

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETINGBeirut, LebanonNovember 10, 19601:30 P. M.PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, R. E. Anderson, R. C. Darnell, V. A. Fenn,
E. L. Gammon, A. A. Haddad, R. H. Hartwell, G. A. Keough,
Salim Noujaim.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by Salim Noujaim.

E. L. GAMMON WEEK
OF PRAYER AT NILE
UNION ACADEMY
2875

VOTED, To pass on to the Middle East College board the request of the Nile Union for E. L. Gammon to conduct the Week of Prayer at the Nile Union Academy October 2 to 10, 1960.

1961 13th SABBATH
OFFERING PROMOTION
WITH FLOWER CARDS
2876

VOTED, To authorize the purchase and use of Flower Cards from Jerusalem in the promotion of the Sabbath School offering overflow for the first quarter's 13th Sabbath in 1961, in harmony with the suggestion of the General Conference Sabbath School department.

TEMPERANCE EQUIP-
MENT FOR TURKISH
ORGANIZATION
2877

VOTED, To purchase a suitable projector and two temperance films to be presented to the Turkish Temperance organization, at an approximate cost of up to \$700.00.

TEMPERANCE EQUIP-
MENT FOR SUDAN
2878

VOTED, To approve the purchase of a projector and the necessary temperance film for Brother Harold Johnson to take with him to the Sudan, the same to be charged to Sudan funds held in the Division.

DIVISION OFFICE
ADDITION FUND
2879

VOTED, That LL 25,000. be set up from the Contingency Fund as a reserve fund for the construction of the second story on the Division office building.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 3:00 p. m.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. H. Hartwell, Secretary

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Biennial

1960

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION BIENNIAL SESSION OF COMMITTEEBeirut, Lebanon November 15, 1960 8:00 A. M.PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, R. E. Anderson, O. A. Blake, R. C. Darnell,
 E. L. Gammon, A. A. Haddad, R. H. Hartwell, G. A. Keough,
 V. S. Marcarian, W. E. Murray, S. Noujaim, R. C. Skinner,
 R. W. Wilmot, A. G. Zytoskee.

OPENING

The Biennial Session of the Middle East Division Committee began with a morning devotional message in the Middle East College Chapel to which all workers in the Beirut area were invited to join the committee group. Elder R. A. Wilcox used as his text Gen. 13:18 where it states that "Abram removed his tent." When he did so he also set up an altar. Many important lessons were brought to our minds based on this text. An appeal was made for us to move our tents and set up our altars. Quotations were presented from the Spirit of Prophecy showing the "far reaching influence" we may exert throughout our field.

This was followed by a season of prayer in which three brethren took part. And the meeting closed.

At 9:15 a. m. the regular attendants at the committee reassembled in the division office to transact business of the session. Prayer was offered by Salim Noujaim.

STANDING COMMITTEES
 2880

VOTED, That the standing committees be as listed in the agenda folder plus an Administrative Committee composed of: R. A. Wilcox, chairman, O. A. Blake, E. L. Gammon, R. H. Hartwell, V. S. Markarian, W. E. Murray, S. Noujaim, Wm. Wagner, and A. G. Zytoskee.

DISTRIBUTION OF
AGENDA ITEMS
 2881

VOTED, To approve the distribution of the agenda items to the various standing committees.

COMMITTEE PROGRAM
 2882

VOTED, To adopt the program as listed in the agenda folder.

O. A. BLAKE TO
SERVE AS CHAIRMAN
OF COMMITTEES IN
PLACE OF V. A. FENN
 2883

VOTED, To request O. A. Blake to serve as chairman of committees in place of V. A. Fenn during his absence.

DIVISION OFFICERS'
REPORTS
2884

The president presented in his report the fact that the result of work done in the Middle East is benefiting many lands, since many converted here now reside in other divisions. He spoke of progress being made in the production of Spirit of Prophecy books in the national languages of the Middle East. He mentioned the endeavors to strengthen the ministry through the visits of Elders Walter Schubert and C. E. Moseley, Jr. Six of our Middle East workers have been sent to connect with Walter Schubert's evangelistic efforts and schools of evangelism in Europe. Baptisms in 1960 to date have amounted to 155 souls. Physiotherapy units have been opened in Beirut and Tehran. The work of the laymen was appreciated, and thanks were expressed to the General Conference for the continual help extended to our division, and for sending Elders Murray and Blake at this time. The division secretary also made a brief report.

Elder Murray remarked that the division is faced with challenging problems, but that he was "quite sure the day is coming when great results will be seen." He also expressed the belief that the Lord's Supper regularly conducted, and the reading of the Spirit of Prophecy writings by the people of the Middle East will do much to strengthen the work.

FRENCH EVANGELIST
FOR BEIRUT
2885

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference a request for permission to negotiate with the Southern European Division for the temporary loan of a French speaking evangelist for Beirut for the Fall of 1961.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, At 11:00 a. m. to adjourn until 2:00 p. m.

The session reassembled at 2:00 p. m., Nov. 15, 1960, with those in usual attendance present. Prayer was offered by R. W. Wilmot.

RESOLUTION OF
GRATITUDE
2886

VOTED, To adopt the following resolution of gratitude:

WHEREAS, God in His divine providence and marvelous grace has enabled the Middle East Division workers to go forward in almost every area to promulgate the glorious gospel of His coming kingdom, using nearly every means used in other divisions of the world field, and

WHEREAS, God has spared the lives of the workers in this division, and given good health to the great majority of them, making it possible for them to carry on their work with normal energy and enthusiasm, and

WHEREAS, God has given increased advantages such as (a) National and overseas recruits for the working forces, (b) New and larger buildings for worship, evangelistic efforts, schools, office space, and even some additional workers's homes, and

WHEREAS, God has provided necessary funds to finance the work in the Middle East Division, and He has also given comparative peace in most areas, and has prospered our institutions and Bible Correspondence schools, and

WHEREAS the period of adjustment and radical changes appears to be largely in the past, and the Lord has helped to fill vacancies which were causing much concern, so that now we can go onward and, with His help, upward in the advancement of the cause we hold so dear, therefore it is

RESOLVED, That we express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude and praise to God the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ our Saviour, and to the Holy Spirit for the mercy, love, and grace thus manifested to us; and that we further resolve to renew our consecration to God and to His service, endeavoring to make 1961 the most fruitful year in the history of the Middle East, and that to this end we seek Him and His help with our whole hearts.

NILE UNION PRESIDENT'S BIENNIAL REPORT
2887

A. G. Zytoskee presented the president's report for the Nile Union. The Nile Union Academy is now recognized as a seminary. A New church has been organized in Benghazi, Libya, with a present membership of 17. He told of plans and needs for the future.

1961 MID-YEAR DIVISION COMMITTEE
2888

VOTED, That the Middle East Division mid-year committee meeting be held in Beirut, July 3 - 7, 1961.

1961 ANNUAL DIVISION COMMITTEE
2889

VOTED, That the Middle East Division annual committee meeting be held in Beirut, November 21 - 28, 1961, followed by the East Mediterranean Union committee November 29 and 30, and the Nile Union committee December 1 - 4; also that the General Conference representatives be requested to remain in this division one month, or from November 15 to December 15; and further, that a request be made for Elder R. R. Figuhr to be one of the General Conference representatives attending the year-end meetings.

OPENING SUDAN WORK RECOMMENDATION
2890

VOTED, To suggest to the Nile Union that study be given to placing a call for a doctor to collaborate with the Sudan government in public health education.

GENERAL CONFERENCE VISITS REQUESTED 1961 and 1962
2891

VOTED, To place the following requests for General Conference visits:
1961: W. A. Scharffenberg - Since the General Conference has been unable to send him in the spring as requested in Action 2849, it is now requested that he visit the Middle East in the Fall.

E. E. Cossentine - September 1 to October 15.

A. C. Fearing - Beginning June 6 for a month before the Seminary Extension School, for Ministerial Institutes.

A General Conference Sabbath School Department representative for six weeks, March 1 to April 15.

1962: J. E. Edwards - January 1 to February 15.

L. A. Skinner - August 15 to September 30. Action 2832 requested him to come August 20, but this is too soon after the close of the General Conference session in San Francisco.

E. E. Cleveland - For three months, September through November, for an evangelistic effort in the Beirut Evangelistic Center.

R. S. WATTS FOR
ISLAMIC MEETING
2892

WHEREAS, The General Conference has authorized a plan for the advanced study of the Islamic question, appointing Elder R. S. Watts to visit the various division fields where there are large Moslem populations, it was

VOTED, To request that R. S. Watts visit the Middle East from June 15 to July 15, 1961.

SEMINARY EXTENSION
SCHOOL 1961
2893

VOTED, To reconfirm Action 2851 in which plans were outlined for the holding of the Seminary Extension School at Middle East College July 9 to August 20, 1961.

ENGLISH SPIRIT OF
PROPHECY BOOKS AND
DENOMINATIONAL
PERIODICALS POLICY
REVIEWED
2894

After reviewing Action 2023, which is done annually, it was

VOTED, To continue the Spirit of Prophecy books and Denominational Periodicals Appropriation Policy, for national workers and members reading English, as stated in Action 2023, during the year 1961.

SUMMER CAMPS
1961 AND 1962
2895

WHEREAS, Division Action 2680 recommended that a Division-wide Leaders' Training Camp be conducted in the summer of 1961 following regional camps to be attended by the General Conference MV representative, and

WHEREAS, Due to the 1961 Seminary Extension school in the Middle East Division making it impractical to carry out the recommendations of Action 2680, and

WHEREAS, The call for an MV camp specialist was postponed until right after the General Conference Session in the summer of 1962, as per Division Action 2832, it was

VOTED, That the summer plans for 1961, as outlined in Action 2680, be postponed to the summer of 1962, and that normal JMV camps be conducted throughout the division in 1961, requesting all Missionary Volunteer secretaries who plan to attend the Seminary Extension School to make arrangements for the leadership of such camps in their absence, if they themselves cannot direct them before or after the Extension School Session.

