

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING  
Fifty-seventh General Conference Session  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
June 29, 2000, 3:00 p.m.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2000—DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To approve the daily program for the 2000 General Conference Session as it appears in the Session program booklet.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2000—ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA

VOTED, To adopt the agenda for the 2000 General Conference Session as it appears in the Session agenda notebook, with the understanding that the order of business will be decided by the Session Steering Committee and the chairmen of the business meetings.

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211-00G GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2000—STANDING  
COMMITTEES

VOTED, To approve standing committees for the 2000 General Conference Session, as follows:

CHURCH MANUAL

Lowell C Cooper, Chairman  
Gerry D Karst, Vice-chairman  
Mario Veloso, Secretary

Members: Rosa T Banks, Maurice T Battle, Bert B Beach, Bekele Biri, Norma J Collins, James A Cress, A David C Currie, Teofilo Ferreira, Ronald M Flowers, Ulrich Frikart, Ann Gibson, Bert B Haloviak, Raili Kallioskowski, Dennis C Keith Sr, Richard P Lehmann, Israel Leito, Robert E Lemon, Rowena J Moore, K J Moses, Ruy H Nagel, Joseph Ola, Jere D Patzer,

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Robert L Rawson, George W Reid, Angel M Rodriguez, Donald R Sahly, Iacob Stelian, Gary B Swanson, G Ralph Thompson, Athal H Tolhurst, Amy Willsey, Gerald Winslow, Linda Wysong.

### CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Calvin B Rock, Chairman  
Athal H Tolhurst, Secretary

Members: Erich Amelung, Niels-Erik Andreasen, Delbert W Baker, Harold W Baptiste, Bert B Beach, Adrian Bocaneanu, Reinder Bruinsma, Brian Bull, Joseph Carlson, Pyung Duk Chun, Larry R Colburn, Alipio B da Rosa, Mart De Groot, Louise Fomuso, Agustin Galicia, Roberto Gullon, Michael F Kaminsky, Robert E Kyte, Harold L Lee, Richard Liu, Lily Mandalas, Peter O Mensah, Charles F Montille, Robert W Nixon, Barry D Oliver, Ruth E Parish, Juan R Prestol, Donald G Pursley, Carlos Puyol, Humberto M Rasi, Donald E Robinson, Steven G Rose, G Ralph Thompson, Max A Trevino, Velile S Wakaba, Bertil Wiklander, F Donald Yost.

### PLANS

Robert J Kloosterhuis, Chairman  
Donald R Sahly, Secretary

Members: Martin L Anthony, Sergio E Balboa, Harold W Baptiste, Alejandro Bullon, Jean Carter, Sylvanus N Chioma, Birgid Faber, Howard F Faigao, Noel S Fraser, Patrick Guenin, Stephen R Guptill, C Lee Huff, Choudampalli John, Michael F Kaminsky, Gerry D Karst, Robert E Lemon, Benjamin C Maxson, Moses Mwenya, Kermit L Netteburg, Samuel Ravonjiarivelo, Osmar Reis, Michael L Ryan, Kei Hoon Shin, Takashi Shiraishi, Virginia L Smith, Shanmug Sundaram, G Ralph Thompson, Nina Usachev, Andre Van Rensberg, Yafesi Walugembe, Ted N C Wilson.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As provided for by the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws

### SEATING OF ADDITIONAL DELEGATES AND ADDITIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Philip S Follett, Chairman  
Maurice T Battle, Secretary

Members: Harold W Baptiste, Alex Rantung, Claude A Sabot, G Ralph Thompson.

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AMENDMENTS—REFER TO STANDING COMMITTEES

It was noted that all recommendations for amendments or substantive changes to the Constitution and Bylaws or to the *Church Manual* will be referred to the respective Standing Committees.

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*GENERAL CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER*

By common consent it was agreed to approve the *General Conference Rules of Order* to govern the business meetings of the 2000 General Conference Session.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2000—CARSON, WALTER E -  
PARLIAMENTARIAN

Walter E Carson, Associate Director of the General Conference Office of General Counsel, will serve as parliamentarian at the business meetings of the 2000 General Conference Session.

