

## SPECIAL MEETING

Silver Spring, Maryland, March 1-2, 1999

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 1, 1999, 8:00 a.m.

## PRESENT

Christian S M Aliddeki, Eliel Almonte, Erich Amelung, Niels-Erik Andreasen, Garth Anthony, Radisa Antic, Ronald E Appenzeller, Delbert W Baker, Mbugha S Baluku, Harold W Baptiste, Graham M Barham, Maurice T Battle, Bert B Beach, Matthew A Bediako, B Lyn Behrens, Tsefaye Bekalo, Bekele Biri, David Birkenstock, Elifas Bisanda, Violetto F Bocala, Adrian Bocaneanu, Per Bolling, Emmanuel Boma, Gloria Brown, Reinder Bruinsma, Barbara Bryant,

Izeas dos Santos Cardoso, Joseph Carlson, G Tom Carter, Selma Chaij, Bjarne Christensen, K Christopher, P D Chun, Larry R Colburn, Lowell C Cooper, James A Cress, Vasco Cubenda, A David C Currie, Alipio B da Rosa, Rajmund Dabrowski, Chakravarthy Daniel, Luka T Daniel, Wandyr Mendes de Oliveira, Alicia E de Sistica, Mart De Groot, Gary B DeBoer, Paterno M Diaz, Willmore D Eva, Laurie J Evans,

Birgid Faber, Ronald M Flowers, Robert S Folkenberg, Philip S Follett, Louise Fomuso, Daniel Fontaine, Ulrich Frikart, Agustin Galicia, Don L M Garilva, L James Gibson, Erwin Gomez, Raul Gomez, Vassili E Gorbul, Malcolm D Gordon, Rodolpho Gorski, Gordon R Gray, John Graz, Eugene W Grosser, Patrick Guenin, Alberto C Gulfan Jr, Roberto Gullon, Stenio Gungadoo, Joseph E Gurubatham, Patricia Gustin, Passmore Hachalinga, Bert B Haloviak, Sang Woo Han, Allan R Handysides, H G Harker, Alex Hendriks, Elie Henry, Eugene Hsu, C Lee Huff, Stelian Iacob,

Donald G Jacobsen, Sven H Jensen, William G Johnsson, Theodore T Jones, Sabrina Kalliokoski, Michael F Kaminsky, Gerry D Karst, Dennis C Keith Sr, Reinhold Kesaulya, Ivan F Khiminets, Eun Bae Kim, Robert J Kloosterhuis, G Henk Koning, Vladimir Krupsky, P Daniel Kunjachan, Robert E Kyte, Harold J Lance, Harold L Lee, Richard P Lehmann, Paulo Leitao, Israel Leito, Lionel Leitzke, Robert E Lemon, Richard Liu, Jose R Lizardo, Monga-Espoir Lukumbi,

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Ruy H Nagel, Daegeuk Nam, Marcio Nastrini, Wai Chun (Stanley) Ng, A C M Ngalamulume, Jacques G Ngororano, Karel Nowak, Soo Jong Oh, Joseph A Ola, Barry D Oliver, Ivan Omana, Moissei I Ostrovsky, J Othoo, Maxine Pape, Orville D Parchment, Ruth E Parish, Vernon B Parmenter, Jere D Patzer, Douglas Paulsen, Jan Paulsen, David J Perez, Juan O Perla, Pablo Perla, Cecil R Perry, Olga G Pervanchuk, C Pheirim, Larry J Pitcher, Pekka T Pohjola, Wladyslaw Polok, Haynes Posala, Juan R Prestol, Peter J Prime, Donald G Pursley, Carlos Puyol,

L D Raelly, Ted L Ramirez, Alex Rantung, Leo Ranzolin, Humberto M Rasi, Robert L Rawson, Nils Rechter, George W Reid, Rick Remmers, Hilda N Rendon, Samuel B Ribeiro, Robin D Riches, Alvin Ringer, Silvia Nanette Rivera, Roger Robertsen, Donald E Robinson, Robert L Robinson, Calvin B Rock, Bernardo Rodriguez, Guy Roger, Duane C Rollins, Denis Rosat, Steven G Rose, Amon Rugelinyange, Reinhard Rupp, Michael L Ryan, Roy E Ryan,

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Andre M van Rensburg, Mario Veloso, Juan Carlos Viera, Daniel B Viloso, Velile S Wakaba, Yafesi Walugembe, D Ronald Watts, Neil W Watts, Ralph S Watts Jr, Leon Wellington, Bertil Wiklander, Measapogu Wilson, Neal C Wilson, Ted N C Wilson, Edward E Wines, Harald Wollan, Kenneth H Wood, Naomi A Yamashiro, F Donald Yost, F Martin Ytreberg, James W Zackrison, Valdis A Zilgalvis.

#### DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

The devotional message entitled "Forward to the Promised Land" was presented by George W Brown, former President of the Inter-American Division.

Come with me back to the Exodus. Israel has just left Egypt and is ready to cross over the Red Sea. Bad news begins to circulate. The Egyptians are coming. The entire body of people is paralyzed by fear. Some begin to pray and some begin to murmur. Some complain and criticize leadership. The Exodus movement is off to a rocky start. The Egyptians are coming. The superpower is in hot pursuit. There is pandemonium, crisis, fear, and uncertainty.

In this situation, God speaks. It is when we feel trapped that God speaks most eloquently. "And Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you will see again no more forever.' . . . 'Tell the children of Israel to go forward.'"—Exod 14:13, 15, NKJV

The message to God's Church around the world is simple: Go forward. There are three good news imperatives in the passage we have just read. What do they say to the Church of God in 1999? They tell us God's people have hope and can look forward to the future with confidence. The messages will inspire, encourage, uplift, and empower us in our journey to the Promised Land.

1. The first imperative is "Don't be afraid." "The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still" (vs 14). All you need to do is to stand still. We believe we have somehow acquired the capacity to defeat the enemy. No man, no matter how clever, can frustrate the plans of the devil. God says, "Fear not, for I will fight for you." He is the invincible Commander-in-Chief of the armies of heaven. Fear is paralyzing and disabling. Trusting in God is energizing and enabling. Have faith in God. This Church was raised up by Him. It is being led by Him. It will conquer through Him. It is not by administrative skills or human power that we will win the battle. It is not by academic accomplishments or professional know-how, not by well-crafted policies or impressive programs, not by state-of-the-art technology, not by surplus liquidity or operating capital, "'but by My Spirit.' says the LORD of hosts" (Zech 4:6, NKJV). You may go home with the certainty that your God is abundantly able to defend His people by Himself. The victory is sure. Triumphant Christians do not fight for victory. They celebrate a victory already won through the invincible power of Jesus Christ. Let us allow Him to do the fighting for us.

He tells us, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt 28:20, KJV). Whether in fire, flood, or conflict, don't be afraid, for I am with you. God does not say there will be no crises, challenges, difficulties, or conflicts. God promises to be with us through those problems.

Nebuchadnezar looked into the fiery furnace and said, "Didn't we throw three men into the fire? Now I see four men walking, and one of those appears to be the Son of God." God walks through the fire with us. He promises to be with us to the end.

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (LS 196). Let us not forget how God has led us. Take time to recall how God has led His Church from the very beginning until today. He will lead us on to the Promised Land.

2. The second imperative is “Stand firm.” “Stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD” (Exod 14:13, RSV). That is not a posture of passive resignation. It is a posture of readiness for action. To stand firm is to remain resolutely unshakable in our allegiance to God and His cause. It is exercising unswerving confidence in the ability and availability of God to keep us from falling. It is waiting patiently on God for the unfolding of His providence. It is remaining uncompromisingly loyal and committed to our God-given message and mission. It is doggedly refusing to give up when the going gets tough.

