

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

November 9, 1967, 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, Mousa Azar, Manuk Benzatyan, Habib Ghali, Harold L. Gray, Salim Japas, J. S. Jones, Maurice Katrib, H. C. Lamp, D. C. Ludington, Salim Majeed, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

By Invitation: Cleo Johnson

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by Salim Majeed and D. C. Ludington.

67/238 IRAN SECTION - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR HENRI MOUSALLY TRANSFER

VOTED, To grant to the Iran Section a special assistance of one-half the expense of moving Henry Mousally and family from Beirut to Tehran.

67/239 VACATION HELD OVER FOR 1968

In harmony with their request, it was

VOTED, That R. C. Mills and R. L. Jacobs be permitted to hold over to 1968 one week of their 1967 vacations.

67/240 JOSEPH KHOURY - CALL

VOTED, To pass on to Middle East College the call of the Lebanon Section for Joseph Khoury to serve as Educational Secretary on a part-time basis.

67/241 STANDING COMMITTEES - QUADRENNIAL COUNCIL

VOTED, To recommend the following standing committees to serve during the Quadrennial Council to be held November 10 - 13, 1967:

Constitution and Bylaws

R. L. Jacobs, Chairman	George Ghazal
R. E. Anderson, Secretary	R. C. Mills
K. H. Emmerson	K. L. Vine
Boutros Ghazal	F. C. Webster

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Credentials and Licenses

R. L. Jacobs, Chairman	Fakhry Naguib
L. C. Miller, Secretary	Hovik Sarrafian
W. J. Clemons	S. J. Schwantes
D. W. Hunter	Chafic Srour
R. C. Mills	Said Tooma
Shukri Nowfel	F. C. Webster

Nominations

F. C. Webster, Chairman	Ziki Hannawy
Joseph Khoury, Secretary	D. W. Hunter
Naim Awais	Nicolas Ioannou
Najeeb Azar	Towfic Issa
L. H. Cowles	R. L. Jacobs
K. H. Emmerson	Zihni Kaymaz
Samaan Fangary	R. C. Mills
Ghanim Fargo	M. H. Morovati
	M. T. Oliverio

Plans

H. C. Lamp, Chairman	H. L. Gray
Manuk Benzatyan, Secretary	Shehata Guindi
Abadir Abdel-Messih	Fuad Guirguis
Salam Aboujauda	Kameel Haddad
Aram Aghassian	Bashir Hasso
Amir Amiri	R. D. Hyde
Arsen Arzoo	Rafic Issa
Fuad Ashkar	Salim Japas
Najeeb Ayoub	Cleo Johnson
Mousa Azar	H. S. Johnson
Nassif Boutros	J. S. Jones
H. D. Bresee	Gabriel Katrib
Nathan Dawood	Jad Katrib
Samir Dawood	Maurice Katrib
Daniel Dose	Anoosh Keshishzade
Hilal Dose	Saad Khillia
Moses Elmadjian	George Khoury
Sobhi Fahim	Husni W. Kolta
Adeeb Fargo	D. C. Ludington
Basim Fargo	Salim Majeed
R. L. Fenn	Hanna Malaka
Hanna Gad	Vigain Marcarian
Angely Gayed	D. O. McDaniel
Habib Ghali	Minas Megurditchian
Shafik Ghali	Fikry Michael
Yacoub Ghali	M. H. Morovati
B. L. Gilleroth	L. V. Morris
Yebraksie Gomig	Naguib Mossad

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Plans (Continued)

Manoug Nazirian
 George Nehme
 W. A. Potter
 George Raffoul
 Farouk Rizk
 J. S. Russell
 H. K. Salakian
 Ycussif Samuel
 Samir Shahin

Philip Srour
 J. R. Stephan
 Bishara Taweel
 George Terzibashian
 Faiz Towfiles
 J. W. Whitehouse
 R. W. Wilmot
 Ignatius Yacoub
 Nashed Yacoub
 George Yared

67/242 QUADRENNIAL COUNCIL - ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

VOTED, To name the following additional representatives to the Quadrennial Council, November 10-13, 1967:

James R. Stephan, Middle East College
 Yacoub Nashed, Egypt Section
 Fuad Guirgis, Egypt Section
 Rafic Issa, Benghazi Hospital

67/243 AUDIT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL MEETING

WHEREAS, The 1967 Autumn Council took action limiting the size of the Audit Committee,

VOTED, To amend our action 67/219 and modify the membership of the Audit Committee to read as follows:

F. C. Webster, Chairman
 R. W. Wilmot, Secretary
 K. H. Emmerson
 D. W. Hunter
 R. L. Jacobs
 D. C. Ludington
 R. C. Mills
 Manoug Nazirian
 Chafic Srour
 K. L. Vine

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Closing prayer by L. C. Miller.

F. C. Webster, Chairman
 R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION QUADRENNIAL COUNCIL

Broummana, Lebanon November 12, 1967, 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, Manuk Benzatyan, W. J. Clemons, Habib Ghali, H. L. Gray, Salim Japas, J. S. Jones, Maurice Katrib, H. C. Lamp, D. C. Ludington, Salim Majeed, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

From the General Conference: K. H. Emmerson, D. W. Hunter

Representatives: Abadir Abdel-Messih, Salam Aboujauda, Aram Aghassian, Amir Amiri, Arsen Arzoo, Fuad Ashkar, Naim Awais, Najeeb Ayoub, Mousa Azar, Najeeb Azar, Nassif Boutros, H. D. Bresee, L. H. Cowles, Nathan Dawood, Samir Dawood, Daniel Dose, Hilal Dose, Moses Elmadjian, Sobhi Fahim, Samaan Fangary, Adeeb Fargo, Basim Fargo, Ghanim Fargo, R. L. Fenn, Hanna Gad, Angely Gayed, Shafik Ghali, Yacoub Ghali, Boutros Ghazal, George Ghazal, Mary Ghazal, B. L. Giller-oth, Yebraksie Gomig, Shehata Guindi, Fuad Guirguis, Kameel Haddad, Ziki Hannawy, Bashir Hasso, John Hasso, R. D. Hyde, Nicolas Ioannou, Rafic Issa, Towfic Issa, Alberta Jacobs, Cleo Johnson, H. S. Johnson, Gabriel Katrib, Jad Katrib, Zihni Kaymaz, Anoosh Keshishzade, Saad Khilla, George Khoury, Joseph Khoury, Husni W. Kolta, Hanna Malaka, Vigain Marcarian, D. O. McDaniel, Minas Megurditchian, Fikry Michael, El Rita Mills, M. H. Morovati, L. V. Morris, Naguib Mossad, Fakhry Naguib, George Nehme, Shukri Nowfel, M. T. Oliverio, W. A. Potter, George Raffoul, Farouk Rizk, J. S. Russell, H. K. Salakian, Youssif Samuel, Hovik Sarrafian, S. J. Schwantes, Samir Shahin, Nazi Srour, Philip Srour, J. R. Stephan, Bishara Taweel, George Terzibashian, Said Tooma, Faiz Towfiles, Dorothy Webster, J. W. Whitehouse, Naomi Wilmot, Ignatius Yacoub, Nashed Yacoub, George Yared.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

K. H. Emmerson presented the first devotional of the fourth Quadrennial Council of the Middle East Division. He stated that great affirmatives demand a corresponding walk and life, and great professions involve great obligations. The closing prayer was offered by Angely Gayed.

GREETINGS

F. C. Webster brought special greetings to the council from R. C. Darnell and Anees Haddad. The latter was in the form of the following poem written by him:

As you meet in Cedar Land
Plans to lay for Sixty-eight,
And His will to understand,
And your lives to consecrate;

We are with you -- heart and soul --
We salute you 'cross the seas
Asking God to bless you all,
As you seek Him on your knees.

Pray for us -- as we for you.
Thus we meet at Father's throne;
Then return with power new -- and
Help to bring God's promised Dawn.

67/244 STANDING COMMITTEES

VOTED, To approve standing committees for the Quadrennial Council as recommended by the Middle East Division Committee. (See MED Minutes 67/241)

67/245 DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To approve the daily program as follows:

6:30 -	7:15 A.M.	Morning Devotional
7:20 -	8:15	Breakfast
8:30 -	9:30	Sermon
9:45 -	12:15	Session
12:30 -	1:30 P.M.	Dinner
2:00 -	6:00	Session
6:00 -	7:00	Supper
7:15 -	8:30	Sermon

67/246 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In his report the president, F. C. Webster, expressed appreciation to God for the dedicated leaders who through the years have laid the groundwork for a stable and growing work today. But today we need to press the conquest for souls with much more energy and determination. No half-hearted efforts will suffice for the future as we face the task of giving the gospel to 51,755 inhabitants per baptized church member. It was

VOTED, To accept the report of the president.

67/247 SECRETARY'S REPORT

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary of the Division, presented his report.
It was

VOTED, To accept the report of the secretary.

67/248 TREASURER'S REPORT

R. C. Mills, Division treasurer, presented a report of the finances of the Division. It was

VOTED, To approve the report of the treasurer.

