

SPRING MEETING

Silver Spring, Maryland, April 1-2, 1998

SPRING MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 1, 1998, 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Niels-Erik Andreassen, Ronald E Appenzeller, Delbert W Baker, Harold W Baptiste, Maurice T Battle, Bert B Beach, Matthew A Bediako, Violeto F Bocala, R William Cash, Selma Chaij, Bjarne Christensen, Pyung Duk Chun, Larry R Colburn, Lowell C Cooper, George H Crumley, Rajmund Dabrowski, Luka T Daniel, Gary B DeBoer, Laurie J Evans,

Ronald M Flowers, Robert S Folkenberg, Philip S Follett, L James Gibson, Malcolm D Gordon, John Graz, Joseph E Gurubatham, Patricia Gustin, C Lee Huff, William G Johnsson, Theodore T Jones, Gerry D Karst, Dennis C Keith Sr, Robert J Kloosterhuis, Robert E Kyte, Harold Lance, Harold L Lee, Israel Leito, Robert E Lemon,

Benjamin C Maxson, Alfred C McClure, Thomas J Mostert Jr, Baraka G Muganda, Ruy H Nagel, Orville D Parchment, Vernon B Parmenter, Gary B Patterson, Jan Paulsen, Larry J Pitcher, Donald D Pursley, L D Raelly, Leo Ranzolin, Humberto M Rasi, Robert L Rawson, Rick Remmers, Hilda N Rendon, Alvin Ringer, Donald E Robinson, Calvin B Rock, Michael L Ryan,

Charles C Sandefur, Don C Schneider, Dolores Slikkers, Virginia L Smith, Ardis D Stenbakken, Richard O Stenbakken, Robert L Sweezey, Mack Tennyson, G Ralph Thompson, Athal H Tolhurst, Mario Veloso, Juan Carlos Viera, Ralph S Watts Jr, Bertil Wiklander, Neal C Wilson, Ted N C Wilson, Edward E Wines, Kenneth H Wood, Naomi A Yamashiro, F Donald Yost, F Martin Ytreberg, James W Zackrison.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

The devotional message entitled "Patching Old Clothes" was presented by C Lee Huff, President of the Euro-Asia Division. Scripture texts are quoted from the New International Version.

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse" (Matt 9:16).

This text explains a task we all understand. But why did Jesus use this illustration? Let us look at verse 14 for some background. "Then John's disciples came and asked him, 'How is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?'"

The followers of John wondered why Jesus—a respected religious man—would not follow the traditions of their fathers. Jesus was telling the people that His mission to earth had been misunderstood. They were applying their preconceived ideas (patches) to His mission. His mission was not to patch up the world, but rather to make a new world. "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind" (Isa 65:17).

Jesus is also trying to get us to understand that we cannot patch up our lives, but rather, He wants to give us a totally new life. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Cor 5:17).

The question we must ask today is, How do we achieve this new creation experience? In society we find three answers to this question. Let us examine them briefly.

1. Many people say there is nothing man can do in this process. Some are predestined to become new creatures in Christ, others are predestined to be lost. In this group there is not unity of thought. Some think the world is getting better and finally everyone left will experience this new creature experience. Others feel the world is getting worse and will finally destroy itself.

2. Another group wants to change society and, by cutting out certain social orders, and through their own efforts, patch up the world and society and solve their own problems. But can we by our own efforts change man, change society, and patch up world problems?

I once purchased a suit that needed to have major tailoring to make it fit me. The outcome was not what we had hoped for, and I only wore the suit once.

3. Jesus says the remedy is to forget about patching and instead let Him make new people out of us. He illustrated this by saying we must be born again and we must yield our lives to Him. How can we become new creatures?

I was once lost in a forest at night while riding a horse. I guided the horse up and down every road and trail I could find in the forest. But for two hours I could not find my way out. Finally, in desperation, I dropped the reins and said to the horse, "Go home." Five minutes later we were home.

What Jesus is saying to us is, "Quit trying to patch up your life. Drop the reins. Let Me have control, and I will bring you home."

Jan Paulsen, Chairman, called to order the first session of the 1998 Spring Meeting.

Prayer was offered by Mack Tennyson, layperson from South Carolina.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The mission statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was read by the Secretary of the meeting.