Winston Churchill was once late for a speaking appointment. When he arrived he took off his hat and said, “Never, never, never give up. . . . Never, never give up.” And then he sat down.

Let us stand firm on the never-failing promises of God, on the certainty that God’s last-day Church will ultimately triumph, on the certainty of our divine call, on the authenticity of our message, on the urgency of our global mission, on the sure knowledge that our God is leading His people all the way to the Promised Land.

Someone once said that Seventh-day Adventists seem to know where they have come from, why they are here, and where they are going; and they are determined not to go there unless they take somebody with them.

3. The third imperative is “Go forward.” “‘The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.’ And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward’” (Exod 14:14, 15, NKJV). Tell the children of Israel to move on. The God of the past is the God of today. Don’t criticize, fuss, and wonder what to do. It is not sufficient to be unafraid and stand firm, we must go forward in faith. It is not enough to pray and to have faith, we must go forward.

I once received a gift of two rocking chairs. After my wife and I rocked in them for awhile, she observed, “Rocking chairs keep us constantly in action, but don’t get us anywhere.” David Livingstone once said, “I will go anywhere God leads me as long as it is forward.” We must have no reverse gears. We must forget those things which are behind and press forward to those things which are before.

“We should never wait to see what the Lord will do for us first, but go forward and believe that He will do just what He has promised. It may seem that our way is hedged up on every side, but we are to move forward” (EGW in *Review and Herald*, Aug 8, 1890).

Going forward into the sea may seem risky, but it is the only safe and sure way to victory. Let us move on to new spiritual horizons, new achievements, new accomplishments, and new exploits for God and His cause. The God of Israel is still the God of the Advent Movement.

When the Romans invaded Britain, the commanding officer ordered that all the invading ships be burned. Astonished by the order, a troubled sailor asked, "Sir, if we burn the ships, what do we do in the event of a retreat?" The officer responded, "You have missed the point, sailor, there shall be no retreat!" For this Church there shall be no retreat, no looking back, no wilderness wandering, no detours, no hesitation, no marking time—only forward in faith!

With our invincible Commander-in-Chief, let us go forward all the way to the Promised Land! What a jubilant homecoming that will be, when all God's people will be home at last. Think of the innumerable host of redeemed men and women of every class, race, place, and face triumphantly celebrating their amazing blood-bought redemption. Eternal joy, eternal peace with God. I want to see all of you there. The day is coming soon when we shall rejoice with Jesus Christ, our King forever.

The speaker asked the audience to join with him in a prayer of dedication, followed by prayer in small groups.

The closing prayer was offered by Willmore D Eva, Editor of *Ministry*.

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G Ralph Thompson, Chairman, called to order the first session of the Special Meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee.

Prayer was offered by Agustin Galicia, Secretary of the Inter-American Division, and Marcel Millaud, a Layperson from the South Pacific Division.

#### 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.

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#### OPENING REMARKS BY G RALPH THOMPSON

G Ralph Thompson reviewed the reason for the current meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee.

In August 1998, James E Moore filed a lawsuit in Sacramento, California, naming the General Conference Corporation, Robert S Folkenberg, and others as defendants. Official notice was not received of this suit until the end of December 1998. The suit appeared frivolous, both to attorneys for Folkenberg and to attorneys for the Church.

However, as a result of the examination of the background material, questions arose that caused the attorney representing the General Conference to bring materials to the attention of the Secretary and Treasurer. At a meeting in Florida early in January, information was shared with PREXAD (Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Undersecretary, and Undertreasurer). This group felt that the information should be reviewed by a larger group. Accordingly, Folkenberg requested PREXAD to set up a process for further investigation.

On the recommendation of PREXAD, on January 13, 1999, the Administrative Committee appointed a 19-person Special Ad Hoc Group to "review the church-related issues arising in connection with a lawsuit brought against Robert S Folkenberg and others by James E Moore." This group was made up of church employees and laypersons from around the world who spent January 25 and 26 listening to the attorneys and to Robert S Folkenberg, and then weighing the evidence presented. On January 27 the Special Ad Hoc Group reported its conclusion and recommendation to the Administrative Committee. At the conclusion of that all-day meeting, the Administrative Committee voted, "To call a meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee at the earliest opportunity to review the church-related issues arising in connection with a lawsuit brought against Robert S Folkenberg and others by James E Moore, including the report of the Special Ad Hoc Group, and to express itself on a question of confidence concerning Robert S Folkenberg's continued leadership as president of the world Church."

On February 7, 1999, Robert S Folkenberg sent me his letter of resignation. Folkenberg's resignation changed the purpose of today's meeting. We no longer need to decide if he should remain as president, and we feel that it is in the best interest of the Church if we do not have to go into all the reasons for his resignation.

#### REMARKS BY ROBERT S FOLKENBERG

It has been my joy and privilege to serve you during the last 3100 days. I want to thank you for the opportunities you have given me to provide leadership to the church. I have had the

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opportunity to see this wonderful church from the Azores to Zanzibar from Myanmar to Mongolia. I have been able to participate in our church during the incredible growth of the last eight and a half years when we nearly doubled in size from six to ten million people and annual contributions have risen to over one and a half billion dollars. Little did I dream when I grew up as a child of missionary parents in Inter-America that I would ever have such an opportunity. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the privilege.

One of the initiatives that developed during my administration is the "Total Commitment to God" document which was approved by the Annual Council in 1996. It seeks to assure the church that we are accountable to each other. It asks that institutions be accountable to the church and that congregations are accountable to their respective constituencies etc. I am also subject to an accountability process and that is, in part, why we are here.

Believe me, it is tempting to give a detailed explanation of my association with Mr James Moore because the facts differ substantially from much of that which has been recently stated in the press and on the Internet. In fact, I have been both startled and dismayed by the inaccuracy of the rumors which seem to be commonplace. However, though you have a right to know anything you choose to know, I feel that the consequences of using our time here in this manner would be terribly divisive, for such a discussion is also likely to lead us into the arena of flawed processes and other agendas. So I hope we won't spend our time in this manner.

Suffice it to say that this is a story of what seemed to be a well-intentioned friendship that gradually went astray. It is a litany of decisions that I and others made based on the information we had at the time and based on what seemed best for the church. But, given the perspective of hindsight there are many things which I, and those of us who were involved, wish we had done differently. There are many signals I wish I had seen. Only the Lord knows the hundreds of hours I have spent with Him in prayer, weeping, pleading for Him to protect His church during the process of my disassociation from Mr Moore. As the man you elected in 1990 and 1995 to lead this church I am deeply repentant that I didn't disassociate myself from him much earlier since it is something you had the right to expect from me and for this I am truly sorry and I ask your forgiveness.

It is important to state clearly that (1) my association with Mr Moore did not begin out of any expectation of any personal profit from him nor did it continue for any such reason. My association with him began when he visited Guatemala in 1976 with another Adventist to view the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of February 4; the association with him which has given rise to this meeting began in 1978 when he made a gift of an interest in raw undeveloped land near Sacramento, California to the Inter-American Division. It was that gift, which I perceived to be of substantial potential value for our church's mission that caused me to continue my association with him. The church never actually realized anything from this gift and neither did I. (2) At no time was church money ever diverted, lost, or otherwise used for any improper

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purpose in connection with this gift. (3) My association with Mr Moore, which included a personal friendship, was not one which required or involved more of my personal time than you have probably spent with friends you have known for a long time. Nonetheless, in retrospect, I regret not having used my precious moments of personal time on more productive and less controversial matters. The price which I have paid for that lack of judgment and foresight has been understandably very high.

Just as I did not expect or seek the presidency in 1990 (when I had already known James Moore for 14 years) neither am I willing to fight to retain the position. Some erroneously have concluded that my resignation was an admission of egregious misconduct or moral failure. That is not true. I resigned simply to avoid further conflict and pain to my family and the church I love.

