next. About a half hour later Rock returned. To his relief he learned that they both were Seventh-day Adventists and that they had been able to persuade the authorities to allow the meetings to continue. Approximately 400 individuals were baptized as a result. Never give up on Jesus!

The fourth absolute is "Lo, I am with you always."

TRE/ADCOM/93SM to KHB

135-93G GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION 1995—
ALLOWANCES

VOTED, To approve allowances as presented for those who attend the 1995 General Conference Session in Utrecht, The Netherlands. (A copy of the summary sheet is attached to the official copy of the minutes.)

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TRE/StratPl&Bud/93SM to DER

145-93G OPERATING EXPENSE CAP 1992 - REPORT

In fulfillment of the requirements of two 1991 Annual Council actions (see GCC 91-443) which confirmed and accepted the operating expense cap for the General Conference at 4.85 percent of gross North American Division tithe and world tithe received as recommended by the 1991 Spring Meeting, it was

VOTED, To record the Operating Expense Cap 1992 - Report as follows:

Operating Expense Cap for the General Conference 1992

Total Income Basis	\$449,593,580
Expense Cap at 4.85 Percent of Above	21,805,289
Net Expense for 1992	19,152,695
Expense as a Percentage of Cap	87.8%
Amount Under the Cap	2,652,594

StratPl&Bud/93SM to DER

147-93G OPERATING EXPENSE CAP—DIVISIONS

VOTED, To encourage world divisions to establish appropriate operating expense caps. Executive committees would approve the basis for these caps and monitor, through regularly required reports, the relationship of actual operating expenses to established expense caps. Similar operating expense caps are suggested for unions, conferences, fields, and institutions.

StratPl&Bud/93SM to DER

148-93G GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET PROJECTIONS - 1994

VOTED, To record the General Conference budget estimates for 1994. The following items are noted:

1. Financial summaries for tithe and nontithe are included as support material.

2. Base operating appropriations to divisions, attached unions, and General Conference institutions have been held static, or have suffered reductions since 1991. Modest increases are anticipated in 1994, hopefully averaging around 2 percent. Final recommendations will be made to the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee and will be influenced by actual operating results during 1993, and by the implementation of criteria to determine need in terms of appropriations.

3. Ingathering funds will again begin to flow through the 1994 budget. The 1993 budget contained a minimal amount of Ingathering funds due to the approved one-year moratorium on expenditures from Ingathering sources.

(See Attachments 1 and 2)

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149-93G HANGZHOU HOSPITAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION

VOTED, To approve an appropriation of \$75,000 from 1993 Ingathering funds for the Hangzhou Hospital Project. The financial support from the General Conference is summarized below:

DESCRIPTION	1992	1993	1994
Orient Reconstruction Fund	\$ 375,000		
General Conference Special Appropriations	300,000	\$ 300,000	
Global Mission		100,000	\$ 150,000
Ingathering		75,000	1,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 675,000	\$475,000	\$1,150,000

NOTES:

1. The total outlined above amounts to \$2,300,000.
2. Amounts for 1994 are subject to the budget process.

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3. A request is made for an evaluation process to be established which will determine the effectiveness of this project in terms of the mission of the Church. Substantial Church resources have gone into the development, planning, and management of the Hangzhou Hospital.

StratPl&Bud/93SM to DER

150-93G TITHE PERCENTAGE PROPOSAL—NORTH
AMERICAN DIVISION

VOTED, To approve, for purposes of budgeting and cash flow effective with the financial year January 1, 1994, that no base appropriations of tithe or nontithe funds be made by the General Conference to the North American Division.

In order to provide for the operating needs of the North American Division and its subsidiary organizations, specific tithe percentages will be retained by the Division. All percentages are to be applied to the current year's North American Division gross tithe. These are summarized as follows:

DESCRIPTION	1994	1995 & Onwards
To Cover Previous Tithe Appropriations	5.50 %	5.50 %
To Cover Previous Nontithe Appropriations	3.15 %	3.15 %
Special Tithe Reversion (1990 Annual Council)	.75 %	1.00 %
TOTAL	9.40 %	9.65 %

In effect, the North American Division would remit to the General Conference net tithe percentages as follows:

1. 1994 - 20 percent plus 1 percent (per *GC Working Policy*) less 9.40 percent = 11.60 percent net.

2. 1995 - 20 percent plus 1 percent (per *GC Working Policy*) less 9.65 percent = 11.35 percent net.

NOTE: Tithe exchange provisions to cover nontithe needs in the North American Division will be negotiated between the General Conference and the North American Division.

PHILANTHROPY REPORT

Milton J Murray reviewed what had been accomplished in Seventh-day Adventist institutions through philanthropy during the last 20 years. Higher education has benefited by \$211,000,000, the health system by \$158,000,000 and secondary schools by \$17,000,000. It is anticipated that by the year 2000, \$600,000,000 more will be donated for a total of almost \$1,000,000,000.

Elder Folkenberg then presented a check for \$3,000 to Edwin Ludescher for Bogenhofen Seminary and a check for \$4,000 to George Brown for Montemorelos University on behalf of Tom and Vi Zapara who have funded \$145,000 worth of challenges.

93SM to MTB

MURRAY, MILTON J—APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express to Milton J Murray the deep appreciation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for his outstanding leadership in developing an international philanthropic program, for inspiring hundreds of people to support Seventh-day Adventist institutions worldwide, and for bringing recognition to Seventh-day Adventists as leaders in the support of worthwhile causes.