YOUTH EVANGELISM
2896

WHEREAS, The Lord in His wisdom has appointed the youth to be His helping hand, inviting them to "give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their powers, through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellow men." GW, p. 67, and

WHEREAS, "In our work, individual effort will accomplish more than can be estimated. It is for the want of this that souls are perishing. One soul is of infinite value; Calvary speaks its worth. One soul won to Christ will be instrumental in winning others, and there will be an ever-increasing result of blessing and salvation." GW, p. 184, and,

WHEREAS, The Spirit of Prophecy exclaims: "What a noble enterprise! One soul to praise God through eternity! One soul to enjoy happiness and everlasting life! One gem in their crown to shine as a star forever and ever!" MYP, p. 205, it was

VOTED, 1. That the Missionary Volunteer Motto for 1961 be "WIN ONE IN '61," (In Arabic: Ribhou Oudwin Ameen 'Ama Wahidin Wasitteen) and that, in cooperation with the church board much promotion and emphasis be placed on befriending one individual in 1961, to spend social hours with him, to invite him to the MV meetings and other programs, to bring him to Sabbath School and church, to give him subscriptions to the HOPE and CALL TO HEALTH magazines, to make him the special object of attention and prayer as a candidate for baptism in 1961.

2. That the MV Department be authorized to put out special materials such as posters to keep this motto before our young people.

3. To launch the campaign, we recommend that each local pastor, together with the MV Society Executive Committee, arrange for a very appealing program for the first MV meeting of the New Year in which the whole plan is presented and the invitation is extended to each Missionary Volunteer to "Win One in '61."

1961 ARABIC MV
BOOK CLUBS
2897

VOTED, To accept the following books for the 1961 Arabic MV Book Clubs:

Senior

<u>Name of Book</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Days of Heaven	Khalil Ramez Sarkis	Annadwal Lubnanieh
Abraham Lincoln	Wadie Deb'	Dar El Ma'aref of Egypt
Life's Companion	Najeeb Jarjour	Adeeb Press
The Lord's Prayer	Onsee Abdel Malik	Nile Union Press
For Youth (Poems on Character)	Kalil Mutran	Dar El Ma'aref of Egypt
The Testimony of Jesus	A. L. White	Middle East Press

Junior

To Heaven	Appa Sami	Almish'al Library
Houses of Snow	Hassan Jawhar	Dar El Ma'aref of Egypt
Coral Islands	" "	" "
George Muller	Arthur Pierson	Nile Union Press

Primary

Child's Department	Emmanuel Makary	Lajnatalnashr el Messihi
Captain Cook	Muhammad Hassan	Dar El Ma'aref of Egypt
The Christian Home	Tanios Zakhary	Lajnatalnashir el Mush Taraka
The Flower of Chance		Beirut American Press
King of the Manger		El Mish'al Library

REFRESHER STUDY
COURSE FOR OLDER
WORKERS
2898

VOTED, That R. A. Wilcox, E. L. Gammon, and G. A. Keough compose a special committee to study the matter of refresher Study Courses for Older Workers, and that the committee report its recommendations to the division committee at the mid-year meeting.

ARMENIAN HYMNAL
2899

WHEREAS the old edition of the Armenian hymn book is no longer available, it was

VOTED, To authorize the production of an Armenian song book without music, using hymns taken from the English Church Hymnal, and that orders be secured prior to printing, the same to cost in the neighborhood of six or six and a half Lebanese Lira, to be retailed to the members for LL 5.00, and the balance to be subsidized by the division.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p. m.

The regular attendants at the session reassembled at 7:30 p. m., and all were pleased that Dr. Wm. Wagner had arrived from Benghazi.

Prayer was offered by O. A. Blake

A. A. HADDAD
BRIEF REPORTS
2900

A. A. Haddad exhibited samples of the Sabbath School Quarterlies in Arabic and Armenian Senior, and Arabic Primary editions, showing how they had been improved when he was the secretary of that department. He mentioned his visit to Paris to attend the school conducted there in the interest of temperance, and told about a few of his plans for the Temperance Department. He also referred to the Medical Cadet work that has been done in Lebanon in which several large classes completed Medical Cadet Corps work including Civil Defence and First Aid classes. The new MV leaflets printed in Arabic, containing information from the Spirit of Prophecy especially for our young people, were distributed. R. A. Wilcox spoke highly of the MV camps that have been conducted in this division.

L. C. MILLER TO
AMSTERDAM INSTITUTE
2901

WHEREAS L. C. Miller has very special opportunities in Turkey to promote temperance, it was

VOTED, To approve L. C. Miller's attendance at the Amsterdam Institute of Scientific Studies in 1961.

MV SPRING WEEK
OF PRAYER
2902

WHEREAS, The annual MV Week of Prayer (March 18 - 25) is one of the church's best means of evangelizing, holding, and inspiring our youth for service, it was

VOTED, That special study be given by a combined session of the church board and the local MV executive committee to the project of making the 1961 MV Week of Prayer a very special soul-saving week, that this combined session be chairmanned by the pastor, and that it be held in January to give ample time for promoting in the strongest possible manner the theme of the year: Win One in '61.

1961 MV RALLIES
2903

WHEREAS, The 1960 recommendation to hold regional Youth Congresses was carried out by a number of local fields to excellent advantage, it was

VOTED, That local church rallies be sponsored for the year 1961 in which a long week end is dedicated to the work of rallying our youth and marshalling them in this great Advent Movement.

MV CLASSWORK
2904

WHEREAS, The MV classwork strenghtens the contribution of our young people to missionary work, it was

VOTED, That MV classwork be specifically promoted so that every member of our MV societies is doing something in 1961 along that line. And that 1961 be also a special year for our leaders who have already taken their Master Guide pins to earn at least one new MV honor.

The Session adjourned at 8:15 p. m. until 9:15 a. m. November 16, 1960.

W. E. Murray spoke at 8:00 a. m., November 16 at the devotional hour. His topic was "The Enrichment of Life's Compulsions." His texts were from Matthew 27:32, Mark 15:21, and Luke 23:26, all referring to the compelling of Simon to bear the cross, and the enrichment that came to him. Practical lessons were gained from this experience. Three prayer were offered at the close of the message.

The Session reconvened at 9:15 a. m. with those in usual attendance present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Wm. Wagner, and the meeting adjourned till 7:30 p. m. so that standing committees could meet.

The Session reassembled at 7:30 p. m. with those in usual attendance present.

Prayer was offered by A. G. Zytkoskee.

DR. WM. WAGNER
REPORT ON
DR. CORNELL
2905

An interesting account of the early days in opening medical work in Benghazi was given by Dr. Wm. Wagner. He related the story of Dr. Cornell's experience in contracting polio and his heroic efforts to recover, and the marvelous ways that God used to preserve his life and restore him to his homeland. Now he is of good courage, though he probably could not live more than a few minutes without mechanical devices to help him with his breathing, yet he has started to support himself by reading electrocardiographs. R. A. Wilcox and O. A. Blake also related their findings in contacting him and Sister Cornell, and their lovely Christian attitude toward these afflictions.

BIBLE SCHOOL
EVANGELISM
2906

WHEREAS, The limits of time and space are such that the present worker group can never reach the millions of uncontacted souls in our division to discover those who can be interested in their salvation, and

WHEREAS, The Bible School has proved successful around the world and through the years as an effective and economical means of discovering these interests, and

WHEREAS, increased emphasis in Bible School evangelism is particularly appropriate in the Middle East Division where many other means of mass evangelism are limited, it was therefore

VOTED, That each local section appoint a worker to give special promotion to Bible School evangelism throughout the territory of the section in cooperation with the pastors of the churches, under the direction of the section president, and that wherever practical the Home Missionary department secretary be designated for this work. Among the duties of this worker shall be: (a) the promotion of application securement, (b) the following-up of interests reported by the school, (c) the organization of Bible School graduates and students into Branch Sabbath Schools, and (d) the delivery of certificates to graduates;

That pastors, evangelists, and other workers be encouraged to hold Bible School spearhead meetings during which cards shall be distributed in order to secure applications for the Bible School. Those who complete application cards may be given lesson one in connection with the meetings;

That local section committees plan special application campaigns, house to house, or shop to shop, in specific areas where follow-up work can be organized, making use of both workers and laity;

That the local sections of the churches in cooperation with the Bible Schools supplement the efforts of the churches and workers to secure applications for the Bible School by the use of newspaper advertisements and other mass media;

That Bible School graduation exercises be planned by the local sections to follow after a reasonable time the application campaigns and Bible School spearhead meetings in order to encourage students to do their lessons regularly and to provide contact between the church and the graduate;

That in harmony with the recommendation of the Autumn Council, 1960: each church appoint a radio secretary, among whose duties shall be: (a) promotion of application securement, (b) promotion of the use of the Bible School in personal lay evangelism, (c) the organization of Voice of Prophecy classes, (d) promotion of the Voice of Prophecy offering, (e) encouraging lay contacts with Bible School graduates, and (f) the organization of branch Sabbath Schools among students and graduates of the Bible School;

That the Radio and Home Missionary departments cooperate in the appointment of the second ten-minute service each month for the promotion of the Bible School evangelism, the dates of which shall be published in the church calendar.

That the office of each local section president and each district leader be supplied by the Bible Correspondence School with loose-leaf binders as necessary to keep for ready reference the interest reports sent in by the Bible School to follow-up work, and

That workers who are asked to contact Bible School students or graduates be furnished with a special Voice of Prophecy representative's identification card so as to simplify their introduction.

HEALTH EDUCATION
TV FILMS REQUESTED
2907

WHEREAS, Television is becoming one of the most important of the mass communications in the Middle East,

WHEREAS, The times demand that the church use every media in order to reach the great areas of populations, especially the mass media.

WHEREAS, There is sufficient interest on the part of the managers and directors of television stations in the work of Seventh-day Adventists, particularly the health work, so as to give us opportunity to use their facilities for this branch of the work, and

WHEREAS, The health work is the right arm of the message and the peoples of the Middle East are not only in need of the influence of the health message, but appreciate efforts in this line of service, it is therefore

VOTED, That we record our interest in the project of the Radio Department of the General Conference to prepare a series of health-education films suitable for use on television in the areas of the world newly beginning to develop television facilities;

That the films be planned around the narration type of program during which the face of the narrator is not seen, facilitating televising in any language. The sound track can be left blank. Scripts should accompany the film for the use of the station in planning the narration in the national language;

That the subjects include the major features of our health message, the problem of alcohol and narcotics, the treatment of common diseases, and the basic laws of hygiene with a thread of continuity to identify the subjects as being of the same series and that special efforts be made to use casts and sets acceptable internationally; That we cooperate with the General Conference Radio Department in every possible way to facilitate the project.

VOP CORRESPONDENCE
SCHOOL APPLICATION
GOALS
2908

WHEREAS, The Voice of Prophecy correspondence schools have demonstrated their effectiveness as a means of developing interests to be supplied to our pastors and evangelists,

WHEREAS, The number of interests developed is in proportion to the number of applications received by the school, and

WHEREAS, The churches can effectively supply large numbers of applications to the schools, it is therefore

VOTED, That each church accept a goal based on one application per member, per week during the year 1961 for the Voice of Prophecy correspondence school Bible course.

