

SPRING MEETING

April 17 -18, 2012

SPRING MEETING OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 17, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Onaolapo Ajibade, Eric D Anderson, Audrey E Andersson, Niels-Erik A Andreasen, Jonas Arrais, Raquel C Arrais, Delbert W Baker, Rosa T Banks, Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy, Matthew A Bediako, Guillermo E Biaggi, Dedrick L Blue, Rodney G Brady, Andre Brink, Gina S Brown, G Alexander Bryant, Brent B Burdick, Garrett Caldwell, Gilbert R Cangy, Shirley Chang, Carl P Chin, Dowell Chow, Chester V Clark III, Donovan Cleary,

G S Robert Clive, Lowell C Cooper, Robert Costa, Williams S Costa Jr, Gary R Councill, Kenneth A Denslow, A Ganoune Diop, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, G Thomas Evans, Larry R Evans, William A Fagal, Mark A Finley, Agustin Galicia, Dale E Galusha, L James Gibson, Doris M Gothard, Ricardo B Graham, John Graz, Abraham I Guerrero Romero, Alberto C Gulfan Jr, Jerome Habimana, Allan R Handysides,

Fred G Hardinge, Richard H Hart, Eugene Hsu, Myron A Iseminger, Daniel R Jackson, Mark A Johnson, Richard D Kajiura, Gerry D Karst, Hudson E Kibuuka, Donald G King, Gerald A Klingbeil, William M Knott, Linda Mei Lin Koh, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Jonathan Kuntaraf, Kathleen H Kuntaraf, Robert E Kyte, Peter N Landless, Israel Leito, Mike M Lekic, Robert E Lemon, Thomas L Lemon, Dwayne O Leslie, Jean-Luc Lézeau, Don Livesay,

Marlon de Souza Lopes, Emmanuel S D Manu, Solomon Maphosa, Gabriel E Maurer, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Richard E McEdward, Saustin K Mfune, Armando Miranda, Hiskia I Missah, Larry Moore, Derek J Morris, Ekkehardt F Mueller, Pardon K Mwansa, G T Ng, James R Nix, Barry D Oliver, Elaine Oliver, Ronald W Oliver, Wilbert H Oliver, Daisy J Orion, Kenneth W Osborn, Janet Page, Jerry N Page, Orville D Parchment, Ruth E Parish, Jan Paulsen,

Delbert B Pearman, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Larry J Pitcher, Timothy L Poirier, Leslie N Pollard, Juan R Prestol, Erika F Puni, Paul S Ratsara, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan,

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Roy E Ryan, Claude Sabot, Dawna R Sackmann, Saw Samuel, Lawrence E Schalk, Benjamin D Schoun, Ella S Simmons, Heather-Dawn K Small, Ron Smith, Artur A Stele, Gary B Swanson, Tibor Szilvasi, Lawrence P Tanabose, John H Thomas, Mark B Thomas, Brad Thorp,

Max C Torkelsen II, Homer W Trecartin, David Trim, Filiberto M Verduzco-Avila, Bruno R Vertallier, Clinton L Wahlen, J Raymond Wahlen II, Nathaniel M Walemba, Ivan Leigh Warden, Gilbert Wari, Bertil A Wiklander, Ted N C Wilson, Harald Wollan, Norbert G Zens, E Edward Zinke

DEVOTIONAL

The devotional message entitled, “This is What He Said,” was presented by Jan Paulsen, Former President of the General Conference.

Ted N C Wilson, chair, called to order the first session of the 2012 Spring Meeting.

Prayer was offered by G S Robert Clive, Treasurer of the Southern Asia Division.

Mark A Finley gave an overview of the summary document: An Urgent Appeal for Revival, Reformation, Discipleship, and Evangelism—A Summary of the Annual Council (2010) Document.

Prayer was offered by Mark A Finley, Special Assistant for Evangelism to the President of the General Conference.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was read by Myron A Iseminger, Editorial Secretary of the business session.

VOTED, To record the reading of the Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

VOTED, To adopt the agenda with the addition of the General Conference Corporation Constituency Meeting and the One Year in Mission program.

DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To adopt the daily program of the 2012 Spring Meeting, as follows:

DAILY PROGRAM

Sunday, April 17

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Steering Committee
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Devotional
9:00 am - 12:00 am	Business Session
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch/Committees
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Business Session

Monday, April 18

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Steering Committee
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Devotional
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Business Session
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch/Committees
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Business Session

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113-12G STANDING COMMITTEES—SPRING MEETING - 2012

VOTED, To approve standing committees for the 2012 Spring Meeting, as follows:

NOMINATING

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
G T Ng, Secretary

Members: Niels-Erik A Andreassen, Delbert W Baker, Rosa T Banks, Guillermo E Biaggi, Dedrick L Blue, Lowell C Cooper, Howard F Faigao, Agustin Galicia, Somer A George, Abraham I Guerrero, Alberto C Gulfan Jr, Richard H Hart, Myron A Iseminger, Daniel R Jackson, Mark A Johnson, Erton C Kohler, Vladimir Krupskyi, Jairyong Lee, Israel Leito, Robert E Lemon, Marlon de Souza Lopes, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Armando Miranda,

Larry Moore, Pardon K Mwansa, Barry D Oliver, Daisy J Orion, Orville D Parchment, Leslie N Pollard, Juan R Prestol, Erika F Puni, John Rathinaraj, Paul S Ratsara, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan, Roy E Ryan, Benjamin D Schoun, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Stele, Akeri Suzuki, Brad Thorp, Homer W Trecartin, Bruno R Vertallier, Gilbert Wari, Bertil Wiklander, Norbert G Zens, E Edward Zinke.

STEERING

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Myron A Iseminger, Secretary

Members: Delbert W Baker, Rosa T Banks, G Alexander Bryant, Sheri Clemmer, Lowell C Cooper, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, G Thomas Evans, Agustin Galicia, Daniel R Jackson, Gary D Krause, Robert E Lemon, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Armando Miranda, Pardon K Mwansa, G T Ng, Daisy J F Orion, Orville D Parchment, Karen J Porter, Juan R Prestol, Michael L Ryan, Roy E Ryan, Benjamin D Schoun, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Stele, John H Thomas, J Raymond Wahlen II, Harald Wollan.

SEC/ADCOM/12SM to MAI

114-12G COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE—2012
SPRING MEETING - APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint the Compensation Review Committee for the 2012 Spring Meeting,
as follows:

MEMBERS

Livesay, Don, Chair
Lemon, Robert E, Secretary

Presidential

Baker, Delbert W
Biaggi, Guillermo E
Cooper, Lowell C
Gulfan, Alberto C Jr
Jackson, Daniel R
Kohler, Erton C
Lee, Jairyong
Leito, Israel
Mbwana, Geoffrey G
Miranda, Armando
Mwansa, Pardon K
Oliver, Barry D
Rathinaraj, John
Ratsara, Paul S
Ruguri, Blasious M
Ryan, Michael L
Schoun, Benjamin D
Simmons, Ella S
Stele, Artur A
Vertallier, Bruno
Wari, Gilbert
Wiklander, Bertil
Wilson, Ted N C

Secretariat

Bryant, G Alexander
Iseminger, Myron A
Ng, G T

Secretariat contd

Samuel, Saw
Tanabose, Lawrence P

Treasury

Evans, G Thomas
Habimana, Jerome
Prestol, Juan R
Ryan, Roy E

GC Institutional Administrators

Andreasen, Niels-Erik
Hart, Richard H
Pollard, Leslie N

Laypersons

Amendaris, William
Chang, Shirley
Flores, Ricardo
Gothard, Doris
Morales, Marcella J
Otti, Alex
Sackmann, Dawna R

Pastor/Front-line Workers

Anderson, Eric D
Blue, Detrick

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Departments and Services

Costa, Williams S Jr
Page, Jerry N

Union Presidents

Graham, Ricardo B
Johnson, Mark A

Union Presidents contd

King, Donald G
Lemon, Thomas L
Moore, Larry
Smith, Ron
Torkelsen, Max C II
Weigley, Dave

MISSION TO THE CITIES OVERVIEW

An overview of the Mission to the Cities initiative was given by Mark A Finley.

MISSION TO THE CITIES DIVISION TESTIMONIES AND PRAYERS

Several divisions stated which major city within their territory they will be focusing on during this initiative. This was followed by a prayer by a division president from another territory.

Jairyong Lee, President of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, stated that his division will be focusing on Tokyo, Japan.

Prayer was offered by Paul S Ratsara, President of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division for Northern Asia-Pacific Division and its leadership.

Guillermo E Biaggi, President of the Euro-Asia Division, stated that his division will be focusing on Moscow, Russia and Kiev, Ukraine.

Prayer was offered for the Euro-Asia Division and its leadership by Bruno R Vertallier, President of the Euro-Africa Division.

Erton C Kohler, President of the South American Division, stated that his division will be focusing on Buenos Aires, Argentina along with 75 cities, one in each of their conferences.

Prayer was offered for the South American Division and its leadership by Bertil A Wiklander, President of the Trans-European Division.

Daniel R Jackson, President of the North American Division, stated that his division will be focusing on New York, New York, USA. Donald G King, President of the Atlantic Union

Conference shared his view of New York City, and Pastor Louis R Torres, President of the Guam-Micronesia Mission, shared his view on Guam-Micronesia.

Prayer was offered by Barry D Oliver, President of the South Pacific Division.

GREATER MIDDLE EAST UNION MISSION AND PRAYER TIME

Homer W Trecartin, President of the Greater Middle East Union Mission, stated that 100 new Centers of Influence are being planned for the Middle East territory.

Prayer was offered for the Greater Middle East Union Mission by Gerry D Karst, Greater Middle East Union Mission Vice President for Turkey and North Cyprus Field.

OUTREACH METHODS

Mark A Finley, Benjamin D Schoun, and Richard E McEdwards gave an overview of various outreach methods that will be used in evangelism outreach activity.

YOUNG ADULT TESTIMONY

Chester V Clark Jr gave a presentation on the importance of involving young people in the life and mission of the Church.

REVIVED BY HIS WORD REPORT

A Ganoune Diop gave his testimony about how the Word of God played a significant role in his conversion to Christianity.

Mark A Finley gave an overview of the Revived by His Word program, noting that the Church will be reading the Bible together, one chapter per day from today until the 2015 General Conference Session.

The division presidents read Genesis 1 aloud to the next General Conference Executive Committee.

Ted N C Wilson made comments relating to the Revived By His Word initiative.

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Prayer was offered by Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference.

Ted N C Wilson presented the book, "Ministry to the Cities," to committee members which is a compilation of Spirit of Prophecy quotations.

Prayer was offered by Saw Samuel, Secretary of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.

Prayer was requested for healing for Larry Blackmer, Director of Education for the North American Division.

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Rosa T Banks, Secretary
Myron A Iseminger, Editorial Secretary
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

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Ted N C Wilson, chair, called to order the second session of the 2012 Spring Meeting.

Prayer was offered by Goodwell Nthani, Treasurer of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

EOM/NSD/PreC/GCDO12SM/12SM to TNCW

118-12G VENUE—ANNUAL COUNCIL - 2013

VOTED, To hold the 2013 Annual Council in Hong Kong, China, September 12-18, with pre-meetings beginning on September 8 or 9, provided reasonable financial arrangements can be made. Communication will be sent to the members of the General Conference Executive Committee regarding this possibility within the next 45 days.

GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT—REPORT

Delbert W Baker reported on the progress of the Great Controversy Project. Several stories highlighting the success of this project were shared. Good progress is being made toward reaching the goal number of copies distributed. A video program meant to create interest in the Great Controversy books was previewed.

MUSLIM OUTREACH RELATIONS EMPHASIS (MORE)

The following document was presented. Continuing dialogue will occur with the Greater Middle East Union and interested divisions.

MUSLIM OUTREACH RELATIONS EMPHASIS (MORE)

RATIONALE

Countries in the 10/40 Window are the most formidable challenge that the Seventh-day Adventist Church faces today. The ratio of Seventh-day Adventist members to the general

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population in the 10/40 Window is so low that it demands extraordinary funding, intentionally coordinated efforts, exceptional partnerships, and creative strategies in reaching the multiplied millions who do not know Christ. One of the challenges of this relatively unreached mission field is that it is dominated by the non-Christian religions of the world, such as Islam.

Most of the Muslims countries do not yet have any Adventist literature available in the language spoken by the local people. In the few countries that do have some literature available, most of the books are not adjusted to the culture and reality of the people living there.

The prophet advises us: "I have been shown that our publications should be printed in different languages and sent to every civilized country, at any cost. What is the value of money at this time, in comparison with the value of souls?" (CM 149).

INITIATIVE

The MORE project takes on the task of reaching Muslim populations in the 10/40 Window as part the Reach Across and Reach Out initiative of *Tell the World*. The purpose of this project is to develop and distribute materials that will create understanding of Islam for Seventh-day Adventist believers to the end that they will better understand and therefore be able to more effectively relate to those of Islamic faith; to develop and distribute practical materials (i.e., books, magazines, pamphlets, tracts) that will highlight helpful features of the Seventh-day Adventist faith that will be of benefit to and appeal to Muslims; to create and maintain a webpage for divisions and interested believers dedicated to highlighting and identifying helpful tools of value in relating and witnessing to those of the Islamic faith. One of the main key objectives of this project is to make available four publications with Muslim-friendly content in at least six languages. These languages will cover most of the Muslim people groups in 10/40 Window countries. These books will be used by teams of literature evangelists, by teams of students canvassing during their vacation, by pioneers working in that area, or by church members executing their missionary activities. This is a four-year major undertaking that will require developing partnerships between all levels of the Church. Significant coordination of efforts and resources will be needed to translate books, print them, and mobilize church members to share them with their Muslim neighbors.