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105-93Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 1993

RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 1993 with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity as follows:

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<u>April 1993</u>			
5,6	Mon	GC & Division Officers & Union Pres	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
7,8	Wed	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
13-18	Tue	AWR Management Seminar	Thousand Oaks CA
14	Wed	Review & Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
21	Wed	Andrews Univ Executive Committee	Ber Spgs MI
21	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
22	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
<u>May 1993</u>			
5-7	Wed	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Ber Spgs MI
13	Thu	Geoscience Institute Board	Loma Linda CA
14(am)	Fri	LLU Budget and Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
16(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
17,18	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
18(pm)	Tue	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
19	Wed	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
24,25	Mon	Eastern Asia Committee	HONG KONG
<u>June 1993</u>			
2	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
9	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
10	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
13-25	Sun	Faith and Learning Seminar	Lincoln NE
15	Tue	Adventist Media Center Executive Committee	Newbury Park CA
16-Jul 17	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Ber Spgs MI
18-24	Fri	Theology of Health and Healing Conference	Silver Spring MD
<u>July 1993</u>			
8-16	Thu	World Division Youth Directors' Consultation	Newbold Col ENG
13	Tue	General Conference Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
14	Wed	Eastern Asia Committee	Silver Spring MD
23	Fri	Andrews Univ Finance Committee	Ber Spgs MI
25	Sun	Andrews Univ Subcommittees	Ber Spgs MI
25(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Seminary Subcommittee	Ber Spgs MI
26	Mon	Andrews University Board	Ber Spgs MI
27-Aug 22	Tue	European Institute of World Mission	Collonges FRANCE
29	Thu	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>August 1993</u>			
4-11	Wed	Intl Health Food Assoc Board	KOREA
12-17	Thu	Biblical Research Institute Science Council	Glacier View CO
11	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Burlington VT
17-19	Wed	GCAS Directors' Meeting	Silver Spring MD
20	Fri	LLU Budget, Fin, & Aud Review Committee	Loma Linda CA
22(am)	Sun	LLU & GC Officers Meeting	Loma Linda CA
22(pm)	Sun	LLU Subcommittee	Loma Linda CA
23,24	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
25	Wed	Adventist Media Center Board	Newbury Park CA
26	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
30-Sep 5	Mon	Commission on World Church Organization	Gettysburg PA
<u>September 1993</u>			
7-17	Tue	General Conference Staff Travel Moratorium	
9	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
10	Fri	Board of Regents	Silver Spring MD
12,13	Sun	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
15	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
16	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
19-21	Sun	International Auditors' Seminar	Seoul KOREA
24-26	Fri	GC & Division Officers Interviews	Bangalore INDIA
27	Mon	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Bangalore INDIA
28,29	Tue	GC & Division Presidents	Bangalore INDIA
28,29	Tue	GC & Division Secretaries	Bangalore INDIA
28,29	Tue	GC & Division Treasurers	Bangalore INDIA
30	Thu	General Conference Commissions	Bangalore INDIA
<u>October 1993</u>			
1,3,4	Fri	GC & Division Officers & Union Pres	Bangalore INDIA
5(am)	Tue	ADRA Board	Bangalore INDIA
5	Tue	GC & Division Officers Interviews	Bangalore INDIA
5(pm)	Tue	Adventist World Radio Board	Bangalore INDIA
5(eve)-11	Tue	Annual Council	Bangalore INDIA
6(eve)	Wed	Home Study International Board	Bangalore INDIA
7(eve)	Thu	International Board of Education	Bangalore INDIA
12-16	Tue	Worldwide Editors' Council	Frankfurt GER
12,13	Tue	Asia/Pacific Lit Min Coord Bd	Bangalore INDIA
20-Nov 17	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Loma Linda CA
27(am)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>November 1993</u>			
5(am)	Fri	LLU Budget and Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
7(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
8,9	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
9(pm)	Tue	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
10	Wed	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
16-18	Tue	Christian View of Human Life Committee	Silver Spring MD
17	Wed	Andrews University Executive Committee	Ber Spgs MI
<u>December 1993</u>			
8	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
8	Wed	Adventist Media Center Executive Committee	Thousand Oaks CA
16	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA

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<u>January 1994</u>			
11	Tue	General Conference Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
13	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
26,27	Wed	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
<u>February 1994</u>			
7	Mon	Adventist Media Center Board	Newbury Park CA
9	Wed	Geoscience Board	Loma Linda CA
9 (eve),10	Wed	Eastern Asia Committee	Loma Linda CA
11	Fri	LLU Budget and Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
13	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
14,15	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
15-18	Tue	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA

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<u>February 1994</u> Contd			
17	Thu	Inst of World Mission Admin Council	Ber Spgs MI
17	Thu	Andrews Univ Audit Review Committee	Ber Spgs MI
18	Fri	Andrews Univ Building/Finance Committee	Ber Spgs MI
20(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Subcommittees	Ber Spgs MI
20(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Seminary Exec Committee	Ber Spgs MI
21	Mon	Andrews University Board	Ber Spgs MI
23	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
<u>March 1994</u>			
2	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
4-8	Fri	PPPA & R&H ABC Marketing Seminar	East Coast
7-12	Mon	GC Colloquium	Silver Spring MD
15-18	Tue	President's Leadership Conference	Cohutta Spgs GA
16-Apr 16	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Ber Spgs MI
20(pm)-24	Sun	Commission on World Church Organization	Cohutta Spgs GA
24	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
25-27	Fri	GC & Division Presidents	Cohutta Spgs GA
27-29	Sun	Christian View of Human Life Committee	Loma Linda CA
28	Mon	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
29,30	Tue	GC & Division Officers & Union Pres	Silver Spring MD
30, Apr 1	Wed	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 1994</u>			
7	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
13	Wed	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
19-22	Tue	Asia Pacific Health Care Council	Bangalore INDIA
20	Wed	Andrews Univ Executive Committee	Ber Spgs MI
21	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
<u>May 1994</u>			
3-5	Tue	Latin American Lit Min Coordinating Board	Sao Paulo BRAZIL
4-6	Wed	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Ber Spgs MI
13(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
15	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
16,17	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
29-June 2	Sun	IRLA World Congress	Caracas VENEZ