SEC/ADCOM/98SM to AHT

127-98G EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE—1998 SPRING MEETING - APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint the Employee Remuneration and Allowance Review Committee for the 1998 Spring Meeting, as follows:

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MEMBERS

Presidential

FOLKENBERG, ROBERT S, Chairman
Bocala, Violetto F
Chun, Pyung Duk
Daniel, Luka T
Evans, Laurie J
Frikart, Ulrich
Huff, C Lee
Leito, Israel
McClure, Alfred C
Nagel, Ruy H
Raelly, L D
Watts, D Ronald
Wiklander, Bertil

Secretariat

Baptiste, Harold W
Thompson, G Ralph

Treasury

Rawson, Robert L, Secretary
Crumley, George H
Keith, Dennis C Sr
Ytreberg, F Martin

Departments and Services

Maxson, Benjamin C
Stenbakken, Ardis D

Institutional Heads

Andreasen, Niels-Erik
Kyte, Robert E

Laypersons

Bryant, Barbara
Lance, Harold
Matiko, Reuben
McNeilus, Denzil
Ramirez, Ted L
Ringer, Alvin
Slikkers, Dolores
Tennyson, Mack
Yamashiro, Naomi A

Pastors

Maitland, Fitzroy
Remmers, Rick

Union Presidents

Gordon, Malcolm D
Jones, Theodore T
Lee, Harold L
Mostert, Thomas J Jr
Parchment, Orville D
Patzner, Jere D
Sandefur, Charles C
Schneider, Don C
Trevino, Max A

SEC/ADCOM/ADCOM/ADCOM/98SM to LCC

145-98G SPRING MEETING - 1998—NOMINATING COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint the Nominating Committee for Spring Meeting 1998, as follows:

MEMBERS

FOLKENBERG, ROBERT S, Chairman
Thompson, G Ralph, Secretary

Andreasen, Niels-Erik
Baker, Delbert W
Bediako, Matthew A
Behrens, B Lyn
Birkenstock, David
Bocala, Violetto F
Chaij, Selma
Chun, Pyung Duk
Daniel, Luka T
Evans, Laurie J
Follett, Philip S
Frikart, Ulrich
Gurubatham, Joseph E
Jacobsen, Donald G
Johnsson, William G
Kloosterhuis, Robert J
Kyte, Robert E
Leito, Israel

McClure, Alfred C
Maitland, Fitzroy
Nagel, Ruy H
Paulsen, Jan
Pitcher, Larry J
Raelly, L D
Ranzolin, Leo
Rawson, Robert L
Rock, Calvin B
Sweezey, Robert L
Tolhurst, Athal H
Wakaba, V S
Watts, D Ronald
Watts, Ralph S Jr
Wiklander, Bertil
Wilson, Neal C
Wilson, Ted N C
Ytreberg, F Martin

PRE/GCO&DivPre98SM/98SM to PSF

NET '98 - REPORT

Philip S Follett gave a brief report on Net '98. This will be the first truly global evangelistic series that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has conducted. As far as we know, no other church has conducted such a global effort. Follett expressed appreciation to all the divisions for their participation, and especially to the North American Division for producing the program. Those who are not able to receive the program live will be able to obtain a copy for viewing later.

Concern was expressed by committee members that programs like Net '98 might take the place of smaller evangelistic meetings and personal witness. The response was that the Net meetings have inspired more lay involvement and that more evangelistic meetings are occurring in the North American Division now than previous to the Net meetings.

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SEC/ADCOM/98SM to AHT

GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
(GCC-S)—TERMS OF REFERENCE REVISION

VOTED, To revise the terms of reference for the General Conference Administrative Committee (GCC-S), section F. Publisher of Sabbath School Bible Study Guides, to read as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

F. Publisher of Sabbath School Bible Study Guides.

1. Appoint the membership of the World Sabbath School Curriculum Committee, the Sabbath School Publications Board, the manuscript evaluation committees, and the international translation and contextualization committees.
2. Receive reports and process recommendations from the World Sabbath School Advisory.
3. Approve the world Sabbath School curriculum for all age levels, and authorize the Sabbath School Publications Board to proceed with the development of curricula and manuscripts.
4. Appoint an ad hoc committee, as needed, to examine the recommendations of the Sabbath School Curriculum Committee, the membership to be composed mainly of individuals otherwise uninvolved with Sabbath School Bible Study Guide preparation or evaluation.

1. Power to act.
2. Power to act.
3. Power to act.
4. Power to act.

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| 5. Identify and approve additional topics that may be essential to church plans and strategies, and authorize the Sabbath School Publications Board to include such topics in the world Sabbath School curriculum. | 5. Power to act. |
| 6. Make a determination, in the event a situation arises in which there is not concurrence between the editor and the Sabbath School Publications Board. | 6. Power to act. |
| 7. Approve policies for translation, adaptation, and contextualization of Sabbath School student and teacher materials for all age levels. | 7. Power to act. |
| 8. Publish student and teacher Sabbath School Bible Study Guides. | 8. Power to act. |

PRE/ADCOM/98SM to RJK

JUAREZ, ARMANDO ORTIZ—EDITOR, INTERNATIONAL
EDITIONS, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION -
APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To approve the appointment of Armando Ortiz Juarez as Editor, International Editions, Pacific Press Publishing Association.