BACKGROUND

As part of *Tell the World* – Reach Out initiative, the General Conference Publishing Ministries Department arranged a consultation meeting chaired by Delbert Baker on February 7 and 8, 2011, on the campus of Saleve Adventist University in Collonges, France. The meeting included leaders from all around the world representing publishing departments, Adventist Mission offices, media production centers, and publishing houses.

The primary results of this consultation were as follows:

1. Identified and documented a list of Seventh-day Adventist-produced printed material targeted for outreach and dialogue with Muslim people groups.
2. Developed a twofold general strategy for Muslim literature work that includes the following components:
 - a. In-reach (for training purposes within the Church).
 - b. Outreach (for sharing, relation building, conversation, and soul-winning outside of the church).
3. Agreed in principle to develop an internal password-protected General Conference-based website resource for sharing and learning in partnership with the General Conference Adventist Muslim Resource (AMR) Center, division AMR ministries, and Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses.
4. Agreed in principle to develop an easily accessible multi-lingual General Conference-based website, where resource and audio versions of Muslim-friendly material for outreach purposes will be available for download.
5. Committed to explore how technology and Seventh-day Adventist media platforms (radio, television, internet, and mobile) may be maximized and integrated to allow wider distribution of Muslim-friendly resources in the world field.

BENEFITS

From previous experience that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has had in using literature as a tool to enter many countries, if books are printed and scattered in at least 44 countries, we expect:

1. To increase church membership involvement in missionary activities by working like literature evangelists.
2. To increase the quantity of people asking for Bible studies.
3. To increase the Adventist presence in those countries.

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4. To increase the quantity of people being baptized.
5. To increase employment options for Seventh-day Adventists, as opportunities to become a literature evangelist are created.
6. To create a better image of Adventists in the target countries, particularly through books on health.

PREFERRED FEATURES

1. To have four books with Muslim-friendly content available in six languages.
 - a. Languages: English, Arabic, Farsi, Azeri, Russian, and Indonesian.
 - b. Books:
 - 1) About the Second Coming of Jesus. *Hope to Share*, written by Sylvain Romain.
 - 2) About the Adventist Health Message. *Health for Abraham's Children*, written by Dr. Julia from Kazakhstan and Dr. Richard Nelson, a teacher at the School of Medicine in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
 - 3) About healthy foods. *Enjoy It*, written by Dr. Pamplona, from Spain.
 - 4) One or more pamphlets about SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST message of hope.
 - a) Depending on the country, some of these books will be replaced by others that better fit the reality of each country. The division, in consultation with the General Conference Publishing Ministries Department, will authorize those changes.
 - b) To have all literature on this project, plus literature already available for this target public, available in electronic format on the website.
2. To have these three books and 500,000 pamphlets printed in at least 44 target Muslim countries in the 10/40 Window.

3. To have the Seventh-day Adventists living in those target countries inspired and trained to use literature, whether as a professional literature evangelist, a student, or simply to share with their friends.

4. To have a website database, protected by password, with information about all printed materials produced for Muslims by our church around the world. Those who visit this site will be able to search by subject, country, languages, etc.

GOVERNANCE, OWNERSHIP, AND FOLLOW-UP PLANS

This initiative will be led by the Publishing Ministries department in partnership with other departments and institutions that have common goals.

The financial and all other administrative aspects of this project will be managed through administrators and auditing systems of the church in all levels.

CONCLUSION

Traditionally, each publishing house around the world survives by itself without receiving any financial assistance from the Church. However, when they first started they were unable to do it without some financial help.

There are many possible ways our literature can be used in Muslim countries. Of course, this depends on the kind of literature and the method of distribution. The doors are opened for our health message books.

“The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world” (9T 69).

The total will be 704,000 books and 22,000,000 pamphlets. The total cost of the project is \$1,456,800.00.

There is a list of several sponsors around the world who each have been asked to adopt one of the 44 countries. We expect to receive no less than \$310,000.00 from them.

We are asking the Extraordinary Title Funds to donate \$966,800.00.

We are asking the Global Mission Funds to donate \$220,000.00.

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Only in Heaven will we be able to see the redeemed people from the entire world, including Muslim countries; people who will be there because they read our books. Then we will receive the big thanks for investing in their salvation and for providing books to their countries. God decided that He will use books to illuminate all the Earth. The prophet envisioned the future and saw it happen (Revelation 18:1; CM 5). We can allow Him to use us to produce and scatter the books in all the earth, or He will use the next generation to do that. I am sure that you can agree with me; we should be the ones who allow God to use us to finish this work in this generation.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION 7th WORLD CONGRESS

The International Religious Liberty Association 7th World Congress will be held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, April 24-26, 2012. John Graz gave a brief overview of this conference.

CONNECTING WITH JESUS—REPORT

Michael L Ryan reported on the work of the Connecting With Jesus Committee. The committee will be presenting a new emphasis for their work at the 2012 Annual Council.

ADVENTIST-LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES (ASI) COORDINATING COMMITTEE—REPORT

Michael L Ryan reported that the work is continuing on the model constitution and bylaws for division ASI organizations; operational guidelines and codes of conduct for ASI organizations as they coordinate their ministry with church organizations within their base division and other divisions; and model guidelines for host divisions receiving supporting ministries in their territory (interdivision and intradivision).

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE TO DIVISIONS

Ted N C Wilson emphasized the need to prioritize stewardship education. Benjamin D Schoun gave an overview of the upcoming Stewardship Congress in Bangkok, Thailand in May 22-26, 2013.

YOU/12SM to AM

YOUTH IN MISSION—ONE YEAR TO CHANGE THE WORLD

VOTED, To embrace the Youth in Mission program in the world field and accept the document Youth in Mission—One Year to Change the World, which reads as follows:

YOUTH IN MISSION—ONE YEAR TO CHANGE THE WORLD

DEFINING THE PROJECT

In the beginning of October 2011, the General Conference President commissioned the Youth Ministries Department, in partnership with the General Conference Adventist Volunteer Services, to cast a vision with the view of injecting the concept of “One Year in Mission” (OYIM) into the DNA of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This initiative would be developed essentially for evangelistic purposes for young adults and calls for the development of a strategy designed for the short, medium, and long-term implementation of the vision.

RATIONALE

There is an urgent need within the Seventh-day Adventist Church to:

1. Maximize the interest and passion of Seventh-day Adventist youth for mission and for them to graduate from short-term to long-term mission service.
2. Provide greater opportunities for our youth to directly engage in leadership, decision-making, and in the proclamation of the everlasting Gospel.
3. Integrate youth projects within the framework of the Church’s wider initiatives.
4. Redirect the best energies of the Church away from peripheral issues onto the real reason for its existence: Mission.
5. Respond appropriately to the growing disengagement of alarming numbers of young adults from the life and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A OYIM task force was set up at the General Conference to develop the concept.

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IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

1. The OYIM project is an initiative of the General Conference; it is not a request coming from the field. If the project is to be successful, the various church entities must see its feasibility and must come to terms with their profitable engagement with it; otherwise it will be perceived as an unsolicited General Conference program.

2. In view of the current interest of youth in mission, inspiring and recruiting volunteers for OYIM would be a relatively easy task; the challenge is the placement of these volunteers in appropriate positions.

3. In view of the fact that there are global initiatives already in place, the OYIM project needs to be aligned with one of them to avoid distraction and diversion of energy and resources.

4. The proposal is to align and integrate the OYIM youth project with the "Comprehensive Urban Evangelistic Initiative," launched by the General Conference and adopted by the world church.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

PHASE 1: MAKE NEW YORK 2013 (THE PILOT PROJECT FOR GLOBAL URBAN EVANGELISM) THE LAUNCH PAD FOR GLOBAL OYIM

1. Every world division and the Greater Middle East Union will be invited to choose a representative to form part of the first pilot volunteer task force in New York City. The experience of the Pilot Team will serve as a model for the subsequent phases of the project when relocated in the divisions, unions, and conferences.

2. OYIM NY13 will be the initial step of a wider global strategy.

THE FOLLOWING STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO FACILITATE PHASE 1:

1. The General Conference President has approved the general direction.
2. The General Conference Youth Ministries director met with the President of the Atlantic Union Conference and chair of NY13, Donald G King, who has given full support to the proposal. He recommended that the concept be taken to the NY13 youth initiative committee.

3. The General Conference Youth Ministries director met with Jose Cortes Jr, chair of the NY13 youth initiative committee, and subsequently with the committee itself via a Skype conference. Full support was obtained and the modalities of the project were discussed.

4. An action was taken by the General Conference “Mission to the Cities Committee” to incorporate the OYIM within its overall strategy.

THE SPECIFICS OF THE NY13 OYIM

THE TIME FRAME

If the project is adopted, an awareness campaign will be launched soon after Spring Council to rekindle the spirit of volunteerism, share the global strategy, and focus on Phase 1 for recruitment purposes.

The “One Year in Mission” for NY13 will be structured as follows:

1. First three months—Chosen volunteers receive training and undergo the necessary orientation in their countries of origin.
2. Next six months—Implementation on location in New York City.
3. Last three months—Debriefing in their countries of origin and assisting in the setting up of Phase 2 of the project in their respective Divisions.

THE TASK

The specific task of the volunteers is being developed in consultation with the NY13 leaders in reference to their needs and strategy. The essential tasks will comprise leadership in community service, evangelism, and communication.

PROFILE

Medium term mission service is often a prelude to full time investment in mission. Individuals who have potential for or have demonstrated interest in long-term mission investment would be prime candidates. Apart from spiritual maturity and commitment, leadership and communication qualities will be seen as essential as they will play a crucial role in transporting the experience to their respective Divisions in Phase 2.

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LODGING AND LOGISTICS

To develop a sense of community, foster mutual support, facilitate mentoring and supervision, the 14 volunteers will ideally share a common residence or be divided into two groups. This process will have the added benefits of cost savings. The NY13 youth initiative team is investigating.

SUPERVISION

The General Conference Youth Ministries director will personally oversee the project in consultation with the AVS director, while the volunteers will operate under the supervision of the NY13 team.

FUNDING

It is projected that each volunteer will cost in the vicinity of \$15,000.

The General Conference will fund the pilot project as an incentive to launch the initiative, which will be replicated at the different levels of the church organization in tandem with the Mission to the Cities Initiative.

Funding in the subsequent phases of the project will be assumed by the respective administrations with seed money from the General Conference.

AWARENESS

The experience of the NY13 OYIM pilot team will be used as a major awareness campaign and will prepare the ground for the next phases of the project.

PHASE 2 & BEYOND (Subject to Division Administration Approval)

In anticipation of phase 2 (2014), when the Comprehensive Urban Evangelism initiative is located in the divisions, it is recommended that in 2013,

1. The OYIM be incorporated as part of the Mission to the Cities Strategy in the divisions, unions, and conferences.
2. Division OYIM task forces be set up with an administrator, the Youth and Volunteer Service Directors as key personnel. The General Conference task force will assist with terms of reference.

3. A team of 10 volunteers will be recruited for each target city in each division.

The inspiration of the NY13 OYIM will be wisely and strategically utilized to motivate all other entities of the Church to create OYIM opportunities for their young people.

As the Lord blesses this initiative in 2014, there will be at least 130 youths involved in OYIM if each division chooses only one city. Given that these urban projects will be ongoing, every year there will be a new team of 130 youths involved.

The process in the divisions will be contextualized and replicated in the unions in 2015. Twelve hundred and seventy youths (ten from each of the 127 Unions of the world field) will be involved in OYIM in 2015. This will be repeated every year.

By the time the process reaches the conference/mission level, by God's grace, there will be an explosion of OYIM participants worldwide.

At each stage of the process, the respective task forces will review their strategy and refine their processes.

The OYIM initiative will continuously be promoted globally from the General Conference as a vital way to involve youth in mission and will serve to encourage all entities of the organization to create new projects and opportunities for youth.

By the grace of God and the moving of His Spirit, the OYIM will bring a major contribution to the training of this army of youth that will assist in finishing the work as foreseen by the prophet.

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112-12GS SOUTH MEXICAN UNION CONFERENCE—
REORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDED, To reorganize the South Mexican Union Conference in the Inter-American Division into two union missions, effective August 12, 2012, as follows:

1. The Southeast Mexican Union Mission with constituency from Campeche Mission, Central Tabasco Conference, East Tabasco Mission, Mayab Conference, and Quintana Roo Mission, with headquarters in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico; and

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2. The South Mexican Union Mission with constituency from Central Chiapas Conference, North Chiapas Conference, Soconusco Conference, South Chiapas Mission, Upper Chiapas Mission, and West Chiapas Mission, with headquarters in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico.

EUD/SecC/GCDO12SM/12SM to GTN-15GCS

117-12GS EURO-AFRICA DIVISION—NAME CHANGE

RECOMMENDED, To change the name of the Euro-Africa Division to the European Continental Division, effective October, 2012 while continuing to use the acronym EUD.