67/249 GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

The report of the General Conference auditor was read by K. H. Emmerson, treasurer of the General Conference.

67/250 EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY--W. P. ELLIOT FAMILY

D. W. Hunter announced that he had received word this morning that W. P. Elliot passed away on November 7. It was

VOTED, To ask the secretary to send an expression of sympathy to the family of W. P. Elliot.

The council was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. with prayer by Fuad Guirguis. The Plans and the Nominating Committees then met.

The afternoon session followed the constituency meetings of the Division institutions, convening at 4:00 p.m. Prayer was offered by S.J. Schwantes.

67/251 REPORTS

The following reports were presented from time to time during the session and accepted by vote of the council:

Department of Education - R. L. Jacobs
Lay Activities and Missionary Volunteer Departments - Manoug Nazirian.
Medical and Temperance Departments - H. C. Lamp
Ministerial, Sabbath School, and Radio-TV Departments - L. C. Miller
Public Relations Department - Salim Japas
Publishing Department - F. C. Webster
Cyprus Section - J. S. Jones
Egypt Section - Habib Ghali
Iran Section - H. L. Gray
Iraq Section - Salim Majeed
Jordan Section - Mousa Azar
Lebanon Section - Chafic Srour
Syria Section - Maurice Katrib
Turkey Section - Manuk Benzatyan

Adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Prayer by Philip Srour.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION QUADRENNIAL COUNCIL

November 13, 1967, 8:30 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Elder K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer of the General Conference, in the devotional thoughts of the morning, urged the workers to follow the counsel of Paul to Timothy, painting a vivid portrait of what the ideal minister or worker is to be. Timothy was admonished to be strong in the Lord, to be a faithful teacher, and to be a good soldier for his Captain. No good soldier on active service gets himself entangled in business or civilian affairs.

Following the devotional the 9:45 a.m. session convened and Elder J. S. Russell offered prayer.

The Plans Committee presented the following report:

67/252 CONCERN

WHEREAS, There is need in every church for a definite program to search for and endeavor to reclaim missing members and former members, and

WHEREAS, Pastors are achieving excellent results in churches where similar plans are now in operation,

VOTED, The following:

- I. That prompt study be given to the implementation of the following program known as CONCERN.
- II. That CONCERN involve three specific phases: A. REACHING the missing and former members. B. Preparing the church for RECEIVING them back into fellowship, and C. HOLDING them in the church.
 - A. REACHING the Missing and Former Members
 1. That a survey be made by the local church board in counsel with the pastor to discover all missing members, and former members living in the area. Prime sources for this survey may include church records, lists provided by literature evangelists, and names submitted by members.
 2. That the church manifest a genuine concern toward restoring these to its fellowship. This may be accomplished by the following means:
 - a. Through fellowship prayer groups.
 - b. Through CONCERN teams appointed by the Church Board in counsel with the pastor whose purpose would be to demonstrate the church's warmth and eagerness to

establish friendly relationships on a person to person basis.

- c. These teams will, after proper instruction and training with such aids as Finding His Lost Sheep by F.W. Detamore, visit assigned prospects using a CONCERN packet. This packet may include the following:
 - (1) Middle East Messenger, Hope or other appropriate literature.
 - (2) A Sabbath School Quarterly.
 - (3) A personal letter by the Section president and/or local pastor.
 - (4) A four to eight page insert with appropriate messages well illustrated.
- d. CONCERN teams will follow-up with weekly visits until the subjects of their concern either return to the church or indicate definitely that they have no interest and prefer not to be bothered. The teams should be limited to two or three prospects each so that this follow-up work may be faithfully done.
- e. Periodic meetings to be held by the pastor with his CONCERN teams to evaluate results, refer special interests or problems, and provide guidance as needed.
- f. The church services should be planned with CONCERN in mind and wherever feasible, Sunday night meetings or other evangelistic services shall be scheduled as reaping meetings.
- g. A CONCERN coordinator should be appointed by the church board to assist the pastor in securing the cooperation of every department of the church in this effort, for example, the Sabbath School through class evangelism, the Missionary Volunteer Department through Friendship Teams, the Publishing Department through its literature evangelists, the Lay Activities Department through its many avenues.

B. RECEIVING

1. The church members should be conditioned to receive CONCERN prospects back into their fellowship. This will mean
 - a. That the church membership be led into an experience of revival of genuine godliness so that by "example discipleship" it will be in a position to wholeheartedly welcome new members.
 - b. That each member will seek to radiate warmth, friendship, happiness and genuine Christian concern for others.

- c. That each new member be involved at once in some active phase of the church program. "Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty." --Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 30.

C. HOLDING

1. That special effort be put forth to eliminate those conditions that have contributed so heavily toward apostasies in the past. This will mean
 - a. That the members develop a growing fellowship of concern one for another, particularly those who may be in need of special encouragement. Plans may include the Undershepherd Plan, the Guardianship Plan, friendship teams, the buddy system or some similar program that will ensure proper personal interest and follow-up.
 - b. That special care be exercised to assure proper preparation of candidates for baptism or rebaptism.
 - c. That each church member be continually involved in personal soul-winning, remembering that "Where there is no active labor for others, love wanes, and faith grows dim." --Desire of Ages, p. 825.
 - d. That the pastor lead out in CONCERN by faithfully shepherding the flock. This calls for frequent personal visitation and a preaching ministry that will feed his congregation with the vital and practical themes of the Word of God that are to prepare a people for the coming of Jesus.

III. That distribution of the CONCERN packet be through the Middle East Press with promotion spearheaded by the Ministerial Association of the Division.

67/253 MISSIONARY INVOLVEMENT OF ADVENTIST MEN

WHEREAS, The mission of the church is so wide and so great as to require the utilization to the fullest of all the talents and resources of its lay membership, and

WHEREAS, The men of the church have many special skills which can be applied and further developed in fulfilling the world mission of the church of God in these last days, and

WHEREAS, The fuller involvement of men in the missionary program of the church will bring to them great spiritual blessings and through them to the church and the community as well, and

WHEREAS, We are instructed that "we want men in the church who have ability to develop in the line of organizing and giving practical work to young men and women in the line of relieving the wants of humanity, and working for the salvation of the souls of men, women, youth, and children," -- (Welfare Ministry, p. 105)

VOTED, 1. That Adventist Men concentrate their efforts in these areas of missionary service for which they are especially qualified:

- a. Lay preaching efforts
- b. Work for male prisoners
- c. Disaster relief services such as
 - Rescue squad and emergency first aid
 - Mass feeding
 - Clean up squads
 - Repair squads
- d. Community Health and Welfare Projects such as
 - Conducting adult education classes
 - Using skills to help needy families in the community

2. That where there is a sufficient number of men in a local church, Adventist Men work together as a group under the direction of the Department of Lay Activities.

3. That wide circulation be given to the Lay Activities leaflet No. 21, outlining these missionary activities for men.

4. That local fields arrange, on a pilot basis, a vacation retreat for business, professional, and other men with leadership and speaking ability, to be held at Section owned camps or institutions, for a period of at least three week days with twenty hours of instruction and study, or a weekend retreat including twelve and one-half hours of class-work, following a course of study to be prepared by the Department of Lay Activities in consultation with the Medical Department.

67/254 HEALTH AND WELFARE PROGRAM FOR YOUNG LADIES

WHEREAS, In the deep, unmet needs -- physical, emotional, and spiritual -- of people of all ages in every community, Seventh-day Adventist Christians recognize a cry for help that they can best answer and must not ignore, and

WHEREAS, The Health and Welfare Services of the church are as broad as human need and are designed to give opportunity for every individual within the church family to develop those Christian qualities which project Christ's love to those around them, and

WHEREAS, The strength, enthusiasm, and talents of the young women of the church will bring new vigor, life, and effectiveness into the health and welfare program of the denomination,

VOTED, 1. That we urge and encourage the younger women in our churches to join a working group engaged exclusively in Health and Welfare Services projects, specializing in and concentrating upon personal ministry to individuals and families in need within the community.

2. That pastors and lay activities leaders initiate the organization of this group and that they give encouragement, support, and guidance, especially during the early months of the life of this organization.

3. That the leader of this group be elected by the church in the usual manner, except at the time of organization, when they may choose their own leaders, subject to church board approval.

4. That provision be made for the leader of this group to be a member of the Lay Activities Council of the church, and that this service group closely coordinate its work with other Health and Welfare Services groups within the church (Dorcas Welfare, Adventist Men) under the overall direction of the Lay Activities Council.

5. That the Lay Activities leader of the church, or his assistant, be responsible for coordinating, counseling, and encouraging these Health and Welfare Services groups of the church.

6. That those women in our churches desiring to do handiwork, be urged to concentrate such efforts in making items desperately needed by those unable to purchase them (bandages for lepers, layettes, new clothing for children, etc.).