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<u>June 1994</u>			
1	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
14	Tue	Adventist Media Center Exec Committee	Newbury Park CA
15-July 16	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Ber Spgs MD
16	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
29	Wed	General Conference Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>July 1994</u>			
24	Sun	Andrews Univ Subcommittees	Ber Spgs MI
24(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Seminary Subcommittee	Ber Spgs MI
25	Mon	Andrews University Board	Ber Spgs MI
28	Thu	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
<u>August 1994</u>			
2-6	Tue	World Education Advisory	_____
2-6	Tue	Intl Youth Evangelism Workshop	_____
5-9	Fri	Biblical Research Inst Science Council	_____
10	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	_____
19	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
21(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committee	Loma Linda CA
22,23	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
24	Wed	Adventist Media Center Board	Newbury Park CA
25	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
<u>September 1994</u>			
19	Mon	RMS Personnel Workshop	_____
20-22	Tue	Risk Management Conference	_____
22(am)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
22,23	Thu	GC & Division Officers Interviews	Silver Spring MD
25	Sun	GC & Div Presidents, Secs, and Treas	Silver Spring MD
25,26	Sun	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
26,27	Mon	General Conference Commissions	Silver Spring MD
27	Tue	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
28	Wed	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
29-Oct 2	Thu	GC & Div Officers & Union Presidents	Silver Spring MD

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17,18	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
18,19	Tue	Asian LMCB	
19-Nov 19	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Loma Linda CA
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18,19	Wed	Eastern Asia Committee	Silver Spring MD
25,26	Wed	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL

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10	Fri	LLU Budget and Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
12(am)	Sun	LLU & GC Officers Committees	Loma Linda CA
12(pm)	Sun	LLU Planning Committee	Loma Linda CA
13,14	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
14 (pm)	Tue	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
14-17	Tue	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
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19	Wed	Andrews Univ Executive Committee	Ber Spgs MI
19	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
20	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
28	Fri	Eastern Asia Committee	Silver Spring MD

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<u>May 1995</u>			
3-5	Wed	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Ber Spgs MI
12(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
14	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
15-16	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
16(pm)	Tue	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
17	Wed	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
31	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>June 1995</u>			
13	Tue	Adventist Media Center Exec Committee	Newbury Park CA
14-July 13	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Ber Spgs MI
14	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
15	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
19-22	Mon	EGW-SDA Research Ctr Directors	Newbold Col ENG
25-29	Sun	World Ministerial Council	Utrecht HOLLAND
29-July 8	Thu	General Conference Session	Utrecht HOLLAND
<u>July 1995</u>			
18	Tue	General Conference Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
23(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Subcommittees	Ber Spgs MI
23(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Seminary Subcommittee	Ber Spgs MI
24	Mon	Andrews University Board	Ber Spgs MI
27	Thu	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
31	Mon	Eastern Asia Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>August 1995</u>			
4-8	Fri	Biblical Research Institute Science Council	
9	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	
18	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
20(am)	Sun	LLU & GC Officers Meeting	Loma Linda CA
20(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Subcommittee	Loma Linda CA
21,22	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
23	Wed	Adventist Media Center Board	Newbury Park CA
24	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID

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<u>September 1995</u>			
18	Mon	RMS Personnel Workshop	
19-21	Tue	Risk Management Conference	
20(am)	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
21 (am)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
21,22	Thu	GC & Division Officers Interviews	Silver Spring MD
24	Sun	GC & Division Presidents	Silver Spring MD
25,26	Mon	General Conference Commissions	Silver Spring MD
26	Tue	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
27	Wed	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
28-29	Thu	GC & Division Officers & Union Presidents	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 1995</u>			
2(am)	Mon	ADRA Board	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	
3	Tue	Eastern Asia Committee	Silver Spring MD
3	Tue	GC & Division Officers Interviews	Silver Spring MD
3(eve)-10	Tue	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
4(eve)	Wed	Home Study International Board	Silver Spring MD
13(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
15	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
16,17	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
17(pm)	Tue	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
18	Wed	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
18	Wed	Christian View of Human Life Committee	Silver Spring MD
18-Nov 18	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Loma Linda CA
<u>November 1995</u>			
15	Wed	Andrews Univ Executive Committee	Ber Spgs MI
<u>December 1995</u>			
6	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
13	Wed	Adventist Media Center Executive Committee	Thousand Oaks CA
13	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
14	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA

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TRE/ADCOM/GCDOUP93SM/93SM to REO-93AC

138-93G SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES (World Division Investments) -
POLICY AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC S 45, World Division Investments, section S 45 15, Specific Directives, paragraph 1, Investment Vehicle, effective March 9, 1993 pending final approval by the 1993 Annual Council, to read as follows:

1. Investment ~~Vehicle~~ Vehicles—The unitized funds operated by the General Conference will be used as the investment vehicles for long-term investments made by divisions outside their territories, the proportion in each fund to be specified by the division concerned. Obligations of the United States Government (Treasury and Federal Agency issues) may also be used for long-term investments as arranged through the General Conference. Short-term investments in items included in S 40 40 will be made through the General Conference if such investments are made outside the division territory.

CM/GCDOUP93AC/93SM to MAB

151-93G WORLD DIVISION YOUTH DIRECTORS'
CONSULTATION

VOTED, To authorize a World Division Youth Directors' Consultation to be held at Newbold College in England, July 8 to 16, 1993. This is with the understanding that the General Conference Department of Church Ministries will subsidize all air travel expenses incurred by world youth directors beyond US\$500 each.