SEC/ADCOM/98SM to AHT

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE
(GCC-SSub)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee (GCC-SSub), as follows:

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Delete	Reaves, Benjamin F Watts, Dorothy Eaton
Add	Stenbakken, Ardis D

TRE/ADCOM/98SM to GBD

152-98G SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST INVESTMENT FUND (SAIF)—1997 AUDIT

The Seventh-day Adventist Investment Fund (SAIF) commenced investing activity on December 1, 1997. Capstone Asset Management, the fund administrator, unaware of General Conference policy which requires that "The financial records of the General Conference shall be audited by a Seventh-day Adventist accountant in public practice," engaged Briggs, Bunting & Dougherty, LLP, to audit the financial records for the month of December 1997. With the understanding that subsequent audits will be conducted according to the General Conference *Working Policy*, it was

VOTED, To waive, for the month of December 1997, the requirement that the Seventh-day Adventist Investment Fund (SAIF) "shall be audited by a Seventh-day Adventist accountant in public practice, who shall sign the audit reports, assisted by the General Conference Auditing Service." (See General Conference *Working Policy* S 85 25, paragraph 3.)

SPECIAL PRAYER

Bjarne Christensen, Administrative Assistant to the President of the North American Division, offered prayer for two special requests. Katie Folkenberg, 9-month old granddaughter of Robert S Folkenberg is receiving medical care in a hospital in Taiwan. Alfild Paulsen, mother of Jan Paulsen, is recovering from surgery which she underwent yesterday in Norway.

OFFICE OF MISSION AWARENESS - MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

Gary B Patterson, Director of the Office of Mission Awareness, distributed materials which are being used in pilot projects in various places in the North American Division to expand the promotion of World Mission offerings.

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102-98Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 1998

RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 1998, with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 1998</u>			
1,2	Wed	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
5-7	Sun	R&H Publishing House Survey	Hagerstown MD
6(pm)	Mon	R&H Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
6-8	Mon	GC & NAD Union Secretaries Council	San Diego CA
7(am)	Tue	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
7-10	Tue	Seminar for Academic Deans & VPs	Silver Spring MD
9	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
13-16	Mon	GC & NAD Union Treasurers Council	Atlanta GA
15	Wed	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
20-25	Mon	GC Colloquium & Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD
29-May 1	Wed	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
<u>May 1998</u>			
4,5	Mon	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
4-22	Mon	SS/PM Curriculum Subcommittee (CR/KG)	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
8-13	Fri	South American Division Survey	Brasilia BRAZIL
10(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
11	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
12	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
13	Wed	LLUMC Board & LLUAHSC Executive Com	Loma Linda CA
18,19	Mon	Communication Strategy Council	Collegedale TN
27	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
30-June 3	Sab	Divorce & Remarriage Study Commission	Cohutta Springs GA
<u>June 1998</u>			
8-14	Mon	International Conference on the Bible	Jerusalem ISRAEL

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<u>June 1998 contd</u>			
10(am)	Wed	R&H Executive & Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD
10	Wed	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
10(pm)	Wed	GC Staff Day	Gaithersburg MD
10-14	Wed	ADRA Pan-European Consultation	AUSTRIA
10-July 11	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
11(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
11(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
<u>July 1998</u>			
10-14	Fri	IHFA Conference and Board	AFRICA
13	Mon	Assoc of Adv Family Life Prof Board	Berrien Springs MI
13-31	Mon	SS/PM Curriculum Subcommittee (Primary)	Silver Spring MD
16(eve)-18	Thu	Andrews University Board Retreat	
19(am)	Sun	Andrews University Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
19	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
19(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Subcommittee	Berrien Springs MI
20	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
20-Aug 8	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Bracknell ENGLAND
27-30	Mon	Ed Leadership Seminar (ESD, EUD, TED)	Toivonlinna FINLAND
<u>August 1998</u>			
7-11	Fri	Biblical Research Institute Science Council	
9-21	Sun	22 nd Faith & Learning Seminar	Bogenhofen AUSTRIA
14(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
16(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
17	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
17-20	Mon	Pacific Press Publishing House Survey	Boise ID
18	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
19	Wed	LLUMC Board & LLUAHSC Executive Com	Loma Linda CA
20	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
26	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
26,27	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Burlington VT
<u>September 1998</u>			
8,9	Tue	Adventist World Radio Survey	Silver Spring MD
8-18	Tue	GC Staff Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD
14(pm)	Mon	R&H Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD

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<u>September 1998 contd</u>			
14-16	Mon	Adventist Risk Management Conference	
15(am)	Tue	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
17(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
17	Thu	Human Resources Workshop	
17(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
21	Mon	GC Institution Interviews	Iguazu BRAZIL
22,23	Tue	GC & Division Officer Interviews	Iguazu BRAZIL
24	Thu	GC & Division Presidents Council	Iguazu BRAZIL
24	Thu	GC & Division Secretaries Council	Iguazu BRAZIL
24	Thu	GC & Division Treasurers Council	Iguazu BRAZIL
25	Fri	Message & Mission Commission	Iguazu BRAZIL
27	Sun	GC & Division Officers	Iguazu BRAZIL
28(am)	Mon	ADRA Board	Iguazu BRAZIL
28(pm)	Mon	AIAS Board	Iguazu BRAZIL
28(eve)	Mon	Financial Statement Audit Review Committee	Iguazu BRAZIL
29(am)	Tue	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Iguazu BRAZIL
29(pm)	Tue	Adventist World Radio Board	Iguazu BRAZIL
29(eve)-Oct 6	Tue	Annual Council	Iguazu BRAZIL
30(eve)	Wed	HSI/Griggs University Board	Iguazu BRAZIL
<u>October 1998</u>			
1(eve)	Thu	IRLA Board	Iguazu BRAZIL
12-31	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
18,19	Sun	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
18-20	Sun	Christian View of Human Life Committee	Silver Spring MD
23	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
25(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
26	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
27	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
28	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
28(pm)	Wed	LLUAHSC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
29	Thu	LLUAHSC Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>November 1998</u>			
1(eve)-5	Sun	NAD Yearend Meeting	Silver Spring MD
18	Wed	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
22-Dec 5	Sun	23 rd Faith & Learning Seminar	Baraton KENYA

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<u>December 1998</u>			
2	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Tue	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
8(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
9	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
17	Thu	R&H Executive & Finance Committee	Silver Spring MD

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102-98Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 1999

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 1999</u>			
7(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
7(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
11	Mon	Inst for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>February 1999</u>			
1-3	Mon	Geoscience Research Institute Survey	Loma Linda CA
3	Wed	Geoscience Research Institute Board	Loma Linda CA
5(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
7(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
8	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
9(pm)	Tue	LLUMC & LLUAHSC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
9-12	Tue	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
10	Wed	LLUMC Board & LLUAHSC Executive Com	Loma Linda CA
18	Thu	Inst of World Mission Admin Council	Berrien Springs MI
19	Fri	Andrews University Building/Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
19-23	Fri	PPPA & R&H ABC Marketing Seminar	West Coast
22	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
22-Mar13	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Loma Linda CA
24	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE

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<u>March 1999</u>			
3	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
7-10	Sun	Higher Education Summit II	Silver Spring MD
11-15	Thu	North American Division Survey	Silver Spring MD
18(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
18(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
21-23	Sun	Christian View of Human Life Committee	Loma Linda CA
22,23	Mon	Presidents Summit	Berrien Springs MI
24(am)	Wed	Message & Mission Commission	Berrien Springs MI
24(pm)	Wed	ADRA Board	Berrien Springs MI
25,26	Thu	GC Officers & Div Presidents Interviews	Berrien Springs MI
28	Sun	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Berrien Springs MI
29	Mon	GC Officers & Division Presidents	Berrien Springs MI
30(pm)	Tue	Adventist World Radio Board	Berrien Springs MI
31	Wed	HSI/Griggs University Board	Berrien Springs MI
31, Apr 1	Wed	Spring Meeting	Berrien Springs MI
<u>April 1999</u>			
3-6	Sab	Divorce & Remarriage Study Commission	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Mon	R&H Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
5-7	Mon	GC & NAD Union & Conf Secretaries Council	
6(am)	Tue	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
8	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
12,13	Mon	GC & NAD Union Treasurers Council	
14	Wed	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
19-24	Mon	GC Colloquium & Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD
28-30	Wed	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
28-May 3	Wed	Northern Asia-Pacific Division Survey	Seoul KOREA
<u>May 1999</u>			
3,4	Mon	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
7(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
9(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
10	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
11(pm)	Tue	LLUMC & LLUAHSC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
12	Wed	LLUMC Board & LLUAHSC Executive Com	Loma Linda CA
26	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>June 1999</u>			
9	Wed	R&H Executive & Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	GC Staff Day	Gaithersburg MD
9-14	Wed	Southern Asia Division Survey	Hosur INDIA
9-July 10	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
10(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
10(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
13-25	Sun	24 th Faith & Learning Seminar	
<u>July 1999</u>			
8-13	Thu	GC Auditing Service Seminar	
11-22	Sun	Geoscience Field Trip	
12	Mon	Assoc of Adv Family Life Prof Board	Berrien Springs MI
15(eve)-17	Thu	Andrews University Board Retreat	
18(am)	Sun	Andrews University Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
18	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
18(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Subcommittee	Berrien Springs MI
19	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
19-Aug 7	Mon	Institute of World Mission	
<u>August 1999</u>			
6-10	Fri	Biblical Research Institute Science Council	
13(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
15(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
16	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
17	Tue	LLUMC & LLUAHSC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
18	Wed	LLUMC Board & LLUAHSC Executive Com	Loma Linda CA
19	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
25	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
25,26	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Burlington VT
<u>September 1999</u>			
7-17	Tue	GC Staff Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD
13	Mon	Inst for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Loma Linda CA
13(pm)	Mon	R&H Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
13-15	Mon	Adventist Risk Management Conference	
14(am)	Tue	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
16(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA

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26	Sun	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
16	Thu	Human Resources Workshop	
16(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
17,19	Fri	GC & Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
20	Mon	GC & Division Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
20	Mon	GC & Division Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
20	Mon	GC & Division Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
22(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
23,24	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
27	Mon	GC Institution Interviews	Silver Spring MD
28	Tue	ADRA Board	
28(eve)-Oct 7	Tue	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
29(eve)	Wed	HSI/Griggs University Board	Silver Spring MD
30(eve)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 1999</u>			
8(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
10(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
11	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
11-30	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
12	Tue	LLUMC & LLUAHSC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
13	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
14	Thu	LLUAHSC Board	Loma Linda CA
17,18	Sun	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
17-19	Sun	Christian View of Human Life Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>November 1999</u>			
17	Wed	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
<u>December 1999</u>			
1	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Tue	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
7(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
8(am)	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
16	Thu	R&H Executive & Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD

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102-98Gc AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2000

RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2000 with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2000</u>			
5	Wed	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
6	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
10	Mon	Inst for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>February 2000</u>			
2	Wed	Geoscience Research Institute Board	Loma Linda CA
4(am)	Fri	LLU Budget and Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
6(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
7	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
8(pm)	Tue	LLUMC & LLUAHSC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
8-11	Tue	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
9	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
10	Thu	LLUAHSC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
17	Thu	Inst of World Mission Admin Council	Berrien Springs MI
18	Fri	Andrews University Building/Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
21	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
21-Mar 12	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Loma Linda CA
23	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
25-29	Fri	PPPA & R&H ABC Marketing Seminar	Hagerstown MD
<u>March 2000</u>			
1	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
15	Wed	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
16	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
17(am)	Fri	ADRA Board	Silver Spring MD
19-21	Sun	Christian View of Human Life Committee	Loma Linda CA
22,23	Wed	GC Officers & Div Presidents Interviews	Silver Spring MD
24	Fri	GC & Division Presidents	Silver Spring MD
26	Sun	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
27	Mon	GC Officers & Division Presidents	Silver Spring MD

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<u>March 2000 contd</u>			
28(pm)	Tue	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
29	Wed	HSI/Griggs University Board	Silver Spring MD
29,30	Wed	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2000</u>			
3(pm)	Mon	R&H Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
3-5	Mon	GC & NAD Union Secretaries Council	
4(am)	Tue	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
6	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
10,11	Mon	GC & NAD Union Treasurers Council	
12	Wed	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
17-22	Mon	GC Colloquium & Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD
26-28	Wed	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
<u>May 2000</u>			
1,2	Mon	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
5(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
7(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
8	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
9	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
10	Wed	LLUMC Board & LLUAHSC Exec Committee	Loma Linda CA
24	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>June 2000</u>			
7(am)	Wed	R&H Executive & Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD
7	Wed	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
7	Wed	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
7(pm)	Wed	GC Staff Day	Gaithersburg MD
8	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
11-23	Sun	Faith & Learning Seminar	
25-29	Sun	World Ministerial Council	Toronto CANADA
29-Jul 8	Thu	General Conference Session	Toronto CANADA
<u>July 2000</u>			
6-11	Thu	GC Auditing Service Seminar	
10	Mon	Assoc of Adv Family Life Prof Board	Berrien Springs MI
14	Fri	Andrews University Board Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>July 2000 contd</u>			
16(am)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Subcommittee	Berrien Springs MI
16(am)	Sun	Andrews University Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
16	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
17	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
31-Aug 4	Mon	GC Staff Travel Moratorium	
31-Aug 19	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Bracknell ENGLAND
<u>August 2000</u>			
4-8	Fri	Biblical Research Institute Science Council	
11(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
13(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
14	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
15	Tue	LLUMC & LLUAHSC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
16	Wed	LLUMC Board & LLUAHSC Exec Comm	Loma Linda CA
17	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
23	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
23,24	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Burlington VT
<u>September 2000</u>			
5-15	Tue	GC Staff Travel Moratorium	
11	Mon	Inst for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Loma Linda CA
11(pm)	Mon	R&H Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
11-13	Mon	Adventist Risk Management Conference	
12(am)	Tue	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
13	Wed	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
14	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
14	Thu	Human Resources Workshop	
19,20	Tue	GC & Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
21	Thu	GC & Division Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
21	Thu	GC & Division Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
21	Thu	GC & Division Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
22	Fri	GC Institution Interviews	Silver Spring MD
24	Sun	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
25(am)	Mon	ADRA Board	Silver Spring MD
25(pm)	Mon	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
26(am)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
26(pm)	Tue	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>September 2000 contd</u>			
26(eve)-Oct 3	Tue	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
27(eve)	Wed	HSI/Griggs University Board	Silver Spring MD
28(eve)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 2000</u>			
9-28	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
15,16	Sun	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
15-17	Sun	Christian View of Human Life Committee	Silver Spring MD
20(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
22	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
23	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
24(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
25	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
25	Wed	LLUAHSC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
26	Thu	LLUAHSC Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>November 2000</u>			
15	Wed	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
29	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>December 2000</u>			
6	Wed	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
7	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
14	Thu	R&H Executive & Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD

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138-98Gb UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS—
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - PROGRAM

VOTED, To approve a program to be used by churches worldwide on December 12, 1998 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as follows:

1. The theme for the program will be "Human Rights—A Gift of God."

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2. A kit containing program materials will be provided to the world divisions. The kit will include:

- a. A cover letter. (Robert S Folkenberg to provide)
- b. A Sabbath program. (Rajmund Dabrowski to provide)
- c. A sermon and special prayer concerning the creativity God has given to His children, His salvation and the freedom to choose salvation, the Second Coming which will restore one pulse of harmony throughout creation, and recommendations on how to live today. (Gary B Patterson to provide)
- d. A children's story featuring human rights. (Rosie Tetz to provide)
- e. A sample statement of consecration which could be read aloud as a challenge and modified to meet the needs of the local church. (John Graz to provide)
- f. Text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Ellen G White statements on human rights. (John Graz to provide)
- g. A page listing concerns which the Church has addressed in major international initiatives since 1863. (Bert B Beach to provide)
- h. A press release to the community. (Jonathan Gallagher to provide)

PRE/98SM to GRT(DIV)

ANNUAL COUNCIL VENUES—2000-2005 QUINQUENNIAL

Because it costs approximately \$500,000 extra to hold an Annual Council away from Silver Spring, Maryland, and because more balanced world representation has been achieved with the presence of all division officers and union presidents at Annual Councils since the 1995 General Conference Session, it was

VOTED, To hold all Annual Councils in Silver Spring, Maryland during the 2000-2005 quinquennium.

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103-98Gb OPERATING EXPENSE CAP 1997 - 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 approved by the 1991 Spring Meeting, it was

VOTED, 1. To record the Operating Expense Cap 1997 - Report, as follows:

Operating Expense Cap for the General Conference 1997

Total Income Basis	\$538,402,636
Expense Cap at 4.85 Percent of Above	26,112,528
Expense for 1997	23,913,517
Expense as a Percentage of Cap	91.58%
Amount Under the Cap	2,199,011

2. To record that budgeted projections for 1998 indicate that the General Conference should operate below the cap by an amount of approximately \$1,500,000. A report will be presented on actual expenditures in relation to the cap for 1998 at the 1999 Spring Meeting.

StratPl&Bud/98SM to FMY

OPERATING EXPENSE CAP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To decrease the Operating expense Cap as voted by the 1991 Annual Council (see GCC 91-943) from 4.85% to 4.25%, with the understanding that the functions listed below will not be included as part of the General Conference Operating Expense Cap:

Adventist World Radio
Geoscience Research Institute
Ellen G White Estate
Ellen G White Estate Research Centers
General Conference Auditing Service
Transportation and International Personnel Services (TRIPS)

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1997 - REPORT

Robert L Rawson commented that God had blessed the financial operations of the General Conference in 1997. He expressed appreciation to Jack Powers and his auditing staff and to Treasury's accounting staff who were then introduced by Verland Erntson.

Jack E Powers, of Maner, Costerisan & Ellis, P.C. expressed appreciation for the valuable assistance he has received from the Treasury staff, and he read the auditors' opinion for the combined statements of financial position.

F Martin Ytreberg pointed out areas of special interest in the combined financial statements of the General Conference. The current good financial situation is influenced by the upward trend of the stock market, an increase in North American Division tithe, the release of some blocked currency, and living within the budget.

Jack E Powers, of Maner, Costerisan & Ellis, P. C. read the auditors' opinion for each of the following unitized funds which were presented by Gary B DeBoer:

- Money Fund
- Investment Fund
- Income Fund
- International Fund
- Pooled Life Income Fund
- Asian Equities Fund
- Global Fund I
- Global Fund II

Gary B DeBoer gave a report of the funds invested by the Investment staff, and he expressed appreciation to his staff for their help in the preparation of the financial statements for 1997.

John Briggs of Briggs, Bunting & Dougherty, LLP, read the auditor's opinion for each of the following components of the Seventh-day Adventist Investment Fund - Trust, which were presented by Gary B DeBoer:

- Intermediate Bond Fund
- Large Cap Equity Fund
- Small Cap Equity Fund
- International Equity Fund

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VOTED, To accept the Audited Financial Statements of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the period ending December 31, 1997, and the auditors' opinions included in the reports. (The financial statements are filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

Jan Paulsen, Chairman
Maurice T Battle, Secretary
Athal H Tolhurst, Editorial Secretary
Carol E Rasmussen, Recording Secretary

SPRING MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 1, 1998, 4:45 p.m.