67/255 TELEPHONE EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, We ought to use every possible avenue for sharing the message of this hour, and

WHEREAS, Telephone evangelism is finding success with such programs as Teen Dial, Slim Line, Drinker's Dial, Smoker's Dial, Dial a Prayer and Dial Your Family Bible (as used in the Southern Union), and

WHEREAS, Telephone evangelism offers the following unique advantages:

1. Truth perpetually available 24 hours a day.
2. An electronic secretary on duty 24 hours a day to record requests of the interested or persons in stress.
3. An avenue to homes in lands where radio and television time are not available to the church.

4. A "private, in-the-ear" approach to people who would not want to be seen watching or listening to a religious program or attending a church service.

5. Entrance to all homes with telephones.

6. Entrance to business offices at any time.

7. The message can be redialed and heard over and over again, so that an important Scriptural reference is not missed because it was given but once.

8. A listener can hear something he likes and urge someone else to dial and listen to it, because it has not gone off the air.

9. The service can be linked to existing Adventist radio and TV programs; the Bible courses can be a part of their service.

10. It pulls names by asking for an immediate response to the message the listener has just heard, and his reaction is automatic.

11. It can provide numerous bonafide-interest names for literature evangelist contacts as well as lay evangelism contacts as Bible courses are completed.

VOTED, 1. That the Ministerial Association give study to the implementation of telephone evangelism on a church-wide basis with guidelines established to assure quality and sound coordinated operation. These would give direction in the areas of:

a. Brevity

b. Effectiveness via a personal approach

c. Technical acceptability

d. Coordination with existing Bible correspondence schools

e. Well-planned follow-up

2. That study be given the existing types of electronic equipment designed for this type of evangelism and specific information be prepared on its availability, qualifications, and cost; this information to accompany the guidelines.

67/256 LAY ACTIVITIES TRAINING COURSES

VOTED, That every church be urged to conduct at least two soul-winning training classes during the year 1968, using one of the two available courses:

1. Training Light Bearers (10 lessons)
2. Leadership Series (6 booklets)

67/257 SOUL WINNING THROUGH THE INGATHERING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The annual Ingathering Crusade is one of the major missionary endeavors of the church, resulting in millions of contacts and presenting to workers and members excellent soul-winning opportunities in house-to-house and business visits, and

WHEREAS, We have been given this inspired message that through Ingathering "men and women of all classes have been reached and the name of God has been glorified," (Christian Service, p. 167) and "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." (Ibid., pp. 52, 79),

VOTED, 1. That each section and church emphasize Ingathering as personal evangelism, stressing the opportunity of making every call a missionary contact for Christ.

2, That Ingathering contacts be made a missionary adventure, following the admonition, "search diligently for perishing souls" (Counsels on Stewardship, p. 189), by taking time to answer questions, to ascertain interest, needs, and problems of individuals contacted, to secure their name and address, and to direct their attention to the free service offered in the Ingathering magazines.

3. That the Department of Lay Activities prepare an interest report in pad form to be used by every Ingathering worker to check categories of interest, problems and services rendered.

4. That we accept this missionary objective during the Ingathering Crusade: One interest report from each Ingatherer to be given to the church Lay Activities leader on each Ingathering occasion, and that a tabulation of these forms by the church be sent to the Section office and forwarded to the Division.

(Sample Report)

INGATHERING INTEREST REPORT

NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED _____ Date _____
(month and day)

ADDRESS _____

- CATEGORY OF INTEREST () Bible studies
() Giving voluntary service
() Adventist Church
() Former Adventist
() Applied for Bible Correspondence Course

- PROBLEMS () Children
() Other family
() Sickness
() Welfare
() Spiritual

- SERVICES RENDERED
DURING CONTACT () Bible correspondence offer
() Voice of Prophecy or Faith for Today
() Suggested return visit
() Prayer

RECORD PERTINENT OR SPECIAL COMMENTS _____

REPORT SUBMITTED BY _____

N.B. Give this report to your church Lay Activities leader each time after Ingathering service.

67/258 HEALTH EMPHASIS IN OUR CHURCHES

In harmony with the instruction given the Church that labor for our people should include health presentations as an important part of the gospel,

VOTED, That in planning programs for their churches, ministers be encouraged to give due emphasis to health in their yearly planning, and further,

To recommend to the Medical Department of the Middle East Division, that study be given to a plan whereby workers around the field

might be properly instructed in our health message so that they, in turn, can instruct their respective church members and community in proper health.

67/259 LOCAL CHURCH HEALTH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, A means of bringing health evangelism, health education and practical principles of healthful living to our laymen and our communities is needed,

VOTED, 1. That all churches provide for the election of a health secretary.

2. That those churches having sufficient members elect a health council.

3. That the health council work in close cooperation with other departments of the church by giving counsel, by providing training and by contributing professional skills in the carrying on of church activities.

4. That professional assistance, where available, be provided the community in times of emergency or disaster.

67/260 CHURCH-SPONSORED HEALTH PROJECTS

WHEREAS, We have been counseled that "every church should be a training school for Christian workers. . . There should be schools of health, cooking schools, and classes in various lines of Christian-help work. There should not only be teaching, but actual work under experienced instructors. Let the teachers lead the way in working among the people," (Ministry of Healing, p. 149)

VOTED, 1. That all churches be encouraged to develop appropriate training projects for the fulfillment of these objectives, as may be indicated by the needs of their respective members and communities, and as permitted by their resources, and

2. That wherever possible courses be conducted for the training of Home Health Aides which would include instruction in Home Nursing, First Aid, Healthful Food Preparation and Seventh-day Adventist Philosophy of Healthful Living.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m. with prayer by George Terzibashian.

The afternoon session convened at 2:30 p. m. Philip Srour offered the opening prayer.

67/261 CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES FOR 1968

VOTED, To approve the issuing of credentials and licenses to workers for 1968, as follows:

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Ministerial Credentials

L. H. Cowles
R. C. Darnell
A. A. Haddad
R. L. Jacobs
Salim Japas
George Khoury
H. C. Lamp
L. C. Miller
R. C. Mills
Manoug Nazirian

Missionary Credentials

Mary Ghazal
Mrs. R. L. Jacobs
Mrs. R. C. Mills
Mrs. F. C. Webster
R. W. Wilmot
Mrs. R. W. Wilmot
George Yared

Missionary Licenses

Mrs. L. H. Cowles
Mrs. R. C. Darnell
Mrs. Salim Japas
Mrs. H. C. Lamp
Mrs. L. C. Miller
George Nehme
George Unger
Mrs. George Unger

Honorary Ministerial Credentials

Basta Bishai
Shukri Nowfel
Y. O. Sangerloo
Nashed Yacoub

Honorary Credentialed Missionaries

A. E. Ashod
A. N. Barlas
Hana J. Nasr

Honorary Cred Bible Instructors

Nanajan Badal

Honorary Licensed Ministers

Samuel Farag
Ohan Keshishzade

Honorary Licensed Missionaries

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

BENHAZI HOSPITAL

Missionary Credentials

Rae Anna Brown
A. A. Dennis
Rafic Issa
Mrs. Rafic Issa
Cleo Johnson
M. Masloub
Mrs. M. Masloub
Russell Nolin
Mrs. M. T. Oliverio
Ruth Tobiassen
Evangeline Voth
Dorothy Walter

Ministerial Licenses

A. A. Ewert
D. C. Fahrbach
D. C. Ludington
M. T. Oliverio
J. W. Whitehouse

Missionary Licenses

Habib Banna
Lucila Deles
Mrs. Aaron Dennis
Mrs. A. A. Ewert
Mrs. D. C. Fahrbach
Mrs. Cleo Johnson
Irma Kintanar
Nadie Kolta
Mrs. D. C. Ludington
D. W. McConnell
Mrs. D. W. McConnell
Mrs. Russell Nolin
Eliseo Oliverio
Mrs. Eliseo Oliverio
Emilia Tabo
Jack Thompson
Mrs. Jack Thompson
Mrs. J. W. Whitehouse
Bishara Youssef
Mrs. Bishara Youssef

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

Missionary Credentials

R. E. Anderson
Naim Awais
Boutros Ghazal

Missionary Licenses

Elia Abdounour
Mrs. R. E. Anderson
Elias Asmar

Missionary Licenses (Con't)

Raymond Bitar
Wajih Faddoul
Gaby Faiz
Antoine Gariguiss
Raymond Kiraz
Yervent Maksoudian
Haratoun Marashlian
Samuel Nassimian
Krikor Yessayan

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Ministerial Credentials

J. S. Russell
S. J. Schwantes
K. L. Vine

Missionary Credentials

Mrs. Raymond Bitar
Herbert Faimann
Mrs. Herbert Faimann
George Ghazal
D. B. Hepker
Jad Katrib
Joseph Khoury
Hanna Matouk
Henry Melki
L. V. Morris
L. E. Nolin
Mrs. J. S. Russell
Ahed Semaan
Mrs. Philip Srour
J. R. Stephan
Mrs. K. L. Vine
E. W. Waring
Violet Wentland
Ignatius Yacoub
Mrs. Ignatius Yacoub

Missionary Licenses

Hana Aboud
Munir Abou Deeb
Vartkes Azadian
Mrs. B. L. Gilleroth
Edmond Haddad
Mrs. Edmond Haddad
Ibrahim Hanna
Mrs. D. B. Hepker
Nicola Issa
Tanious Issa
George Khoury
Mrs. Joseph Khoury
Mrs. Hanna Matouk
Gabriel Melki
Mrs. L. V. Morris
Marie Nashed
Mrs. L. E. Nolin
Baldur Pfeiffer
Mrs. Baldur Pfeiffer
Mrs. S. J. Schwantes
Mrs. J. R. Stephan
Mrs. E. W. Waring

Ministerial Licenses

B. L. Gilleroth
Samir Shahin

Note: Teachers receive credentials and licenses for the school year
ending September 30, 1968.