PRE/OWM/ADCOM/GCDOUP93SM/93SM to RSF&RMO

137-93G YEAR OF THE ADVENTIST WOMAN, 1995—PROPOSAL

Rose M Otis presented a proposal to designate 1995 as the Year of the Adventist Woman. The purpose is to place special emphasis on the contribution women have made to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, to enable women to more fully recognize their value in God's sight, to assist women in identifying their spiritual gifts, and to prepare Seventh-day Adventist women to be more effective in all spheres of church life. It was

VOTED, To approve the proposal of the Office of Women's Ministries to designate 1995 as The Year of the Adventist Woman as follows:

1. To request the General Conference Office of Women's Ministries to cooperate with division Women's Ministries directors to provide appropriate and culturally sensitive programs to unleash the untapped potential of Seventh-day Adventist women around the world.

2. To take church members on a symbolic journey around the world, stopping in each division to focus on women's involvement in the early beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as well as current exploits for Christ throughout the Year of the Adventist Woman.

3. To have three major emphases on the Year of the Adventist Woman as follows:

a. Spiritual Emphasis—The General Conference Office of Women's Ministries will

1) Endeavor to sponsor a Global Mission project in each of the eleven divisions and the attached unions of the World Church during 1995.

2) Be active in reclaiming members through programs such as Prayer and Love Saves (PALS), a small group ministry for parents that encourages rebuilding or strengthening relationships with children whose spiritual experience is languishing. Also, to encourage women to adopt other inactive members and prayerfully begin to rebuild bridges between these persons and their God.

3) Encourage mature Christian women to mentor young Adventist women or newly baptized members.

4) Encourage local churches, conferences, and unions to sponsor spiritual retreats for women.

5) Publish a 1995 women's devotional book in which women from around the world share soul-winning experiences using the theme, *Discovering Jesus*.

6) Sponsor seminars that train women who work outside of the home how to be comfortable with sharing their faith on the job.

7) Develop resource materials for small group ministries that focus on reaching nonbelievers.

8) Work with editors of the mission quarterlies to feature mission experiences involving women in mission service.

9) Work with editors of the Sabbath School Quarterlies to affirm women in the Sabbath School lessons.

10) Cooperate with the Review and Herald Publishing Association to develop a series of tracts targeting women's needs, and encourage women to become involved in tract ministry.

b. Social Emphasis—The General Conference Office of Women's Ministries will

1) Develop a logo commemorating the Year of the Adventist Woman.

2) Work closely with the producers of OnLine Edition to focus on appropriate events and achievements by women during the Year of the Adventist Woman.

3) Work with the editors of the *Adventist Review* to produce a special edition focusing on Seventh-day Adventist women.

4) Provide newsworthy information relative to the Year of the Adventist Woman to the Communication directors of the General Conference and world divisions, and Women's Ministries directors.

5) Provide materials for the display cases in the General Conference atrium that focus on historical events and current achievements involving Seventh-day Adventist women.

6) Display portraits of women who have carried, or who presently carry, significant roles in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The display will begin with early pioneers and include contemporary women. This can be displayed on the wall opposite the General Conference Office of Women's Ministries.

7) Develop a booth to be used at the 1995 General Conference Session as well as other meetings or places such as the ASI convention, college and university campuses, the Retirees Convention, camp meetings, etc, commemorating 1995 as the Year of the Adventist Woman.

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8) Publish statistics relating to church growth through baptism, recommitments, etc, that result from Women's Ministries sponsored programs.

9) Work with Studio Services to develop two 30-minute videos to inspire and instruct women in how to begin and nurture Women's Ministries programs.

10) Continue to publish *Women's Focus*, the General Conference Office of Women's Ministries quarterly newsletter, with special emphasis on the Year of the Adventist Woman.

11) Sponsor a banquet for women from all divisions who attend the 1995 General Conference Session in Utrecht. Church leaders will be invited to address the attendees as well as pay tribute to a select number of women who are rendering outstanding service to the Church. Also, the 1995-96 General Conference Women's Ministries Scholarships will be awarded at this time.

12) Produce a regular radio program for Adventist World Radio that will feature interviews and personal experiences of women of God.

c. Intellectual Emphasis—The General Conference Office of Women's Ministries will

1) Emphasize leadership training for leaders of Women's Ministries around the world.

2) Cooperate with Shepherdess International to encourage local churches to train women in how to conduct Bible studies.

3) Provide training seminars in each of the world divisions for laywomen who are interested in becoming involved in nurturing and caring ministries/or outreach evangelism programs.

4) Provide resource materials on subjects such as understanding how your church works, how to serve effectively on church committees, etc.

5) Encourage female authors and Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses to publish books that minister to and equip Seventh-day Adventist women for service. This includes assigning topics to popular writers for manuscripts to be ready for publication in 1995.

6) Educate leaders of church entities and institutions regarding policies involving female employees.

7) Encourage and promote the involvement of women in all possible levels of church administration.

8) Endeavor to make women around the world aware of educational opportunities offered through Griggs University.

9) Explore possible opportunities for Bible workers to find employment in the Church.

10) Contribute to the education of young women by providing scholarships to as many as possible through the General Conference Women's Ministries Scholarship Fund.

11) Offer seminars for Women's Ministries leaders during the 1995 General Conference Pre-Session Ministerial Meetings in cooperation with Shepherdess International.

12) Provide a monthly, one-page, news/fact sheet to church leaders who travel at the General Conference and division levels. This will enable them to be informed, positive voices for Women's Ministries programs.

13) Work with Mission Spotlight to inform local church members of successful Women's Ministries programs/projects around the world.