CIRCULATION OF ARABIC
PATRIARCHS AND
PROPHETS
2909

WHEREAS, The book Patriarchs and Prophets has been identified by the servant of the Lord as a book which should be widely distributed in all lands, and

WHEREAS, This book will be available to the Arabic public during the year 1961, it is therefore

VOTED, That a special campaign be conducted during 1961 to recruit colporteurs to sell Patriarchs and Prophets in Arabic which would include the following steps:

1. Mailing to the entire church membership through the publishing department the Ellen G. White statements concerning the importance of the circulation of this book.
2. A sermon in every church by the publishing department secretaries emphasizing the importance of the literature ministry, and especially of circulating Patriarchs and Prophets at this time.
3. A name by name canvass of the church membership lists by pastors to recommend suitable persons for special training either as part-time or full-time literature evangelists.
4. A visiting program including both pastors and publishing department secretaries to all recommended members to discuss with them the opportunities to engage in literature ministry.
5. The promotion of the book Patriarchs and Prophets first as a book every member should have, secondly as a book which should be given widely to friends, and thirdly as a book which should be sold to others, even though the member may sell only two or three copies during the year. It is suggested that in order to give this maximum promotion that Patriarchs and Prophets be designated the book of the year for 1961 and offered to the church members at a special low price through a subsidy for the purpose.
6. The convention of all publishing department secretaries from the division as soon as the book is ready, to discuss ways and means of presenting and selling the book, prepare canvasses, and get some practical experience in contacting the public with the book.
7. Providing 40 hours of experience for every local publishing department secretary in the presentation of this book to the public, the first ten hours of which should be in the company of other

PDS men, preferably at the time of the convention.

8. Training rallies in the local sections to give special instruction for the handling of Patriarchs and Prophets led by the publishing department secretary of the field for the benefit of all interested church members, whether or not they plan to work as full or part-time literature evangelists.
9. A practical training program of actual canvassing with the book led by the publishing department secretary concerned for each member who shows an interest in taking up the literature work with this book, either as a full or part-time literature evangelist.
10. In this campaign we urge mission administrators and publishing leaders to see that those taking up this work are accompanied until they are adequately trained to make a success in the colporteur work.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 9:00 p. m. until 9:15 a. m. November 17. Prayer was offered by Salim Noujaim.

November 17, 1960 at 8:00 a. m. in the Middle East College chapel Elder O. A. Blake took charge of the devotional service and brought an inspiring message concerning the need of awakening to the lateness of the hour. He brought eight quotations from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White to show how God's people might have hastened the coming of the Lord, and the entering of the kingdom. This was followed by three prayers.

At 9:15 the usual Session members assembled in the office of R. A. Wilcox, and the committee meeting began with a prayer by R. C. Skinner.

R. C. DARNELL
DEPARTMENTAL
REPORT
2910

R. C. Darnell reported briefly for his departments. He referred to the excellent opportunities for TV Health-Education program. He also spoke of the desire of Jordan to sell radio broadcasting time. He told of the VOP Bible School graduations conducted. The possibility of broadcasting "Your Radio Doctor" in Iran was mentioned. He spoke of projects for 1961 which include the providing of Bible Correspondence lessons for Moslems, and the production of the Arabic Faith for Today and Youth lessons, as well as the Spirit of Prophecy lessons.

Reporting for the Publishing department he mentioned that attempts are being made to get colporteurs into Arabia. He stated that literature sales in the first six months of 1960 were double the total sales of 1959. He mentioned that about forty students had earned scholarships of some

kind in a summer. He urged that Book and Periodical Houses take upon themselves the burden of promoting the circulation of literature.

E. L. GAMMON AND VOTED, To add the names of E. L. Gammon and Dr. Wm. Wagner
WM. WAGNER ADDED TO to those on the Finance Committee of the Session.
FINANCE COMMITTEE
2911

ADJOURNMENT VOTED, To adjourn at 10:20 a. m. until 2:00 p. m.
Prayer was offered by Vigain Marcarian

The usual session members reassembled at 2:00 p. m.

BOOK AND PERIODICAL VOTED, To reaffirm Action 2390 which reads:
HOUSE LITERATURE
PROMOTION
2912

"To urge our publishing houses and Book and Periodical houses to stock such denominational books as would be in general demand in the field, and that the managers of these institutions give extensive promotion to such books throughout the field."

BLUEPRINT VOTED, To adopt the following plan for Blueprint Evangel-
EVANGELISM
ism as recommended by the Autumn Council of the General
Conference and adapted to the Middle East Division:
2913

WHEREAS, We believe that God is calling His Remnant Church to arise, to unite its agencies and workers for the purpose of engaging cooperatively in unprecedented and concerted efforts to warn and win and hold for Christ multitudes now resting unwarned in the shadow of impending doom and living in major population areas of the world. (Evangelism, page 25) The end is near. Cities will soon be destroyed by earthquake, fire and flood. (Ibid., P. 27)

"The inhabitants of the ungodly cities so soon to be visited have been cruelly neglected. The time is near when large cities will be swept away, and all should be warned of these coming judgments." (Ibid., p. 29); and

WHEREAS, We believe that large numbers of unconverted persons will accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour as God's message of love and salvation comes to them. Many are waiting only to be brought to Christ; and

WHEREAS, We believe also that the majority of God's true people have not yet heard the third angel's message--God's message for this hour. They must hear and understand and decide, and cast their lot with God's Remnant people (Great Controversy, page 390); and

WHEREAS, We believe that the task is so great, the time so short, the work so important, that plans must now be laid

and implemented for cooperative and concerted efforts in specific areas, with definite plans to move to other areas to be designated; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the hour has come when we should re-emphasize the divine blueprint for evangelism, as given in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy, and put into operation these heaven-inspired principles with greater zeal;

We recommend, That a world-wide campaign of "Blueprint Evangelism" be organized and carried out in keeping with the following principles and plan of action:

Obligation and Opportunity of the Church

The Church is commanded to go forward--unitedly, co-operatively.

"We need to hear with ears of faith the mighty captain of the Lord's host saying, 'Go forward.' We must act and God will not fail us. He will do His part when we in faith do ours." Christian Service, page 110

But we are instructed that we must go forward unitedly. There is a great necessity for cooperative labor--workers, pastors, church members, agencies, departments, institutions--all working together for God. We are to present a united front. We are to work harmoniously for the accomplishment of one purpose, under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Thus, and only thus, will the work be as successful as God intends it to be.

1. "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world." Vol. 9, page 221.

2. "The Lord desires His chosen servants to learn how to unite together in harmonious effort." Evangelism, page 99.

3. "Our work is plainly laid down in the Word of God. Christian is to be united to Christian, church to church, the human instrumentality cooperating with the divine, every agency to be subordinated to the Holy Spirit, and all to be combined in giving to the world the good tidings of the grace of God." Christian Service, page 14.

4. "Well-defined plans should be freely presented to all whome they may concern, and it should be ascertained that they are understood. Then require of all those

who are at the head of the various departments to cooperate in the execution of these plans. If this sure and radical method is adopted and followed up with interest and good will, it will avoid much work being done without any definite object, much useless friction." Evangelism, page 94.

5. "The different parts of the work are to be brought together, piece by piece, to make a complete whole." Ibid., page 103.

6. "Love of self, pride, and self-sufficiency lie at the foundation of the greatest trials and discords that have ever existed in the religious world. Again and again the angel has said to me, 'Press together, press together, be of one mind, of one judgment.'" Ibid., page 102.

Objectives of Blueprint Evangelism

Populous Areas to Be Worked. While the whole world is to receive the message of the first, second, and third angels (Evangelism, p. 19), the special objective of "Blueprint Evangelism" between the Autumn Council 1960 and General Conference Session 1962 is primarily for evangelism in populous areas, to be agreed upon by the officials and committees of union and local conferences. (Blueprint Evangelism does not in any way preclude evangelism in areas other than those to be designated.) That special attention should be given to city evangelism is plainly set forth by the messenger of the Lord:

1. "The Lord desires us to proclaim the third angel's message with power in these cities." Evangelism, p. 40.

2. "My duty is to say that God is earnestly calling for a great work to be done in these cities." Ibid., p. 37.

3. "In the great cities many agencies are to be set at work." Ibid., page 86.

4. "As a people we need to hasten the work in the cities, which has been hindered for lack of workers and means and a spirit of consecration." Ibid., page 30.

"Blueprint Evangelism" is a plan for working specially designated areas and chosen cities in a systematic way, with greatly increased emphasis on cooperative and concerted efforts. This calls for longer range planning which includes the obviously vital steps from the preparatory revivals in the local churches of designated areas to the proper establishing of the new converts. At every step there is to be inter-departmental planning and cooperation on conference and church levels, with all

missionary activities in the specified areas beamed toward the common objective. Conference presidents, pastors, departmental secretaries, committees, church officers and members--all must understand what the plan is, what the goal is, what the purpose is--and work together to accomplish it.

"In our large cities a decided effort should be made to work in unity. In the spirit and fear of God the laborers should unite as one man, working with strength and with earnest zeal. There should be no sensational efforts, no strife." Ibid, p. 42.

"There is need of systematic labor. Where some of you are so long in devising, and planning, and getting ready for the work, Satan preoccupies the field with bewitching fables, and the attention of men becomes absorbed in the delusion of the master deceiver." Christian Service, p. 75.

Plan of Action

The Five Steps

1. Planning by Mission Committee

a. Appoint "Mission Evangelism Plans Committee," with members to include: president, secretary-treasurer, all departmental secretaries, pastors and Bible instructors of designated areas, evangelistic personnel who will conduct meetings in designated areas, such members of local church missionary committees as deemed advisable.

"Wise plans are to be laid, in order that such work may be done to the best possible advantage." Evangelism, p. 59 (See also Ibid., p. 37)

b. Designate areas and personnel.

Plan accommodations and personnel for public meetings to be held in 1961 and 1962.

c. Plan for proper timing of territory preparation (See Sec. II and III)

"Why should we delay to begin work in our cities? We are not to wait for some wonderful thing to be done, or some costly apparatus to be provided, in order that a great display be made." Ibid., p. 86

d. Provide finances.

"Let not the means at your disposal be spent in so many places that nothing satisfactory is accomplished anywhere Ibid., p. 80.

2. Preparation of the Local Congregation

a. Conduct revivals

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work." Christian Service, p. 41.

"The world will be convinced not by what the pulpit teaches but by what the church lives." Ibid., p. 67.