Some of you are aware of my personal struggle about whether or not to pursue a settlement with Mr Moore. I have felt that Mr Moore had a right to be angry due to the decision that was made in September of 1996 by which an organization with which he was involved seemed to be deprived of an asset. I'm simplistic enough to believe that taking something that belongs to another is wrong, regardless of his conduct. So many of my colleagues disagreed with this position that I reluctantly acquiesced and announced to GC ADCOM that I was prepared to pursue a vigorous defense of Moore's litigation.

As my legal counsel and I planned our approach to the lawsuit started by Mr Moore, it became very obvious to me that it was likely the lawsuit would last for several years and would be very expensive, both in terms of actual dollars spent in defending the suit and in the time which would be consumed by many people. Because an insurance policy issued to the General Conference Corporation appeared to apply to the claims which had been asserted by Mr Moore, we contacted that insurer. After a careful review of many documents and other available information, the insurer decided to provide coverage conditionally (under a reservation of rights) and to pay for legal counsel to defend both me and Mr Carson. When the insurer did so, it noted that the insurance policy covered only 80% of those defense costs. The church though willing to pay for my ecclesiastical prosecution, rejected my request to assist with the remaining 20% of my defense costs. My family had already personally spent so much to protect the church from Mr Moore that we could not carry this expense alone.

Finally, feeling abandoned, we felt we were being forced to bear the cost of defense alone. We knew the cost of litigation would be much higher than the cost of settlement. So, with the approval and significant participation of the insurance company, last Friday our attorneys reached a settlement with Mr Moore in which he dropped his claims against all defendants—including all the church organizations. So, the lawsuit is no more. I praise the Lord that this weight has been lifted from my shoulders and that in the process the church will also save many thousands of dollars and numerous media stories potentially distracting to the church.



I would like to stress to all of you who have been elected to positions of leadership that these positions are not a mantle we own. We are loaned these responsibilities for as long as the church feels we can effectively carry them out. When the time comes to lay down that mantle we should not be possessive of it but step aside for the good of the church. Let us never become so identified with our job that we are not able to lay it down and pick up another responsibility. The mission and message of the church is far more important than any personal assignment. The responsibility of president of the General Conference does not belong to a person; it belongs to the church.

Please indulge me a bit now as I reminisce about the things God has accomplished during the last eight and a half years.

First and foremost is the message of Righteousness by Faith. Nothing has given me greater joy than focusing the attention of the church on the basic elements of the gospel. And let me say, on a personal note, that this same gift of the gospel of grace that I have preached hundreds of times these last years has been particularly precious to Anita and me during these past weeks. Along with the presentation of the gospel I have sought to uplift the distinctive message of the church along with a strong emphasis on scriptural authority. We must remember that we are not a church organization. We are a movement with a message. Our message is our only title to the future. Let us always uplift the message.

The one thing that stands as a major highlight of my ministry is the Global Mission vision which was launched by the General Conference Session in 1990. Thus far that initiative has led to establishing over 12,000 new congregations around the world. That, brothers and sisters, is the core of our mission and I hope we never forget it. The growth and advancement of God's work is truly amazing.

God has led us together to a much more efficient and cost-effective way of operating His church. For example, from the standpoint of administration we reduced the size of the General Conference Committee that is meeting today from four hundred and fifty to about two hundred and fifty (so all who are members could actually attend) and modified the composition so it more closely matches the membership of our world church.

The office of Women's Ministries was created and is now a department serving and challenging Adventist women around the world.

We successfully incorporated the territories of the Middle East Union into divisions and realigned Asia-Pacific territories into two divisions, one of which now includes the Peoples Republic of China.

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From a financial perspective we launched a self-reliance initiative for all church organizations, established an operating cap for the General Conference headquarters—based on a 10% reduction of the previous year's operations—and have operated \$1 million or more below that cap every year since 1991. We streamlined headquarters staffing reducing the number of regular employees by more than 125 people. Through these steps we rebuilt General Conference operating capital and secured access to almost all of church funds that were blocked in countries with currency exchange limitations.

I am particularly excited about the developments in the area of communications. So many things have happened: The Adventist Communication Network provided the foundation for the Net programs. The beginning of the Adventist Global Communication Network provides a structure for global distribution of programming such as we saw during Net '98. The Western Hemisphere Adventist Satellite Telecommunications has been broadcasting television programming to the Americas 24 hours a day for the last year and a half. The *Adventist Review* began a program to expand the distribution of our major church paper to all divisions in multiple languages. By the end of 1999 it will be distributed in many languages to our believers in eight divisions. CompuServe and the Internet have aided all of us in keeping in touch with each other and, on a personal note, I sent out about 350 weekly editions of *From the G. C. President*. Clearly our communication with each other and the world has advanced significantly over the last eight and a half years.

Because you have given me the opportunity over the last eight and a half years to obtain a global perspective of the church I would like to share with you my vision for our church as you and my successor lead it into the future.

1. I see a church whose members are as concerned with love for each other as we are with the correctness of our belief system. I see a church whose members have experienced the gospel and share it not only in the tracts they distribute but in their lives. The pain my family and I have gone through during these past months has made this particularly relevant to me. I see a church whose members' lives demonstrate the sense of urgency inherent in our Bible-based, prophetic, judgement-hour, end-time message that Christ is about to return.

2. As you might expect, my vision of the future includes a church that uses the power of cutting-edge technology, not as the latest toy or as an end in and of itself, but as a means to reach the unreached with the gospel and to help provide organizational services far more efficiently and cost-effectively than we do now.

3. I see church institutions where spiritual objectives drive decisions and which foster accountability to their respective constituencies.

4. I see a General Conference which, along with its divisions and unions, sets limits on the size of operating reserves and which, instead of building excess reserves, distributes these funds each year to underwrite initiatives that will accelerate the evangelistic mission of the church as implemented by members, employees, congregations, and our institutions.

5. I see a church that compensates its pastoral force in a manner that is commensurate with the cost of living in their place of service, implements processes to establish measurable outcomes, and then recognizes in a meaningful way those who achieve those objectives.

6. After having lived in the pressure cooker of this position for eight and a half years I have learned something in the process. Traveling away from home 70% or more of the time, working 18-hour days seven days a week, the schedule, the meetings, the expectations of the world field place an impossible burden on one whose heart longs to do his best for the church. There is a need for an expanded staff for the General Conference President. The Departments and the Vice Presidential support teams are crucial but the President needs staff for accomplishing the work that must come directly from the office of the President. And in order to have a semblance of family life the General Conference should take steps so that the President's wife does not have to carry a full-time job and can therefore be available to spend time with her husband.

7. My greatest concern as we move into the future is that we maintain our close world family unity even as we are confronted with theological, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, and financial centrifugal forces that seek to tear our family apart with the winds of change. We must find the balance of unity in diversity. We must answer the prayer of our Lord as He faced the cross when He prayed, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:21 KJV). How will the world believe that we follow Jesus unless we live together in unity? It is vital that the divisions, unions, and conferences/missions, and congregations do not focus solely on their own territories. Our church was born with a world vision and we will die when we lose that vision. It is imperative that we not be trapped in myopic divisional or national selfishness.

As I close may I suggest to you that at the core of the message of our church must be the main commandment of our Lord. "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:34, 35, KJV).

There is not a doctrine of our church that has value unless it is rooted and grounded in this commandment. Our doctrines are directions showing us how to reveal that love. The litmus test of our salvation in Christ will be the love, understanding, and patience we have for each other—including presidents. Remember, you have no more right to expect perfection from

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presidents than from any other child of God. The servant of the Lord penned, "The love existing between believers is to be similar to the love existing between the Father and the Son. . . . It is in the lack of this love that thousands fail, and are found to be transgressors of the law" (*Signs of the Times*, 4/13/1891).