NomCom12SM/12SM to GTN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #1

VOTED, To approve the following report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference Auditing Service

Associate Director, Professional Development Maurine Wahlen

SEC/ADCOM/12SM to MAI

115-12G WORLD SABBATH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY GUIDE
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—
REAPPOINTMENT

VOTED, To reappoint the World Sabbath School Bible Study Guide Curriculum Committee (WSSCC) (GCC-S) with terms of reference and membership as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Review and evaluate the curricula of the adult, collegiate, *Cornerstone Connections*, junior/teen, primary, kindergarten, and beginner Sabbath School Bible Study Guides, considering content, philosophy, methodology, and appropriateness to age levels.
2. Recommend curriculum (subject) outline for all levels for the upcoming quinquennium.
3. Recommend changes to all Sabbath School Bible Study Guide curricula for all age groups.
4. Develop objectives and scope and sequence for proposed revisions to present Sabbath School Bible Study Guide curricula.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Power to act.
2. Recommend to the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S) through the Sabbath School Publications Board (SSPubBd) (ADCOM-B).
3. Recommend to the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S) through the Sabbath School Publications Board (SSPubBd) (ADCOM-B).
4. Recommend to the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S) through the Sabbath School Publications Board (SSPubBd) (ADCOM-B).

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| 5. Develop objectives and scope and sequence for proposed new Sabbath School Bible Study Guide curricula | 5. Recommend to the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S) through the Sabbath School Publications Board (SSPubBd) (ADCOM-B). |
| 6. Assist in worldwide dissemination of information implementation of materials pertaining to revised and new Sabbath School Bible Study Guide curricula. | 6. Power to act. |

MEMBERS

MBWANA, GEOFFREY G, Chair
Miranda, Armando, Vice-chair
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Goldstein, Clifford, Associate Secretary

Cangy, Gilbert R (or designee)
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Colon, May-Ellen
Fowler, Falvo
Ishkanian, Charlotte
Koh, Linda Mei Lin

Nix, James R
Puni, Erika F
Shields, Bonita J
Simmons, Ella S (ADCOM Representative)
Swanson, Gary B
Taylor, John Wesley V

ADCOM Representative (2)
Biblical Research Institute representatives (2)
Division Sabbath School Directors
Review and Herald representative
Pacific Press representative

CONSULTANTS

Consultants and members of curriculum development taskforces

INVITEES

Division Children's Ministry Directors
Division Youth Ministry Directors

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GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GCC)—
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Executive Committee (GCC), as follows:

- | | |
|--------|---|
| Add | Saleem, Fawaz, 40 members at large (employee/retiree)
President, Greater Middle East Union
Secretary, Greater Middle East Union, Invitee
Treasurer, Greater Middle East Union, Invitee
Vice Presidents of ADRA, Invitees
Vice Presidents of ARM, Invitees
Vice Presidents of Hope Channel, Invitees |
| Delete | Saleem, Fawaz, 40 members at large (layperson) |

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ADVENTIST-LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES (ASI)
COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Coordinating Committee (ASICoordCom) (GCC-S), as follows:

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| Add | Iseminger, Myron A
Division Regional ASI Representative (layperson) |
| | Araujo, Gilberto, SID President (or designee)
Asoy, Felix R, SSD Regional ASI Representative (layperson)
Bagambe, William, ECD President (or designee)
Duo, Angel, EUD/TED Regional ASI Representative (layperson)
Fukui, Tero, NSD President (or designee)
Marroni, Almir, SAD President (or designee)
Villanueva, Hermogenes C, SSD President (or designee)
Wellington, Leon, IAD President (or designee) |

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Delete	Trecartin, Homer W Division Regional ASI President (layperson)
	Gulfan, Alberto C Jr, SSD President (or designee)
	Kohler, Erton C, SAD President (or designee)
	Lee, Jairyong, NSD President (or designee)
	Leito, Israel, IAD President (or designee)
	Ratsara, Paul S, SID President (or designee)
	Ruguri, Blasious M, ECD President (or designee)

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GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S), as follows:

Add	Iseminger, Myron A, Secretary Porter, Karen J, Invitee
Delete	Lawrence, Dian R, Invitee Rodriguez, Angel M Trecartin, Homer W, Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD (GCC-B)—MEMBERSHIP
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Mission Board (GCMB) (GCC-B), as follows:

Add	Iseminger, Myron A, Secretary McEdward, Richard E
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Delete Lawrence, Dian R
 Rodriguez, Angel M
 Trecartin, Homer W, Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE, SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION COMMITTEE
(GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference, Southern Asia Division Committee (GENCOSUD) (GCC-B), as follows:

Add Egwakhe, George O (GC)
 Ryan, Roy E, Vice-chair/Treasurer

Delete Egwakhe, George O, Vice-chair/Treasurer
 Ryan, Roy E (GC)

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ISRAEL FIELD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Israel Field Oversight Committee (IsraelOC) (GCC-S), as follows:

Add Chow, Dowell, Invitee
 Karst, Gerry D, Invitee
 Maier, Rudolf, Invitee
 McEdward, Richard E, Invitee
 Thorp, Brad, Invitee

Delete Trecartin, Homer W

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

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee (SP&B) (GCC-S), as follows:

Add	Boward, Tamara K, Assistant Recording Secretary Cleary, Donovan, Invitee Evans, Shirley W, Recording Secretary Iseminger, Myron A, Associate Secretary Szilvasi, Tibor, Invitee Trecartin, Homer W
Delete	Trecartin, Homer W, Associate Secretary

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

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Steering Committee (SP&B) (GCC-S), as follows:

Add	Cooper, Lowell C Iseminger, Myron A, Associate Secretary
Delete	Trecartin, Homer W, Associate Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE, SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION
COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—TERMS OF REFERENCE
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the terms of reference for the General Conference, Southern Asia Division Committee (GENCOSUD) (GCC-S), as follows:

At least five members in attendance will constitute a quorum. The agenda will be determined in consultation with the Southern Asia Division Advisory Committee (SUDAC).

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101-12Ga CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2013

VOTED, To record the Calendar of Offerings—World 2013, which reads as follows:

January

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

February

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

March

2 Outreach/Church Budget
9*+ Adventist World Radio
16 Church Budget
23 Conference/Union
30 Church Budget

April

6 Outreach/Church Budget

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13*+ World Mission Budget
20 Church Budget
27 Conference/Union

May

4 Outreach/Church Budget
11*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)
18 Church Budget
25 Conference/Union

June

1 Outreach/Church Budget
8 Division
15 Church Budget
22 Conference/Union
29 Church Budget

July

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

August

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

September

7 Outreach/Church Budget
14*+ World Mission Budget (Unusual Opportunities)
21 Church Budget
28 Conference/Union

October

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

November

2	Outreach/Church Budget
9*+	Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)
16	Church Budget
23	Conference/Union
30	Church Budget

December

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

Summary of Offerings

General Conference	6
Division	6
Conference/Union	12
Church	28
Total	52

*Program provided by the General Conference
+Worldwide offering

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101-12Gb CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2014

VOTED, To record the Calendar of Offerings—World 2014, which reads as follows:

January

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

February

1	Outreach/Church Budget
8	Division

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15 Church Budget
22 Conference/Union

March

1 Outreach/Church Budget
8*+ Adventist World Radio
15 Church Budget
22 Conference/Union
29 Church Budget

April

5 Outreach/Church Budget
12*+ World Mission Budget
19 Church Budget
26 Conference/Union

May

3 Outreach/Church Budget
10*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)
17 Church Budget
24 Conference/Union
31 Church Budget

June

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

July

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

August

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

September

6	Outreach/Church Budget
13*+	World Mission Budget (Unusual Opportunities)
20	Church Budget
27	Conference/Union

October

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

November

1	Outreach/Church Budget
8*+	Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)
15	Church Budget
22	Conference/Union
29	Church Budget

December

6	Outreach/Church Budget
13	General Conference Session Offering
20	Church Budget
27	Conference/Union

Summary of Offerings

General Conference	6
Division	6
Conference/Union	12
Church	28
Total	52

*Program provided by the General Conference
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101-12Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2015

VOTED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2015, which reads as follows:

January

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

February

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

March

7	Outreach/Church Budget
14*+	Adventist World Radio
21	Church Budget
28	Conference/Union

April

4	Outreach/Church Budget
11*+	World Mission Budget
18	Church Budget
25	Conference/Union

May

2	Outreach/Church Budget
9*+	Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)
16	Church Budget
23	Conference/Union
30	Church Budget

June

6	Outreach/Church Budget
13	Division

20 Church Budget
27 Conference/Union

July

4 Outreach/Church Budget
11*+ General Conference Session Offering
18 Church Budget
25 Conference/Union

August

1 Outreach/Church Budget
8 Division
15 Church Budget
22 Conference/Union
29 Church Budget

September

5 Outreach/Church Budget
12*+ World Mission Budget (Unusual Opportunities)
19 Church Budget
26 Conference/Union

October

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

November

7 Outreach/Church Budget
14*+ Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)
21 Church Budget
28 Conference/Union

December

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

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Summary of Offerings

General Conference	6
Division	6
Conference/Union	12
Church	28
 Total	 52

*Program provided by the General Conference
 +Worldwide offering

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101-12Gd CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
 WORLD 2013

VOTED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2013, to read as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January</u>			
5	Spiritual Commitment Day	---	GC-PRE
9-19	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
12	#Health Ministries	---	Divisions
19			
26	Religious Liberty Day	Liberty	GC-PARL
<u>February</u>			
2	<i>Tell the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-PM
9-16	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
23	#Missionary, Health, and Temperance Literature	---	Publishing Houses
<u>March</u>			
2	Women's Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
9	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
16-23	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU

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		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>March contd</u>			
30	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
<u>April</u>			
6	Day of Fasting and Prayer	---	GC-MIN
6	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
13	Mission Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
20	#Literature Evangelism Rally Day	---	Divisions
27	Special Needs Awareness Day	---	GC-PM
<u>May</u>			
4-25	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
4	<i>Tell the World: Internet Outreach</i>	---	GC-COM
11	<i>Tell the World: In the Community</i>	#Disaster/Famine Relief*	GC-PM/DIV
18			
25	World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk	---	GC-CHM
<u>June</u>			
1	Bible Study: Sabbath School and Correspondence Courses	---	GC-PM
8	Women's Ministry	---	GC-WM
15	<i>Tell the World: Reach Across:</i> Nurture and Reclaiming	---	GC-MIN
22	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	ACM
29			
<u>July</u>			
6	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	GC-MIN
13	Missions Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
20	<i>Tell the World: Media Ministry</i>	---	GC-COM
27	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
<u>August</u>			
3	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions

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		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>August contd</u>			
10	<i>Tell the World: Church Planting</i>	---	GC-AM
17	Abuse Prevention Emphasis	---	GC-WM
24	Education	---	GC-EDU
31	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
<u>September</u>			
1-7	Family Togetherness Week	---	GC-FM
7	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
14	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
21	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
28	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
<u>October</u>			
5	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	GC-MIN
5	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription Promotion	---	GC-AR
12	Adventist Heritage	---	GC-White Estate
19	Spirit of Prophecy	---	GC-White Estate
26	Creation Sabbath	---	GC-FSC
<u>November</u>			
2-9	Week of Prayer	---	GC-PRE
9		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
16			
23			
30			
<u>December</u>			
7	#Stewardship	---	Divisions
14	#Health Emphasis	---	Divisions
21			
28			

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101-12Ge CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
 WORLD 2014

VOTED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2014, to read as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January</u>			
4	Spiritual Commitment Day	---	GC-PRE
8-18	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
11	#Health Ministries	---	Divisions
18			
25	Religious Liberty Day	Liberty	GC-PARL
<u>February</u>			
1	<i>Tell the World:</i> Personal Outreach	---	GC-PM
8-15	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
22	#Missionary, Health, and Temperance Literature	---	Publishing Houses
<u>March</u>			
1	Women's Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
8	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
15-22	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
29	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
<u>April</u>			
5	Day of Fasting and Prayer	---	GC-MIN
5	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
12	Mission Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
19	#Literature Evangelism Rally Day	---	Divisions
26	Special Needs Awareness Day	---	GC-PM
<u>May</u>			
3-31	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM

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		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>May contd</u>			
3	<i>Tell the World: Internet Outreach</i>	---	GC-COM
10	<i>Tell the World: In the Community</i>	#Disaster/Famine Relief*	GC-PM/DIV
17			
24	World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk	---	GC-CHM
<u>June</u>			
7	Bible Study: Sabbath School and Correspondence Courses	---	GC-PM
14	Women's Ministry	---	GC-WM
21	<i>Tell the World - Reach Across: Nurture and Reclaiming</i>	---	GC-MIN
28	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	ACM
<u>July</u>			
5	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	GC-MIN
12	Missions Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
19	<i>Tell the World: Media Ministry</i>	---	GC-COM
26	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
<u>August</u>			
2	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
9	<i>Tell the World: Church Planting</i>	---	GC-AM
16	Abuse Prevention Emphasis	---	GC-WM
23	Education	---	GC-EDU
30	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
<u>September</u>			
6	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
7-13	Family Togetherness Week	---	GC-FM
13	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
20	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
27	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions

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		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>October</u>			
4	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	GC-MIN
4	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription Promotion	---	GC-AR
11	Adventist Heritage	---	GC-White Estate
18	Spirit of Prophecy	---	GC-White Estate
25	Creation Sabbath	---	GC-FSC
<u>November</u>			
1-8	Week of Prayer	---	GC-PRE
8		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
15			
22			
29			
<u>December</u>			
6	#Stewardship	---	Divisions
13	#Health Emphasis	---	Divisions
20			
27			