SECTION OFFICERS

CYPRUS SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

J. S. Jones

Missionary License

Moses Elmadjian

EGYPT SECTION

Missionary Credentials

Habib Ghali
Shafik Ghali

Missionary License

Husni W. Kolta

IRAN SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Harold L. Gray

Missionary Credentials

Vigain Marcarian

IRAQ SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Salim Majeed

Missionary License

Basim Fargo

JORDAN SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

W. J. Clemons

LEBANON SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Chafic Srour

Missionary Credentials

Minas Megurditchian

SYRIA SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Maurice Katrib

TURKEY SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Manuk Benzatyan

67/262 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

SECTION OFFICERS

Cyprus	President Secretary-Treasurer	J. Sherwood Jones Moses Elmadjian
Egypt	President Secretary Treasurer	Habib Ghali Shafik Ghali Husni W. Kolta
Iran	President Secretary-Treasurer	Harold L. Gray Vigain Marcarian
Iraq	President Secretary-Treasurer	Salim Majeed Basim Fargo
Jordan	President Secretary-Treasurer	W. J. Clemons W. J. Clemons
Lebanon	President Secretary-Treasurer	Chafic Srouf Minas Megurditchian
Syria	President Secretary-Treasurer	Maurice Katrib Maurice Katrib
Turkey	President Secretary-Treasurer	Manuk Benzatyan Manuk Benzatyan

DIVISION PERSONNEL

Assistant Division Evangelist	George Khoury
Assistant Division Auditor	George Yared

MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION COMMITTEE

Appointed by the General Conference:

F. C. Webster
Ray L. Jacobs
R. C. Mills
Robert C. Darnell
Anees A. Haddad
Herschel C. Lamp, M.D.
L. Curtis Miller
Manoug Nazirian

MIDDLE EAST PRESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

F. C. Webster	
Manager of Middle East Press	
Treasurer of Middle East Press	
Editor of Middle East Press	
Publishing Secretary of Middle East Division	
R. L. Jacobs	
R. C. Mills	Harold L. Gray
Manoug Nazirian	J. Sherwood Jones
Manuk Benzatyan	Maurice Katrib
W. J. Clemons	Salim Majeed
Habib Ghali	Chafic Srou

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

F. C. Webster	
Medical Director, Benghazi Hospital	
Business Manager, Benghazi Hospital	
Director of Nurses, Benghazi Hospital	
R. C. Mills	
R. L. Jacobs	Harold L. Gray
H. C. Lamp, M.D.	J. Sherwood Jones
Manuk Benzatyan	Maurice Katrib
W. J. Clemons	Salim Majeed
Habib Ghali	Chafic Srou

67/263 APPRECIATION TO HOTEL MANAGEMENT

VOTED, To request the secretary to express appreciation to the management of the Printania Palace hotel for the excellent facilities, cleanliness, good food, and courteous attention to our needs.

67/264 RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE

VOTED, That the following prayer be recorded as an expression of gratitude to God for His blessings to His people in the Middle East Division during the past quadrennium:

To the one true God, Creator of the Universe and King of Kings, Loving Father and Redeemer of the human race, we, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Middle East here convened in solemn council, direct this resolution and prayer of thanksgiving:

Great and manifold have been the blessings of heaven upon Thy people, O God!

For the shed blood of Thy Son and for His magnificent grace which are efficacious for our full salvation from sin, we thank Thee!

For the fire of Thy Holy Spirit sent to warm our cold hearts, to illumine our dark minds, to guide our wayward feet, and to inspire our sinsick souls, we thank Thee!

For the unseen but not unknown fellowship of angelic beings from on high, commissioned to shield Thy sheep from the dread dangers of a war-racked world, we thank Thee!

For the glorious gospel of God's love given to Thy Church to give to mankind--that mankind might live to Thee in harmony, we thank Thee!

For seed sown, for sins forgiven, for victories won, for souls saved, for the beginnings of the harvest now and the promise of a greater harvest to come, we thank Thee!

Yeah, O God, we thank Thee for these blessings and a host of blessings besides. Our hearts and hands are full of the evidences of Thy boundless love! How then shall we express our gratitude to Thee? Verily, how can we express our gratitude to Thee?

What we do offer in deep humility is embarrassingly slender, woe-fully weak, and ever-prone to heed the siren-song of the enemy camp: for we can offer to Thee, our Father-God, nothing save our very selves. We dare to do this only because Thou hast promised to adopt us as Thine own children, to guide us as we grow in Thy grace, to strengthen us as we feed upon Thy Word, and then to send us forth in Thy power to represent Thee to these lands of the Middle East--these lands parched and thirsting for the living water of life.

And so we pray first for ourselves. That we may fitly bear the water of life, mold these fragile human vessels who stand reverently in Thy majestic presence. Let there be no cracks of character, no poverty of personality.

Now pray we with one heart and mind and voice for the Middle East--its nations, its cities, and its villages; for its Muslim majority and its Christian minority--that all who worship Thee today in the dimness of meaningless tradition may worship Thee tomorrow in the brightness of full understanding of Thy total truth.

To break through: this is our one goal. This one thing we will do--but the victory of Thy Church is dependent upon our breaking through to Thee, as Thou hast broken through to us. For Thy breakthrough, we thank Thee. And with complete confidence in Christ, we now leave this Quadrennial Council of 1967 to break through for Thee. Go with us, we pray, and bless us with Thy love unlimited; with the great grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour; and with the infinite inspiration of the Holy Spirit; now and unto the close of time! Amen. (Prepared by R L Fenn)

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m. sine die.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION ANNUAL COMMITTEE

Broummana, Lebanon November 14, 1967, 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, Manuk Benzatyan, W. J. Clemons, Habib Ghali, Harold L. Gray, Salim Japas, J. S. Jones, Maurice Katrib, George Khoury, H. C. Lamp, D. C. Ludington, Salim Majeed, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, George Yared, R. L. Jacobs

From the General Conference: K. H. Emmerson, D. W. Hunter

By Invitation: Naim Awais, Najeeb Ayoub, Mousa Azar, Moses Elmadjian, Basim Fargo, Boutros Ghazal, George Ghazal, Cleo Johnson, Zihni Kaymaz, Vigain Marcarian, Minas Megurditchian, Ignatius Yacoub.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by H. L. Gray.

Elder K. H. Emmerson, treasurer of the General Conference, presented the devotional talk based on Christ's words, "When ye see all these things begin to come to pass, look up." Great things happen when God's men look up. Those men who have accomplished worthwhile feats for God's Cause in the world have been those who have looked up to God. As one looks up he realizes that his redemption draws nigh. Looking up gives vision and "where there is no vision the people perish." We are not in the world to tell people when Christ is coming but to prepare a people to meet Him. We need not be discouraged in this task for we are assured by the words of Ellen G. White that "Light will be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with a knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere." --R & H, October 13, 1904. Heavenly vision is required to understand what it means to be ready. Heavenly vision also brings new courage--the kind of courage required to go forth and meet the challenge of the unfinished work.

Elder D. W. Hunter, associate secretary of the General Conference, sang as the closing song, "I Was that One Lost Sheep," and Salim Japas offered the closing prayer.

67/265 DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To approve the daily program as follows:

7:00 - 7:45	Breakfast
8:00 - 8:50	Devotional
9:00 - 12:00	Session
12:15 - 1:30	Dinner
2:00 - 6:00	Session
6:15 - 7:30	Supper

67/266 STANDING COMMITTEES

VOTED, To approve standing committees for the Annual Committee as recommended by the Middle East Division Committee. (See MED Minutes 67/219 and 67/243)

67/267 RUSSIAN BROADCAST

The General Conference Radio Department has asked counsel regarding the advisability of employing a radio station in Amman, Jordan, for diffusing programs beamed to Russia in the Russian language.

VOTED, To approve the plan presented and to recommend that the Radio Amman station post office address be used as contact point for the listening audience.

67/268 LEBANESE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE--REACTIVATE

On November 8, 1965, a committee was set up to study the Social Security regulations in Lebanon as related to wage scale and allowances granted. (MED 65/326) It appears that this committee did not meet, but since the problems leading to its formation still exist, it was

VOTED, To reactivate the Lebanese Social Security Committee and that R. C. Mills be named to replace V. A. Fenn as chairman. The committee is now composed of the following members:

R. C. Mills	George Ghazal	K. L. Vine
R. E. Anderson	Minas Megurditchian	R. W. Wilmot
Boutros Ghazal	Chafic Srour	George Yared

67/269 WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS--1969

VOTED, That the MV Department be authorized to make plans for a delegation from the Middle East Division to attend the Vienna World Youth Congress, July 22-26, 1969.