As Biblically based as are our fundamental beliefs, as truthful as is our understanding of prophecy, these alone are powerless unless they are wrapped in the transforming power of love and forgiveness. God seeks from His church not just believing what is right, but living the right; not just knowing the truth, but living the truth; not just did we receive grace, but do we show that we have received grace by giving grace to others; not just did we receive forgiveness ourselves, but do we extend forgiveness to others.

Sodium is an extremely active element found naturally only in combined form; it always links itself to another element. Chlorine, on the other hand, is the poisonous gas that gives bleach its offensive odor. When sodium and chlorine are combined, the result is sodium chloride—common table salt—the substance we use to bring out the flavor of food. Love and truth can be like sodium and chlorine. Love without truth is flighty, sometimes blind, willing to combine with various doctrines. On the other hand, truth without love can be offensive, sometimes even poisonous. Spoken without love, truth can turn people away from the gospel. But when truth and love are combined in an individual or a church we have what Jesus called "the salt of the earth."

Let us not follow the road of the early Christians. Ellen White says in the eighth volume of the *Testimonies*: "But the early Christians began to look for defects in one another. Dwelling upon mistakes, giving place to unkind criticism, they lost sight of the Saviour and of the great love He had revealed for sinners. They became more strict in regard to outward ceremonies, more particular about the theory of the faith, more severe in their criticisms" (8T 241). Note that they became more strict and particular when they lost the love of Jesus. Let us never lose that love.

I remind you today of my affirmation that this church is in God's hands. I opened my presidency by stating that our Lord is the leader of our church. I believed that in 1990 and I still believe that to be true today. I have full confidence in the future of the church under His leadership. May God's blessing continue to rest on the Seventh-day Adventist Church and may His love fill us and may we show it by sharing His love with others.

I love all of you and I thank you again for the eight and a half joy-filled years that I served you. May God bless you all.

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## FOLKENBERG, ROBERT S - LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Robert S Folkenberg's letter of resignation, dated February 7, 1999, was read by the Secretary of the meeting, as follows:

"Dear Ralph:

"From my early childhood as the son of missionary parents in Inter-America, to my ministry as General Conference President, my entire life has been tirelessly and single-mindedly devoted to advancing the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church. However, over the last few weeks it has become apparent to me that the controversy surrounding the allegations of James E. Moore, made in the context of his lawsuit against the church and me, is detracting from God's work. While I have repeatedly and publicly acknowledged mistakes in my dealings with Mr Moore I rejoice that the integrity of my motives has not been called into question. However, to avoid additional pain and conflict to my family and the church I love I am removing myself from the controversy by tendering my resignation through you to the General Conference Executive Committee. I will continue to give my all to advancing the mission of the church and I pray that through this action the church can maintain its focus on the task our Lord has entrusted to us.

"Robert S Folkenberg"

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to GRT

## FOLKENBERG, ROBERT S—PRESIDENT - RESIGNATION

VOTED, To accept the resignation of Robert S Folkenberg as President of the General Conference, effective February 7, 1999.

GCC to GRT

## FOLKENBERG, ROBERT S - APPRECIATION

VOTED, To record an expression of heartfelt appreciation and thanks to Robert S Folkenberg for the almost nine years he served as General Conference President. His presidency period was characterized by aggressive church planting, unprecedented membership growth, administrative downsizing, and rapidly expanding use of communication technology. His untiring service and relentless pursuit of better ways to fulfil the divine commission endeared him to the world Church, and numerous are the monuments in living souls to the success of his

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initiatives. This acknowledgment of his contribution to the work of the Church, and accompanying expression of sincere appreciation, is recorded on behalf of this committee and the more than 10 million church members worldwide. We also wish to thank Mrs Folkenberg, who has so actively and selflessly supported her husband in his demanding responsibilities.

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174-99G NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -  
APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint a Nominating Committee for the election of the General Conference President which consists of all the members of the General Conference Executive Committee, meeting in executive session.

*Robert W. Nelson*  
*General Counsel*

G Ralph Thompson, Chairman  
Athal H Tolhurst, Secretary  
Carol E Rasmussen, Recording Secretary

*3/23/99*  
*I do not believe statement by*  
*R.S. Folkenberg @ insurance (99-10)*  
*are correct in describing a complex*  
*situation.* *Robert W. Nelson*

## SPECIAL MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 1, 1999, 2:30 p.m.

Calvin B Rock, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, called to order the second session of the Special Meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee, meeting in executive session and functioning as the Nominating Committee.

Theodore T Jones, President of the Atlantic Union Conference, offered prayer.

DISCUSSION OF MATERIALS RELATING TO ROBERT S  
FOLKENBERG'S DEALINGS WITH JAMES E MOORE

There was a 45-minute return to discussion of the earlier question as to whether or not additional material relating to Robert S Folkenberg's dealings with James E Moore should be distributed to committee members. A show of hands finally determined that such material would not be distributed to committee members. Copies will be made available to division presidents later in the week. During this discussion, G Ralph Thompson served as chairman.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROCESS

The Nominating Committee process took place between 3:15 and 6:00 p.m. Niels-Erik Andreasen, as Vice-chairman of the Nominating Committee, chaired during the nominating and voting proceedings. Following heart searching and earnest seasons of prayer, committee members were asked to vote their choice from a list of 11 nominations. Following four separate voting procedures, the will of God and His people was revealed.

G Ralph Thompson, resumed chairmanship of the General Conference Executive Committee. Athal H Tolhurst, as Secretary of the General Conference Executive Committee, presented the report, and the vote was taken.

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PAULSEN, JAN—PRESIDENT - ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Jan Paulsen as President of the General Conference.

G Ralph Thompson, Chairman  
Athol H Tolhurst, Secretary

*Robert W. Nifm*  
*General Council*  
*3/23/99*



## SPECIAL MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 2, 1999, 9:00 a.m.

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

The devotional message entitled “Standing on the Mountain of God” was presented by George W Brown, former President of the Inter-American Division.

The message this morning is custom made for Christians leaders in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It spotlights one of the most fascinating characters in the Bible. What are the special insights that God wants to us learn from the great prophetic messenger Elijah? Leaders all have feet of clay. We all are prone sometimes to blunder. God has a remedy for our fears and blunders.

The setting for the message is a grave national crisis of enormous proportion. The cancer of Baalism had spread to all the vital organs of the nation—from the royal family to the man on the street. To address this crisis God raised up Elijah the Tishbite. Nothing is more relevant to us today than the story of Elijah. His life is conspicuous for stunning miracles, fiery prophetic utterances, fearless assaults on Baalism, and a dauntless defense of the supremacy of Jehovah. When he spoke, everyone listened.

After a showdown there is a letdown, and our ministry can be destroyed. Elijah is propelled into national recognition by his confrontation with Ahab and Jezebel. He placed before them an ultimatum. “If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him” (1 Kings 18:21, NIV). In verses 36 and 37, Elijah prayed to God to vindicate His cause and His name. Fire came from heaven and consumed the sacrifice and the wood, melted down the stones and soil, and licked up the water. The astonishing demonstration promptly elicited the public confession, “The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!” (vs 39, NKJV).

When Elijah saw the manifestation of the power of Jehovah, he felt a sense of euphoria. He became so euphoric at God’s answer to his prayers that he shouted for joy. He may have said, “Oh, what a man I am!” Now that euphoric feeling is suddenly transformed into a letdown. You will find it in 1 Kings 19:1-4, 9. When Jezebel heard what had happened, she was infuriated. She sent off a crisp, terse e-mail message to him. “Tomorrow you will be as one of them” (see 1 Kings 19:2). He ran for his life. He prayed that he might die. He went into a cave and spent the night there. “The word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’” (1 Kings 19:9, NKJV).