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 ADCOM/GCDO11AC/11AC/ADCOM/102-11Gb/ADCOM/GCDO12SM/12SM to
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102-12Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2012

VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2012, with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

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<u>April 2012</u>			
17-18	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
22-23	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
23-May 12	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	THAILAND
23-24	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
24-28	Tue	7th IRLA World Congress	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
24	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
25-26	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
<u>May 2012</u>			
1	Tue	AIIAS Constituency Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
3	Thu	AIIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
7-9	Mon	Media Evangelism Summit	Silver Spring MD
16(pm)	Wed	Review and Herald HHES Board	Hagerstown MD
16(eve)	Wed	Review and Herald Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
17(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
22-23	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
23-27	Wed	Global Adventist Internet Network Conference	Hong Kong CHINA
24(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
24(am)	Thu	E G White Estate Board of Trustees	Silver Spring MD
<u>June 2012</u>			
4-7	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
4(am)	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
5	Tue	GC Executive Officers Meeting/PREXAD	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	VERMONT
6(pm)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
7	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	VERMONT
7(pm)	Thu	General Conference Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
11-21	Mon	Third International Bible Conference	ISRAEL
18-24	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars—Family/Teen	Berrien Springs MI
26-Jul 5	Tue	Geoscience Research Institute Field Conference	ITALY
<u>July 2012</u>			
9-28	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Berrien Springs MI
11-15	Wed	World Jewish Advisory	UKRAINE
18(pm)	Wed	Review and Herald Board Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
19(am)	Thu	E G White Estate Board of Trustees	Silver Spring MD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>August 2012</u>			
15(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
16	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
19-26	Sun	IRLA Meeting of Experts	Toronto CANADA
27-28	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
29(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2012</u>			
17-20	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
20(am)	Thu	E G White Estate Board of Trustees	Silver Spring MD
20(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
26(eve)	Wed	Review and Herald Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
27(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>October 2012</u>			
3(eve)-4	Wed	Presidential Advisory	MARYLAND
5	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
7	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Sun	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Sun	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
8	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
8	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
8	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Mon	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Mon	International Board of Min and Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
9	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
9	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)	Tue	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)	Tue	Accred Association of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
10(eve)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
11	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
11(eve)-17	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
11(eve)-12(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
12(pm)	Fri	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
12(pm)	Fri	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
14(eve)	Sun	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>October 2012 contd</u>			
18-21	Thu	Global Healthcare Conference	Loma Linda CA
21-22	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
22-23	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
23-30	Tue	IAD Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	HONDURAS
23(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
24-Nov 1	Wed	ESD Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	Moscow RUSSIA
24-25	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
26-31	Fri	SAD Year-End Meetings	Brasilia BRAZIL
28(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Exec Committee	Berrien Springs MI
28(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
29-Nov 7	Mon	WAD Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	Abidjan COTE D'IVOIRE
29-Nov 6	Mon	SID Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	Pretoria SOUTH AFRICA
29(am)	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
29(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
30-Nov 6	Tue	NAD Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	Silver Spring MD
30-Nov 5	Tue	NSD Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	Ilsan KOREA
30	Tue	IWM Administrative Council	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2012</u>			
1-8	Thu	ECD Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	Nairobi KENYA
2-6	Fri	EUD Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	Collonges FRANCE
2-3	Fri	Celebration of Creation	Friedensau GERMANY
5-12	Mon	SSD Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
6-15	Tue	SPD Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	Sydney AUSTRALIA
7-13	Wed	Greater Middle East Union Year-End Meetings	Beirut LEBANON
13-21	Tue	SUD Pre-Meetings and Year-End Meetings	Hosur TN INDIA
15(am)	Thu	E G White Estate Board of Trustees	Silver Spring MD
19-26	Mon	TED Pre-Meetings and Year -End Meetings	Becici MONTENEGRO
<u>December 2012</u>			
5(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
6(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	Silver Spring MD
10-15	Mon	Global Study Center Directors Meeting	
11-12	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
13(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA

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102-12Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2013

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2013</u>			
8-12	Tue	GC Executive Officers Meeting/PREXAD	Riviera Maya MEXICO
9-17	Wed	GC Auditing Service Connect 2013	Riviera Maya MEXICO
14-Feb 2	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	BRAZIL
24(pm)	Thu	Review and Herald Board Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
28-31	Mon	Bible Correspondence Schools Advisory	Sao Paulo BRAZIL
<u>February 2013</u>			
24(pm)	Sun	Loma Linda Board Education	Loma Linda CA
25-26	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
27(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Board	Loma Linda CA
27(pm)	Wed	Geoscience Research Institute Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2013</u>			
3(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
4(am)	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
4(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
5	Tue	IWM Administrative Council	Berrien Springs MI
5(am)	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
19(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
20(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
21	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
25-28	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
26(pm)	Tue	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
28(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2013</u>			
1-4	Mon	World Literature Ministry Coordinating Board	Silver Spring MD
4-5(am)	Thu	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2013 contd</u>			
5(am)	Fri	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Fri	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
7	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Sun	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Sun	International Board of Min &Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
8	Mon	President's Council	Silver Spring MD
8	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
8	Mon	Treasurer's Council	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Mon	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, &Univ	Silver Spring MD
9	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
9	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)	Tue	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
10 (eve)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
11(am)	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
12(eve)-15	Fri	Spring Meeting	Battle Creek MI
15-May 4	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	THAILAND
21-22	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
22-23	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
23	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
24-25	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
24(pm)	Wed	Review and Herald HHES Board	Hagerstown MD
24(eve)	Wed	Review and Herald Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
25(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>May 2013</u>			
7	Tue	AIIAS Constituency Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
9	Thu	AIIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
14-19	Tue	Global Adventist Internet Network Conference	Athens GREECE
21-22	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
23(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
25	Sat	Second World Festival of Religious Freedom	BRAZIL
<u>June 2013</u>			
3(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
3(am)	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>June 2013 contd</u>			
5(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	VERMONT
6	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	VERMONT
17-20	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
20	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
24-30	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	_____
<u>July 2013</u>			
1-13	Mon	World Conf on Youth and Community Service	SOUTH AFRICA
15-Aug 3	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	_____
18(pm)	Thu	Review and Herald Board Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>August 2013</u>			
14(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
15	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
26-27	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
28(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2013</u>			
16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
19(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
25(pm)	Wed	Review and Herald Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
26(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>October 2013</u>			
3	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Fri	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
6(am)	Sun	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Sun	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
7	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
7	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
7	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
8	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
8	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min and Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2013 contd</u>			
9(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	Accred Association of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)-10	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Thu	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
10(eve)-16	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
10(eve)-11(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
20-21	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
22(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
23-24	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
27(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
28	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
28(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
29	Tue	IWM Administrative Council	Berrien Springs MI
29(am)	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI

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4(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	Silver Spring MD
9-14	Mon	Global Study Center Directors Meeting	
10-11	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
12(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
16(am)	Mon	Review and Herald Board Exec/Finance Comm	Silver Spring MD

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<u>January 2014</u>			
<u>February 2014</u>			
21-24	Fri	Loma Linda Board Retreat	CALIFORNIA
24-25	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
26(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Board	Loma Linda CA
26(pm)	Wed	Geoscience Research Institute Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2014</u>			
2(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance	Berrien Springs MI
3	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
3(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Exec Committee	Berrien Springs MI
4	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
18(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
19(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Financial Committee	Nampa ID
20	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
24-27	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
25(pm)	Tue	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
27(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2014</u>			
7-8(am)	Mon	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Tue	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
9	Wed	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
9	Wed	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
9	Wed	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
10	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
10	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Thu	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
11(am)	Fri	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
11(am)	Fri	International Board of Min and Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
11(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
13	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
13(pm)	Sun	Accred Association of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
13(eve)	Sun	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
14(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
14(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
14(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2014 contd</u>			
14(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
15-16	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
20-21	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
22	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
23-24	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
23(pm)	Wed	Review and Herald HHES Board	Hagerstown MD
24(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
24(pm)	Thu	Review and Herald Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
<u>May 2014</u>			
6	Tue	AIIAS Constituency Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
8	Thu	AIIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
14-18	Wed	Global Adventist Internet Network Conference	Bangalore INDIA
20-21	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
22(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>June 2014</u>			
1(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Board Dinner/Info Items	Berrien Springs MI
2	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
2(am)	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
4(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	VERMONT
5	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	VERMONT
10(pm)	Tue	Review and Herald Board Exec/Finance Comm	Silver Spring MD
16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
19	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
23-29	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	_____
<u>July 2014</u>			
<u>August 2014</u>			
13(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Financial Committee	Nampa ID
14	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
25-26	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
27(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2014</u>			
15-18	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>September 2014 contd</u>			
18(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
24(eve)	Wed	Review and Herald Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
25(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>October 2014</u>			
2	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Fri	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Sun	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Sun	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
6(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
7	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
7	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min and Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Wed	Accred Association of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)-9	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Thu	AIIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)-15	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)-10(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
19-20	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
21(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
22-23	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
26(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
27(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Exec Committee	Berrien Springs MI
27	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
28	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>December 2014</u>			
3(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	Silver Spring MD
8-13	Mon	Global Study Center Directors Meeting	
9-10	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
11(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
15(pm)	Mon	Review and Herald Board Exec/Finance Comm	Silver Spring MD

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<u>January 2015</u>			
28-Feb 1	Wed	Global Adventist Internet Network Conference	Abdijan CÔTE D'IVOIRE
<u>February 2015</u>			
22(pm)	Sun	Loma Linda Board Education	Loma Linda CA
23-24	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
25(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Board	Loma Linda CA
25(pm)	Wed	Geoscience Research Institute Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2015</u>			
1(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
2(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Exec Committee	Berrien Springs MI
3	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
17(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
18(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
19	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
23-26	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
24(pm)	Tue	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>March 2015 contd</u>			
26(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2015</u>			
6-7(am)	Mon	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Tue	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
8	Wed	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
8	Wed	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
8	Wed	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
9	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
9	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Thu	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Fri	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Fri	International Board of Min and Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
12	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
12(pm)	Sun	Accred Association of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
12(eve)	Sun	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
13(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
13(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
13(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
13(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
14-15	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
19-20	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
21	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
22-23	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
22(pm)	Wed	Review and Herald HHES Board	Hagerstown MD
22(eve)	Wed	Review and Herald Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
23(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>May 2015</u>			
5	Tue	AIAS Constituency Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
7	Thu	AIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
19-20	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
21(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
31(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Board Dinner/Info Items	Berrien Springs MI

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 April 17, 2012, p.m.
 GCC Spring Meeting

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>June 2015</u>			
1	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
1(am)	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
3(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	VERMONT
4	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	VERMONT
8-25	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
11(am)	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Thu	Review and Herald Board Exec/Finance Comm	Silver Spring MD
<u>July 2015</u>			
2-11	Thu	General Conference Session	San Antonio TX
<u>August 2015</u>			
12(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
13	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
13(am)	Thu	Pacific Press Publishing Assoc Constituency	Nampa ID
24-25	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
26(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2015</u>			
14-17	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
17(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
23(eve)	Wed	Review and Herald Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
24(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>October 2015</u>			
1	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Fri	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Sun	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Sun	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
5(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
6	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
6	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min and Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2015 contd</u>			
7(am)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Wed	Accred Association of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)-8	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Thu	AIIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)-14	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)-9(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
18-19	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
19-20	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
20(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
-22	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
25(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
26(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
26	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
27	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2015</u>			
<u>December 2015</u>			
2(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	Silver Spring MD
7-12	Mon	Global Study Center Directors Meeting	
8-9	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
10(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
14(pm)	Mon	Review and Herald Board Exec/Finance Comm	Silver Spring MD

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116-12G THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ITS DIVISIONS—A
DESCRIPTION OF ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS IN LIGHT
OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT,
CURRENT GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS, AND PRACTICES

VOTED, To receive the report, “The General Conference and Its Divisions—A Description of Roles and Relationships in Light of Organizational Structure Development, Current Governance Documents, and Practices,” and encourage division administrations to ensure that, in the use of this and other information, sufficient orientation is provided to all officers in unions and conferences regarding the roles and relationships that pertain to the intended and effective functioning of all units in denominational structure.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ITS DIVISIONS—A DESCRIPTION
OF ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS IN LIGHT OF
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT,
CURRENT GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS, AND PRACTICES

INTRODUCTION

The General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) appointed the General Conference and Divisions Role and Function Review Committee with an assignment to review constitution/bylaws/working policy statements describing the roles of the General Conference and its divisions and the implications arising from these roles and relationships.

The topic at hand merits consideration in a much wider context—that of the role and relationships pertaining among the building blocks of Seventh-day Adventist organization, namely local churches, local conferences/missions, union conferences/missions and the General Conference with its divisions. This report primarily addresses one element of the whole, the relationship between the General Conference and its divisions. There will be occasional reference to other organizational units; however their role is not the central focus here.

Before reviewing governance documents it may be helpful to recognize that structural relationships among Seventh-day Adventist entities cannot be fully described or resolved by policy. The collective nature of Church life is rooted not in formal structure but in shared commitment to an understanding of the gospel and the call to mission. The Church does what it does not simply because some constituency or executive committee has the power to make or impose its decision but because together the Church perceives a certain course of action to be the right thing.

From this perspective it is evident that the role of the General Conference is far more than that of policy determination and giving direction. These formalities have their place in a global organization. However, a more important role exists—that of enabling/facilitating global forums and conversations whereby the whole Church can experience being part of a worldwide mission not just a worldwide organization. The role of leadership transcends the role of management.