"The ninety and nine sheep are left, and diligent search is made for the one that is lost. The entire effort is made for the unfortunate sheep. So should the effort of the church be directed in behalf of those members who are straying from the fold of Christ. And have they wandered far away? Do not wait till they return before you try to help them, but go in search of them." Life Sketches, p. 187

b. Form praying and working companies

"Why do not two or three meet together and plead with God for the salvation of some special one, and then for still another? In our churches let companies be formed for service..."

"The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err. . . . As they work and pray in Christ's name, their numbers will increase; for the Saviour says: 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.' Matthew 18:19" Vol. 7, pp. 21,22

c. Conduct training classes

"Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. They need to be instructed and encouraged. Every church should be a training school for workers." Christian Service, p. 59

d. Prepare interest files

(Include names of former Seventh-day Adventists)

3. Preparation of Territory

"There are multitudes who will never be reached by the gospel unless it is carried to them." Ibid., p. 121

Prepare territory by means of:

Advance guard of literature evangelists (includes group canvassing)

Free literature distribution and sponsored magazine subscriptions
Radio and television broadcasts
A broad public relations program through newspapers, service clubs, etc.
Medical and temperance lectures and rallies
Visitation program and surveys
Branch Sabbath School and Sunday Schools
Vacation Bible Schools; pastors' Bible classes
Bible School enrollments
Community home evangelism
Dorcas and welfare interests and medical ministry.
Medical and other professional interests
Voice of youth efforts and friendship teams

4. Conducting public evangelistic campaigns

5. Following through

"Plans should be made before a field is entered, (as to) how these souls are to be cared for. Who will minister unto these who shall take hold of the truth? They have accepted an unpopular truth. Who will educate them after they learned their ABC's? Who will give the spiritual mold to their experience?

"To labor at considerable expense to bring souls into the truth and then leave them to fashion their own experience according to false ideas they have conceived and woven into their religious experience, would leave that work far worse than if the truth had never been brought to them. To leave the work incomplete and to ravel out is worse than to wait until there are plans well devised to take care of those who do come into the faith." Evangelism, pp. 84,85

a. Assimilate new converts

Into the spiritual life of the church, by directing them into appropriate worship service, such as Sabbath School and prayer meeting, and the MV meetings for the youth;

Into the missionary activity of the church, providing appropriate training and assignment to working bands;

Into the social fellowship of the church

b. Enroll young people in our own schools

c. Encourage all to read and to heed the messages in our church prepared books and periodicals.

d. Follow up delayed interests

Implementation

In brief, "Blueprint Evangelism" is to be a long range plan of total evangelism through the cooperative, concerted, systematic, spirit-filled efforts of the entire church, a plan that calls for action NOW. Therefore,

We recommend, That relying upon the certain assurance of God's presence and power in the implementation of this plan, we accept as our goal the conducting of at least fifty (50) major evangelistic campaigns in the Middle East, the same to be divided among the unions and the detached mission.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 3:05 p. m. until 8:00 a. m. November 18, 1960. Prayer by G. A. Keough.

Elder W. E. Murray spoke at the 8:00 a. m. devotional hour in the Middle East College chapel on November 18, 1960. His message was "Knowing the Time." It was followed by three prayers.

The session committee reassembled in the division office at 9:15 a. m. Those usually in attendance were present. Prayer was offered by R. A. Wilcox.

PUBLIC RELATIONS 2914

RECOMMENDED That we adopt the following statement of objectives and program for the work of public relations in the Middle East Division.

1. Public Relations Objectives

a. Through public information and personal contact, to create favorable attitudes toward the Seventh-day Adventist church and its institutions.

b. Through careful emphasis in presentation to establish in the public mind these characteristics of the church:

- A Christian church
- A church in the stream of true religion
- A prophetic church
- A progressive church
- A humanitarian church
- A responsible church
- A respectable church
- A friendly church
- A personally helpful church

c. To fulfill a public obligation to give adequate information about ourselves, an obligation incurred by our regular solicitation of public assistance and support.

d. To aid directly in the success of public endeavors of the church such as evangelism, in-gathering, temperance, religious liberty, and others.

e. To keep editors and others in the communications world receptive to our point of view through the friendliness and personal competence of public relations personnel.

f. To give public relations counsel to officers and departments as may be needed in the development of plans, policies, and materials.

g. To develop within the church an awareness of the value of good public relations in attaining the divine objectives of the church and to inspire among our people a sense of individual participation in the denomination's total public relations effort.

2. Public Relations Program

Community Relations

Speaking and film presentations before clubs and societies, other churches, and youth groups.

Suitable participation in community events.

Presentation of exhibits.

Cooperation with other church departments in the promotion of welfare, cottage industries, and other public service programs.

Public Information

Release of information on activities, actions, personnel, and visitors--to newspapers, magazines, news agencies, radio news services, films and religious publications.

Adventist information to reference books.

Paid advertising deemed desirable.

Information to denominational papers.

Internal Information

Information to officers and departments on public relations aspects of their problems and projects.

"Briefing" information for staff members on public events in which they may participate.

Opinion surveys and public relations research as needed for special projects and general planning.

Information to constituency and workers as requested by officers.

Promotional Services

Creative aid to officers and departments in materials for promotion of offerings, special projects.

Develop promotional pictures and materials files.

Maintain motion picture files.

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS
LIBERTY ASSOCIATIONS
2915

VOTED, That national Religious Liberty Associations be set up in each language area of the Middle East as far as personnel is available.

SABBATH SCHOOL
RECOMMENDATIONS
2916

Uniting Every Effort

WHEREAS, Our division stands first in the percentage of Sabbath School members as related to church membership, being higher than any other of the world divisions, and also first in percentage of Branch Sabbath Schools and Community Bible Schools as related to regularly organized Sabbath Schools, but it is still second in percentage of Sabbath School mission offerings as related to tithe income, therefore

We Recommend, that every worker and Sabbath School member be strongly encouraged to unite every possible effort to:

1. Increase our Sabbath School membership by (a) Encouraging friends and neighbors to come and join, (b) By giving special attention to building up the Extension Division and Cradle Roll Division in each school, (c) By enrolling as many of our day school pupils in the Sabbath School as possible, (d) By requesting teachers to always seek to enroll those who attend classes.

2. Make certain that all who attend are properly marked present, especially giving attention to marking the number of visitors present each Sabbath.

c. Make visits to absent members as soon as possible after the first absence, showing them that they were missed.

4. Build up the offerings by wholesome promotion of (a) Investment fund, (b) Birthday offerings, (c) Constantly showing the blessings of giving, the results in the growth of the work from Sabbath School gifts, and reminding of the family weekly goal for the division which is 1 per cent of the family income, which means that about 4 per cent of the family income would be contributed in the Sabbath School each month. It is confidently believed that if we attain to this goal we will also become the first division in offerings as well as in other matters. Encourage all workers to be exemplary Sabbath School members.

HOME MISSIONARY
RECOMMENDATIONS
2917

Pulling Together

WHEREAS, We are a part of the world Advent Movement, and it has been found more productive and fruitful to follow unified and tested methods used in other divisions of the world field, therefore

We Recommend, That in all of our churches and companies of the Middle East Division the regular recommended methods be used in our Home Missionary work, such as:

1. The holding of the ten minute service in each church every Sabbath immediately at the end of the Sabbath School program.

2. Adopting the material suggested in the GO magazine as far as possible for this service. And that once a month the church Home Missionary committee meet and plan these ten minute programs for the following month so that they will be interesting, and not longer than ten minutes.

3. The taking up, every Sabbath, of individual Home Missionary reports in every church and company. That for this purpose the regular individual report slips be passed out and collected.

4. That mission officers, and Home Missionary Department secretaries, strongly promote in every church and company the various campaigns and special activities recommended by the union, division and General Conference. This will include such as: (a) Classes in Training Light Bearers, and the circulation of the

book prepared for this purpose. (b) Encouraging lay members to: (1) Give Bible studies, (2) Hold cottage meetings, (3) Do lay evangelism, (4) Become colporteurs, (5) Secure Bible Correspondence Course enrollments, (6) Help gather Ingathering funds, (7) Find opportunities for showing Temperance films, (8) Help with Dorcas and Welfare work, (9) Do other activities as they are recommended.

TEMPERANCE BUMPER
STRIPS
2918

VOTED, That we favor the preparation of bumper strips featuring attractive and catchy slogans on the temperance question in Arabic, Turkish, and Farsee to be made into bumper strips and distributed throughout the countries of the Middle East Division to be used by the department in fostering safety campaigns and calling the attention of the public to our program.

TEMPERANCE
ORATORICAL PROGRAMS
2919

WHEREAS, It is of utmost importance to keep the temperance message before our youth in an attractive and forceful manner; it was,

VOTED, 1. That oratorical programs be sponsored in our schools on a regular basis with well-planned programs to which the public is invited, and that talent discovered in these programs be used on a wider basis for temperance promotion.

2. That specific chapel period be assigned for temperance activities.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE
2920

VOTED, To incorporate into the minutes the General Conference Autumn Council action on Sabbath observance as follows:

Throughout our history, Seventh-day Adventists have joyfully observed the seventh-day as the Sabbath of the Lord our God, who created us and later redeemed us by His blood. But because of the ever-increasing complexities of our modern age our members are at times perplexed to know how rightly to relate themselves to certain problems that arise in connection with Sabbath observance. These problems are many and varied and therefore cannot be dealt with in detail in a general statement.

In urging our world membership to a more careful observance of God's holy day, we call attention to the following:

All 24 hours of the Sabbath are equally sacred. This is clear from the Word of God and the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy emphasizes it.

"From even unto even shall ye celebrate your Sabbaths." (Lev. 23:32)

"We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time." Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 356

"You should not rob God of one hour of holy time." Ibid., Vol. 2, p. 702

Any work that it would be wrong to engage in at noon on the Sabbath would be equally wrong to engage in just within the borders of the Sabbath day.

"The Sabbath law forbids labor on the sanctified rest day of the Lord. The toil that gains a livelihood must cease; no labor for worldly pleasure or profit is lawful upon the Lord's day." The Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 2, p. 164.

"Be it loss or gain from a worldly point of view, it will not alter one jot or tittle of God's claims in the fourth commandment. The name of every transgressor, with the character of the offense, is written against the offender in the books of heaven." MS 34, 1897.

"If we violate the letter of the fourth commandment for our own advantage from a pecuniary point of view we become Sabbath breakers and are guilty of transgressing all the commandments, for if we offend in one point we are guilty of all." Testimonies, Vol. 1, p. 532.