We need to ask ourselves, What am I doing here? What is my purpose for being here? This experience was the turning point in the life of Elijah. He was called to be a man of power, a man of the Spirit, a man to confront evil for God. He couldn't proclaim good news from a cave. The crisis demanded courage, faith, and determination. He was to give a message of repentance, revival, renewal, and dedication. We need to be men and women of courage who are Spirit filled—men and women of unflinching faith in God and confidence in the unflinching message we have been called to give. May God help us to stand tall for Jehovah. We too must cope with wide-spread idolatry. We must face secularism, worldliness, rampant materialism, adoration of money, technology, fashion, sports, etc. We cannot lead from a cave. Our message is to be given from the mountaintop. "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgement has come" (Rev 14:7, NKJV).

1. What is it that led Elijah from the showdown to the letdown? He suffered from acute frustration brought on by occupational burnout. He ran for his life. In sheer self pity, he said, "I have had enough. Take my life. I am no better than my ancestors" (see 1 Kings 19:4). There is no more potent a weapon in the devil's arsenal than discouragement. It produces spiritual paralysis, loss of energy, loss of direction, loss of vision, loss of purpose, loss of confidence in God and His cause, loss of hope, and loss of focus on our mission as a Church.

The story is told that the devil held an auction to sell all of his instruments of temptation. In the corner there was a glass case with a small wedge-shaped instrument. Someone said to the devil, "You have sold all your instruments, except one. I want to buy it." The devil said, "I am just scaling back, not going out of business. I need to keep this instrument. It is the most useful one to me. It is discouragement."

"He [Elijah] feared that the reformation begun on Mount Carmel might not be lasting; depression seized him. He had been exalted to Pisgah's top; now he was in the valley" (PK 161).

2. Elijah suffered from the "I alone" syndrome. Three times the prophet repeated this fallacy: "I am the only one left" (19:10, NIV). "I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too" (19:14, NIV). "I am the only one of the LORD'S prophets left" (18:22, NIV). Susceptibility to the "I alone" syndrome leads to self-righteousness, intolerance, religious bigotry, dogmatism, and erroneous conclusions about our indispensability to God's cause. It often gives rise to the notion that I have a monopoly on truth. I alone fully understand and preach the great fundamentals of righteousness by faith, the nature of Christ, historic Adventism, the sanctuary doctrine, etc.

Nobody in this cause is indispensable to the cause of God. God sets the record straight. God said to Elijah, "I have reserved 7,000 in Israel who have not bowed their knees to Baal" (1 Kings 19:18). We are only little cogs in the great plan of redemption. Our God is preserving, leading, calling, and training His 7,000. God will lead us all the way to the Promised Land.

When one goes down there are 7,000 more. We have no need to fear the future. The cause of Adventism is not mine, but God's. We are to depend on God, not on our knowledge, skills, degrees, or intellect. The government of this Church is on God's shoulder. When He bears our burdens, He doesn't need our help.

What is the remedy for the "I alone" syndrome? There are two prescriptions by the Great Physician for this illness. "The Lord said to Elijah, Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord." God doesn't use leaders in caves. When the Lord Jesus comes for His people, I want to be on the mountain. This is the first step to renewal, revival, and reformation, the first step to overcoming discouragement. There is no future in the cave, no excitement, no joy. Only gloom and doom and sighing are in the cave. Standing on the mountain in the presence of the Lord is a powerful symbol of spiritual invigoration, renewal of hope, freshness of vision, and rekindling of passion in our service for God and the triumph of His cause.

There are three mountains to climb every day. Our success as leaders is in direct proportion to the frequency of our visits to these three life-changing mountains. They are:

1. Mt Sinai. Here we see the majesty of God. Here we can begin to comprehend the power and meaning of His immutable standard of morality. We are able to believe and practice the law through the power of Jesus Christ.

2. Mt Calvary. Here we may have a daily reaffirmation of our redemption. This is the only place that can solidify our confidence in our future. There is no condemnation or separation or defeat because we live constantly in the presence of the Lord. As leaders, let us tell the world and the Church that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Because of what Christ has done, is doing now in heaven, and will do for us, we have nothing to fear.

3. Mount of Transfiguration. On this mountain we see no man, but Jesus only. We are reminded of the time when we shall see Him for ourselves. We are to go back to simple faith in God, back to serious Bible study and prayer, back to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

Elijah is told to "Go back the way you came" (see 1 Kings 19:15). There are times when we get on the mountain and fail to realize there is a task yet to be done. Go back and tell the people of Israel that Jehovah reigns. Go back and tell the good news of your invigorating life-changing encounter on the mountain in the presence of the Lord. This is a call to service. Go back to your homes, churches, and countries, and don't be afraid to proclaim the good news about the bad news. In spite of the world in which we live, there is a balm in Gilead. There is hope for the world in Christ. Go back to your first love, back to your simple faith in God's promises, back to your former passion for the Advent message, back to serious Bible study and intercessory prayer, back to a close-up intimacy with God, back to your unwavering confidence in the prophetic message to the Church.

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After the mountain-top experience with God, Elijah knew only the upward direction. One day, while standing in the presence of the Lord, he was caught up in a chariot of fire. He is a reminder that one day very soon, the King of Glory will come back and all of the faithful will be caught up to meet Him in glory. It will be the end of pain, the end of old age, the end of youthful struggles. Let us climb the mountain until we are ultimately caught up to meet the Lord in the air. I long for the day when people from all the countries of the world will be caught up to meet the Lord. I want to see you there. We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. God's people will be saved to sin no more. Will you join me by God's grace in standing on the mountain in the presence of the Lord? Let us stand.

George W Brown led in a prayer of dedication.

Stelian Iacob, a Pastor from Romania, closed the meeting with prayer.

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Lowell C Cooper, Chairman, called to order the third session of the Special Meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee.

Prayer was offered by Kenneth J Mittleider, former Vice President of the General Conference.

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102-99Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 1999

RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 1999, 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>March 1999</u>			
2(eve)	Tue	AIAS Management Committee	Silver Spring MD
2-22	Tue	Children's New Curriculum Committee	Silver Spring MD
3	Wed	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>March 1999</u> contd			
3(pm)	Wed	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Thu	GC & Division Treasurers	Silver Spring MD
4(eve)	Thu	Message & Mission Commission	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Fri	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Fri	ADRA Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
5-20	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Loma Linda CA
8(pm)-11	Mon	Higher Education Summit II	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Thu	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
12	Fri	Adventist Accrediting Association	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
31	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 1999</u>			
3-6	Sab	Divorce & Remarriage Study Commission	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Mon	R&H Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
6(am)	Tue	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
8	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
9-24	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Nairobi KENYA
12,13	Mon	GC & NAD Union Treasurers Council	San Diego CA
12-14	Mon	GC & NAD Union & Conf Secretaries Council	Colorado Springs CO
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
9(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
10	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
11(am)	Tue	LLUAHSC Finance & Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
11(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
12	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
26	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>June 1999</u>			
1,2	Tue	Communication Strategy Council	Toronto CANADA
2	Wed	R&H Executive & Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	GC Staff Day	Gaithersburg MD
10(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
10(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
11-26	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
20-July 2	Sun	24 <sup>th</sup> Faith & Learning Seminar	Berrien Springs MI
<u>July 1999</u>			
9-16	Fri	GC Auditing Service Seminar	Calhoun GA
9-24	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Collonges FRANCE
12	Mon	Assoc of Adv Family Life Prof Board	Berrien Springs MI
13,14	Tue	IHFA Executive Committee	Lueneburg GERMANY
16(am)	Fri	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
25-28	Sun	Ed Leadership Seminar (ESD, EUD, TED)	Collonges FRANCE
28-Aug 1	Wed	IWM Reentry Program (Teen)	Riverside CA
<u>August 1999</u>			
5-10	Fri	Biblical Research Institute Science Council	Carlsbad NM
11-14	Thu	IWM Reentry Program (Family)	Riverside CA
15(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
16	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
17(am)	Tue	LLUAHSC Finance & Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
17(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
18	We	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
18	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
18(pm)-21	Wed	Christian Record Services Centennial Convention	Lincoln NE
19	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
20-Sept 4	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Riverside CA
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