In addition to analyzing current governance documents the Committee has reviewed key developments in Seventh-day Adventist Church history that have shaped organizational structure, the relationship of units and the manner in which authority and responsibility is distributed and practiced. Such a perspective helps to inform the understanding of intentions and the interpretation of current text outlining structural roles and relationships.

This report does not outline a biblical foundation for Church structure. It assumes there is unanimous agreement that organizational structure must rest on biblical understandings. From the earliest days of denominational organization Bible teachings and principles have decisively influenced Seventh-day Adventist Church structure. Among these teachings and principles are the concepts of order and system, interrelationships of individuals and organizations, the headship of Jesus Christ, and collaborative and consultative decision-making by groups.

Except where otherwise required by the immediate context, any reference to “General Conference” in this report means the General Conference Executive Committee or the General Conference in Session, not the General Conference office or its administration.

The report cites governance documents¹ describing/defining roles and relationships among the various components of denominational organization, the General Conference and its divisions in particular. It identifies illustrations (not an exhaustive listing) of variations in local application of General Conference policies or the adoption of local policies. A short statement concerning the distribution of authority and responsibility across denominational structures is followed by a list of principles that emerge from a study of organizational history and decision-making and/or decision-implementing practices. The report concludes with a short list of recommendations for consideration by General Conference administration.

I. Relationship of the General Conference and Its Divisions—Structural Design

The General Conference represents the collective and worldwide expression of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Church organizations around the world recognize the General Conference in Session as the voice of the Church. The General Conference Session, and the General Conference Executive Committee between Sessions, is the highest ecclesiastical

¹ Documents included: General Conference Constitution and Bylaws as revised at the General Conference Session 2010; General Conference *Working Policy* 2010-2011; and the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*, 18th edition, revised 2010. The Committee is indebted to Robert Nixon for his very helpful research summary.

authority in the administration of the Church.² The General Conference is authorized by its Constitution to create additional organizations to promote specific interests in various sections of the world. All organizations and institutions throughout the world will recognize the authority of the General Conference in session as the highest authority under God³ in ecclesiastical matters.⁴

To facilitate its worldwide activity, the General Conference has established regional offices, known as divisions. A division in general does the “work” of the General Conference and carries out “responsibilities” assigned by the General Conference and has “general administrative oversight” of the church in its assigned territory. “Work” and “responsibilities” include plans, programs, and policies of the General Conference in Session and of the General Conference Executive Committee.

General Conference Constitution, Article III, Divisions of the General Conference:

“The General Conference conducts much of its work through its divisions, which in turn are comprised of unions in specific areas of the world. *Each division of the General Conference is authorized to carry out responsibilities in the territory assigned to it. It shall act in full harmony with the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, the General Conference Working Policy, and actions of the Executive Committee.*”

(Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

“In order to carry the authority of the General Conference, *the actions of division committees shall, of necessity, be in harmony with and complementary to the decisions of the General Conference in Session, and the actions of the General Conference Executive Committee between Sessions.*” (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

General Conference Working Policy, B 10 20, Section 1, General Conference and Its Divisions: “To facilitate its worldwide activity, the General Conference has established regional offices, known as divisions of the General Conference, *which have been assigned, by action of the General Conference Executive Committee at Annual Councils, general administrative and supervisory responsibilities* for designated groups of unions and other church units within specific geographic areas.” (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual (Revised 2010) p. 29-30 (5), General Conference and Its Divisions: “The General Conference represents the worldwide expression of the Church. Its constituent membership is defined in its Constitution. To facilitate its

² See *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*, p. 29-31

³ General Conference *Working Policy* B 10 20, 2.

⁴ See *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*, p.31, General Conference the Highest Authority

worldwide activity, the General Conference has established *regional offices, known as divisions of the General Conference, which have been assigned, by action of the General Conference Executive Committee at Annual Councils, general administrative oversight* for designated groups of unions and other Church units within specific geographical areas.” (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

Another structural linkage connecting the General Conference with its divisions is the dual role filled by General Conference vice presidents who simultaneously serve as presidents of divisions.

General Conference Bylaws, Article III, Sec. 4.: *The vice presidents of the General Conference elected for the divisions shall serve as chairmen of the division executive committees operating in their respective territories; shall have oversight of the work in those territories under the direction of the division executive committees; and shall be designated within their respective division territories as presidents of the divisions over which they preside.* (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

A brief summary⁵ of major organizational developments in Seventh-day Adventist Church structure reveals the changing nature of organizational design, roles and relationships. The abbreviated listing which follows will necessarily fail to capture important decisions and nuances of development. The intent here is only to provide illustrations of how earlier church leaders sought to embrace both distributed authority and global unity. The unfolding story is one of change, revision and restructuring to respond to growth challenges and opportunities while preserving collective identity and engagement in mission.

1861 Formation of first state conference—Michigan (RH, Oct 8, 1861, 148).

1862 William S Higley, a layperson, elected as president of the Michigan Conference.

1863 GC Session adopts model constitution for state conferences.

1874-89 Establishment of seven auxiliary organizations as legally incorporated, independent bodies with their own officers and executive boards. These included: General Tract and Missionary Society, Seventh-day Adventist Educational Society, General Sabbath School Association, Health and Temperance Association—later known as the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, General Conference Association, National Religious Liberty Association, and Foreign Mission Board. Due to their independent status, coordination with the General Conference presented many challenges.

⁵ Information in this summary relies on published and unpublished research work by George Knight, Barry D Oliver and Bert B Haloviak. In addition the Minutes of several General Conference Sessions were reviewed.

- 1882 European Council of Seventh-day Adventist Missions (*Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of SDAs*, 1886, 45). The European Council functioned only a few years and then disappeared.
- 1888 GC Executive Committee divides territory of North America into four districts—South, East, West and Midwest.
- 1889 Increased number of districts in North America from four to six.
- 1893 Australasia set up as district number seven, Europe as district number eight. (The districts functioned in practical terms as extension offices, or ‘divisions’, of the General Conference and had no local or regional constituency to which they were responsible.)
- 1894 First union conference—Australasia. The union structure served as an intermediary unit between GC and the local conferences. Unlike the districts, it had its own constitution and constituency, and had executive powers to act on issues in its region. Union conference officers were responsible to their regional constituency. In order to unite the new union to the GC, the union president was appointed as superintendent of district #7—thus automatically becoming a member of the GC Executive Committee.
- 1897 GC Session votes to organize union conferences in Europe and America; recommends dividing the world into “three grand divisions” or General Conferences, each with its own General Conference president. It is not evident that three divisions were actually established. The European and Australasian fields came to be thought of as unions. This left the North American field president with the title of GC president in America.
- 1901 European Adventist leaders formed the European General Conference.
- 1901 GC Session adopts major reorganization concepts: 1) creation of union conference and mission to supervise local conferences and missions—dispersed the administrative authority of GC officers; 2) most of the auxiliary organizations became departments of GC/union/local conf/church; 3) GC Executive Committee membership increased to 25; 4) ownership of institutions under jurisdiction of GC and auxiliary organizations now transferred to union conference; 5) GC would have no president.
- 1903 GC Session—reorganization continued. “All institutions are to be owned directly by the people, either the General Conference, Union Conference, State Conference or organized mission field.”
- 1907 GC Executive Committee in Gland, Switzerland, voted that the organization known as the European General Conference, organized by advice of the General Conference in 1901, be discontinued. Provision was made for a General Conference Committee in Europe. A vice president of the worldwide General Conference was elected to take the general supervision of its work in Europe.

- 1909 Three divisions approved—Asiatic, European, and North American. These division structures were given further definition in 1913.
- 1913 GC Session creates three division conferences: European, North American, South American, and one division mission—Asiatic. Each had a defined constituency along with a constitution and bylaws. The European Division Conference did not function due to onset of WWI.
- 1918 GC Session discontinued the division conferences in an action stating that the divisions would no longer be independent conferences with their own constituencies, but rather divisions or extensions of the General Conference in a given territory.⁶ The design for North America was different from the other divisions in that GC staff would serve as officers of North America--the situation that prevailed until the changes that began in the 1980s. Reasons given for the discontinuation of division conferences included:
1. To preserve the unity of the work; to limit the possibility at any future time of having a large section of the work break away from the general body.
 2. To preserve in the minds and giving habits of the members one great missionary movement in the world.
 3. To preserve General Conference access to the resources (personnel and means) of the unions and conferences for global use.
- 1922 General Conference Constitution and Bylaws amended significantly. Role of divisions outlined. This pattern of relationship has remained largely unchanged with the exception of the decision (1980's) to set up the North American Division in a manner similar to other divisions.⁷

II. Relationship of the General Conference and Its Divisions—the Role of Policy

General Conference Working Policy B 10 25 Structural Stability—“Local churches, local conferences/missions/fields, union conferences/missions, unions of churches, and institutions are, by vote of the appropriate constituency, and by actions of properly authorized executive committees, a part of the worldwide organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Whereas each has accepted the privilege and responsibility of representing the Church in its part of the world, *each is therefore required to operate and*

⁶ The term ‘division conference’ continued in the SDA Yearbook for many years thereafter. Evidence suggests that the division conference structure and operations did not fully cease until about 1923.

⁷ A notable exception occurred with the South Pacific Division which was organized in 1922 and functioned rather in a dual role—as a union conference and as a division conference. In 2005 the South Pacific Division constituency voted to dissolve its constitution. The South Pacific Division now has the same relationship to the General Conference as any other division.

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minister in harmony with the teachings and policies of the Church, and the actions of the world Church in Session. While individual units of the Church are given freedom to function in ways appropriate to their role and culture, no part of the worldwide organization of the Church has a unilateral right to secede.” (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

General Conference Working Policy B 15 General Conference *Working Policy*, B 15 05 Authoritative Administrative Voice of the Church—“The General Conference *Working Policy* contains the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Conference, the Mission Statement and the accumulated policies adopted by General Conference Sessions and Annual Councils of the General Conference Executive Committee. It is, therefore, *the authoritative voice of the Church in all matters pertaining to the mission and to the administration of the work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in all parts of the world.*” (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

General Conference Working Policy B 15 10 Adherence to Policy Required—“1. The General Conference *Working Policy* shall be strictly adhered to by all organizations in every part of the world field. *The work in every organization shall be administered in full harmony with the policies of the General Conference and of the divisions respectively. No departure from these policies shall be made without prior approval from the General Conference Executive Committee, except as stated below. The division committee is the authorized body which acts for the General Conference Executive Committee in the respective divisions.* All conference, mission, or institutional administrators shall cooperate in maintaining these policies as they affect the work in their respective organizations. Only thus can a spirit of close cooperation and unity be maintained in the work of the Church in all parts of the world field. In the event laws/changes in the laws governing a country seem to render compliance with denominational policies a violation of the law, the organization shall act in harmony with the law, provided the following:

- a. Counsel has been sought from the General Conference, and it is established that denominational policies do indeed violate the law.
- b. Compliance with the law does not constitute a violation of scriptural principles.

2. General Conference institutions shall adhere to the remuneration policies of the host division (Y 05 05, paragraph 6.) with any exceptions approved by the General Conference Executive Committee at a Spring Meeting or by an Annual Council. *For all other policies, the General Conference Working Policy shall apply except where the General Conference Executive Committee votes that the host division policies shall be followed.*” (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

General Conference *Working Policy* B 10 25 cited above describes in general terms the interrelationship of all church organizational units and the freedom to function in ways appropriate to their role and culture yet without unilateral right to secede

The analogy of the body (1 Corinthians 12) representing a foundational pattern for relationships among Church members also has significant implications for relationships among Church entities. A primary value for Seventh-day Adventists is the idea of oneness or unity. The Church strives to maintain a global identity and a global witness. The history of organizational development reveals an underlying conviction that “together we can do more.”

Seventh-day Adventist Church polity is neither congregational nor hierarchical. It is built on the concept of interdependence—every piece of organization needs every other piece in order to function effectively. Strong inter-organizational linkages must be maintained even amidst a variety of pressures that would tend towards independence.

Two competing dynamics are at work in every growing organization—centralization and decentralization. In Seventh-day Adventist Church development the purpose of centralization is more for coordination than for control. The purpose of decentralization is more for responsiveness to mission in local situations than for independence. These distinctions merit remembrance. No part of the Church can exist on its own, nor can any part act as if it exists only for itself.

III. The Purview of Divisions in Relation to the General Conference

Governance documents of the Church state in general terms that a division “is authorized to carry out responsibilities” in its assigned territory and “shall act in full harmony” with the Constitution and Bylaws, the General Conference *Working Policy*, and actions of the General Conference Executive Committee. *Working Policy* enlarges on that general authority and states that each division “shall prepare and publish a working policy for the division, its departments, and the organizations and institutions within its territory.”

The purpose of a division working policy, then, would be comprehensive enough to cover the policy needs of all division organizations. The undefined “limit” is that a division working policy must be “in harmony” with the General Conference Constitution and *Working Policy*. “In harmony” is not defined, nor is there a mandate that a division working policy include every aspect of General Conference *Working Policy*.

Further, a division is not “free to pursue a course of action contrary to the will of the whole, or to appropriate to itself the authority of the General Conference in defense of such action.” (General Conference policy recognizes that “General Conference divisions, unions, and

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local conferences/mission have separate identities for their legal purposes.⁸) However, policies describing the work of the three division executive officers do not use the “in harmony” with policy but say the division officers must “work according to plans and programs voted by the General Conference Session and/or the General Conference Executive Committee and according to the plans and policies agreed upon by the executive committee of the division.” Similar language for the division secretary and treasurer appears in the Bylaws.