There are of course certain kinds of labor that are always lawful on the Sabbath day, such as care of the sick. The Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy are clear that we may render a service wholly in keeping with the Sabbath in caring for the sick. This is true of the doctor visiting those who must have his attention on the Sabbath, and of our nurses and others in our medical institutions caring for the sick.

However, we would counsel our administrators in all institutions, constantly to be on their guard to hold down to the very minimum even necessary labor on the Sabbath day.

Jesus said the Sabbath was made for man. It was given to us by the Lord as a sign that He is our Maker and our Redeemer (Eze. 20:12,20). It was given to us for our good. It was given to us as a day of rest from our daily toil. It was given to us as a day of worship, communion with God, and fellowship with the saints. God wants it to be for His children a day of joy and gladness. His promise concerning it is:

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shall honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Isa. 58:13,14).

For these reasons the leaders assembled in the 1960 Autumn Council appeal to our members in all parts of the world field, young and old, to apply these great eternal principles to our daily lives, ever seeking to exalt our Lord's intents above our own in regard to the observance of His holy day which sets us apart from the world around us.

Our blessed Master while on earth set us the highest and noblest example in obedience and Sabbath observance and as His people we should joyfully follow in His steps. 1 Peter 2:21.

WORKER EDUCATIONAL
ADVANCEMENT POLICY
2921

VOTED, To adopt the Worker Educational Advancement policy in the following revised form:

WHEREAS, The Division recognizes the vital importance of training a strong corps of truehearted, efficient national leaders to carry the gospel to every part of the Middle East, and works in harmony with the General Conference policy which says: "It is the policy of this denomination in every land, therefore, to train and develop every consecrated, loyal Seventh-day Adventist who gives promise of growing into a position of responsibility and leadership." cf. Constitution, Bylaws and Working Policy, pp 83, 85; and

WHEREAS, Some workers in the interest of greater efficiency in the Lord's work need to take college work for credit at Middle East College, it was

VOTED, To adopt a policy to be called the "Worker Educational Advancement Policy." This policy shall be governed by the following principles:

I. Approval of Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of the policy shall be high school graduates recommended by their controlling committees and approved, except for division workers, by the next higher organization.

II. Number of Beneficiaries

The number of beneficiaries shall be determined on a quota basis as follows: Two for each union, one for the detached section, and two for the division and division institutions. In the case of unused quotas the Division committee be authorized to assign them to fields applying for them.

III. Conditions for Eligibility

The beneficiaries should meet the following conditions for eligibility:

- a. Have the necessary academic qualifications to be accepted as regular students at Middle East College for college level studies.
- b. Be planning a course of study that has a direct bearing on the type of work he intends to do in the future.
- c. Give evidence of making good in the proposed line of study.
- d. Accept all the provisions of the policy and agree to abide by the decisions of the recommending committee in their case.
- e. Be employees of the organization in good and regular standing.
- f. Shall have completed at least two full years of work in the field as regular workers before December 31, 1960.

IV. Period of Study or Training

The period of training agreed upon may be for one or two years, but the agreements should be for one year at a time. Continuation of the period of study shall be dependent on the approval of committees concerned.

V. Conditions of Study

The beneficiaries shall:

- a. Take full school work for the time specified
- b. Maintain at least a C Grade average in the courses taken

- c. Carry such courses and types of labor as may be mutually arranged for by the school authorities and the recommending committee.

VI. Financial Provisions

1. All financial help shall be given to beneficiaries on a loan basis, the amount of financial help and the period of study or training be agreed upon and recorded in the minutes of the recommending committee.
2. Financial help may be granted on the following basis:
 - a. In the case of a beneficiary who is married, the employing organization will pay three-fourths of the regular salary, based on the ordained minister's salary in the field of the institution, for the time that the beneficiary is studying or in training. In the case of single workers, one-half the regular salary will be paid.
 - b. The beneficiary will continue to receive all allowances such as rent and medical according to policy computed on the basis of the percentage of his salary paid to him while at the institution.
 - c. The Middle East Division will pay travel to the institution as recommended by the controlling committee and approved by the Division committee. Return transportation shall be cared for by the calling and/or employing organization.
 - d. Tuition, fees and cost of textbooks required for the courses will be paid by the controlling committee, it being understood that the beneficiary will work up to 15 hours a week, the credit to go for his expenses other than those covered by this paragraph

VII. Amortization Plan

All funds including salary expended for a beneficiary of this policy shall be amortized by the employing organization on the basis of one-fourth for each year of satisfactory service after the period of study and training.

An organization calling for the services of a beneficiary shall assume responsibility for any unamortized portion of the beneficiary's obligations.

VIII. Employment After Period of Training

- a. The controlling committee undertakes to provide work for the beneficiary at the close of his period of training on condition that the latter has shown a spirit of cooperation and consecration necessary in a worker for God. If the beneficiary chooses not to work with the denomination he recognizes his responsibility to pay back the money he has received on a loan basis.
- b. The period of study and training under this policy shall be counted as part of the beneficiary's service record.

IX. Contract to be Signed

The beneficiary shall sign a contract with the employing organization before he proceeds to the school. He agrees to accept all the provisions of the above policy.

And the students under this policy who are not able to return to their home countries during the summer period shall be under the direction of the division committee and their controlling organizations shall pay the full salary and expenses during the summer season.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 12:00 noon until 7:00 p. m.
November 19, 1960.

November 19, 1960 at 7:00 p. m. the usual members attending the session were present and prayer was offered by E. L. Gammon

Session minutes were approved for mimeographing up to date.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 7:10 p. m. until 8:00 a. m.
November 20, 1960.

November 20 at 8:00 a. m. the devotional period was led by R. H. Hartwell who chose as his subject "Work Out Your Own Salvation." Afterward there followed a short prayer session.

At 10:00 a. m. those usually present were in their places at the division office, following the Middle East College Constituency meeting, and prayer was offered by A. A. Haddad.

1961 CHURCH
CALENDAR REVISION
2922

VOTED, To revise the 1961 Church Calendar in harmony with 1960 Autumn Council recommendation, and to designate December again as "Tithe Square Up Month."

1961 Revisions

February 4	Bible Evangelism Crusade
March 4	Bible Evangelism Crusade
October 28	World Temperance Day
December 23	Thirteenth Sabbath

1962 CHURCH CALENDAR VOTED, To adopt the 1962 Church Calendar as follows:
2923

SPECIAL DAYS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

January	6	Home Visitation	Church Missionary
	20	Religious Liberty	Religious Liberty
27-Feb.	3	Hope Campaign	
February	3	Bible Evangelism Crusade	Hope Subscriptions
	10	Christian Home & Family Altar	Middle East College
	24	Temperance Commitment Day	
March	3	Bible Evangelism Crusade	Church Missionary
	10	Sabbath School Rally Day	Missions Advance
	17-24	MV Week of Prayer	
	31	13th Sabbath	
April	7	Home Visitation and Voice of Prophecy Day	Church Missionary
May	5	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	12		Disaster & Famine Relief
	19	Spirit of Prophecy Day	
June	2	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	9-16	Call to Health Campaign	
	16		Call to Health Sub- scriptions
	29	13th Sabbath	
July	7	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	14	Mid-Summer Missionary Service	Mid-Summer Offering
August	4	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	11	Christian Education	Local Training School (Secondary)
	18	Tithe Promotion	

<u>SPECIAL DAYS (Continued)</u>			<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>
September	1	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	8	Missions Extension Day	Missions Extension
	22-Oct. 6	Ingathering Campaign	
	29	13th Sabbath	
October	1	Home Visitation Day	Ingathering
	6-13	Voice of Prophecy Campaign	
	13		Voice of Prophecy
	20	Sabbath School Visitors' Day	
	27	World Temperance Day	Temperance
November	3	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	10-17	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice	
	17		Week of Sacrifice
December	1	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	22	13th Sabbath	

AIR TRAVEL AND
PRIVATE PLANES
2924

WHEREAS, In practically all areas in which our work is conducted, regularly established air lines provide a vast network making air travel both rapid and economical, and at the same time relatively safe due to the exacting regulations under which they must operate; and

WHEREAS, The cost of owning and maintaining a private plane involves much expense, and its operation demands highly skilled pilots and well qualified technicians,

We recommend, That the ownership and use of private planes in our work be confined to certain areas in which other means of transportation are unavailable or present great difficulties. The purchase or use of planes in such areas shall be approved by the division and the General Conference. A plan shall be drawn up by the division and approved by the General Conference to govern the use or operation of such planes and shall include the following:

1. Any plane authorized for use in the work of the church shall be piloted only by one who is designated by the controlling committee specified by the division and who holds a commercial pilot's license or shall have 200 hours' flying time and instrument rating.
2. The plane shall receive periodic government inspections and be officially approved for flight.
3. Arrangements shall be made for adequate maintenance facilities for keeping the plane in safe flying condition.

4. The use of the plane shall be limited to the area and to the routes and flights authorized by the controlling committee.

5. No flight shall be undertaken when adverse weather conditions prevail or when airport authorities advise against it.

6. For the protection of the denomination the organization authorizing the operation of the plane shall be responsible to see that adequate insurance is taken out to cover plane, pilot, and passengers. In view of the protection provided by this insurance, the pilot and passengers shall sign a waiver releasing the denomination from any additional liability in case of accident. Parent or legal guardian shall sign the waiver on behalf of minors.

ANNUAL BIBLE
EVANGELISM CRUSADE
2925

WHEREAS, Bible Evangelism, the proclamation of the saving gospel of Jesus Christ in the form of Bible studies, cottage meetings and public preaching, is the heart and substance of our Lord's parting challenge to the devotion and zeal of His followers and the supreme concern of His chosen people; and it is the indisputable justification for our very existence as a church, and

WHEREAS, We deeply sense the need of strengthening Bible Evangelism in our church missionary program by leading our people into greater soul-winning service through Bible studies, cottage meetings and lay-preaching, thus fulfilling the glorious revelation given to the messenger of the Lord when she saw: "hundreds and thousands visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest." (Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 126),

We recommend, 1. That conferences give consideration to a definite time of the year to be designated for a Bible Evangelism Crusade, during which all missionary activities of the local church shall be fully geared to Bible Evangelism by means of Bible studies, cottage meetings and lay preaching, and in areas where a public evangelistic campaign is in progress the crusade be integrated with that campaign.

2. That the beginning of the Bible Evangelism Crusade for the Middle East Division be the first Sabbath of the month of February, 1961, and thereafter the first Sabbath of February of each year.