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<u>September 1999 contd</u>			
13-15	Mon	Adventist Risk Management Conference	Milwaukee WI
14(am)	Tue	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
16(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
16	Thu	Human Resources Workshop	Milwaukee WI
16(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
17,19	Fri	President's Summit	Silver Spring MD
20	Mon	GC & Division Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
20	Mon	GC & Division Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
21,22	Tue	GC & Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
23,24	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
24-28	Fri	Division Leaders IWM Orientation	Silver Spring MD
26	Sun	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
27(am)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
27(pm)	Mon	AIIAS Board and Management Committee	Silver Spring MD
28	Tue	ADRA Board	Silver Spring MD
28	Tue	Investment Managers Meeting	Silver Spring MD
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>			
10(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
11	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
12(am)	Tue	LLUAHSC Board Committees & Board	Loma Linda CA
12(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
13	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
13-16	Wed	IWM Reentry Program (Family)	Berrien Springs MI
15-30	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
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

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>December 1999 contd</u>			
8(am)	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
16	Thu	R&H Executive & Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2000</u>			
6(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
6(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
7-22	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Avondale AUSTRALIA
12-29	Wed	Institute of World Mission	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(am)	Tue	LLUAHSC Finance & Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
8(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
8-11	Tue	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
9	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
17	Thu	Inst of World Mission Admin Council	Berrien Springs MI
18	Fri	Andrews University Building/Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
20	Sun	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
21	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
23	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
25-29	Fri	PPPA & R&H ABC Marketing Seminar	Hagerstown MD
28(am)	Mon	AIAS Board and Management Committee	PHILIPPINES



<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>March 2000</u>			
1	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
6-19	Mon	Institute of World Mission (AIAS)	Manila PHILIPPINES
16(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
16(pm)	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
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
7-22	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Abidjan IVORY COAST
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
19-24	Wed	Southern Asia-Pacific Division Survey	
26-28	Wed	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
27-May2	Thu	Inter-American Division Survey	Miami FL
<u>May 2000</u>			
1,2	Mon	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
7(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
8	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
9(am)	Tue	LLUAHSC Finance & Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
9(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
10	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
24	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
29-June 9	Mon	GC Staff Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD

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<u>June 2000</u>			
7(pm)	Wed	GC Staff Day	Gaithersburg MD
8(am)	Thu	R&H Executive & Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
8(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
11-23	Sun	Faith & Learning Seminar	
22	Thu	GC & Division Presidents Council	Toronto CANADA
22	Thu	GC & Division Secretaries Council	Toronto CANADA
22	Thu	GC & Division Treasurers Council	Toronto CANADA
22-25	Thu	New Children's Curriculum Training Session	Toronto CANADA
23,25	Fri	GC & Division Officers	Toronto CANADA
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
10-14	Mon	IWM Reentry Program (Family & Teen)	Oshawa CANADA
12-29	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Oshawa CANADA
14	Fri	Andrews University Board Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
16(am)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Subcommittee	Berrien Springs MI
16	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
17	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
18,19	Tue	IHFA Executive Committee	TANZANIA
31-Aug 4	Mon	GC Staff Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD
<u>August 2000</u>			
2-5	Wed	IWM Reentry Program (Family & Teen)	Newbold ENGLAND
4-8	Fri	Biblical Research Institute Science Council	
4-19	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Newbold ENGLAND
13(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
14	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
15(am)	Tue	LLUAHSC Finance & Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
15(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
16	Wed	LLUMC Board	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
23-26	Wed	IWM Reentry Program (Family)	Riverside CA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>August 2000 contd</u>			
25-Sept 9	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Riverside CA
<u>September 2000</u>			
5-15	Tue	GC Staff Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD
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
14(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
14	Thu	Human Resources Workshop	
14(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
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 & Management Committee	Silver Spring MD
26(am)	Tue	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
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<u>October 2000</u>			
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20(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
22(pm)	Sun	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
23	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
24(am)	Tue	LLUAHSC Board Committees & Board	Loma Linda CA
24(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
25	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA

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<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>			
5(am)	Tue	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
5(pm)	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
6(am)	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
14	Thu	R&H Executive & Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD

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102-99Gc AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2001

RECOMMENDED, To approve the list of Authorized Meetings 2001 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 2001</u>			
3(am)	Wed	LLUMC Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
4(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
8	Mon	Adventist Accrediting Association	Silver Spring MD
28-Feb 2	Sun	Family Ministries Advisory	Silver Spring MD
31	Wed	IRLA Board	
<u>February 2001</u>			
2(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
2-8	Fri	LLU, LLUMC & LLUAHSC Board Retreat	Loma Linda CA
16	Fri	Andrews University Building/Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
19	Mon	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
19	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
19-Mar 9	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Loma Linda CA
19-22	Mon	ADRA Pan-Asia Consultation	THAILAND
21	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
23-27	Fri	PPPA & R&H ABC Marketing Seminar	East Coast

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>March 2001</u>			
1	Thu	AIAS Board	PHILIPPINES
8	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
15(am)	Thu	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
15(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
16(am)	Fri	ADRA Board	Silver Spring MD
19,20	Mon	Christian View of Human Life Committee	Loma Linda CA
21,22	Wed	GC Officers & Div Presidents Interviews	Silver Spring MD
23(am)	Fri	GC & Division Presidents	Silver Spring MD
25	Sun	Strategic Planning & Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
26	Mon	GC Officers & Division Presidents	Silver Springs MI
27(pm)	Tue	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
28,29	Wed	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2001</u>			
2(pm)	Mon	R&H Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
2-4	Mon	GC & NAD Union Secretaries Council	
3(pm)	Tue	R&H Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
3(am)	Tue	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
3-6	Tue	Seminar for Financial VPs & Managers	Silver Spring MD
5	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
11	Wed	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
16-20	Mon	GC Colloquium & Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD
25-27	Wed	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
30, May 1	Mon	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
30-May 18	Mon	SS&PM Curriculum Subcommittee (CR&KG)	Silver Spring MD
<u>May 2001</u>			
4(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
7(pm)	Mon	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
7	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
8	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
23	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>June 2001</u>			
4-11	Mon	International Conference on the Bible	Jerusalem ISRAEL
6(pm)	Wed	GC Staff Day	Gaithersburg MD
6(am)	Wed	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
6-11	Wed	ADRA Pan-European Consultation	AUSTRIA

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>June 2001 contd</u>			
6-July 5	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MD
7(am)	Thu	R&H Executive & Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
<u>July 2001</u>			
9	Mon	Assoc of Adv Family Life Prof Board	Berrien Springs MI
9-27	Mon	SS&PM Curriculum Subcommittee (Primary)	Silver Spring MD
16(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Subcommittee	Berrien Springs MI
16	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
16(am)	Mon	Andrews University Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
16	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>August 2001</u>			
3-7	Fri	Biblical Research Institute Science Council	
10(am)	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
13(pm)	Mon	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
13	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
14	Tue	LLUMC Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
16	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
22, 23	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Burlington VT
22	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
<u>September 2001</u>			
4-14	Tue	GC Staff Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD
10	Mon	Inst for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Loma Linda CA
10-12	Mon	Adventist Risk Management Conference	
10(pm)	Mon	R&H Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
11(am)	Tue	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
12(am)	Wed	LLUMC Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
13(pm)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
13	Thu	Human Resources Workshop	
18,19	Tue	GC & Division Officer Interviews	
20	Thu	GC & Division Presidents Council	
20	Thu	GC & Division Secretaries Council	
20	Thu	GC & Division Treasurers Council	
24	Mon	GC & Division Officers	
24(am)	Mon	ADRA Board	
24(pm)	Mon	AIAS Board	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>September 2001 contd</u>			
24(eve)	Mon	Financial Statement Audit Review Committee	_____
25(pm)	Tue	Adventist World Radio Board	_____
25(eve)-Oct 2	Tue	Annual Council	_____
25(am)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	_____
26(eve)	Wed	HSI/Griggs University Board	_____
<u>October 2001</u>			
8-26	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
12-15	Fri	Oakwood College Board	Orange Beach AL
15,16	Mon	Christian View of Human Life Committee	Silver Spring MD
19	Fri	LLU Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
22(pm)	Mon	LLU Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
22	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
24	Wed	LLUMC Board	Loma Linda CA
25	Thu	LLUAHSC Board	Loma Linda CA
29(eve)-Nov 1	Mon	NAD Yearend Meeting	Silver Spring MD
<u>November 2001</u>			
14	Wed	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
28	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>December 2001</u>			
6(am)	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
13	Thu	R&H Executive & Finance Committee	Silver Spring MD