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239-00G NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION AND SOUTHERN  
ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION - NEW DIVISIONS

VOTED, To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Asia-Pacific Division into two new divisions known as the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, effective October 6, 1996.

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AID/ADCOM/GCC/179-99G/00GCS to DRS

104-00G GHANA UNION CONFERENCE - NEW UNION  
CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former West African Union Mission into two unions known as the Ghana Union Conference and the West African Union Mission, effective January 1, 2000.

2. To accept the Ghana Union Conference (AID) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

EAD/ADCOM/97AC/196-97G/122-98G/109-99G/00GCS to MTB

105-00G ZIMBABWE UNION CONFERENCE - NEW UNION  
CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the conference status of the former Zambesi Union Mission, effective January 1, 1998.

2. To record the name change for the former Zambesi Union Mission to the Zimbabwe Union Conference.

3. To accept the Zimbabwe Union Conference (EAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

NSD/ADCOM/GCC/99AC/177-99G/00GCS to LRC

106-00G CHINESE UNION MISSION - NEW UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the merging of the South China Island Union Mission with the East Asia Association (China) to form the Chinese Union Mission, effective June 13, 1999.

2. To accept the Chinese Union Mission (NSD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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107-00G NORTHEAST BRAZIL UNION MISSION - NEW  
UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former East Brazil Union Conference and North Brazil Union Mission into three new unions known as the East Brazil Union Conference, the North Brazil Union Mission, and the Northeast Brazil Union Mission, effective January 1, 1996.

2. To accept the Northeast Brazil Union Mission (SAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

SSD/ADCOM/95AC/280-95G/114-96G/104-97G/104-98G/104-99G/00GCS to LRC

108-00G CENTRAL PHILIPPINE UNION CONFERENCE - NEW  
UNION CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record conference status for the Central Philippine Union Mission, effective May 19, 1996.

2. To accept the Central Philippine Union Conference (SSD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

SSD/ADCOM/95AC/281-95G/115-96G/105-97G/105-98G/105-99G/00GCS to LRC

109-00G SOUTH PHILIPPINE UNION CONFERENCE - NEW  
UNION CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record conference status for the South Philippine Union Mission, effective November 20, 1995.

2. To accept the South Philippine Union Conference (SSD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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SSD/ADCOM/95AC/282-95G/116-96G/106-97G/106-98G/106-99G/00GCS to LRC

110-00G EAST INDONESIA UNION CONFERENCE - NEW  
UNION CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record conference status for the East Indonesia Union Mission, effective December 1, 1997.

2. To accept the East Indonesia Union Conference (SSD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

TED/ADCOM/98AC/273-98G/111-99G/00GCS to MTB

111-00G ADRIATIC UNION CONFERENCE - NEW UNION  
CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the organization of the Adriatic Union Conference, effective January 1, 1999.

2. To accept the Adriatic Union Conference (TED) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

DELEGATES FROM NEW UNIONS WELCOMED

G Ralph Thompson welcomed the delegates from the new unions to the fifty-seventh General Conference Session.

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Following a recess, the first business meeting was reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

UNVEILING OF CANADIAN STAMP COMMEMORATING THE  
2000 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF THE  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

John Lee, General Manager of Canada Post, with the assistance of Jan Paulsen, unveiled the new Canadian stamp commemorating the 2000 General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The face of the stamp is a magnificent depiction of the sun breaking over the Canadian Rockies with the Church logo superimposed over it.

UNVEILING OF SCULPTURE DEPICTING PEOPLE OBSERVING  
CHRIST'S COMING

G Ralph Thompson and Victor Issa, the sculptor, unveiled the bronze sculpture commissioned by the General Conference. It depicts a group of people representing various nations of the world as they look up into the sky at the Second Coming of Christ. The sculpture is on display in the Exhibit Hall during the General Conference Session and will then be sent to the General Conference headquarters in Maryland where it will be on permanent display.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jan Paulsen, President of the General Conference, gave his quinquennial report to the delegates and visitors to the 2000 General Conference Session.

Adjourned.

Leo Ranzolin, Chairman  
G Ralph Thompson, Secretary  
Athal H Tolhurst, Actions Editor  
Carol E Rasmussen, Rowena J Moore, Recording Secretaries