3. That the length of the Bible Evangelism Crusade be ten to twelve weeks.

4. That all lay members be encouraged to take part in the Bible Evangelism Crusade according to their abilities, realizing that "every Christian is bound to be a Bible worker, to do something in imparting to others the great present truth for this time." (General Conference Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 2, dated April 11, 1889.)
5. That this Crusade begin with a week of revival meetings, and that throughout the entire evangelistic program a high spiritual tone be maintained by appealing to our people to remember the Crusade daily in their prayers, and that, in connection with the weekly prayer meeting, encouragement and counselling in Bible Evangelism be given our people.
6. That coinciding with the Crusade, Bible Evangelism be given special attention in all our church publications.
7. That the suggested Crusade dates for the Middle East Division in 1961 be as follows:

Rally Sabbath	February 18
Revival Week	February 18-25
Consecration Service	February 25
Soul-Winning Training	February 25
Course Week	to March 4
Bible Evangelism Crusade	Mar. 4 - May 13
Decision Meetings	May 13

STRENGTHENING THE
CHURCH MISSIONARY
ORGANIZATION

2926

WHEREAS, "Time is short and our forces must be organized to do a larger work" (Christian Service, page 72) and,

WHEREAS, We have been given the following clear counsel "The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err" (Vol. 7, pages 21,22),

We recommend, That the following steps be taken to strengthen the church missionary organization in all our churches:

1. That each Church Missionary Committee work out a plan whereby every member can be enlisted in some line of missionary service in harmony with the following instruction: "Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty." (Christian Service, page 74)
2. That all band leaders be supplied with the Home Missionary leaflets dealing with their work.
3. That the leaflets that deal with the main officers of the Home Missionary leaders be translated and published in Arabic as soon as possible.

4. That each English reading band leader be supplied with the magazine GO to keep him in touch throughout the year with the church missionary program of the denomination, and to prepare him for stronger missionary band leadership, and that the cost of these GO magazines be provided from the church's missionary fund.

INGATHERING
OBJECTIVES
2927

WHEREAS, The Ingathering appeal presents one of the greatest missionary opportunities of the church in house-to-house contacts; and

WHEREAS, These contacts and the devotion to missions on the part of workers, members, and even our children may well affect the destiny of millions around the world; and

WHEREAS, We have been admonished that "only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains. . . now that we are standing upon the very verge of the eternal world, holding the truths we do, having so great light, so important a work, we must double our diligence" (Christian Service, pages 52 and 79),

We recommend, 1. That the soul-winning objective, "baptisms from each church from Ingathering contacts" be emphasized in all our churches.

2. That workers and members engaging in the Ingathering campaign be urged to carry the Donors' Record Sheet on which to note the names and addresses of persons showing interest, and that missionary literature be used to follow up these interests.

3. That the Middle East Division raise its Ingathering objective in the 1961 campaign by at least 10 per cent.

SABBATH SCHOOL
EXTENSION
2928

WHEREAS, Practically every Sabbath School has members who because of distance, age, infirmity, or Sabbath duties are not able to enjoy the privileges of meeting regularly with the Sabbath School,

We recommend, That the extension division leader by telephone, letter, or personal visitation keep in touch with all members who are unable to attend Sabbath School regularly; and that where the extension division of a Sabbath School is too large for one leader properly to care for it, assistant leaders be appointed by the Sabbath School Council, with a suggested ratio of one leader for every 10 members of the extension division.

SABBATH SCHOOL
MISSING MEMBERS
2929

WHEREAS, Many of our church members are missing the spiritual blessing that comes through faithful attendance at Sabbath School, causing them to become indifferent and in some cases to lose their hold upon God,

We recommend, 1. That the year 1961 be designated "Total Membership Year," and that our pastors be urged to join with the Sabbath School officers and teachers in a concerted effort to do everything possible to encourage missing members to become regular attendants at Sabbath School.

2. That in harmony with recommended procedure, the membership superintendent (assistant Sabbath School superintendent designated as membership superintendent) keep an up-to-date membership file, and that this be reported at each regular meeting of the Sabbath School Council, so that intelligent plans may be made for enrolling every church member in the Sabbath School and assigning missing members to classes as prospective members.

3. That all Sabbath School classes be kept small, (12-15 members) with a teacher who will faithfully follow the suggested procedure on the new class record cards, assigning members to visit absent members, prospective or regular, to ascertain the reason for their absence and to encourage them in faithful Sabbath School attendance.

4. That all Sabbath School teachers be faithful in their responsibility of personal visitation of each member of their class, especially absent members.

5. That suggested form letters be prepared which may be copied and made personal and suitable for sending to absent members when personal visitation is not possible.

SABBATH SCHOOL
MEMBERS BAPTIZED
2930

WHEREAS, We believe that one of the first steps toward church membership should lead into the Sabbath School,

We recommend, 1. That all pastors and evangelists be urged to enroll all baptismal candidates in the Sabbath School before baptism.

2. That where practicable, the new interests be enrolled in the pastor's special Bible class, using the specially-prepared Class Quarterlies.

3. That our local Sabbath School secretaries be instructed to check with the church clerk each quarter and report as accurately as possible the number who were already Sabbath School members before baptism.

SABBATH SCHOOL
INVESTMENT FUND
2931

WHEREAS, The Sabbath School Investment Offering has proved to be a most successful method of raising funds for our world mission program--bringing in \$676,636.67 during 1959; and

WHEREAS, This is our hour of unparalleled opportunity, with unanswered calls and openings abounding in all mission fields around the world,

We recommend, 1. That we request the Sabbath School Department to promote in a most effectual manner the "Investment Offering"--realizing that this is one offering that comes through the wonderful prospering hand of God as a direct result of our investing for Him.

2. That we request our local section workers and Sabbath School officers to encourage and lead the church membership everywhere into a 100 per cent participation in this worthy project.

TEMPERANCE WORLD-
WIDE PROMOTION
2932

WHEREAS, The temperance reform movement is an integral part of the third angel's message and an effective entering wedge for the everlasting gospel; and

WHEREAS, The writings of the Spirit of Prophecy give the following counsel to the church:

1. "In all our large gatherings we must bring the temperance question before our hearers in the strongest appeals and by the most convincing arguments." Temperance, p. 239.

2. "The evil (of intemperance) must be more boldly met in the future than it has been in the past." Ibid. p. 239

3. "The temperance question is to receive decided support from God's people." Ibid., p. 249.

We recommend, 1. That all our English-speaking workers be urged to make a careful study of the great principles of temperance set forth in the Spirit of Prophecy book, Temperance, and thus become fully informed of the part temperance is to play in the final evangelization of the world preparatory to the return of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

2. That a national temperance society be organized in every country within our division territories, and that these organizations adhere to the general principles outlined in the constitution of the International Temperance Association.

3. That in harmony with the instruction of the Spirit of Prophecy that "every member among us should sign the pledge and be connected with the temperance association," we designate February 25, 1961 as Temperance Commitment Sabbath for the promotion of the annual pledge-signing campaign and membership drive, enlisting every Seventh-day Adventist as an active member of our temperance organization.

4. a. That we continue to organize and foster a chapter of our temperance society in every college, academy, and church school; and that we appeal to our school administrators to intensify their chapter activities so that our youth may not only find their own protection from the evil of intemperance, but may through their active participation become a positive influence for helping other youth.

b. That we designate February 13-25 as Temperance Week in all our educational institutions.

5. That in our large gatherings, at our camp meetings, and in our evangelistic efforts, the temperance question be presented before our hearers in the most convincing manner, calling upon men and women, and especially the youth, to take their stand for total abstinence and to add their active support to the cause of Christian temperance.

6. That we promote October 28 as World Temperance Sabbath in an effective manner throughout the division, calling the attention of our people to the importance of this phase of the message, encouraging them not only to support the temperance cause with their means, but also to take an active part in every effort to control, restrict, or prohibit the manufacture, distribution, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, illegal use of narcotics, and tobacco in any form.

ALCOHOL DESOCIALIZATION MOVEMENT
2933

WHEREAS, The polls and surveys conducted in various parts of the world indicate that the vast majority of people drink because of social pressures; and

WHEREAS, We have been admonished by the servant of the Lord to present the total abstinence pledge to men in high positions;

We recommend, 1. That we endorse the movement sponsored by the International Commission for the prevention of Alcoholism, to desocialize alcoholic beverages, by inviting heads of state and other leading officials to sign the Declaration of Purpose banning the serving of alcoholic beverages at all social parties and state functions for which they may be personally responsible.

2. That we invite every temperance secretary, in the Middle East Division to secure the signatures of five leading officials in his area in 1961 to the Declaration of Purpose.

TEMPERANCE INSTITUTE ASSIGNING FELLOWSHIP GRANTS
2934

VOTED, To refer the question of assigning "fellowship grants" to Institutes of Scientific Studies, in Loma Linda and in Washington, to the division executive committee for consideration at a later date.

BAPTISMAL GOALS
2935

VOTED, To set a goal of 350 baptisms for the division for 1961, and suggest the following breakdown:

East Mediterranean Union	160
Nile Union	160
Iran Section	30

REVIEW AND HERALD CLUB PLAN
2936

Elder R. A. Wilcox informed us of a new club plan for the REVIEW AND HERALD, and it was

VOTED, To encourage our English speaking believers to band together subscribing for the REVIEW AND HERALD in clubs of five or more to one address, at a cost of U. S. 7¢ per copy it being understood that where clubs can be obtained this will make the subsidy agreed upon in Action # 2894 unnecessary for these clubs.

ADVENTIST WEDDING CEREMONY
2937

WHEREAS, It is imperative that Christian principles should remain at the basis of all our church activities including the wedding ceremony; and,

WHEREAS, A strong wave of worldliness is bidding at our church doors for admittance into various church functions notwithstanding the marriage service; and,

WHEREAS, Ministers in the Middle East have been faced at times with embarrassing situations in regard to certain practices which are not in full harmony with known church standards; it was

VOTED, 1. That our youth who are planning to get married be counseled that "in conformity with Seventh-day Adventist teachings, simplicity and dignity in all the decorations and arrangement are required," and that "The principles of Christian dignity and simplicity should be practiced in church weddings as in all other services held in the place of sacred worship." MM:99 Again: "We are living in the last days, when the mania upon the subject of marriage constitutes one of the signs of the near coming of Christ. God is not consulted in these matters. Religion, duty, and principle are sacrificed to carry out the promptings of the unconsecrated heart. There should be no great display and rejoicing over the union of the parties." TM p.181.