PRE/ADCOM/GCC to GRT

HART, RICHARD—ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, HEALTH AND  
TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT - ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Richard Hart, Dean of the School of Public Health, Loma Linda University, as an Associate Director of the Health and Temperance Department, with the understanding that he will serve in an advisory role at no expense to the General Conference.

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PRE/ADCOM/GCC to GRT

HOPP, JOYCE—ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, HEALTH AND  
TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT - ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Joyce Hopp, Dean of the School of Allied Health Professionals, Loma Linda University, as an Associate Director of the Health and Temperance Department, with the understanding that she will serve in an advisory roll at no expense to the General Conference.

TRE/GCC to RLR

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1998 - REPORT TO 1999  
ANNUAL COUNCIL

VOTED, To present the report on the 1998 Audited Financial Statements to the 1999 Annual Council, due to the fact that the 1999 Spring Meeting has been canceled.

PRE/GCC to GDK

HOPE 2000 PRESENTATION

Hope 2000 is “an initiative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church—providing participation possibilities for local congregations.” The purpose listed in the Hope 2000 notebook is “To provide each Seventh-day Adventist congregation with simple tools that will enable them to become a center of Hope and Love in their community during the year 2000.”

Each committee member was given a copy of the Hope 2000 notebook. Although the notebook is written in English, users are welcome to translate the materials into their own language. The suggested activities are generic enough to be adapted to any culture or community. Churches are not expected to attempt all activities, but are given a smorgasboard of ideas from which to choose. There are suggestions for different age groups—including retirees, youth, children, singles, women, men, and families. Throughout the activities, emphasis is given to twelve of the issues Christ focused on in His ministry: love, freedom, non-violence, reconciliation, equality, solidarity, dignity, duty, justice, service, truth, and destiny.



PRE/GCC to JP

GLOBAL MISSION—FINISH 14K

Finish 14K is a Global Mission initiative beginning February 26, 1999 and running through the first Sabbath of the 2000 General Conference Session. During these 500 days the goal is to plant two new congregations each day. Since 1990 the Church has established 13,000 new congregations around the world. In the past, the two quarters before a General Conference Session and the first quarter following a General Conference Session have been times of low activity in church planting, due to attention being focused on the session. It is hoped that with the Finish 14K initiative, there will be a continued emphasis on church growth. The first Sabbath afternoon of the 2000 General Conference Session there will be a report on church growth. Committee members are requested to support this initiative with their prayers and consecrated efforts.

PARL/GCC to LR

*RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WORLD REPORT - 1999*

A preliminary copy of *Religious Freedom World Report - 1999* was distributed to the committee members. The purpose of this report is to provide a world vision of religious freedom as it relates to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The final edition of this report will be sent to division leaders, the United Nations Human Rights Commission, and to other organizations. Its purpose is to provide global support to persecuted individuals around the world. Committee members were requested to send information about religious liberty issues in their territories to the Public Relations and Religious Liberty Department.

PRE/ADCOM/GCC to JP-00GCS

177-99G EAST ASIA ASSOCIATION AND SOUTH CHINA ISLAND  
UNION MISSION—REORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDED, 1. To merge the East Asia Association (China) and the South China Island Union Mission (Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan) to create a pan-Chinese union mission, effective not later than January 1, 2000.

2. To attach the territory of Mongolia to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, effective not later than January 1, 2000.

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ADCOM/GCC to LCC-2000GCS

179-99G WEST AFRICA UNION MISSION—REORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDED, 1. To reorganize the West Africa Union Mission, effective January 1, 2000\*, as follows:

a. The territory of Ghana will be separated from the West Africa Union Mission and will be known as the Ghana Union Conference. This union conference will be comprised of the Mid-west Ghana, South Ghana, South Central Ghana, and South West Ghana Conferences and the North Ghana Mission.

b. The West African Union Mission, covering the territory of Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Gambia, will be comprised of the Liberia and Sierra Leone Missions and the Gambia Mission Station.

2. To inform the Africa-Indian Ocean Division that the authorization to establish a Ghana Union Conference rather than a Ghana Union Mission is contingent upon:

a. The West Africa Union Mission achieving an operating gain (after deducting appropriations received from the division and income received from the Liberia Mission, Sierra Leone Mission, and Gambia Mission Station) of Cedis 57,000,000 by September 30, 1999.

b. The Africa-Indian Ocean Division and the West Africa Union Mission reaching agreement by December 31, 1999 concerning the distribution of union assets to the two new entities.

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\*It is understood that current political and economic circumstances in the proposed West Africa Union Mission may mean that full implementation of a union mission structure is delayed beyond January 1, 2000.

GCC to AHT

SHAWNEE MISSION MEDICAL CENTER—APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to the Shawnee Mission Medical Center for their generous contribution to the General Conference and the North American Division, which included rental of the voting equipment used in the election of the General Conference President.

GCC to AHT

THOMPSON, G RALPH—APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to G Ralph Thompson for the extra responsibilities he has carried in the last two months, including serving as Acting President of the General Conference.

GCC to AHT

APPRECIATION TO MEMBERS OF SPECIAL AD HOC GROUP  
AND MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

VOTED, To express appreciation to members of the Special Ad Hoc Group and to members of the Administrative Committee for their role in conducting a fair and honest investigation of matters coming to light as a result of the lawsuit brought against Robert S Folkenberg and others.

*Robert W. Nelson*  
*General Counsel*  
*3/23/99*

Lowell C Cooper, Chairman  
Athal H Tolhurst, Secretary  
Carol E Rasmussen, Recording Secretary

## GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 16, 1999, 10:15 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Paulsen (Ch), Harold W Baptiste (Sec), Bert B Beach, G Tom Carter, Bjarne Christensen, Larry R Colburn, Lowell C Cooper, Rajmund Dabrowski, Gary B DeBoer, Willmore D Eva, Ronald M Flowers, Joseph E Gurubatham, Bert B Haloviak, William G Johnsson, Gerry D Karst, Dennis C Keith Sr, Alfred C McClure, Baraka G Muganda, Vernon B Parmenter, Juan R Prestol, Robert L Rawson, Donald E Robinson, Byron Scheuneman, G Ralph Thompson, Juan Carlos Viera, Ralph S Watts Jr, Kenneth H Wood, James W Zackrison.

PRAYER      Kenneth H Wood

PRE/ADCOM/GCC to GRT

SATELMAJER, NIKOLAUS—ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,  
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION - ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Nikolaus Satelmajer as an Associate Director of the Ministerial Association.