67/270 PARENT EDUCATION AND CHILD GUIDANCE EMPHASIS

WHEREAS, The spiritual and moral condition of many homes today is being undermined and the church, the school, and the home are sustaining heavy losses through the neglect of home training, and

WHEREAS, The servant of the Lord has declared: "Those who bear the last message of mercy to the world should feel it their duty to instruct parents in regard to home religion" (6 T 119),

VOTED, 1. That every church conduct a Family Life Study Group in Child Guidance during 1968 as prepared by the General Conference Department of Education.

2. That all secretaries and superintendents of Education who are charged with the specific responsibility for giving this instruction give special emphasis to parent education during 1968, working through the church pastors and the Home and School Fellowship.

67/271 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR--ELECTION OF

WHEREAS, The selection of a Vacation Bible School director at the time of the regular church election of officers encourages more effective planning where Vacation Bible Schools are held during vacation periods,

VOTED, That church nominating committees include the Vacation Bible School director in the list of officers to be elected by the church.

67/272 INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM

VOTED, 1. That we re-emphasize our support for the work of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism in its educational endeavors for public arousement and action against alcoholism.

2. That we endeavor to implement the Autumn Council actions of 1960 and 1964 calling for Adventist Church personnel involvement in Institutes of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism as lecturers and students.

3. That the Temperance Secretary be responsible for this educational program and in cooperation with the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism seek to conduct at least one seminar or Institute of Scientific Studies in our territory.

67/273 CHURCH CALENDAR--1968

VOTED, That the Calendar of Special Days and Offerings for 1968 be adopted as follows:

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Offering</u>
JANUARY		
6*	Soul-winning Plans and Projects	Church Lay Activities
13*	Bible Evangelism Crusade	Church Expense
27		Section Project
FEBRUARY		
3	Book of the Year Promotion	Church Lay Activities
10*	Middle East College Emphasis Day	Middle East College
17*	Christian Home & Family Altar Day	Church Expense
17-24	Christian Home Week	
24	Temperance Commitment Day	Temperance
MARCH		
2*	Visitation Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
9	Sabbath School Rally Day	Spring Mission Offering
16	Missionary Volunteer Day	Section Project
16	Baptismal Sabbath	
16-23	Missionary Volunteer Week	
23		Church Expense
30	13th Sabbath - So. European Div.	Poor Fund

(1968 Church Calendar - Continued)

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Offering</u>
APRIL		
6*	Missionary Magazines Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
13		Church Expense
20		Section Project
20-27	Health Emphasis Week - <u>Call to Health Campaign</u>	
27		<u>Call to Health Subs.</u>
MAY		
4*	Health and Welfare Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
11*	Spirit of Prophecy Day	Disaster & Famine Relief (MED)
11-18	Spirit of Prophecy Week	
18		Section Project
25		Church Expense
JUNE		
1		Church Lay Activities
8		Church Expense
15	Baptismal Sabbath	Section Project
29	13th Sabbath - Australasian Div.	Church Expense
JULY		
6*	Medical Missionary Day	Church Lay Activities
13		Midsummer Offering
20		Section Project
27		Church Expense
AUGUST		
3*	Pioneer Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
10		Church Expense
17*	Educational Day	Elementary School Offering
24		Church Expense
SEPTEMBER		
7		Church Lay Activities
14	<u>Review & Herald</u> Promotion	Missions Extension
21	JMV Pathfinder Day	Church Expense
21	Baptismal Sabbath	
28	13th Sabbath - Inter-American Div.	Poor Fund
OCTOBER		
5*	Neighborhood Evangelism Day	Church Lay Activities
5-12	Voice of Prophecy Campaign	
12	Voice of Prophecy Day and Bible Corres. Sch. Enrollment Day	Voice of Prophecy
12	Sabbath School Visitors Day	
19		Church Expense
19-26	<u>Hope Campaign</u>	
26	Literature Evangelism Rally Day	<u>Hope Subs. Offering</u>

(1968 Church Calendar - Continued)

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Offering</u>
NOVEMBER		
2		Church Lay Activities
2-9	Week of Prayer	
9		Week of Sacrifice
16	Ingathering Campaign Launching Day (Campaign dates Nov 16-Jan 4, 1969)	Section Project
23	Community Relations Day	Church Expense
DECEMBER		
7	Ingathering Campaign Promotion	Church Lay Activities
14	Tithe Promotion Day	Church Expense
21	Baptismal Sabbath	
21	13th Sabbath - Middle East Division	Section Project
28		Church Expense

*Special Programs to be provided.

67/274 CHURCH CALENDAR--1969

VOTED, That the Calendar of Special Days and Offerings for 1969 be adopted as follows:

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Offering</u>
JANUARY		
4*	Soul-winning Plans and Projects	Church Lay Activities
11		Church Expense
18	Bible Evangelism Crusade	Section Project
25		Church Expense
FEBRUARY		
1*	Book of the Year Promotion	Church Lay Activities
7	Middle East College Emphasis Day	Middle East College
15*	Christian Home & Family Altar Day	Church Expense
15-22	Christian Home Week	
22	Temperance Commitment Day	Temperance
MARCH		
1*	Visitation Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
8	Sabbath School Rally Day	Spring Mission Offering
15	Missionary Volunteer Day	Section Project
15	Baptismal Sabbath	
15-22	Missionary Volunteer Week	
22		Church Expense
29	13th Sabbath - Trans-Africa Div.	Poor Fund
APRIL		
5	Missionary Magazines Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
12		Church Expense
19		Section Project
19-26	Health Emphasis Week - <u>Call to Health Campaign</u>	
26		<u>Call to Health Subs.</u>

(1969 Church Calendar - Continued)

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Offering</u>
MAY		
3*	Health and Welfare Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
10*		Disaster & Famine Relief
17*	Spirit of Prophecy Day	Church Expense
17-24	Spirit of Prophecy Week	
24		Section Project
JUNE		
7		Church Lay Activities
14	Baptismal Sabbath	Section Project
21		Church Expense
28	13th Sabbath - South American Div.	Poor Fund
JULY		
5*	Medical Missionary Day	Church Lay Activities
12		Midsummer Offering
19		Section Project
26		Church Expense
AUGUST		
2*	Pioneer Evangelism Day	Church Lay Activities
9		Church Expense
16*	Educational Day	Elementary School Offering
23		Church Expense
SEPTEMBER		
6		Church Lay Activities
13	<u>Review and Herald</u> Promotion Day	Missions Extension
20	Bible Emphasis Day	Church Expense
27*	JMV Pathfinder Day	
27	Baptismal Sabbath	
27	13th Sabbath - Far Eastern Div.	Poor Fund
OCTOBER		
4*	Neighborhood Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
11	Voice of Prophecy Day	Voice of Prophecy
11	Correspondence School Enrollment Day	
18	Sabbath School Visitors Day	Church Expense
18-25	<u>Hope</u> Campaign	
25	Literature Evangelism Rally Day	<u>Hope</u> Subs.
NOVEMBER		
1		Church Lay Activities
1-8	Week of Prayer	
8		Annual Sacrifice Offering
15	Ingathering Campaign Launching Day (Campaign dates Nov 15-Jan 3, 1970)	Section Project
22	Community Relations Day	Church Expense

(1969 Church Calendar - Continued)

DECEMBER	<u>Program</u>	<u>Offering</u>
6*	Ingathering Campaign Promotion	Church Lay Activities
13	Tithe Promotion Day	Church Expense
20	Baptismal Sabbath	Section Project
20	13th Sabbath - Southern Asia Div.	
27		Church Expense

*Special Programs to be provided.

67/275 MIDDLE EAST SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARD--APPOINTMENT FOR 1968

In harmony with Middle East Division action (Minutes 67/221)
it was

VOTED, To appoint the following board for Middle East Secondary School for the year 1968:

F. C. Webster, Chairman	Minas Megurditchian
Jad Katrib, Secretary	R. C. Mills
George Ghazal	Chafic Srour
R. L. Jacobs	K. L. Vine
Joseph Khoury	Ignatius Yacoub

67/276 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

WHEREAS, Recognition by local churches of individuals not of our faith who have given outstanding service to the community has proved beneficial, both in creating among church members an awareness of the church's relationship to the community and on the part of the community an awareness of the church's interest in its activities,

VOTED, 1. That individual churches, with guidance from their Section Public Relations secretary, be encouraged to give once each year recognition to a local citizen who has performed outstanding service for his community, and

2. That this recognition be given as far as possible on Community Relations Day.

67/277 HEALTH EMPHASIS WEEK

WHEREAS, We find ourselves living in days of too much to do and too little time, and we are instructed to "press back the tide of moral woes" (Christian Service, p. 137) with more emphasis on healthful living, and

WHEREAS, We are told that "the members of the church are in need of an awakening" (Counsels on Health, p. 425) in medical missionary work,

VOTED, That Health Emphasis Week be observed in all Seventh-day Adventist churches, April 20-27, 1968, and April 19-26, 1969. Suggestions for the week's activities including the midweek prayer meeting, the Friday night program, and the Sabbath morning church service, will be supplied by the General Conference Medical Department.