2. That the wedding ring ceremony not be used in any part of any Seventh-day Adventist wedding, in harmony with divine guidance such as the following statements: "That ring encircling your finger may be very plain, but

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it is useless, and the wearing of it has a wrong influence upon others." Testimonies, Vol. 4, p. 630. Again: "I feel deeply over this leavening process which seems to be going on among us, in the conformity to custom and fashion. Not one penny should be spent for a circlet of gold to testify that we are married." Testimonies to Ministers, p. 181. "In countries where the custom is imperative, we have no burden to condemn those who have this marriage ring; let them wear it if they can do so conscientiously." Ibid., p. 181

3. That all our ministers be urged, when planning wedding services, to guide the parties concerned in planning a wedding that would bring honor to God and to His Remnant church and that would be a witness to the simple and holy truth which we hold.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn until the call of the chair. Prayer was offered by G. A. Keough.

November 21, 1960 at 8:00 a. m., R. A. Wilcox took charge of the devotional service in the Middle East College chapel. His subject was "Answered Prayer." Most of the time was devoted to personal testimonies in which several told of definite answers to prayer in their own experience. An earnest season of prayer followed.

At 9:15 a. m. those usually attending the session were present in the division office. Prayer was offered by Dr. Wm. Wagner.

MARRIAGE OF ADVENTISTS WITH UNBELIEVERS 2938

WHEREAS the Scripture says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers;" and,

WHEREAS The Spirit of Prophecy says, "Never was there a time in earth's history when this warning was more appropriate than at the present time" (F. E. p. 499), it was

VOTED, To call upon our ministry in the Middle East Division to emphasize the above truths in their preaching and their counsel with young people so that our young people may be encouraged to set up Christian homes in harmony with Bible principles.

That in harmony with the Manual for Ministers our ministers refrain from marrying believers with unbelievers or condoning the giving away of their children in such marriages, or participating in them.

DETAILED
PROMOTION OF
SPIRIT OF PROPHECY
YEAR MATERIAL
2938

WHEREAS, 1961 has been appointed Spirit of Prophecy year;

WHEREAS, Among the projects for the year is the translation and publication of Counsels for the Church, and

WHEREAS, It is needful to give these counsels the widest possible circulation in order that their influence may build the church, it is therefore

RECOMMENDED, 1. That every Seventh-day Adventist church and company be organized into a center for the study of Counsels for the Church, making use of the mid-week prayer meeting, the Friday night meeting, Sabbath afternoon meeting, cottage meetings, family circles, institutional worship services, or whatever local circumstances may indicate, in order to get every member studying the counsels;

2. That Counsels for the Church be divided into four sections of twelve booklets each for use as the basis of weekly study to be distributed by the Book and Periodical houses as clubs to the churches according to the orders from the churches;

3. That test papers be supplied to all interested persons as a means of encouraging study. A student shall be entitled to a certificate upon demonstration that he has completed the twelve test papers of the series. The certificate is to be made valid by the signatures of the section president and the church pastor. The student will grade his own paper by the key printed on the back of the next test paper;

4. That the book, The Testimony of Jesus, setting forth the evidences of the gift of prophecy through Sister White, be sold to as many members of the church as possible in preparation for the study of the counsels;

5. That every purchaser of The Testimony of Jesus shall be eligible to receive weekly the study booklets without additional cost during the year 1961 and that a record shall be kept in the churches on a form provided by the Middle East Press for the purpose of showing the distribution of the lesson booklets;

6. That promotion workers be appointed in each section as specified in Middle East Division Committee action # 2868 whose duties shall include:

- a. Preparation of a list of prospective buyers.
- b. Mailing advertising to all persons listed.
- c. Canvassing the list in the company of the local pastor concerned.

- d. Assisting the pastor in the organization of the church into study groups.
3. Ordering the necessary materials and supplies;
7. That Sabbath, December 10, 1960, be appointed as a special Spirit of Prophecy day on which a sermon on the Spirit of prophecy shall be given in every church.
8. That in non-Arabic areas, pastors be encouraged to conduct classes weekly for at least three months using the Spirit of Prophecy materials available in English.

1961 SPOTLIGHT
ON THE BIBLE
2940

WHEREAS, The 1960 North American Youth Congress has aroused a greater interest in the Bible, especially among the youth,

We recommend, That 1961 be designated in MV societies throughout the world field as Bible Emphasis Year, and that this Bible emphasis be implemented in the following ways:

1. Chapter-a-day Bible Reading Plan
2. Bible chapter memory plan
3. Fireside Bible evangelism
4. Bible marking plan
5. Bible Quiz feature
6. Community Bible survey
7. Union-wide youth Bible conferences

1961 HOME VISIT-
ATION DAY
LITERATURE
2941

VOTED, To authorize the division Home Missionary Department to be responsible for the preparation of Home Visitation Day tracts.

E. L. GAMMON AND
DR. WM. WAGNER
ADDED TO NOMI-
NATING COMMITTEE
2942

VOTED, To add the names of E. L. Gammon and Dr. Wm. Wagner to the nominating committee of the Session.

The minutes were approved for mimeographing up to date.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 a. m. the session adjourned to the call of the chair. Prayer was offered by R. E. Anderson.

November 22, 1960 at 8:00 a. m. in the Middle East College chapel, O. A. Blake led in the Devotional service drawing lessons from 2 Kings 6:1-8 which tells of the experience of the borrowed ax head. This was followed by a season of earnest prayer.

At 9:15 a. m. the members usually attending the session assembled in the division office, and prayer was offered by A. G. Zytoskee.

G. A. KEOUGH'S
EDUCATIONAL REPORT
2943

G. A. Keough, the secretary of education for the division, gave an interesting report of the work of that department. He handed out a mimeographed sheet of statistics giving some breakdowns for teachers, pupils, and schools throughout the division. E. L. Gammon expressed the opinion that some kind of paper should be prepared for elementary school children. He compared it to the Junior Guide with possibly four pages only.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 10:30 a. m. to the call of the cchair.

At 10:50 a. m. the session members reassembled and prayer was offered by Dr. Wm. Wagner.

REQUEST O. A. BLAKE
VISIT IN 1961
2944

WHEREAS, O. A. Blake will be in Europe about the time of the Middle East Division mid-year committee meeting, and could be of special help to V. A. Fenn, it was

VOTED, To request the General Conference to allow O. A. Blake to visit Beirut June 22 to July 4, 1961, to give special help to the Middle East Division Treasurer.

FUNDS AVAILABLE
FOR 1961 SPECIALS
2945

VOTED, To record the following funds as being available for specials for 1961:

General Conference:	
General Specials	LL 546,875.00
Church Extension	78,125.00
Division:	
Miscellaneous Donations	2,790.62
Missions Extension Reversion	225.65
Exchange	25,000.00
Ingathering Reversion	6,657.96
1959 Specials - Division Contingency	3,437.72
Total Available for Specials	663,111.95

SPECIAL FUNDS
DISTRIBUTED FOR 1961
2946

VOTED, To distribute the special funds for 1961 as follows:

	<u>Local</u> <u>Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese</u> <u>Currency</u>
<u>Middle East Division</u>		
Division Garage and Bus		20,000.00
Armenian Hymnal Subsidy		750.00
Patriarchs & Proph. Subsidy		1,500.00
Temperance Tracts		1,500.00
Alert Magazine		750.00
Bible Society Donation		100.00
Undistributed		10,275.00
TOTALS - DIVISION		34,875.00

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Distribution of 1961 Special Funds - Continued

East Mediterranean Union

Cyprus - Evangelistic Equip. CyL	180.000	1,575.00
Turkey - Evangelistic Equip ITq	4,500.00	1,562.50
Jordan - Temperance Film & Equip. JD	100.000	875.00
Jordan - El Husn Ch. Organ & Equip. JD	50.000	437.50
Jordan - Library Bks. & Shelves JD	150.000	1,312.50
Annab	75.000	
El Husn	50.000	
Kerak	25.000	
Jordan - Laboratory & Science Equip JD	100.000	875.00
Iraq - Complete Bghdad Church project	ID 928.571	8,125.00
Lebanon - Jr. Campe Site		7,500.00
Lebanon - Beirut Armenian Church & School		30,199.45
Lebanon - Bishmazzine Land		1,000.00
Lebanon - Beirut Armenian Church		156,250.00
TOTAL - EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION		209,711.95

Nile Union

Office Equipment	LEg	400.000	3,000.00
Cairo Center	LEg	2,083.333	15,625.00
Cairo Center School Bus	LEg	500.000	3,750.00
Nile Union Academy:			
Office Equipment	LEg	150.000	1,125.00
Water Pumps & Equip.	LEg	700.000	5,250.00
Instructional Equip.	LEg	300.000	2,250.00
Wall	LEg	150.000	1,125.00
Garage	LEg	500.00	3,750.00
Egypt Section:			
Land - Sohag Church	LEg	3,500.000	26,250.00
Land - Minia	LEg	8,500.000	63,750.00
TOTALS - NILE UNION			125,875.00

Iran Mission

Armerian Church & School	Rials	375,000.00	15,625.00
Tabriz Church Land	Rials	45,000.00	1,875.00
Abadan Church Land	Rials	525,000.00	21,875.00
Iran Tr. School - Buildings "		147,000.00	6,125.00
TOTAL - IRAN MISSION			45,500.00

Benghazi Hospital

Equipment	LiL	5,357.143	46,875.00
Property Settlement	LiL	7,642.857	66,875.00
TOTAL - BENGHAZI HOSPITAL			113,750.00

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Distribution of 1961 Special Funds - Continued

Middle East College

Irrigation Reservoir	4,500.00
Cafeteria Cold Room Compressor	3,000.00
Concrete Block Machine	2,000.00
Maintenance Equipment	2,000.00
Boys' Dormitory Pump Circulator	500.00
Boys' Dormitory Furniture	1,500.00
Dairy Plant Equipment	4,900.00
Science & Library Books	4,000.00
Bakery Addition	15,000.00
New Industry	16,375.00

TOTAL - MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE 53,775.00

Middle East Press

Compressor	500.00
Room for Intertype	1,000.00

TOTAL - MIDDLE EAST PRESS 1,500.00

CHURCH EXTENSION - 1961

East Mediterranean Union:

Iraq - Complete Baghdad Church	5,357.143	46,875.00
Jordan - Jerusalem Church JD	3,571.428	31,250.00

TOTALS - CHURCH EXTENSION 78,125.00

TOTAL SPECIALS DISBURSED - 1961 663,111.95

SPECIALS DISBURSED - SUMMARY - 1961

Middle East Division	34,875.00
East Mediterranean Union	209,711.95
Nile Union	16,783.333
Iran Mission	1,092,000.00
Benghazi Hospital	13,000.00
Middle East College	53,775.00
Middle East Press	1,500.00
Church Extension - East Med. Union	78,125.00

TOTAL SPECIALS DISBURSED 663,111.95

BASE APPROPRIATIONS
FOR 1961
2947

VOTED, To recommend that an increase of 5% over the
1960 base appropriations be granted except for the
Radio Studio which is to remain the same as for 1960.