Matthew A Bediako, Chairman, called to order the second session of the 1998 Spring Meeting.

Byron Scheuneman, Vice President of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, offered prayer.

WALK AROUND THE WORLD 2000 - REPORT

Leo Ranzolin and Reggie Burgess gave a brief report on the activities of *Walk Around the World 2000*, and then a short video was shown.

WHITING, ALBERT S—APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to Albert S Whiting for his many years of service to the General Conference Health and Temperance Department. One of his accomplishments was to set up the Christian View of Human Life Committee which has studied and made recommendations on many controversial issues in the field of health.

HANDYSIDES, ALLAN R—DIRECTOR, HEALTH AND
TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT - ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Allan R Handysides as Director of the Health and Temperance Department.

HAMSTRA, LYNNETTA H—ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, WOMEN'S
MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT - ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Lynnetta H Hamstra as Associate Director of the Women's Ministries Department.

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Matthew A Bediako, Chairman
Lowell C Cooper, Secretary
Athol H Tolhurst, Editorial Secretary
Carol E Rasmussen, Recording Secretary

SPRING MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 2, 1998, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

The devotional message entitled "It Is Written" was presented by Luka T Daniel, President of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division. All texts are quoted from the New King James version of the Bible unless indicated otherwise.

Humankind is an endangered species. The danger comes not from the dreaded weapons of mass destruction, from a threat of World War III, from an impending invasion from outer space, from the menace of global warming, or from moral decay in society. All these are the byproducts of a war which has been raging since the beginning of human history. James says, "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. . . . Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?"—James 4:1, 2, 4

It is important to note that the word *desire* is translated from the Greek *Epithumia*, which can also be translated as *craving*, or *appetite*, or *passion*, or *lust*. The Apostle John breaks down this warfare into three battlegrounds: "For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world."—1 John 2:16

The devil used one attack to defeat our first human parents on all three battlegrounds. "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."—Genesis 3:6

The lust of the flesh clearly has to do with appetite, because we have just read that Eve ate the forbidden fruit because she "saw that the tree was good for food." The second major aspect of the lust of the flesh is sexual immorality. Sexual immorality kills prematurely (Prov 5:3-6). It may lead to deadly diseases like AIDS, and eventually "your flesh and your body are consumed" (vs 11).

The lust of the eyes deals with the inordinate desire for popularity. The pride of life is rendered as "the boasting of what he has or does" (1 John 2:16, NIV). In other words, what we need to fight on this battleground is the passion for possession and position.

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The first Adam and his offspring have been defeated on all three battlegrounds of this warfare. However, we read that Jesus “was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Heb 4:15). There is a weapon that can be used in this warfare which is not “against flesh and blood, but against . . . spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Eph 6:12). The weapon is none other than “the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God” (vs 17).

Jesus Christ was starving for food after He had fasted forty days. So the devil took advantage of Christ’s hunger and suggested to Him, “Command that these stones become bread” (Matt 4:3). That was an appeal to the lust of the flesh—the first battleground. Jesus replied to the tempter, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God’” (vs 4).

The devil then led Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple (vs 5) and told Him to throw Himself down (vs 6). There were always many people on the temple premises, so a miracle here would result in popularity for Jesus, thus satisfying the lust of the eyes. In response, the Saviour quoted from Deuteronomy 6:16, saying, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God’” (Matt 4:7).

Satan finally took Jesus to “an exceedingly high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory” (Matt 4:8). He said to Christ, “‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me’” (vs 9). The Creator silenced the grand usurper with a rebuke, “Away with you, Satan!” (vs 10). Then He quoted from Deuteronomy 6:3 again, “‘For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord God, and Him only you shall serve.”’” The story came to a happy ending, because “Then the devil left Him!” (vs 11).

That was how Christ, the second Adam, won the war against the devil on all three battlegrounds where the first Adam lost it. “Resist the devil and he will flee from you!” (James 4:7). The secret of how to win this war is found in Psalms 119:11, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Matthew A Bediako, Chairman, called to order the third session of the 1998 Spring Meeting.

Don C Schneider, President of the Lake Union Conference, offered prayer.

MINISTRY PROFESSIONAL GROWTH SEMINAR - REPORT

James A Cress and Nikolaus Satelmajer reported on the professional growth seminar that was held for 4.5 hours on March 31, 1998. The satellite program was downlinked to 525 sites across North America, with additional sites in Europe. According to an initial survey, it is estimated that approximately 6,000 clergy of many denominations viewed the seminar. The number one request of callers following the seminar was that such seminars be held more frequently. It is felt that one secret of success was the participation by speakers of other denominations.