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to AHT

ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY BOARD  
(GCC-B)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency Board, as follows:

Delete	Cooper, Lowell C Paulsen, Jan, Chairman Rawson, Robert L, Vice-chairman
Add	Cooper, Lowell C, Vice-chairman Paulsen, Jan Rawson, Robert L, Chairman

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ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO BOARD (GCC-B)—MEMBERSHIP  
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Adventist World Radio Board (GCC-B), as follows:

Delete        Ball, Bryan W  
                  Folkenberg, Robert S  
                  Wilson, Ted N C  
                  President, Middle East Union

Add            Bocala, Violeto F  
                  Evans, Laurie J  
                  Huff, C Lee

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to AHT

EURO-ASIA DIVISION FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
(GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Euro-Asia Division Financial Affairs Committee (GCC-S), as follows:

Delete        Lemon, Robert E

Add           Keith, Dennis C Sr

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to AHT

GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDITING SERVICE OPERATING  
BOARD (GCC-B)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Auditing Service Operating Board (GCC-B), as follows:

Delete        Folkenberg, Robert S, Chairman

Add           Paulsen, Jan, Chairman

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to AHT

GEOSCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE BOARD (GCC-B)—  
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Geoscience Research Institute Board (GCC-B), as follows:

Delete	Folkenberg, Robert S Paulsen, Jan, Chairman Ytreberg, F Martin
Add	Cooper, Lowell C, Chairman Lemon, Robert E Paulsen, Jan

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to AHT

GLOBAL MISSION OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—  
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Global Mission Operations Committee (GCC-S), as follows:

Delete	Bediako, Matthew A, Vice-chairman Folkenberg, Robert S Paulsen, Jan, Chairman
Add	Bediako, Matthew A, Chairman Paulsen, Jan

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to AHT

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AND THEOLOGICAL  
EDUCATION (GCC-B)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education (GCC-B), as follows:

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Delete Folkenberg, Robert S, Chairman  
Rock, Calvin B, Vice-chairman

Add Rock, Calvin B, Chairman  
Sarli, Joel

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to AHT

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AND THEOLOGICAL  
EDUCATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GCC-B)—  
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the International Board of Ministerial and  
Theological Education Executive Committee (GCC-B), as follows:

Delete Folkenberg, Robert S, Chairman  
Rock, Calvin B, Vice-chairman

Add Paulsen, Jan  
Rock, Calvin B, Chairman  
Sarli, Joel

SEC/ADCOM/GCC 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:

Delete Folkenberg, Robert S, Chairman

Add Paulsen, Jan, Chairman

*Robert W. Baptiste*  
*General Counsel*  
*3/29/99*

Jan Paulsen, Chairman  
Harold W Baptiste, Secretary  
Carol E Rasmussen, Recording Secretary

## GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 30, 1999, 11:45 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Calvin B Rock (Ch), Athal H Tolhurst (Sec), Ronald E Appenzeller, Maurice T Battle, Bert B Beach, Bjarne Christensen, Larry R Colburn, Lowell C Cooper, James A Cress, Rajmund Dabrowski, Gary B DeBoer, Ronald M Flowers, Philip S Follett, John Graz, Bert B Haloviak, Allan R Handysides, Gerry D Karst, Robert J Kloosterhuis, Benjamin C Maxson, Alfred C McClure, Baraka G Muganda, Ruth E Parish, Vernon B Parmenter, Leo Ranzolin, Humberto M Rasi, Robert L Rawson, Michael L Ryan, Donald R Sahly, Byron Scheuneman, Virginia L Smith, Ardis D Stenbakken, Richard O Stenbakken, G Ralph Thompson, Ralph S Watts Jr, Kenneth H Wood, F Martin Ytreberg, James W Zackrison.

PRAYER     Leo Ranzolin

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to HWB

STEED, LINCOLN E—EDITOR, *LIBERTY* - APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To approve the appointment by the North American Division of Lincoln E Steed as Editor of *Liberty*.

PRE/ADCOM/GCC to LCC

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2000—DELEGATE AT LARGE QUOTAS (ARTICLE IV, SECTION 7.d.)

VOTED, To approve delegate at large quotas for the 2000 General Conference Session, under the provisions of Article IV, Section 7.d., as follows:

Entity	Delegates at Large
ADRA/Central Office	6
Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies	3
Adventist Risk Management	3



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Entity	Delegates at Large
Adventist World Radio	3
Andrews University	7
Christian Record Services	2
Ellen G White Estate	1
General Conference Administrative Committee	25
General Conference Auditing Service	5
Geoscience Research Institute	2
Griggs University/Home Study International	1
Loma Linda University	11
Loma Linda University Medical Center	2
Oakwood College	5
Pacific Press Publishing Association	4
Review and Herald Publishing Association	4
Africa-Indian Ocean Division*	1
Eastern Africa Division*	5
Euro-Africa Division*	15
Euro-Asia Division*	8
Inter-American Division*	1
North American Division*	39
Northern Asia-Pacific Division*	4
South American Division*	7
South Pacific Division*	15
Southern Asia Division*	4
Southern Asia-Pacific Division*	3
Trans-European Division*	10
Southern Africa Union	10
Total	206

\*These figures represent delegates in addition to those delegate seats received on the basis of membership proportions.

PRE/ADCOM/GCC to LCC

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2000—DELEGATES AT  
LARGE (ARTICLE IV, SECTION 7.c.)

VOTED, To approve delegates at large for the 2000 General Conference Session, under the provisions of Article IV, Section 7.c. (quota 34), as follows:

1. Adams, Roy
2. Blackman, Eugene A
3. Blakeney, Maxwell P
4. Bokenkamp, Geraldo
5. Christian, V
6. de Leon, Linda M
7. De Villiers, Terence
8. Erntson, Verland V
9. Goldstein, Clifford
10. Habada, Patricia A
11. Halm, Jean-Claude
12. Haupt, Coenraad J
13. Just, Philip R (Bo)
14. Kajiura, Robyn W
15. Kim, Tae Seung
16. Knott, William
17. Krause, Gary
18. Manu, Emmanuel S D
19. Miller, Thomas P
20. Mueller, Ekkehardt
21. Nixon, Robert W
22. Pfandl, Gerhard
23. Robinson, Elaine A
24. Rodriguez, Angel M
25. Rogers, W Dean
26. Salsbery, Richard L
27. Stickle, Ann M
28. Stratford, Robert I
29. Swanson, Gary B
30. Tetz, Myrna

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31. Thorp, Bradley
32. To be named (Office of General Counsel)
33. To be named (White Estate)
34. To be named (White Estate)

PRE/ADCOM/GCC to LCC

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2000—CALCULATION OF  
DELEGATE QUOTAS FOR DENOMINATIONAL ENTITIES

VOTED, To use the following guidelines in calculating delegate quotas for the 2000 General Conference Session:

1. Delegate quotas will be calculated based on the appropriate denominational entities listed in the 1999 *SDA Yearbook*, plus any new unions authorized by the General Conference Executive Committee up to March 31, 1999.
2. In the event that new entities (such as local conferences, local missions or their equivalent, attached fields, or unions of churches) are formed prior to the 2000 General Conference Session, the division concerned shall determine how to adjust its delegate quotas.
3. To accommodate new General Conference Executive Committee members, the General Conference Administrative Committee discretionary quota shall be decreased by one for each new union authorized by the General Conference Executive Committee prior to the 2000 General Conference Session.

TRE/ADCOM/GCC to GBD

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST INVESTMENT FUND (SAIF)—1998  
AUDIT

In order to permit Briggs, Bunting & Dougherty, LLP, to audit the financial records for 1998 for the Seventh-day Adventist Investment Fund (SAIF), it was

VOTED, To waive, for 1998, 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.) It is understood that 1998 will be the last year for which a separate audit is required for these funds.

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GCC - March 30, 1999

Calvin B Rock, Chairman  
Athal H Tolhurst, Secretary  
Carol E Rasmussen, Recording Secretary