BASE APPROPRIATIONS - 1961

	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Division		164,013.26
East Mediterranean Union		310,851.07
Nile Union LEg	36,748.810	275,616.07
Iran Mission Riials	2,896,956.56	120,706.52
Sudan Mission Development		1,609.63
Middle East College		128,032.95
Middle East Press		53,560.05
Benghazi Hospital		27,244.95
Radio Studio		9,600.00
TOTAL		1,091,234.50

SALARY INCREASE
2948

VOTED, That an increase of 5 per cent in salaries be authorized where funds are available and the cost of living so indicates.

1961 VOP SCHOOL
BUDGETS RECORDED
2949

VOTED, To distribute the 1961 Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School fund the same as 1960, which is:

	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Beirut, Lebanon		29,843.75
Nicosia, Cyprus CyL	714,286	6,250.00
Heliopolis, Egypt LEg	1,335.933	10,019.50
Tehran, Iran	186,666.00	7,777.75
Balance, Division Reserve		16,421.50
TOTAL		LL 70,312.50 US \$ 22,500.00

1961 13th SABBATH
OVERFLOW
DISTRIBUTION
2950

VOTED, That the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow coming to the Middle East Division at the end of March, 1961 be distributed to the three projects on the basis of:

- 50 % For the Jerusalem Church
- 25 % To the Mercy Home in Cairo
- 25 % To the Middle East College
Industry Project

FRENCH EVANGELIST'S
EXPENSE
2951

VOTED, That the salary, travel, and other expense in connection with securing a French speaking evangelist on a temporary basis for an effort in the Beirut Evangelistic Center, should be paid from the Division Evangelistic Fund.

DIVISION OFFICE
BUILDING FUND FOR
ADDITION
2952

Recommended That the balance in the Division Contingency funds of 1960 amounting to LL 56,047.82, be set aside for the division office addition, it being understood that this takes the place of Action # 2879 and is not in addition to that amount.

ARABIC MV
LEAFLETS
2953

VOTED, To recommend that the Middle East Press publish the second series of twelve MV Spirit of Prophecy leaflets in Arabic, and that the MV department promote their sale.

TEMPERANCE TRACTS
2954

VOTED, To refer the printing of Temperance tracts to the budget committee. (Note: The budget committee recommended LL 1,500 for this project.)

TEMPERANCE PERIODICAL
"ALERT" IN ARABIC
2955

VOTED, That the Temperance department try, as an experiment for 1961, the printing of one issue of an Arabic ALERT magazine.

IDEALS FOR JUNIORS
ARABIC
2956

VOTED, To favor the idea of getting out Ideals for Juniors in Arabic (about 150 pages), and that it be referred to the Middle East Press to study a way to have it printed.

REPORT ON DEBT
REDUCTION
2957

The treasurer's office reported that the Middle East Division has no debts. (This fulfills the requirement of Action # 1807.)

COLPORTEUR
SCHOLARSHIP POLICY
2958

VOTED, That a committee be set up to re-study the entire colporteur scholarship plan, and that this be done early in 1961.

BIBLE SOCIETY
DONATION
2959

VOTED, To make a donation of LL 100.00 to the Bible Society in Beirut, Lebanon.

INGATHERING COMEBACK
DISTRIBUTION POLICY
2960

VOTED, To refer the Ingathering Comeback distribution item to the minority committee of the division.

COLLEGE CHARGES
EQUALIZATION
2961

VOTED, To continue the College Charges Equalization policy for the 1960-61 school year, for students attending Middle East College from countries where this policy applies.

FIXED EXCHANGE RATES
FOR 1961
2962

VOTED, To record the fixed exchange rates for 1961 as found in the Autumn Council minutes of the General Conference as follows:

Country	Monetary Unit	Fixed Rate in Local Currency	1960 Fixed Rate
Cyprus	Pound		2.80
Egypt	Egyptian L		2.40
Iran	Rial	75.00	.0133333
Iraq	Dinar		2.80
Jordan	Pound		2.80
Libya	Pound		2.80
Lebanon	Lebanese L	3.1250	.32
Sudan-	Sudanese L		2.80
Syria	Syrian L	3.3333	.30
Turkey	Turkish Lira	9.00	.11111

DAILY ALLOWANCE
2963

VOTED, That the Daily Allowance for workers for 1961 be as follows:

Cyprus	8 Shillings
Egypt	350 Piastres
Iran	150 Rials
Iraq	400 Fils
Jordan	400 Mils
Lebanon	4.00 Liras
Libya	400 Piastres
Sudan	400 Piastres
Syria	4.00 Liras
Turkey	9.00 Liras

And that where unions think advisable, for workers authorized to travel outside the country in which they reside, 20% be added to the above rates, while division men may receive an additional 20% (or 40% more than the above listed rates)

And further, that if unions think advisable when workers travel in certain rural areas the above listed rates may be lowered 20%.

DIVISION GARAGE
AND BUS
2964

VOTED, To authorize the building of a double garage and purchase of a microbus for the division transportation, for which the budget committee has available LL 20,000.

1961 MISSIONS
EXTENSION
2965

VOTED, That the 1961 Missions Extension fund of \$9,300. be assigned half to the Benghazi Hospital, and half to Middle East College.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 12:10 noon until the call of the chair. Prayer was offered by E. L. Gammon.

November 22, 1950 at 3:00 p. m. those usually attending the session assembled at the usual committee room, and prayer was offered by S. Noujaim.

CALL FOR PUBLIC
HEALTH DOCTOR FOR
SUDAN
2966

VOTED, To place a call with the General Conference for a Public Health doctor for the Sudan, suggesting the name of Dr. Herschel Lamp who is now at Harvard University.

NEW WORKERS TO BE
TAKEN AS INTERNS
2967

VOTED, That in the future, when employing new workers, they be taken into denominational employ on the basis of interns for the first two years, and that their progress be reviewed each year.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE
CONSTITUTION REVISION
2968

VOTED, To approve of the changes made in the Middle East College Constitution as voted at the constituency meeting held November 20, 1960

MIDDLE EAST PRESS
CONSTITUTION REVISION
2969

VOTED, To approve of the changes made in the Middle East Press Constitution as voted at the constituency meeting held November 21, 1960.

ORDINATION OF
DR. WM. WAGNER
2970

VOTED, To approve the ordination of the division medical secretary, Dr. Wm. Wagner, to the gospel ministry.

CREDENTIALS AND
LICENSES FOR 1961
2971

VOTED, To authorize the issuance of the following credentials and licenses for 1961:

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS--

R. C. Darnell
V. A. Fenn
A. A. Haddad
R. H. Hartwell
G. A. Keough
W. E. Olson
William Wagner

HONORARY MINISTERIAL
CREDENTIALS--

Basta Bishai
Shukri Nowfel

HONORARY MISSIONARY
CREDENTIALS--

A. E. Ashod

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS--

Nora Atkins
I. N. Sweidan

HONORARY CREDENTIALLED
BIBLE INSTRUCTOR--

Nanajan Badal

MISSIONARY LICENSE --

Mrs. R. C. Darnell
Mrs. V. A. Fenn
Mrs. George Ghazal
Mrs. R. H. Hartwell
Mrs. G. A. Keough
Mrs. W. E. Olson
Jeanette Rice
Izella P. Stuvenga
Mrs. William Wagner
Mrs. R. A. Wilcox
Ignatius Yacoub

HONORARY MINISTERIAL
LICENSE--

Samuel Farag
Chan Keshishzade

HONORARY MISSIONARY
LICENSE--

Mrs. A. E. Ashod
Mrs. Mary Al Khalil

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS--

Gladys Hurd

MINISTERIAL LICENSE--

Dr. H. D. Reiner

MISSIONARY LICENSE --

Genova Alajaji
Rae Anna Brown
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ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn until the call of the chair.
Prayer was offered by R. C. Darnell.

November 24, 1960, at 4:15 p. m. those who usually attended the session, excepting A. G. Zytoskee, R. W. Wilmot, and R. C. Skinner, who had already gone home, met in the office of the Middle East College president and prayer was offered by W. E. Murray.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
REPORT
2972

VOTED, To accept the following report of the nominating committee:

Iran Mission

President--Kenneth Harding
Secretary-Treasurer--Wigain Marcarian

Division Committee Appointive Members

Medical Director Benghazi Hospital
Manager Middle East Press
President Iran Mission
President Middle East College
Salim Noujaim

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V. A. Fenn

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Radio Board

President of Middle East Division--Chairman
Radio Secretary of Middle East Division--Secretary
Secretary of Middle East Division
Treasurer of Middle East Division
Publishing Secretary of Middle East Division
President of East Mediterranean Union
President of Nile Union
Manager of Middle East Press
Voice of Prophecy Director of Iran Mission

Building Committee

Treasurer of Middle East Division--Chairman
President of Middle East Division
Secretary of Middle East Division
Educational Secretary of Middle East Division
President of Middle East College
President of East Mediterranean Union
S. Noujaim

Literature Committee

President of Middle East Division--Chairman
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Publishing Secretary of Middle East Division
Missionary Volunteer Secretary of Middle East Div.
Radio Secretary of Middle East Division
Manager of Middle East Press
Book Editor of Middle East Press
Magazine Editor of Middle East Press
Publishing Secretary of East Mediterranean Union
Publishing Secretary of Nile Union

Reading Committee

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Armenian</u>	<u>Farsee</u>
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IRAN PHYSIOTHERAPY
CONSTITUTION
2973

VOTED, To adopt the Iran Physiotherapy Constitution as presented by the committee on Constitutions and Bylaws.

BENGHAZI ADVENTIST
HOSPITAL CONSTITUTION
2974

VOTED, To adopt the Benghazi Adventist Hospital Constitution as presented by the committee on Constitutions and Bylaws.

APPRECIATION TO GENERAL
CONFERENCE FOR REPRESENTATION THIS YEAR
2975

VOTED, To express appreciation to the General Conference for the presence and efficient help of Elders W. E. Murray and O. A. Blake at our 1960 Division committee meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2976

VOTED, To refer all items of unfinished business to the minority committee.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 4:25 p. m. The closing prayer was offered by Salim Noujaim.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. H. Hartwell, Secretary