General Conference Working Policy B 40 20 Divisions a Part of General Conference—
“The larger and more extensive the work of these divisions, and the less dependent any may become upon help from other divisions in the way of personnel or material support, the greater the necessity of holding closely together in mutual counsel and fellowship. *It is ever to be held in mind that each division is a part of the General Conference. In the church of Christ, which is His body, there can be no such thing as one part or member independent of the whole. No division, therefore, is free to pursue a course of action contrary to the will of the whole, or to appropriate to itself the authority of the General Conference in defense of such action.* Between sessions of the General Conference, the General Conference Executive Committee is constitutionally the final authority throughout the world field.” (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

General Conference Working Policy C 10 05, Division Working Policy: “*Each division committee shall prepare and publish a working policy for the division, its departments, and the organizations and institutions within its territory, in harmony with the Constitution and Working Policy of the General Conference.*” (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

Certain types of authority and responsibility have been delegated to divisions. These include:

1. General administrative and supervisory responsibilities for the division territory. (GC Constitution, Article III; GCWP B 10 20) These general responsibilities would include overall direction of the spiritual life and mission of the Church throughout the division, the development and implementation of strategic plans, and the mobilization and allocation of resources—all done in ways reflecting the urgency of the Church’s mission.

2. Facilitating, within division territory, the activity and purposes of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. (SDA CM p. 29-30)

⁸ See General Conference *Working Policy* BA 25

3. Appointment of officers for union missions and approval of editors nominated by the boards of division publishing houses. (Model Union Mission Operating Policy Article VIII, Sec. 1. and GCWP FP20)
4. Approval for the formation of local missions/conferences and granting of conference status. (GCWP B 65 10, B 65 15)
5. Operation of institutions (GCWP B 10 20—assumed as part of general administrative and supervisory responsibilities)
6. Recommend modified structures and/or administrative relationships. (GCWP B 10 30)
7. Address continuance or discontinuance of alternative administrative arrangements. (GCWP B 10 30, paragraph 2)
8. Policies for aviation programs (GCWP C 75 05)
9. Recommend Church Manual supplements (GCWP BA 15 20)
10. Incorporation of organizations (GCWP BA 25 05, 25 10)
11. Remuneration policies (GCWP Y 05 05 6)
12. Retirement policies (GCWP Z 05 05)
13. Approval of alternative methods for transferring members between churches within the division. (*Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*, p. 53)

IV. Variations in Policy Application and Areas of Operation Where Policy is Silent

Without conducting exhaustive research the Committee notes that there are several, perhaps many, instances where organizations have adapted General Conference and/or division working policy in a manner that reveals considerable diversity of application. In other situations organizations may be operating within the sphere of their authority to determine policy but comparing the policies among divisions reveals a wide variance. Further, there are some areas of organizational life for which no policy exists (i.e. Church-sponsored business operations crossing division territorial boundaries).

The following list illustrates some of the ways in which General Conference policies have been adapted or implemented in ways that might be viewed as a variance to policy. Other

examples in this list illustrate areas in which no global policy exists or in which it is not possible to maintain a single worldwide policy.

1. Constitutions and Bylaws do not mirror model governance documents.
2. Remuneration policies/practices go beyond the GC philosophy on remuneration.
3. Retirement plan policies differ widely around the world. Divisions have been entrusted with responsibility to develop their own retirement plans in harmony with the legal requirements in each country.
4. No policy exists to guide the operation of business enterprises across division territory boundaries.
5. Variation exists among divisions in use of employee licenses and credentials.
6. The General Conference itself has a different tithe-sharing policy for the North American Division than for all other divisions.
7. Divisions adopt policies not addressed in General Conference *Working Policy*. (One example would be the sexual misconduct policy of the NAD.)

In the course of the annual financial audit the management of each entity is required to sign a statement of assertions regarding policy compliance. The compliance assertions relate almost exclusively to a set of core financial policies. The process that an auditor uses in the course of compliance testing would not necessarily bring to light any or all occasions of policy non-compliance—especially in the non-financial areas of policy.

V. Authority and Responsibility in Seventh-day Adventist Church Structure

Model Constitutions and Operating Policies D 05 Seventh-day Adventist Church Organization

“The 54th General Conference Session, in its consideration of the Role and Function of Denominational Organizations, pointed out that the constitutions, bylaws and operating policies of all denominational organizations should be consistent with the Seventh-day Adventist concept of the church, its organization, and governance. The fruitage of that concept is a *representative and constituency-based system. Its authority is rooted in God and distributed to the whole people of God. It recognizes the committee system. It provides for shared administration (president, secretary, treasurer) rather than a presidential system. It recognizes a unity of entities (church, conference, union, General*

Conference) based on mission, purpose, and belief that binds the believers together in a universal fellowship. While the integrity of each entity is recognized (church, conference, union), each is seen to be a part of a sisterhood which cannot act without reference to the whole.” (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

Authority and responsibility in the Seventh-day Adventist Church is not centralized in a hierarchical structure. Instead, authority and responsibility is distributed throughout Seventh-day Adventist Church structure so that all parts of the Church structure become inter-dependent. No part of the Church can exist on its own, nor can any part act as if it exists only for itself.

The distribution of authority and responsibility in the Seventh-day Adventist Church is illustrated by the following examples of how and where final decision-making roles are located in organizational structure. It is to be understood that the exercise of authority and responsibility is done within the context of the beliefs, values, and policies of the entire Church. No entity is authorized to exercise its authority and responsibility in a manner that is contrary to the interests of the whole Church and its activities in fulfilling its mission.

Structural unit	Illustrations⁹ of final authority and responsibility
Local Church	Decisions on membership (admission/discipline/dismissal) Selection of local church officers and boards Furtherance of mission within its territory
Local Conf/Mission	Employment/assignment of pastors and other workers Establishment and operation of elementary schools Selection of local conference officers/staff/executive committee Revision/amendment of its constitution and bylaws Counsel/guide churches/employees within its territory
Union Conf/Mission	Ordination of ministers Establishment and operation of institutions (education/healthcare) Selection of union conference officers/staff/executive committee Revision/amendment of its constitution and bylaws
GC Session	Approve the statement of denominational beliefs Creation/revision/amendment of <i>Church Manual</i> Revision/amendment of its constitution and bylaws Election of General Conference officers and department directors Election of division officers
GC Exec Comm	Establishment and configuration of division boundaries Approval to form new unions Establishment and operation of General Conference institutions

⁹ The illustrations are not intended to be an exhaustive listing of responsibility for each structural unit.

Divisions	Establishment/revision of <i>Working Policy</i> Authority, between GC Sessions, to act on behalf of the Session Establishment and operation of institutions Responsibility for a delegated range of policies Acting/speaking on behalf of the General Conference Adoption of employee licenses and credentials General supervision of work in division territory Authority to set up corporations
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VI. Principles Informing the Use of Authority in Seventh-day Adventist Church Structure

1. Authority originates with the membership and is entrusted to structures.

Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual, p.28-29: “The Seventh-day Adventist form of governance is representative, which recognizes that authority rests in the membership and is expressed through duly elected representatives at each level of the organization, with executive responsibility delegated to representative bodies and officers for the governing of the Church at each separate level.”

2. Authority is distributed throughout the organization. See section V, Authority and Responsibility in Seventh-day Adventist Church Structure.

3. Authority is exercised in a spirit of interdependence.

General Conference Working Policy D 05: “...representative and constituency-based system. Its authority is rooted in God and distributed to the whole people of God. It recognizes the committee system. It provides for shared administration (president, secretary, treasurer) rather than a presidential system. It recognizes a unity of entities (church, conference, union, General Conference) based on mission, purpose, and belief that binds the believers together in a universal fellowship. *While the integrity of each entity is recognized (church, conference, union), each is seen to be a part of a sisterhood which cannot act without reference to the whole.* (Emphasis supplied for purposes of this report.)

4. Some of the authority/responsibility entrusted to the General Conference is delegated to divisions. (See sections I. II. and III. of this report.)

5. Some major organizational initiatives arose in response to mission contexts far removed from the Church headquarters.

Two prominent features of SDA denominational structure which were adopted in the re-organization measures of GC Sessions 1901 and 1903 actually began, without prior authorization, in areas geographically remote from the headquarters. These two features are: 1) the formation of unions, and 2) the establishment of departments.

It must be noted that these developments occurred in response to conditions that were not experienced or realized on a worldwide scale. The realities of the situation had been described to General Conference leaders who did not see the legitimacy of what was being proposed. Due to significant lag time in postal communications the local leadership implemented structural changes that were not previously endorsed by headquarters. In the case of departments, by the time that communication and counsel from headquarters arrived, the changes had been implemented and were working well. In the case of the union, when General Conference leadership arrived on site the proposal for a union was viewed as appropriate to fit the need. Within a fairly short time this model of structure was adopted as a pattern for the whole Church.

At times, situations may arise which are very localized and do not affect a worldwide process or pattern. Such situations may warrant localized solutions which have been designed in consultation with or reviewed by the next higher organization. For example, General Conference *Working Policy A 20*, Roadmap for Mission, describes certain circumstances where mission activity in an area may not have reached a stage where formal church structures are feasible.

6. Engaging in mission requires decision-making at all layers of organizational structure. Overlapping membership on executive committees (conference, union, division, General Conference) is designed to facilitate collaboration and cooperation. Consultative, disciplinary and appeal processes are available to resolve situations where entrusted authority and responsibility has been exercised in a manner that creates differences and disagreements.

General Conference Working Policy B 45 25 Adjustments of Differences— Divisions and General Conference—If any adjustment is needed regarding differences of opinion arising between the division committee and the General Conference Executive Committee or the General Conference Administrative Committee, the matter shall be referred to the next Annual Council.

General Conference Working Policy B 45 30 Appeals—The Seventh-day Adventist Church makes provision that every agency in the work, from the individual in the remotest station to the responsible committees at every stage of the organization, is assured full privilege, without prejudice, of representing opinion and conviction, and asking consideration and counsel in matters affecting life and service.

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CONCLUSION

Governance documents for the Seventh-day Adventist Church clearly identify divisions as a creation of the General Conference for the purpose of representing and acting for the General Conference within a specific geographic territory. A division is expected to speak with the voice of the General Conference—not with its own voice as separate from and in contrast to that of the General Conference.

The authority and responsibility entrusted by the General Conference to divisions is defined in rather general terms although there are specific areas of responsibility for which a division is expected to establish its own policies. The general terms outlining division authority and responsibility are to be interpreted within the context of the division's role as an extension of the General Conference. Division supervision within its territory is to be exercised in harmony with General Conference policies and actions.

The distribution of authority and responsibility in the Church along with the recognition that “authority rests in the membership” present significant challenges in finding a balance between centralized authority (actions of the global Church) and the more localized authority (actions of the constituency) in churches, conferences, or unions. In the interest of preserving global unity the historical trend has been towards increasing the size of the General Conference Executive Committee and ensuring that there is global input in policy decisions.

At the same time as the Church has worked to preserve unity, the effect of church growth has enlarged the understanding of diversity and its rightful place in a worldwide community. To expect that every entity in the world church will look and function exactly like every other entity of its type may in itself become an impediment to mission. The development of structural designs in the history of the Church indicates that unity must be built on a stronger foundation than uniformity.

This committee concludes that current governance documents contain adequate language outlining the relationship between the General Conference and its divisions. But the committee also recognizes that governance documents cannot embrace every detail of general and specific authority delegated to divisions. There must be room to recognize the need for and legitimacy of local adaptation of policies and procedures that facilitate mission while not diminishing the worldwide identity, harmony and unity of the Church. Furthermore, divisions need to address situations for which no global policy exists. In doing so however, a division should also bring these to the attention of the General Conference for review.

Existing General Conference governance allows for divisions to make policies concerning certain operational activities within their geographic territory provided the policies can be harmonized with and not in conflict with the governing documents or policies of the

General Conference even when working to localize or adapt to cultural needs within the particular division. Continued church growth and the inevitability of changing circumstances and environments will require the global church to have systems in place for dialog and consultation on matters that may be perceived as requiring some response other than doing things the same way everywhere.

Structural relationships in the Seventh-day Adventist Church are dynamic—they can change over time not by independent initiative but through deliberative, consultative, and collaborative action. The General Conference Executive Committee (in Annual Councils) is authorized to review, change, or create policies to facilitate the worldwide mission of the Church. However, the relationship among entities of the Church is more than a matter of law and policy. Therefore attempts to codify that relationship will always be inadequate. The primary strength of the Church comes not from its structure but from its collective desire to live out a commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Such a commitment embraces a call to community.

HOPE CHANNEL, INC CONSTITUENCY MEETING

At 4:52 p.m., the Hope Channel, Inc. Constituency meeting was convened, after which the business session of the General Conference Executive Committee was reconvened.

SPECIAL SPIRIT OF PROPHECY READING—THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, CHAPTER 38, “THE FINAL WARNING”

There was a reading of the *Great Controversy*, chapter 38, “The Final Warning,” by the members of the General Conference Executive Committee.

Prayer was offered by Doris Gothard, Layperson from the North American Division.