IAD/SEC/ADCOM/Survey/GCDOUP93SM/93SM to MV-95GCS

155-93G CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION MISSION—
CONFERENCE STATUS

The ad hoc committee, Central American Union Survey Commission, submitted the report of its on-site survey made on March 15 and 16, 1993. It was

RECOMMENDED, To approve the request of the Central American Union Mission and the Inter-American Division for the Central American Union Mission to assume union conference status and to authorize it to function as such until it is received into the world sisterhood of unions at the time of the 1995 General Conference Session subject to the following conditions:

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1. This action will become effective the summer of 1994.
2. The Central American Union Mission is to reach a level of at least 95 percent self-supporting financial capacity.
3. The Belize Mission, Honduras Mission, Guatemala Mission, and Bay Islands Mission are to reach a working capital of at least 75 percent.
4. The Valley of the Angels Hospital in Honduras is to reach a working capital of at least 75 percent.

ESD/GCDOUP93SM/93SM to RSF-GCDOUP93AC+93AC

152-93G BALTIC UNION COMMISSION—APPOINTMENT

VOTED, 1. To appoint the following Baltic Union Commission to study the request of the Baltic Union that its attachment to the Euro-Asia Division be terminated and that it become a part of the territory of the Trans-European Division:

MEMBERS:

MITTLEIDER, KENNETH J, Chairman
Battle, Maurice T, Secretary
Robinson, Donald E, Treasurer

Barham, Graham M
Drachenberg, R R/Chief Financial Officer
Krushenitsky, V P
Paulsen, Jan
Velooso, Mario

2. To request the Baltic Union Commission to prepare a recommendation to present to the 1993 Annual Council.

PRE/GCDOUP93SM/93SM to PSF

154-93G CENTER FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

VOTED, To approve the establishment of a Center for Global Leadership under the direction of Philip S Follett as follows:

Center For Global Leadership

Proposal

The Center for Global Leadership, an international organization, will link highly motivated church leaders who are eager to hone their professional leadership skills, to absorb the freshest ideas in this discipline, and to multiply their skills.

Purpose

The Center will provide opportunities for professionals to sharpen their skills by learning, sharing, networking, and teaching. It will serve as a structure for innovative, systematic worldwide leadership development. Through the Center, leadership training around the world will be multiplied by equipping leaders to teach. The Center also makes available a system of rewards—recognition, teaching opportunities, and top-flight learning experiences—for high achievers.

Participants

All church leaders and persons aspiring to leadership may apply for participation. Successful completion of a leadership training seminar qualifies one as a Member. By demonstrating advanced leadership abilities through practical accomplishments and teaching other leaders, Members may step up to Associate and Fellow (Mentor) levels.

Benefits

Participants profit by increased effectiveness and fulfillment in Christian leadership. The Church is advantaged by developing a growing network of dynamic leaders.

Cost

There will be no membership fees. Employing organizations will continue to sponsor leadership seminars. By using trained local leaders as instructors, costs will be contained.

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Foundations will be invited to fund an annual Global Leadership Conference where selected Fellows will exchange ideas and sharpen their skills in a stimulating learning environment, led by world-class trainers.

Board

A Board of Directors will be appointed by the General Conference Administrative Committee and will include training professionals as well as church officials and laypersons. The Board will determine criteria for membership and will approve major training strategies.

Summary

The Center for Global Leadership will provide a growing network of dynamic leaders around the world who, catching the spark of true leadership, will ignite the fire in others through quality learning, teaching, and achieving.

DISTRIBUTION OF *CALL TO MEDICAL EVANGELISM*

The book, *Call to Medical Evangelism*, is being distributed to division officers without charge. This was made possible because the Emerald Health and Education Corporation and the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries underwrote the cost. The Ellen G White Estate cooperated in permitting the book to be printed so it could be made available to Seventh-day Adventist world leaders.

YEAR OF YOUTH EVANGELISM - REPORT

Malcolm J Allen presented a thrilling report on youth evangelism. The youth are holding evangelistic meetings and Vacation Bible Schools in many countries around the world. In each division they have set large baptismal goals and are working hard to meet these goals. Pathfinder Clubs are being used very effectively as evangelistic tools in some divisions. Allen requested the prayers and support of the world leaders in this important work.

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156-93G NOMINATING COMMITTEE—SPRING MEETING 1993 -
APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint the Nominating Committee—Spring Meeting 1993 as follows:

NOMINATIONS

Robert S Folkenberg, Chairperson
G Ralph Thompson, Secretary

Members: Malcolm J Allen, Bryan Ball, Harold W Baptiste, Richard E Barron,
Maurice T Battle, Matthew A Bediako, George W Brown, Robert H Carter, M E Cherian,
P D Chun, Robert Coy, James A Cress, D Douglas Devnich, Philip S Follett, Dennis Fortin,
Donald F Gilbert, James Gilley, Malcolm D Gordon, Ray Hubbartt, William Hulsey,
B E Jacobs, Svein B Johansen, Bruce Johnston, Gerald D Karst, Robert J Kloosterhuis,

Ruth Komarniski, Israel Leito, Robert Lloyd, Edwin Ludescher, Alfred C McClure,
Kenneth J Mittleider, Raymond Morris, Thomas J Mostert Jr, Jacob J Nortey, Rose M Otis,
Robert L Patterson, Douglas Paulsen, Jan Paulsen, L D Raelly, Zunilda Ramos,
Barbara Randall, Humberto M Rasi, Leo Ranzolin, Donald E Robinson, Calvin B Rock,
David L Taylor, David Thomas, Athal H Tolhurst, Joel O Tompkins, Joan Tonge,

Shirley VanVliet, Walton Williams, Ted N C Wilson, Ron M Wisbey, Joao Wolff,
F Martin Ytreberg

Adjourned.