67/278 MV TARGET GOAL--1968

VOTED, To accept the following MV Target goals for 1968:

	Project Goal	Baptismal Goal
Cyprus	2	5
Egypt	25	35
Iran	15	20
Iraq	15	20
Jordan	10	15
Lebanon	25	35
Syria	5	15
Turkey	3	5
Total	100	150

67/279 INVESTMENT GOAL--1968

VOTED, That the following Investment goals be adopted for the year 1968:

Cyprus	\$ 110.00
Egypt	325.00
Iran	325.00
Iraq	325.00
Jordan	175.00
Lebanon	1,200.00
Libya	500.00
Syria	110.00
Turkey	350.00
Division	\$3,420.00

67/280 BIRTHDAY-THANK OFFERING GOAL--1968

VOTED, That the following Birthday-Thank Offering goals be adopted for the year 1968:

Cyprus	\$ 35.00
Egypt	160.00
Iran	550.00
Iraq	225.00
Jordan	110.00
Lebanon	550.00
Libya	200.00
Syria	110.00
Turkey	110.00
Division	\$2,050.00

67/281 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GOAL--1968

VOTED, That the Vacation Bible School Goal be one Vacation Bible School for each organized church as follows:

Cyprus	1
Egypt	13
Iran	6
Iraq	3
Jordan	2
Lebanon	5
Libya	1
Syria	4
Turkey	<u>1</u>
Division	36

67/282 BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL GOAL--1968

VOTED, That the Branch Sabbath School goal be two new Branch Sabbath Schools for each organized church as follows:

Cyprus	2
Egypt	26
Iran	12
Iraq	6
Jordan	4
Lebanon	10
Libya	2
Syria	8
Turkey	<u>2</u>
Division	72

67/283 BIBLE AND HEALTH CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

WHEREAS, Correspondence courses have been effective in bringing many to the knowledge of the Three Angels' Messages,

VOTED, That every member be encouraged to enroll a minimum of three persons in a religious course and six in a health course each quarter. And further

That Sabbaths, October 12, 1968 and October 11, 1969, be designated as Voice of Prophecy field days when every member will be encouraged to participate in a united church project to enroll new students in the correspondence schools, and further

That the Radio-TV Department be requested to prepare promotional material to be used in this campaign.

67/284 RADIO BROADCASTS

WHEREAS, It appears that in many parts of the Middle East Division certain types of "Community Service" programs would be acceptable to radio and TV stations,

VOTED, That study be made toward preparing tapes along the style of "Your Radio Doctor" in Arabic, Turkish, Farsi, and Greek, for presentation to radio stations in an endeavor to get on the air with regular programs. And further

That suitable television films presenting the public service features and the humanitarian work of Adventists be secured for use wherever possible.

67/285 EVANGELISM--1968

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated by the General Conference staff that men carrying administrative and departmental responsibilities can successfully carry on public evangelism,

VOTED, That each worker in the Middle East Division make plans to cooperate in an all-out evangelistic assault during 1968 by engaging personally in some phase of at least one series of evangelistic meetings.

67/286 MINISTERIAL BOOK CLUB--1968

VOTED, To approve the following books for the Ministerial Book Club for 1968:

And Worship Him, by Dr. Norval F. Pease. Southern Publishing Association. LL 9.50 less 10%, plus postage.

Preparation for the Final Crisis, by Dr. Fernando Chaij. Pacific Press. LL 4.00 (During the Quadrennial Council only, otherwise plus postage.)

The Work of the Pastor, by Orley Berg, Southern Publishing Association. LL 15.85 less 10%, plus postage.

The Orthodox Church, by Timothy Ware. A Pelican Book, #A-592. (Estimated price is approximately LL 3.00)

It is understood that these books will be ordered through the Middle East Press, but in order to secure quantity lots, those who place their orders with the Ministerial Association office of the Middle East Division before February 1, 1968, will secure the advantage of a quantity order price.

67/287 GEORGE YARED--FINANCE COMMITTEE

VOTED, To add George Yared to the Finance Committee.

Adjournment was at 10:40 a.m. and J. S. Jones offered prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, November 14, the committee convened at 2:00 p.m. Najeeb Ayoub offered the opening prayer.

67/288 GHASSAN DEEB GUARANTEE--LOMA LINDA

VOTED, To authorize the treasurer to supply a suitable guarantee to enable Ghassan Deeb to obtain a visa to the United States, it being understood that he plans to study medicine in Loma Linda at his own expense with the plan of returning to work in the territory of the Middle East Division.

67/289 COMMITTEE DATES--ANNUAL AND MIDYEAR

VOTED, To approve the following dates for plenary committee meetings in 1968:

Midyear	May 15 - 17, 1968
Annual	Nov. 8 - 14, 1968

67/290 GENERAL CONFERENCE VISITS--1968

VOTED, To record the following schedule for General Conference visits during 1968:

G. R. Nash	Jan. 28 - Feb. 26
J. E. Edwards	April 1 - May 15
Herbert White	June 23 - 30
L. M. Nelson	Sept. 12 - October 12

67/291 GENERAL CONFERENCE VISITS--REQUESTS

VOTED, To lodge with the General Conference requests for General Conference visitors as follows:

1969	Stewardship representative
	Educational Department representative
	Temperance Department representative
1970	Publishing Department representative
	Ministerial Association representative
	Lay Activities Department representative

67/292 EDITORS' COUNCIL--NAIM AWAIS ATTEND

VOTED, To recommend to the Middle East Press that Naim Awais be authorized to attend the Editors' Council scheduled to be held in the Far Eastern Division June 5-11, 1968.

67/293 INGATHERING SUPPLIES COMMITTEE

VOTED, To name the following committee to provide Ingathering supplies for the 1968 campaign:

Manoug Nazirian
R. E. Anderson
Naim Awais
Salim Japas
George Khoury
L. C. Miller
R. C. Mills

67/294 SPIRIT OF PROPHECY TRANSLATION EXPENSE

VOTED, To authorize LL 10,000.00 toward the expense of continuing the translation of Spirit of Prophecy books.

67/295 MISSIONARY BOOK OF THE YEAR--1969

VOTED, To designate a combined volume of Christ's Object Lessons and Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing as the Missionary Book of the Year for 1969, it being understood that the price to the public be LL 3.00 and that the balance of the cost of publication after regular subsidies from the General Conference and the Middle East Division be subsidized by the local fields.

67/296 ARABIC TRACTS--PLANNING COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following committee to plan for the production of a series of ten to twelve illustrated tracts in Arabic:

Naim Awais
R. E. Anderson
Moses Elmadjian
Maurice Katrib
L. C. Miller
Manoug Nazirian
K. L. Vine

Adjourned at 2:45 p.m. for a meeting of the Middle East College Board of Directors.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION ANNUAL COMMITTEE

November 15, 1967, 8:00 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Elder D. W. Hunter presented the devotional based on the following Ten Commandments for Ministers:

1. Thou shalt have no other interests before Me.
2. Thou shalt not take unto thee any sideline, business, real estate, or anything that detracts from thy holy calling.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the brethren or the church in vain.
4. Remember thy study and prayer hours to keep them holy.
5. Honor thy wife and thy children that thy days may be long in the church that the conference giveth thee.
6. Thou shalt not kill time--by lack of organization, taking wife to work, straightening out problems, etc.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal another man's sermon.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness by preaching fables.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy fellow pastor's parishioners, nor his church, nor his intern, nor his car, nor his bank account, nor anything that is thy fellow pastor's.

If thou would'st be successful in thy ministry keep these commandments. Thou shalt both save thyself and they that hear thee.

Prayer by Habib Ghali and Naim Awais.

Following is the report presented by the Finance Committee.
(Actions 67/297 - 67/313)

67/297 HOME STUDY INSTITUTE--AIRMAIL POSTAGE EXPENSE

VOTED, That employing organizations grant reimbursement to workers on lessons and study material airmail postage expense incurred by them or their children enrolled in Home Study Institute courses.

67/298 RETURNING NATIONAL WORKERS--ALLOWANCES

VOTED, To amend the Allowances for Returning National Workers Policy (W P 121) Section 3 to read as follows:

3. The Division shall pay freight shipping expenses. . . up to 2,000 pounds for a family. In case a worker does not transport his maximum weight, he shall receive an allowance of \$20.00 or its equivalent at the current rate in local currency, for each 100 pounds of unused weight privilege.

67/299 RENT CEILING--BEIRUT

VOTED, That MED action 66/285 setting rent ceilings for Beirut be interpreted to refer to the metropolitan area rather than to that included within the city limits.

67/300 EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE--CHILDREN OF WORKERS

VOTED, That in the application of the Educational Allowance Policy (MED W P 103, 109) the employing organization send the allowance to the denominational schools involved instead of having the schools charge the employing organization.

67/301 DAILY ALLOWANCE--CLARIFICATION

VOTED, That we request the Division officers to give further study to the problem of equitable daily allowances in each Section and bring a report of their study to a Division committee with full representation.