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
G Alexander Bryant, Secretary
Myron A Iseminger, Editorial Secretary
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

SPRING MEETING OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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DEVOTIONAL

The devotional message entitled, “Mingling, Ministry, and Mission,” was presented by G T Ng, Secretary of the General Conference, Homer W Trecartin, President of the Greater Middle East Union Mission, along with individuals from Adventist Mission.

Ted N C Wilson, chair, called to order the third session of the 2012 Spring Meeting.

Prayer was offered by Derek J Morris, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association.

SOUTH MEXICAN UNION CONFERENCE

The officers of the South Mexican Union Conference were introduced.

GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT—SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Magdiel Perez Schulz shared the South American Division website that was set up to coincide with the Great Controversy Project. Over 9 million books have been downloaded since October 2011.

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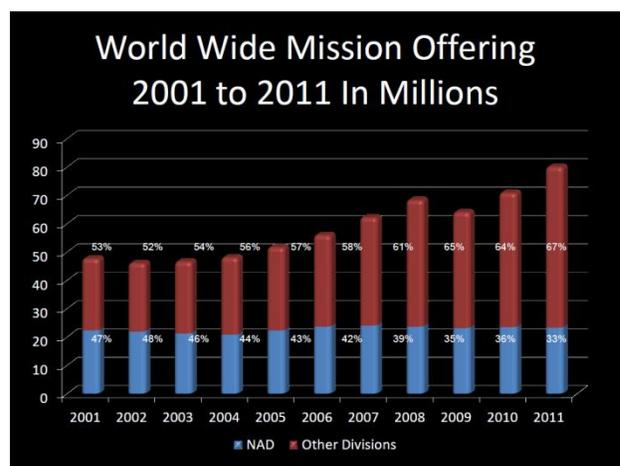
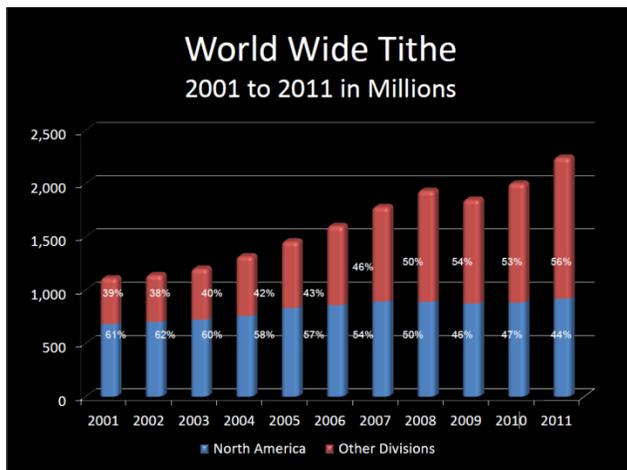
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“Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for [he is] good: for his mercy [endureth] forever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? [who] can show forth all his praise?” (Psalm 106:1, 2) Once again it is a privilege to bring a report of God’s goodness.

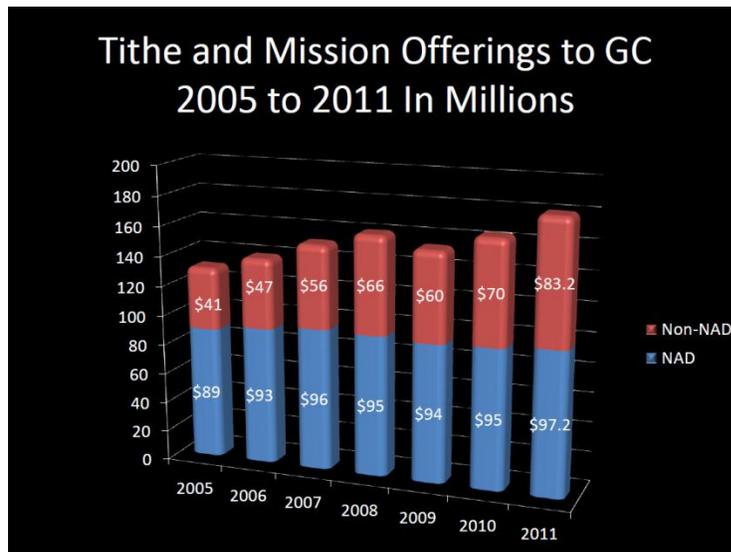
2011 OPERATING RESULTS

It is inspiring to see the faithfulness of God’s children in returning their tithes and giving offerings even in tough times for the support of His work.

Worldwide tithe passed the two billion dollar mark in 2010 and has continued to increase in 2011. In spite of the recession and slow recovery of the economy in the US, the economies of most of the countries of the world have continued to be strong. This is also reflected in the tithe and offering figures. It needs to be noted that there were 53 Sabbaths in 2011, as compared to 52 in 2010, which would account for a 2 percent increase even if the weekly tithe and offering remained the same. Worldwide tithe was up 11.82 percent totaling US\$2.244 billion. Tithe in the North American Division was up 3.92 percent over 2010 and totaled US\$924 million in 2011 as compared to US\$889 million in 2010. Tithe from divisions other than the North American Division was up 18.09 percent and totaled US\$1.321 billion compared to US\$1.114 billion. Some of the increase was due to changes in the exchange rate to the US dollar, and 2 percent was from the extra Sabbath, but there were real increases in the amounts in the local currency.



Mission offerings in the North American Division were down 0.8 percent from US\$23.6 million in 2010 to US\$23.4 million 2011, but offerings from outside North America were up 16.5 percent from US\$47.4 million to US\$56.7 million. As in the case of the tithe, some of the increase is due to changes in exchange rates to the US dollar and 2 percent would be accounted for with the extra Sabbath, but the majority is from actual increases in the offerings.



The tithe and mission offerings coming to the General Conference for the World Budget were up 9.7 percent from US\$164.4 million in 2010 to US\$180.4 million in 2011. The increase when adjusted for exchange rate changes between the two years and for the extra Sabbath in 2011 is 4.7 percent. The graph to the left shows the share of the tithes and offerings received by the General Conference over the past seven years. You can see that the portion coming from the divisions outside North America has been increasing rapidly, meaning they are

beginning to support a greater percentage of the World Budget.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

After having gone through some of the most turbulent years that the financial markets have experienced in over 75 years, it is encouraging to see the extent of the recovery. But caution must continue to be exercised to be sure that the investment of church funds held to cover retirement obligations, working capital, and major projects that cover multiple years are protected as we can expect more turbulent times ahead. Interest rates are low compared to recent years, and we need to take that into account and not take unwarranted risks trying to achieve returns that we may have viewed as normal five or six years ago.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OPERATING EXPENSES

The General Conference operated approximately US\$10 million under budget for 2011 and that, added to the increases in tithe and offering above budget and some other one-time items, produced very positive operating results. Since funds received by the church can be restricted or allocated the increase does not mean all the funds are available for the committee to vote out for new items, but we did have an excess of required working capital of US\$13.4

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million which can be used for a supplemental budget in 2014. The total increase in fund balances was US\$38.3 million.

Accounting for not-for-profit organizations is different than for commercial organizations. In a commercial setting there is normally a single bottom line number that gives you a picture of the operations for the year. Additional information on onetime items and revenue trends and expenses help to better understand that figure, but the bottom line is the most meaningful number. In not-for-profit accounting the objective is to be sure the funds have been spent in accordance with any restrictions put on them by the donor or allocation by the governing body. We use fund accounting to help us accomplish this. The unrestricted regular operating funds are the basis of the General Conference World Budget and are available to the General Conference Executive Committee to provide appropriations to the world field, support our interdivision missionaries, fund programs, and cover the operating costs of the General Conference Headquarters. The other funds benefit the work but because of their restrictions are not included as part of the regular operating budget. The following breakdown helps in understanding the components of the US\$38.3 million increase in fund balance.

	Increase/Decrease 2011 Fund Balance in Millions
Regular Operating Fund	US\$28.8
Donor Advised Fund	(.3)
Extraordinary Tithe Fund	7.3
Hope Channel (Separated out in 2011)	4.3
Plant Fund	(1.4)
Charitable Gift Annuity and Endowment Funds	(.4)
 Total Increase in Fund Balances for the GC in 2011	 US\$38.3

Donor Advised Funds—When donors provide funds for a specific purpose, they are recorded as restricted funds and are used in accordance with the restriction. But sometimes individuals wish to make donations in a particular tax year for tax planning purposes but have not yet determined which projects they wish to support. If accepted by the General Conference, these funds are placed in a donor advised fund, and the General Conference works with the donor to understand his or her wishes, but in the mean time they appear in our accounting records as unrestricted.

Extraordinary Tithe Fund—This fund has the extraordinary tithe received by the General Conference that was voted to be used over a five-to-seven year period. The fund balance should decrease each year as the funds are used to support the approved initiatives.

Hope Channel—The Hope Channel operations have been part of the Operating Fund of the General Conference since its inception, but it has grown to be a large enough operation that we are setting it up as a separate financial entity as of January 1, 2012, and so are identifying separately the balances in the December 2011 statement.

Plant Fund—This is the fund where we maintain the accounting for the land, buildings, and equipment belonging to the General Conference and includes the funded depreciation.

Charitable Gift Annuity Fund—This fund is used to account for gift annuities wherein the General Conference is a beneficiary.

Endowment Funds—These are funds where the principal is to be maintained but the income is available for specific purposes.

TELL THE WORLD

Jesus could see that the fields were ripe for the harvest. He could see down to our time. He could see the great areas of the 10/40 Window, the big cities, and the many other areas that have not yet been reached with the Gospel. But He did not leave us alone.

“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.” (John 15:26, 27)

May the Lord guide us as we work together to finish His work.

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103-12G OPERATING EXPENSE CAP 2011 - REPORT

In fulfillment of the requirement for the General Conference to live within an operating cap of 2.0 percent of gross world tithe (see GCC 91-443, GCC 98-21, and GCC 00-23), it was

VOTED, To accept the report for the Operating Expense Cap 2011, as follows:

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Operating Expense Cap 2011

Total income basis\$2,250,302,561
 Expense cap at 2% of world tithe \$45,006,051
 Expense for 2011\$36,274,153
 Expense as a percentage of cap..... 80.60%
 Amount under the cap.....\$8,731,898

Operating Expense Cap Summary

YEAR	GROSS NAD TITHE	WORLD TITHE %	TOTAL	CAP	ACTUAL OPERATING EXPENSE	EXPENSE UNDER THE CAP	EXPENSE AS % OF CAP
4.85%*							
1992	446,977,202	2,616,378	449,593,580	21,805,289	19,152,695	2,652,594	87.84%
1993	454,792,764	2,685,069	457,477,833	22,187,675	21,083,033	1,104,642	95.02%
1994	480,730,812	2,902,438	483,633,250	23,456,213	21,918,901	1,527,312	93.45%
1995	491,795,455	3,226,237	495,021,692	24,008,552	22,098,370	1,910,182	92.04%
1996	507,406,829	2,912,685	510,319,514	24,750,496	23,073,972	1,676,524	93.23%
4.25%*							
1997	534,169,178	4,233,457	538,402,635	22,882,112	21,422,458	1,459,654	93.62%
1998	569,714,074	9,073,464	578,787,538	24,598,470	21,618,414	2,980,056	87.89%
1999	610,215,571	4,209,332	614,424,903	26,113,058	20,999,068	5,111,990	80.42%
2000	656,938,361	4,235,930	661,174,291	28,099,907	22,877,949	5,221,958	81.42%

YEAR	GROSS NAD TITHE	GROSS NON-NAD TITHE	GROSS WORLD TITHE	CAP	ACTUAL OPERATING EXPENSE	EXPENSE UNDER THE CAP	EXPENSE AS % OF CAP
2.00%**							
2001	685,051,305	429,500,692	1,114,551,997	27,913,439	23,862,558	4,044,881	85.51%
2002	707,805,149	434,912,910	1,142,718,059	27,342,516	24,879,758	2,462,758	90.99%
2003	727,180,606	475,704,684	1,202,885,290	26,922,403	26,172,840	749,563	97.22%
2004	762,318,491	555,412,923	1,317,731,414	27,646,624	26,886,383	760,241	97.25%
2005	834,926,654	622,213,348	1,457,140,002	29,142,800	28,740,301	402,499	98.62%
2006	861,581,965	741,151,992	1,602,733,957	32,054,679	31,036,519	1,018,160	96.82%
2007	896,610,322	884,519,508	1,781,129,830	35,622,597	31,304,400	4,318,197	87.88%
2008	893,139,254	1,040,330,853	1,933,470,107	38,669,402	32,933,248	5,736,154	85.17%
2009	877,932,567	972,448,826	1,850,381,393	37,007,628	33,683,030	3,324,598	91.02%
2010	887,976,938	1,114,309,972	2,002,286,910	40,045,738	35,751,896	4,293,842	89.28%
2011	923,139,207	1,327,163,354	2,250,302,561	45,006,051	36,274,153	8,731,898	80.60%

*The following six cost centers were removed from the cap, reducing it from 4.85% to 4.25% (see GCC 98-21):

- 11050 Adventist World Radio
- 41215 Geoscience Research Center
- 41920 Ellen G White Estate
- 41935 Ellen G White Estate Research Centers
- 61175 Auditing Service
- 61794 TRIPS

**Because of NAD's tithe percentage being phased down from 10.72% to 8.0% over 5 years, and the non-NAD divisions' tithe percentage being increased from 1% to 2% over 5 years, the CAP is also being phased in over the same 5-year period and is calculated as 2% of Gross World Tithe, as follows (see GCC 00-23):

- 2001 1/5 of distance between old and new calculation
- 2002 2/5 of distance between old and new calculation

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2003 3/5 of distance between old and new calculation
2004 4/5 of distance between old and new calculation
2005 Full implementation of new calculation

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011

James E Nyquist, of Maner Costerisan, PC, read the auditors' opinion for the combined financial statements and for the unitized funds.