Robert S Folkenberg, Chairman
Maurice T Battle, Secretary
Athal H Tolhurst, Editorial Secretary
Fay Welter, Recording Secretary

**GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
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UNALLOCATED TITHE INCOME

	Actual 1991	Actual 1992	Actual 1992 % Relationship Actual 1991	Budget 1993	Budget 1994	Budget 1994 % Relationship 1992 Actual
2135-001 Tithe Divisions	2,645,655	2,616,378	(1.1)%	2,775,000	2,620,000	0.1%
2280-001 Tithe - BDD, OS	110,700	110,838	0.1%	105,000	111,000	0.1%
2280-002 Tithe - BDD, NA	246,207	237,430	(3.6)%	235,000	240,000	1.0%
2280-003 Tithe - Expat Allow - OS	184,794	189,428	2.5%	175,000	190,000	0.3%
2280-004 Tithe - Expat Allow - NA	247,519	255,308	3.1%	245,000	256,000	0.3%
2740-001 Tithe - S Africa Special	280,478	250,000	(12.3)%	200,000	150,000	(60.0)%
3100-001 Tithe - Conference (20%)	85,604,240	89,392,980	4.4%	89,000,000	92,075,000	3.0%
3900-001 Tithe - Unions (1%)	4,280,499	4,466,388	4.4%	4,450,000	4,600,000	3.0%
3999-001 Tithe - Miscellaneous	235,057	74,107	(215.3)%	140,000	100,000	35.0%
Total Unallocated Tithe	93,835,149	97,592,857	4.0%	97,325,000	100,342,000	2.8%

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PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Evelyn Griffin.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Gerald D Karst, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, presented the devotional message.

Every once in a while it is refreshing to observe and appreciate something simple and uncomplicated. One Sabbath, while in a small country church at which Karst was to preach, a special duet was announced. Nothing happened for a moment or two and then an old couple slowly made their way down the center aisle to the platform. Self-conscious in front of an audience, she deliberately opened the old song book in her hand, and he groped for a well-worn harmonica in his trousers pocket. She was to read the words of one stanza while he listened and then he was to play one stanza while she listened. After a couple of simultaneous false starts, she read the first stanza and then he played. They did this for all four stanzas. Then hand in arthritic hand, they shuffled back to their familiar seat in the church.

It was not a great performance; yet the listeners felt blessed. Together they had worshipped the Lord in simplicity. Too often the pace of our lives is so accelerated and so complex that we lose some of the ability to experience the essentials of living. Then every once in a while simplicity raises its innocent and wonderful head and we are surprisingly refreshed.

In John 20:1-13 Mary, grief stricken at finding Jesus' tomb empty said, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have laid him." This text suggests the idea of hiding the Lord. Even though she was totally wrong in her conclusion, she correctly felt that there could be no greater tragedy than His being taken away. When Jesus is not seen, when He is hidden from view, women and men cease to be conscious of His presence.

The Church has one responsibility, that of unveiling the Lord that the world may see Him and experience His saving attraction. The degree to which He seems not to attract men and women is the measure in which the Church is failing to reveal Him.

Is it possible that the Church today may hide Jesus at times? Do our young people fail to see Him when preachers in our pulpits are presenting only philosophy and sociology?

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Do we veil Him with our intellectualism and hide Him behind vocabulary and dogmas? Do we allow Jesus to become so human and commonplace that the attractiveness of His divine majesty is lost?

We need to see Jesus. When we have had a particularly rough day, we need to see Jesus. When relationships in the family need a little divine tune-up, we need to see Jesus. When we stumble and fall and fail Him, we need to see Jesus. It is then we need the veil removed so we know that Jesus loves us; forgives us; and, resting in Him, saves us.

GLOBAL MISSION - REPORTS

Bob E Jacobs introduced the division and attached union presidents who presented their Global Mission reports.

AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION

J J Nortey stated that when the reports for baptisms were received, they were accompanied with these words, "This is surely the Lord's work." In December 1992 the membership of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division stood at 950,000. Despite political upheaval and other problems, the plan to baptize the one millionth member in 1993 in the division is on target.

Evangelistic meetings were planned for the town of Williamsdale, a place where educated Moslems lived. For the first time it was planned to use a tent in which to hold the meetings, and everyone wondered what the reaction to it would be. The large tent was pitched and arrangements made to get electricity for it from a nearby neighbor. Everything seemed all right until the Saturday night before the meetings were to begin. When the neighbor realized the meetings were Christian, he cut off the power. To complicate matters, high winds blew on Sunday so everything was in a terrible mess. Solutions to the problems were found and day after day the message was preached. At the end of the campaign, 59 individuals were baptized. In the last ten years the number of churches increased from 2 to 12, with all conversions coming from the Christian community. These 59 new believers will be organized into the first church of former Moslems. This is definitely the Lord's work!

The young people are planning to hold evangelistic meetings for university students. Five hundred thousand *Steps to Christ* are ready to be placed in the hands of these students in the hope that the books will lead the young people to Jesus Christ.

EASTERN AFRICA DIVISION

L D Raelly reported that this is the year of youth evangelism, and the young people in Zimbabwe have raised enough funds to hold two campaigns.

At a recent evangelistic meeting the pastor from another denomination was invited to attend. At the conclusion of the meetings, he and his family, along with 250 individuals from his church, were all baptized. He is currently visiting his former unbaptized members trying to bring them into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A camp meeting was held for the 35 church members in Zanzibar for the first time last year. The meetings were opened and closed by Moslem government officials. One of the officials urged the members to practice what they had been taught!

ADRA International sent a task force to Somalia where medicine, clothing, and food were distributed. It was thought that there was no Seventh-day Adventist presence there. A doctor began giving Bible studies. After strong winds had blown down the ADRA sign, it was picked up and brought to the office. As the man restored the sign, he whispered to the doctor, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist. I do not want this known because I might lose my life." This information was checked out, and indeed he was a baptized member of the Church. Through ADRA International, there is a one-man Adventist presence in Somalia.