Also mentioned was the Robert Spangler Memorial Scholarship to be offered at Andrews University. This scholarship will provide one quarter of education at Andrews University, with all expenses paid, to two pastors of other denominations.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2000—OFFERING FOR 10/40 WINDOW

Approximately six billion people live on earth, and 60 percent of those live in what missiologists call the 10/40 window. Only ten percent of the Seventh-day Adventist total world membership lives in this area which lies between 10 degrees north latitude and 40 degrees north latitude, bordered on the east by the Pacific Ocean and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean. It was

VOTED, 1. To adopt the concept of establishing 1,040 new congregations in the 10/40 window before the end of the next quinquennium.

2. To assign to the Global Mission office the responsibility for preparing promotional material for the 10/40 Window General Conference Session 2000 Offering, in consultation with the Communication Departments of the General Conference and the North American Division and the *Adventist Review* office.

3. To request the General Conference Administrative Committee to set offering goals for each division.

4. To schedule two dates for the 10/40 Window General Conference Session 2000 Offering—the first on December 11, 1999 and the last on July 6, 2000. Divisions who opt for three offerings will select a date during the first or second quarter of 2000. Any sum raised in excess of the General Conference established division goals will be retained by the divisions for use in their own Global Mission programs.

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101-98Gc CALENDAR OF SPECIAL OFFERINGS—WORLD 1999

VOTED, To adopt the Calendar of Special Offerings—World 1999, as follows:

January

2	Outreach/Church Budget
9	Division
16	Church Budget
23	Conference/Union
30	Church Budget

February

6	Outreach/Church Budget
13	Division
20	Church Budget
27	Conference/Union

March

6	Outreach/Church Budget
13*+	Adventist World Radio
20	Church Budget
27	Conference/Union

April

3	Outreach/Church Budget
10+	World Mission Budget
17	Church Budget
24	Conference/Union

May

1	Outreach/Church Budget
8*+	Disaster and Famine Relief
15	Church Budget
22	Conference/Union
29	Church Budget

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June

5	Outreach/Church Budget
12	Division
19	Church Budget
26	Conference/Union

July

3	Outreach/Church Budget
10	Division
17	Church Budget
24	Conference/Union
31	Church Budget

August

7	Outreach/Church Budget
14	Division
21	Church Budget
28	Conference/Union

September

4	Outreach/Church Budget
11	Division
18	Church Budget
25	Conference/Union

October

2	Outreach/Church Budget
9	Division
16	Church Budget
23	Conference/Union
30	Church Budget

November

6	Outreach/Church Budget
13*+	Week of Sacrifice (Global Mission)
20	Church Budget
27	Conference/Union

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December

4	Outreach/Church Budget
11+	10/40 Window Offering (GC Session Offering)
18	Church Budget
25	Conference/Union

Summary of Offerings

General Conference	5
Division	7
Conference/Union	12
Church	28

Total	52
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*Program provided

+Worldwide offering

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153-98G GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION DELEGATIONS—
CLARIFICATION/INTERPRETATION

Because of ambiguities in the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws concerning delegations to General Conference Sessions, it was

VOTED, To approve the clarification/interpretation of the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws provisions relating to General Conference Session delegations, with the understanding that the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws Committee (ADCOM-S) will recommend new wording to the appropriate committees. The issues are as follows:

1. Organizational nomenclature

For purposes of delegate quota assignments for the 2000 General Conference Session, the local organizations within divisions and unions which use the following nomenclature shall be deemed equivalent to local missions: associations*, attached districts, attached fields, delegations, fields, regions, and sections. (The Trans-Mediterranean territories shall be considered collectively as one field.)

*In this clause, the term "association" is used instead of local mission and does not refer to a legal association.

2. Allocation of regular delegates, Article IV, Sec. 6-a. and 6-h., to unions

The General Conference Constitution Article IV, Sec. 6-i. shall be interpreted as follows for the 2000 General Conference Session:

Delegates from each division, provided for under Article IV, Sec. 6-a. and 6-h., shall be allocated first to union conferences and union missions that are affiliated with that division, based on each union's proportion of the division membership. Any delegates not allocated to unions under this process shall be allocated at the discretion of the division committee.

3. Method of calculation in Article IV, Sec. 8.

The General Conference Constitution Article IV, Sec. 8., for purposes of the 2000 General Conference Session delegate quota allocations, shall be interpreted as having no reference to delegates at large specified under sections 7-a., 7-b., and 7-c.

4. Allocation of delegates provided under Article IV, Sec. 7-d.

The following procedure shall be approved for the distribution of 2000 General Conference Session delegate quotas under Article IV, Sec. 7-d.:

a. One third of the Article IV, Sec. 7-d. delegate pool will be released to divisions by April 1, 1999. Each division shall receive an allocation of such delegates based on the proportion of division membership to world membership.

b. The General Conference Committee shall retain the balance of the Article IV, Sec. 7-d. delegate pool. Divisions may request, prior to June 30, 1999, additional delegate quotas from the General Conference Executive Committee.

Matthew A Bediako, Chairman
Vernon B Parmenter, Secretary
Athol H Tolhurst, Editorial Secretary
Carol E Rasmussen, Recording Secretary