67/302 TRANSFER OF WORKERS BETWEEN SECTIONS

VOTED, That the Moving Policy (MED WP 106, 107), be amended by substituting the following:

1. When a worker with an established home accepts an official call to labor in a Section other than the one in which he currently lives, the following expenses shall be reportable:

a. The fares of the worker and his dependent family to his new field of labor, the class of travel being determined by the calling organization with the concurrence of the Division.

b. Freight, cartage, handling and necessary packing and crating on authorized weight of household goods and personal effects, not including automobiles, articles for sale or articles carried for others, from the worker's home to the place of his new appointment, on 1,800 kg. gross weight including crating for couples and 200 kg. additional for each dependent child,(900 kg. for single workers).

c. Customs charges actually paid on authorized weight allowed on household goods and personal effects actually shipped, not including automobiles, moving-picture equipment, cameras, films, field glasses, radio equipment, and other equipment of a similar nature, articles for sale or gifts, or articles carried for other

persons. In making settlement where the worker has more than the authorized weight, customs duty paid will be prorated on the same basis as shipping charges. The calling organization should carefully instruct the worker with regard to prohibitions and special problems connected with his move.

d. In cases where a worker elects to take to the field less than the freight allowance provided for above, he shall be compensated in cash in the currency of the country from which he is called at the rate of LL 100.00 per hundred kilograms or its equivalent value in local currency, transferable at the fixed rate covering the unused portion of his authorized freight allowance.

e. All-risk insurance on household goods and personal effects with limitations as stipulated under "c" above. It is required that insurance must be secured in every case, unless the Section specifically and in writing agrees to pay for damage or loss sustained in transit.

f. A baggage allowance of LL 100.00 for each full-fare ticket and one half this amount for each half-fare ticket shall be granted when the worker at the request of his employing organization proceeds to his new field of labor by air.

g. Workers are expected to make a carefully detailed statement of the actual amount paid for each item and class of expense. Receipts should be obtained from the companies concerned for the charges paid, and in case of freight the receipt should show the weight of the shipment and the rates charged. These receipts should be attached to the expense reports submitted upon arrival in the field.

h. A cash allowance to cover other expenses not included in this policy, and to assist the worker in setting up his new home of LL 250.00 plus LL 50.00 for each dependent child (LL 150.00 for a single worker).

2. In applying the above policy to single workers with no established home, actual expense for freight, etc., up to the weight limit allowed by the policy and the other provisions applicable to single workers with established homes as outlined in paragraph 1 will be paid, but no allowance for unused weight will be made.

3. The expense of transferring a worker from one Section to another within the Division, whether he was formerly employed or not, shall be shared equally by the calling Section and the Division.

4. When a worker with an established home is requested by his controlling committee to move within the Section, the provisions of this policy shall not apply, but the local field shall pay the moving expense, including payment for damage to household goods which may be sustained in transit, and a cash allowance of LL 100.00 for a family and LL 50.00 for a single worker to cover incidental expenses and to assist the worker in setting up his new home.

67/303 ELISEO OLIVERIO--FREIGHT ALLOWANCE

When Eliseo Oliverio, Benghazi Hospital laboratory technician, and his family came to Benghazi from the Philippines there was a freight allowance policy only for Filipino physicians' families and single workers. Later, a policy was adopted affecting all Filipino workers. It was

VOTED, To allow the Eliseo Oliverio family the freight allowance according to the new policy for Filipino families.

67/304 MEDICAL EXPENSE ASSISTANCE

VOTED, That the Medical Expense Assistance Policy, MED Minutes 66/281, page 1392, (MED W P page 98) be amended as follows:

"1. Workers having medical and/or dental and/or optical and/or hearing aid and/or obstetrical expense may be allowed 75 per cent of such expense; such allowance to be made only on receipted medical bills for which the worker has actually made payment. Assistance on the purchase of pharmaceuticals, including vitamins, reported on medical allowance sheets shall be allowed only if purchased on a physician's prescription or with a physician's written order in the case of nonprescription purchases. Prescription purchases must bear the prescription number or other identifying marks. Assistance as provided for above may also apply on the expense of medical and orthopedic appliances when prescribed by a qualified physician."

67/305 EXCHANGE RATES--1968

VOTED, To record the fixed rates of exchange as set by the 1967 Autumn Council for 1968 as follows:

<u>Middle East</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>1968 Fixed Rate</u>	
		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>1968 Fixed Rate (US \$)</u>
Cyprus	Pound		2.80
Egypt	Egyptian £		2.25
Iran	Rial	75.00	.0133333
Iraq	Dinar		2.80
Jordan	Pound		2.80
Lebanon	Lira	3.20	.3125
Libya	Pound		2.80
Sudan	Sudanese £		2.80
Syria	Syrian Lira	4.00	.25
Turkey	Turkish Lira	9.00	.11111

67/306 SUSTENTATION POLICY--REVISION

VOTED, To amend the Sustentation Policy, section 43, by the addition of another paragraph so that the entire section would read as follows: (Underlined portion is added)

43. Sustentation beneficiaries receiving government social insurance payments from funds provided by the denomination will receive sustentation payments based on a percentage reduction equal to the percentage of salary paid into the account by the denomination.

It is understood that in the application of this policy the combined monthly payments from sustentation and social insurance shall not be less than the regular sustentation amount applicable plus the amount being paid per month by the worker, at the time of going on sustentation, into the social insurance fund.

67/307 SUSTENTATION RATES

VOTED, To rescind paragraphs "b" and "c" of action 67/142 entitled Sustentation Rates--Calculation Formula Revision affecting the Sustentation Rates policy (W P 139) and substitute the following:

"b. The monthly family rate of sustentation for fifteen years of service be set at 24% of the maximum rate in the Salary Scale received at any time by such worker up to the maximum rate for an ordained minister, and that for each additional year of service from fifteen to forty there be added 1.6% of this rate, making a maximum of 64% of the 100% salary level for forty or more years of service.

"c. The monthly single rate of sustentation shall be three-fourths of the monthly family rate (18% of the maximum rate received at any time by the worker for fifteen years of service and 1.2% of this rate for each additional year of service from fifteen to forty), making a maximum of 48% of this rate for forty or more years of service.

"d. In no case is the actual sustentation rate to exceed 75% of the amount currently being paid as the maximum wage for workers of the category in which the beneficiary was last employed."

67/308 SUSTENTATION POLICY--EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS OVER THIRTY-FIVE

VOTED, That the Middle East Division Working Policy page 124 be amended to read as follows:

"In the employment of workers. . . (First paragraph as at present)

"Employment of Persons Over Thirty-five Years of Age. -- It is the general plan of the denomination to accept for employment individuals who are not more than thirty-five years of age. Special care should be used in bringing individuals into service who are more than 35 years of age. In the case of those who enter the employ of denominational organizations at the age of (36) 41 years to (45) 50 years inclusive, after May 1, 1955, on becoming eligible for benefits of the Sustentation Fund, the base rate shall be reduced 2% in the case of those employed at age (36) 41, 4% for those entering denominational employ at age (37) 42, etc., to age (45) 50 as per the following schedule:

"Age <u>41</u> (36)	Sustentation Base Reduced by	2%
Age <u>42</u> (37)	" " "	4%
Age <u>43</u> (38)	" " "	6%
Age <u>44</u> (39)	" " "	8%
Age <u>45</u> (40)	" " "	10%
Age <u>46</u> (41)	" " "	12%
Age <u>47</u> (42)	" " "	14%
Age <u>48</u> (43)	" " "	16%
Age <u>49</u> (44)	" " "	18%
Age <u>50</u> (45)	" " "	20%

"Physicians and dentists who have had additional training and experience above their regular course of study may enter employment at any time prior to forty years of age without any reduction from any sustentation service credit to which they may be entitled, it being understood that the appointment of any physician or dentist under this arrangement shall be made in consultation with the General Conference officers. If such appointment is approved, the reduction of 2 per cent from any sustentation benefits to which the-physician or dentist may be entitled would begin after the age of forty years and continue at the rate of 2 per cent per year to age fifty.

"After May 1, 1955, those entering denominational employ after age (45) 50 shall in no case become eligible for Sustentation Fund benefits regardless of the number of years of service to the denomination or their future state of health and no percentage shall be paid to the Sustentation Fund on the salary of such workers."

67/309 SUSTENTATION POLICY--SERVICE CREDIT FOR WORKERS ON STUDY LEAVE

VOTED, That paragraph 26, page 137 MED Working Policy be amended by adding the following:

"Workers on Study Leave. -- c. It is recognized that sustentation service credit is granted to a worker for the time he is given a leave of absence for additional training provided his employing organization continues denominational salary during the leave of absence.

"d. Service credit may also be granted to an individual who has been in the employ of the denomination, and his governing board or committee recommends him for further training on the doctoral level and grants him a leave of absence for this purpose, without denominational financial assistance (or with less than full denominational compensation), under the following conditions and limitations:

"1. A maximum of two years service credit may be granted for such leaves, and this only if the individual returns to denominational employment as soon as his graduate study is completed.