EURO-ASIA DIVISION

"Events of the last few days may lead us to wonder how long the Church has in the country of Russia and the other republics," stated Ted N C Wilson. Regardless of what political forces take control, God's church is going to flourish. Church membership has doubled in the last two and one-half years. The seeds of the gospel have been planted throughout this vast territory with its eleven time zones. Because so many have been baptized in recent campaigns, difficulties have arisen; and some have slipped out of the Church. Everything possible is being done to train, nurture, educate, and counsel these new members.

Institutions are flourishing. For the first time in Russia the Seminary will graduate individuals who have gone through a Bachelor of Arts program from a Protestant institution. This is a great achievement and the glory goes to God. The publishing house is producing literature in spite of the fact that the workers suffered from lack of heat in the building during the first part of the winter. The media center is engaged in tremendous activity trying to present our message to the people on radio and television. We have the finest dental clinic in the whole country of Russia. Patients are calling for dental appointments even though they

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have to wait weeks to get one. This is all in spite of the fact that we are facing great difficulties because two different factions are confused over who owns the building.

Field schools of evangelism are flourishing with 125 campaigns run by national pastors and evangelists in progress. The cost of these schools has been paid by laypersons. Workers from outside the division will be holding 140 campaigns this year. Wilson talked with a woman who is an English teacher. She was very excited when she heard about an evangelistic meeting to be held in her city by an English-speaking minister. She planned to attend in the hope of learning more English. While attending the meetings she not only learned English but she also became acquainted with Jesus Christ.

God is going to see His work finished in the Euro-Asia Division.

EASTERN ASIA COMMITTEE

Last year Eugene Hsu reported that in one of the cities in China, 2,000 individuals were baptized in spite of the government's objection and efforts to stop it by sending police and security forces to the church. Afterwards the officials of the Religious Affairs Bureau were so upset that they went on TV declaring that the baptism was illegal and all leaders would be punished. Many prayers ascended to heaven and the Lord answered those prayers. No one went to jail. Instead the officials in charge of religious affairs were replaced because they mishandled the whole situation.

By the end of 1992, 16,770 new members were added to the church. Though this figure may look small compared to some other divisions, it is a 15 percent increase. There are now 132,000 members in this country. There were only 20,000 in 1951 when the missionaries were forced to leave. China is still a closed country in many ways. Pastors are not allowed to cross city or county boundaries to carry out religious activities unless they have approval from the government or the Three-Self Patriotic Movement Committee, the official church body in the country.

In all of China there are less than 20 ordained ministers. The majority of the work is carried on by laypeople. Ordinations are difficult to hold because the candidates have to receive the approval of the government and the Three-Self Church. Even when such a candidate can be found, it is expected that the ministers of the Three-Self Church will participate in the ordination. In January, however, a pastor was ordained to the Seventh-day Adventist ministry with the Three-Self ministers being present in the congregation as visitors, not participants.

Hsu presented Robert S Folkenberg with a Chinese hymnal. After many years of negotiations, Seventh-day Adventist hymnals were printed in China recently.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION

P D Chun reported that the Far East has many challenges because there are so many Buddhists and Moslems in the division as well as Communist countries. The most closed country in the world is located in this division. North Korea with its millions of people is the largest unentered population in the world.

Chun was happy to announce that Cambodia, traditionally a Buddhist country, was entered last year. In 1975, when the Communists took over the country, there were only 20 Seventh-day Adventists. When the country was "cleansed," over a million people were affected. Everyone wondered what happened to our people. In 1989 when Global Mission was being planned for every unentered territory, the leaders of the division gathered together and prayed for a means of penetrating Cambodia. Work was begun at a Cambodian refugee camp located on the border of Thailand. Frontier Mission volunteers became involved in evangelism in one of the camps, and more than 2,000 individuals have been baptized.

Last February when Michael L Ryan visited Cambodia, he found eight different congregations meeting every Sabbath. This work is progressing well through the efforts of layworkers.

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

George W Brown shared this story. A laypreacher from Jamaica by the name of Fitz Henry was invited to go to the Island of Martinique to conduct evangelistic meetings. The island is comprised of only 440 square miles, and it has 450,000 French-speaking people. Here, too, tents were used for the first time as meeting places. The first night over 10,000 people attended on an island that is 98 percent Catholic! It is very difficult to convert these people, but the average attendance was 7,000 per meeting. God began to do something very dramatic there. The newspaper, TV, and radio personnel were captivated by what was happening. Last week, after several weeks of preaching, 839 precious souls were baptized. God certainly performed a great miracle!

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

A C McClure reported that even though the North American Division has no unentered countries in its territory and no identifiable people groups not reached with the gospel, it is engaged in Global Mission. Many evangelists, ministers, laypeople, and volunteers from the North American Division are involved in Global Mission in other parts of the world.

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Pigtown, a suburb of Baltimore where there was no Seventh-day Adventist church, was identified as a Global Mission project. Many volunteers from all over the country came to help with the work. There is now a congregation of over 200 baptized individuals meeting in Pigtown every Sabbath.

Redmond, Washington, an affluent suburb of Seattle with a population of 75,000 is being targeted for Global Mission. This is not normally the type of place chosen for evangelistic meetings. Scores of nondenominationally employed volunteers are being recruited to work there for 15 to 18 months. The Washington Conference hopes to establish a church in this area.