VOTED, To accept the 2011 Combined Financial Statements of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the period ending December 31, 2011, as recommended by the General Conference Audit Committee, (which include the Operating Funds, The Plant Fund, and Other Funds) and the auditors' opinions for the following unitized funds:

Money Fund
Capital Preservation Fund
Bond Fund
Income Fund
Large Cap Fund
Small Cap Fund
International Fund
Emerging Markets Fund

(A copy of the Audited Financial Statements is filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

TRE/AudCom/12SM to REL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY

VOTED, To accept the 2011 Audit Management Letter and Policy Compliance Report.

(The 2011 Audit Management Letter and Policy Compliance Report are filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

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GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Gina S Brown, Secretary of the General Conference Audit Committee, presented the General Conference Audit Committee Report, a copy of which is filed with the official minutes. It was

VOTED, To accept the General Conference Audit Committee Report.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION MEMBERS' MEETING

At 10:29 a.m. the General Conference Corporation members' meeting was convened, after which the business session of the General Conference Executive Committee reconvened.

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119-12G TITHE PERCENTAGE ADJUSTMENTS

RECOMMENDED, 1. That the tithe percentage from the North American Division to the General Conference Budget, which is currently 8 percent, be reduced by 2 percent over the eight year period from 2013 through 2020 on the following schedule:

2012 Current rate	8.00 percent
2013	7.50 percent
2014	7.00 percent
2015	7.00 percent
2016	7.00 percent
2017	6.75 percent
2018	6.50 percent
2019	6.25 percent
2020	6.00 percent
2021 and onward	6.00 percent

2. That a commission be appointed at the 2012 Annual Council to report to the 2014 Annual Council on recommendations as to how the reduction in revenue to the General Conference Budget, resulting from the voted decrease during the next quinquennium, will be accommodated. This should be accomplished through either adjustment in the expense side of

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the budget or in the tithe sharing formula for the other divisions which currently contribute 2 percent of tithe to the General Conference Budget.

TRE/12SM to REL

2013 BUDGET

VOTED, To authorize preparation of the 2013 budget based on the recommended tithe percentage adjustments to the North American Division tithe percentages.

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120-12G GLOBAL AUDITING PROGRAM—COST-SHARING PLAN

INTRODUCTION

In 2000, the Division Auditing Services were consolidated into a global organization administered and funded from the General Conference Headquarters. The financial arrangements made at the time included a one-time reduction in appropriations equal to what each division, except for the North American and Northern Asia-Pacific Divisions¹, was spending on their respective audit program. These arrangements anticipated that the General Conference would thereafter continue to fund the global program and the divisions would be responsible for providing office space and housing for the audit personnel resident in their divisions.

In administering the audit program from the General Conference, it became evident that the reductions in appropriations from some divisions were not sufficient to administer a credible global audit program. Funds available did not correspond to the number of entities needing to be audited. Further, costs have escalated due to inflation, currency fluctuation, increased audit requirements based on international standards and the ever growing number of denominational entities.

Even with increases in budgetary allocation by the General Conference (see table below), there yet remains a significant gap between the resources provided and the cost of services for which the General Conference Auditing Service (GCAS) is expected to provide. At the spring 2010 General Conference and Division Treasurers Council, a consensus was reached that the financial arrangements for GCAS need to be restudied.

¹ Auditing costs in the North American Division are borne by the North American Division or shared by the entities within its territory. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division sends a credit to the General Conference for the amount spent on auditing.

General Conference World Budget Provisions for the General Conference Auditing Service		
Year	Amount	% of GC Budgeted Income²
2000	\$ 3,391,110	3.1%
2012	\$ 11,639,789	7.1%

In March 2012, General Conference Treasurers, a General Conference Vice President, the chair of the General Conference Auditing Service Board and representatives from the General Conference Auditing Service met with Division Treasurers to address the matter of underfunding for the worldwide audit program of the Church. The consultation resulted in a plan of action involving clarification on the level of service provided for each client organization and a cost-sharing arrangement whereby all organizations are expected to bear a portion of their own audit costs.

Such an arrangement assumes a significant shift in the way that GCAS staffing decisions are made and the process through which auditing services are paid. Under the current system, GCAS staffing is determined on the basis of funding provided in the General Conference World Budget. Under the new arrangement envisioned by the following proposal, GCAS staffing levels would be determined in response to the level of service required in each division. In order to provide stability in the GCAS workforce, it will be necessary for each division and GCAS to enter into a multi-year (5-year period recommended) memorandum of understanding concerning GCAS-provided service to the client list in the division.

The recommendation from this consultation is submitted to the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee and the General Conference Executive Committee (SM 2012) for approval.

VOTED, To approve the Global Audit Program—Client Identification and Cost-Sharing Action Plan as presented:

² General Conference Budgeted Income here refers to only Tithe and Unrestricted Offering income.

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Global Audit Program—Client Identification and Cost-Sharing Action Plan
 Consultation with General Conference Treasurers/Division Treasurers/General Conference Auditing
 Service/General Conference Vice President
 Silver Spring, MD
 March 7-8, 2012

Principle/Objective	Action Plan	Persons Responsible	Completion
1. All denominational organizations shall be included in the Church's global audit program.	1.1. Create definitive client list of missions, conferences, unions, divisions, and the General Conference with details as to size of operations and estimated audit hours/costs. All these entities will have regular financial audits.	Division officers assisted by GCAS personnel	June 30, 2012
	1.2. Create definitive client list of organizations owned and operated by missions, conferences, unions, divisions, and the General Conference. Include details regarding size of operation and type of organization.	Division officers assisted by GCAS personnel	June 30, 2012
	1.3. For entities listed in 1.2 above, determine the level of service needed (audit/financial review, etc.), frequency of service, service provider and estimated service cost. (The General Conference Administrative Committee will determine such details for GC-owned entities, including divisions that are not required to have audits performed by external auditors.) A copy of this information will be provided, through the GCAS Director, to the GCAS Board. A summary of changes will be reported annually, through the GCAS Director, to the GCAS Board.	Division officers and action of the division executive committee	June 30, 2012

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| 2. All denominational organizations shall bear a portion of their own audit/financial review costs. | 2.1. Design and implement a plan whereby every organization bears at least some portion of its audit/financial review costs. The plan may be phased in over a period of time and reflect each organization's capacity to carry the audit/financial review cost. (In the use of funds provided in the General Conference World Budget for auditing, each division may choose to have missions, conferences and unions bear a lower percentage of their own audit cost than is required of other organizations in their division.) | Division officers and division executive committee | December 31, 2012 |
| 3. Current and future auditing program costs require a sustainable funding arrangement. | 3.1. Identify the current funding gap, for each division as well as globally, based on General Conference World Budget provisions for auditing and the total estimated costs reflected upon completion of action plan 1.1 and 1.3 above. | GCAS Director | August 31, 2012 |
| | 3.2. Determine each division's portion of the funding gap (3.1 above) that must be covered by cost-sharing arrangements established by divisions for entities within their territory. | General Conference and division officers through Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee | October 15, 2012 |
| | 3.3. Create, in coordination with audit funding plans of divisions, a plan for re-balancing the distribution of funds from General Conference budget for the auditing program in each division. Any negative impact from this will not go into effect prior to January 1, 2014. (The re-balancing plan needs to include the impact on divisions arising from the obligation to provide housing and office accommodation for additional GCAS staff.) | General Conference and division officers | October 15, 2012 |

	3.4. Determine the extent of one-time additional funding available to assist with phase-in of the funding adjustments in divisions where the current level of funding for auditing is less than the total audit costs of all missions, conferences, and unions in each division. This funding may also be used to address the current backlog of audits.	General Conference Treasury/Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	October 15, 2012
	3.5. Finalize portion of cost for auditing missions, conferences, unions and divisions that will be paid from funds provided through the General Conference World Budget and what portion is charged to the entity or funded otherwise. (Refer to 2.1 above.)	Division officers and division executive committee	December 31, 2012
	3.6. Clarify the basis of cost-sharing in the case of missions, conferences and unions where an external audit firm is required/selected to perform the audit.	General Conference and division officers. GC WP amendment if necessary	October 15, 2012
	3.7. Finalize funding arrangement for other organizations. (Arrangement can be through cost-sharing and/or use of auditing funds that remain after mission/conference/union audit funding arrangements have been decided.)	Division officers and division executive committee	December 31, 2012
4. The Global Audit Program must operate with maximum efficiency and effectiveness.	4.1. Identify situations in which GCAS engagement of a local audit firm would reduce costs while maintaining required quality and independence.	GCAS Director in consultation with division officers	On-going
	4.2. Explore/test/adopt technological strategies for reduction or containment of audit costs.	Taskforce reporting to GCAS Board and to General Conference and division treasurers	On-going
	4.3. Review strategic deployment of GCAS staff.	GCAS Director— report to GCAS Board and inform General Conference and division treasurers	On-going

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| 4.4. Review General Conference <i>Working Policy</i> section SA, Auditing Policies, concerning the ways in which the GCAS Board is empowered to monitor the global audit program particularly in cases where GCAS staff is not involved in conducting the financial audits/reviews. | GCAS Board and General Conference officers. Policy changes, if any, approved by Annual Council. | October 15, 2012 |
| 4.5. Completion of multi-year memorandum of understanding regarding GCAS services within each division. | GCAS Director and division officers. | Not later than Spring Meeting 2013 |

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GLOBAL AUDITING PROGRAM—GENERAL CONFERENCE
AUDITING SERVICE FUNDING ISSUES

VOTED, To accept the report on the Global Auditing Program—General Conference Auditing Service Funding Issues and to authorize proceeding with preparation of the budget based on a phased-in implementation of the proposal.

TRE/12SM to REL

2011 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

VOTED, To approve the following from the 2011 Supplemental Budget Funds:

1. \$4,700,000 for North American Division Tithe Percentage—Carry forward
2. \$1,040,000 for division discretionary funds
3. \$1,820,000 for division evangelism
4. \$1,000,000 for Gracelink additional remake
5. \$590,000 for Sabbath School/Personal Ministries DVD players
6. \$200,000 for Bongo Mission in Angola
7. \$250,000 for Newbold College

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8. \$100,000 for the Creation movie
9. \$840,000 for youth leadership
10. \$210,000 for Youth—One Year in Mission (OYIM)
11. \$140,000 for Global Membership software
12. \$1,200,000 for Andrews University building facilities for Griggs University

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10/40 WINDOW FUND

VOTED, To approve the following from the 10/40 Window Fund:

1. \$300,000 for Jewish Study Center
2. \$100,000 for Unorganized Territories Leadership Training

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UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

VOTED, To approve the following from the Unusual Opportunities Fund:

1. \$780,000 for Divisions—Discretionary Funds
2. \$250,000 for Urban Evangelism Pilot Program—North American Division—New York City
3. \$225,000 for Missionary Training Institute—New York City
4. \$762,260 for Gracelink Additional Funding
5. \$400,000 for South Pacific Division Film on Church History

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ELLEN G WHITE ESTATE INTERNET—EXTRAORDINARY TITHE FUND

VOTED, To approve \$650,000 for Ellen G White Estate Internet from the Extraordinary Tithe Fund.

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DISTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS

VOTED, To authorize the General Conference Administrative Committee (GCC-S) to deal with items relative to the Israel Field, Greater Middle East Union, East-Central Africa Division—Sudan Field, General Conference Auditing Service Funding, and Muslim literature proposal, from the balance of \$3 million Supplemental Appropriation funds, as well as other funds.

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COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, MARCH 31, 2012

Juan R Prestol, Undertreasurer of the General Conference, made a presentation covering areas of particular interest in the Combined Financial Statements of the General Conference for the period ending March 31, 2012.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

VOTED, To receive the Treasurer's Report as presented by Robert E Lemon.

(A copy of the Treasurer's Report is filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES REPORT

Linda Mei Lin Koh and Saustin Mfunne presented the Children's Ministries report, which included several examples of how the Church can prioritize the evangelism of children.

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VOTED, To record receipt of the Children's Ministries report.

BEYOND THE SEARCH

Barry D Oliver, President of the South Pacific Division, presented the Beyond the Search documentary series, which explores the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Digital masters were offered without charge to the other divisions for use in evangelism.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Armando Miranda introduced the Ministerial Association team. Jerry N Page, Derek J Morris, and Robert Costa gave an overview of the work of the Ministerial Association. One of their projects is creating evangelism DVDs that may be translated into any language.

VOTED, To record receipt of the Ministerial Association report.

ELLEN G WHITE ESTATE REPORT

James R Nix reported on the work of the Ellen G White Estate. The writings of Ellen G White are now available free online. This allows the material to be downloaded to any type of electronic device. Many languages are available both for printed text and also for audio books. The goal is to make all books available in all languages online.

VOTED, To record receipt of the Ellen G White Estate report.

Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference, made closing remarks.

Prayer was offered by Shirley Chang, Layperson from the North American Division and David Javier, President of the South Mexican Union Conference.

Prayer was requested for healing for Larry Blackmer; for the meeting tomorrow regarding the medical work; and for safety as everyone travels home.

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Agustin Galicia, Secretary
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