In Kansas City nine Regional conferences are coordinating an ebony evangelistic campaign. They hope to make an impact and plant many churches in this area.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

"Bhutan is surrounded by Tibet and India," stated M E Cherian. Only two religions are recognized in this country of one and one-half million people—Buddhism and Hinduism. No other religion is allowed to function so it cannot be entered by the gospel. However, many people cross the open border every day to work in India. Two volunteers and one denominational worker were sent to a village along the border last year. In four months eight Bhutanis were baptized. These are the firstfruits. It is hoped that evangelistic meetings can be conducted in this village in May of this year with the hope that a Bhutani church can be established in India in June.

TRANS-EUROPEAN DIVISION

Many challenges must be faced in the Trans-European Division because of war, opposition from other churches, and the vastly different peoples that populate this division as well as the materialistic and secularist population in Western Europe. Jan Paulsen stated that Moslems must be approached in vastly different ways in Africa, Great Britain, or Paris.

The Greek Orthodox Church is uneasy when the Seventh-day Adventist Church gets too near what it considers its territory. In Albania our church was pressured to find some place less visible and less irritating than the location which was first selected for building.

How does one worship and witness in the midst of a war such as the one going on in Yugoslavia? In Sarajevo one hundred of the 130 church members have left the area; yet every Sabbath the church is packed. Because of ADRA, the church is known as a community that treats everyone equally.

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There are 110 million Moslems in Pakistan and Afghanistan. It is forbidden by law to speak to them about religion. One wonders how far to go or what to try and achieve. Recently six Afghans were baptized, but this had to be done secretly.

A young girl in Jerusalem cannot return to her Moslem parents for fear of being killed after becoming a Christian. She had to be helped to find a new life elsewhere.

This is still God's movement and though Satan is alive and well, God is still on His throne and He will see His work through to the end.

MIDDLE EAST UNION

The young people in the Middle East Union are enthusiastic about studying with people. In Baghdad, Iraq their goal is to hold a baptism every quarter, and they are leading the Middle East Union in baptisms.

A reaping campaign is being held in the United Emirates. This Sabbath ten individuals will be baptized. There is also much excitement about a campaign that is being held in Cairo and one in Heliopolis.

Svein B Johansen said that the young people are leading the way in this work.

GLOBAL MISSION REPORT

Michael L Ryan presented a progress report on Global Mission on what has been accomplished during the last year in the unentered areas of the world.

NomCom/93SM to AHT

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

VOTED, To elect David Wong as an Associate Director of the General Conference Department of Church Ministries.

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PRE/ADCOM/93SM to RJK+ADCOM+GCDOUP93AC+93AC

157-93G GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OFFERING—1995

VOTED, To request those who prepared the Project Alpha proposal relating to the 1995 General Conference Session offering to bring a more detailed plan to the 1993 Annual Council.

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to CBR&RJK

120-93G MISSION STATEMENT OF THE
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
(Mission Statement)

VOTED, To accept the Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
which reads as follows:

Mission Statement
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Our Mission:

The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to proclaim to all peoples the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12, leading them to accept Jesus as personal Savior and to unite with His church, and nurturing them in preparation for His soon return.

Our Method:

We pursue this mission under the guidance of the Holy Spirit through:

Preaching: Accepting Christ's commission (Matthew 28:18-20), we proclaim to all the world the message of a loving God, most fully revealed in His Son's reconciling ministry and atoning death. Recognizing the Bible to be God's infallible revelation of His will, we present its full message, including the second advent of Christ and the continuing authority of His Ten Commandment law with its reminder of the seventh-day Sabbath.

Teaching: Acknowledging that development of mind and character is essential to God's redemptive plan, we promote the growth of a mature understanding of and relationship to God, His Word, and the created universe.

Healing: Affirming the biblical emphasis on the well-being of the whole person, we make the preservation of health and the healing of the sick a priority and through our ministry to the poor and oppressed, cooperate with the Creator in His compassionate work of restoration.

Our Vision:

In harmony with the great prophecies of the Scriptures, we see as the climax of God's plan the restoration of all His creation to full harmony with His perfect will and righteousness.

TRE/93SM to DFG

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1992 - REPORT

Donald F Gilbert expressed appreciation to the Treasury staff for its help in the preparation of the financial statements for the year 1992.

Jack E Powers of Maner, Costerisan and Ellis read the auditors' opinions for each of the following financial statements which were presented by Donald F Gilbert and Donald E Robinson:

- Combined Financial Statements
- Operating Fund
- Estates Fund
- Plant Fund
- Other Funds

Robert E Osborn expressed appreciation to his staff for its help in the preparation of the financial statements for the year 1992.

Jack E Powers of Maner, Costerisan and Ellis read the auditors' opinions for each of the following financial statements which were presented by Robert E Osborn:

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Money Fund
Investment Fund
Income Fund
International Fund

VOTED, To accept the Audited Financial Statements of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the period ended December 31, 1992 and the auditors' opinions included in the reports.

TRE/93SM to GHC

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1992—NORTH AMERICAN
DIVISION RETIREMENT PLAN - REPORT**

Donald R Pierson expressed appreciation to his staff for its help in the preparation of the financial statements for the year 1992.

Jack E Powers of Maner, Costerisan and Ellis read the auditors' opinions for each of the following financial statements which were presented by Donald R Pierson:

North American Division Retirement Plan
Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Retirement Plan
North American Division Retiree Auxiliary Benefit Fund
Retirement Plans Service Bureau

VOTED, To accept the Audited Financial Statements of the North American Division Retirement Plan, Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Retirement Plan, North American Division Retiree Auxiliary Benefit Fund, and Retirement Plans Service Bureau for the period ended December 31, 1992 and the auditors' opinions included in the reports.

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**141-93G EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCE REVIEW
COMMITTEE, 1993 SPRING MEETING—APPOINTMENT**

VOTED, To appoint the following Employee Remuneration and Allowance Review Committee for Spring Meeting 1993:

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Adjourned.

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