"2. The worker must complete the doctoral degree in order to receive such service credit.

"3. The employing organization shall pay into the sustentation fund an amount equivalent to that which would have been paid into the fund had the worker been on full denominational salary during the time of his leave.

"4. The provision for the granting of service credit according to the stipulations of section (b) may be applicable to the worker whose governing board or committee recommends him for such further training after January 1, 1968."

67/310 SUSTENTATION POLICY--SIX MONTHS' CONTINUANCE OF SALARY

VOTED, That the following be substituted to replace paragraph 30, page 137, Middle East Division Working Policy:

"30. Any denominational organization employing as a regular worker a former sustentation beneficiary, shall not be required to carry such worker for a period of six months after active work ceases, if he has given less than ten years' service to the cause since being a beneficiary and because of failing health or having reached the retirement age is again granted sustentation."

(Renumber the succeeding paragraphs.)

67/311 SUSTENTATION POLICY--SERVICE CREDIT FOR WIFE

VOTED, That the Sustentation Policy, page 140, MED Working Policy, be amended by adding a new section following section 39, as follows:

"40. The service rendered to the denomination by the wife of a beneficiary while he is receiving a family rate of sustentation which recognizes her as a dependent, shall not be recognized as service on which her eligibility to the fund shall be based or the rate of sustentation she might receive in case at a later time she finds it necessary to apply for sustentation as a widow. However, in case the family chooses to accept an amount not to exceed the single rate during the time that the wife is engaged in denominational service, her service may be regarded as active service on which her eligibility and her rate may be based should she find it necessary at a later time to apply for sustentation."

(Renumber the succeeding paragraphs.)

67/312 SUSTENTATION POLICY--ELIGIBILITY AFTER BREAKS IN SERVICE

VOTED, That the Sustentation Policy, MED Working Policy, page 136, be amended by substituting the following in place of section 25:

"25. An employee who from choice or preference withdraws from employment but who re-enters the employment of the denomination, may be considered eligible for assistance from the Sustentation Fund under the following conditions:

"For each year he has been out of the employment of the denomination, an additional year of service credit above the minimum of fifteen years is required for eligibility. The number of additional years of service required above the minimum because of withdrawal from employment shall not exceed ten irrespective of the length of the break in service." (Note: The provision of this paragraph is to be applicable to sustentation applications filed after January 1, 1968.)

67/313 ANTOINE ZAHLANE--EDUCATIONAL LOAN

VOTED, That the educational loan to Antoine Zahlane be increased to the equivalent of LL 2,000.00 for his schooling in Italy for the present school year.

(End of Finance Committee report)

67/314 GABRIEL KATRIB--ORDINATION

In harmony with the recommendation of the Syria Section, it was

VOTED, To approve the ordination of Gabriel Katrib.

67/315 EGYPT CONSTITUTION

VOTED, To approve the Egypt Constitution as read. It is understood that this constitution will be translated into Arabic and after study by competent authorities, be presented to the Egypt General Assembly for approval.

67/316 CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES--ADDITIONS

VOTED, To grant licenses as follows:

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Missionary Licenses

Mrs. Salam Aboujauda
Mrs. George Issa
Mrs. Jad Katrib
Mrs. George Khoury

67/317 ITINERARIES

VOTED, To approve itineraries as follows:

F. C. Webster	November 17 - 20	Jordan
	" 23 - 26	Iraq
	" 27-Dec 2	Iran
	December 8 - 10	Cyprus
	" 13 - 15	Turkey
	January 7 - 14	Egypt
	" 15 - 20	Libya
R. C. Mills	November 17 - 20	Jordan
	" 23 - 26	Iraq
	" 27-Dec 2	Iran
	December 8 - 10	Cyprus
	" 13 - 15	Turkey
	January 7 - 14	Egypt
	" 15 - 20	Libya

R. L. Jacobs	November 23 - 26	Iraq
	" 27-Dec 2	Iran
	December 13 - 15	Turkey
	January 7 - 14	Egypt
	" 15 - 20	Libya
Salim Japas	December 1 - 23	Jordan
	January 12 - 19	Libya
	" 20-Feb 17	Egypt
	March 1 - 31	Egypt
	April and May	Jordan
George Khoury	December 1 - 23	Jordan
	January 12 - 19	Libya
	" 20-Feb 17	Egypt
	March 1 - 31	Egypt
	April and May	Jordan
H. C. Lamp	November 25-Dec 2	Jordan
	January 14 - 18	Libya
	" 21 - 25	Egypt
	February 11 - 22	Iran
	" 26-Mar 1	Middle East College
	March 3 - 7	Ras Beirut
	" 10 - 14	Greece
	April 11 - May 14	Iran
L. C. Miller with G. R. Nash	January 26 - 30	Turkey
	" 31-Feb 5	Iran
	February 5 - 7	Iraq
	" 8 - 11	Lebanon
	" 12 - 14	Jordan
	" 15 - 23	Egypt
	" 23 - 26	Cyprus
	" 27-Mar 4	Libya

67/318 R. C. MILLS AND GEORGE YARED--AUDITING

VOTED, To authorize R. C. Mills and George Yared to travel throughout the Division for auditing, as may be arranged.

67/319 TRAVEL OUTSIDE DIVISION

VOTED, To grant approval for workers to travel outside the territory of the Middle East Division as follows:

R. E. Anderson,	to Athens for Greek Literature Committee,	January 16, 1968
Moses Elmadjian	" " "	" January 16, 1968
J. S. Jones	" " "	" January 16, 1968
Naim Awais,	to Singapore (See MED 67/292)	June 5 - 11, 1968

67/320 EDITORS--APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

In harmony with the recommendation of Middle East Press,

VOTED, To approve the following appointments:

Naim Awais	Editor in Chief, Middle East Press
	Book Editor, Middle East Press
	Editor, <u>Hope</u> Magazine
H. C. Lamp	Editor, <u>Call to Health</u> Magazine

67/321 BUDGET REPORT FOR 1968

VOTED, To adopt the report of the Budget Committee as follows:

<u>Base Appropriations</u>		<u>Local Currency</u>		<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Division Office			LL	295,267.73
Benghazi Hospital	LiL	4,121.597		36,929.50
Middle East College				230,611.36
Middle East Press				78,115.94
Radio Studio				13,182.87
Aden Station				10,000.00
Cyprus Section	CyL	3,060.358		27,420.80
Egypt Section	LEg	48,242.268		347,344.32
Iran Section	Rls	4,178,487.80		178,282.14
Iraq Section	ID	11,005.309		98,607.57
Jordan Section	JD	11,844.829		106,129.67
Lebanon Section				165,012.61
Sudan Section				10,516.1
Syria Section	SyL	47,157.12		37,725.69
Turkey Section	TqL	65,092.08		<u>23,143.84</u>
Total Class I-A Appropriations for 1968				LL 1,658,290.14

Voice of Prophecy Funds

G. C. Appropriation (US\$ 22,500.00)			LL	72,000.00
M.E.D. Radio Commission Reserve				33,182.87
M.E.D. Evangelism Reserve				<u>31,869.85</u>
			LL	137,052.72
Cyprus School	CyL	1,274.619		11,420.58
Iran School	Rls	198,506.40		8,469.60
Iraq School	ID	2,032.922		18,214.97
Jordan School	JD	2,532.967		22,695.39
Lebanon School				52,901.31
Syria School	SyL	12,412.79		9,930.20
Turkey School	TqL	37,745.64		<u>13,420.67</u>
			LL	137,052.72

Church Extension Funds

General Conference Ch.Ext. Appropriations (US\$ 25,000.00)			LL	80,000.00
Egypt - Sohag Church	LEg	4,400.000	LL	31,680.00
Lebanon - Bosharia Church			LL	<u>48,320.00</u> 80,000.00

Sources of 1968 Specials

General Conference:

Specials, General (\$100,000. - @ 3.20)	320,000.00	
Church Extension (\$ 25,000. - ")	<u>80,000.00</u>	400,000.00

Division:

Aden Budget Reserve (LL 41,731.28 remains)	50,000.00	
Contingency Reserve (LL 17,579.55 ")	15,000.00	
Emergency Reserve (LL 7,500.00 ")	10,000.00	
Exchange	50,000.00	
Spring in Tithes and Offerings	28,923.04	
Sudan Development Reserve (21,204.64 remains)	15,000.00	

1965 Specials not used:

Egypt Mercy Home Equip.	13,920.00	
Egypt Long Carriage Typewr	1,044.00	
Turkey Temp Film	<u>580.00</u>	15,544.00

1966 Specials not used:

Cyprus Youth Camp Equip	4,019.40	
Egypt Diesel Engine	12,528.00	
Egypt Academy Equipment	1,044.00	
Egypt Center Organ	<u>4,350.00</u>	21,941.40
		206,408.44
Total Funds Available		606,408.44
Less Special for Church Extension (See prev. page)		<u>80,000.00</u>
Net - for General Distribution		526,408.44

Distribution 1968 Specials

		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Middle East Division			
Subsidy for "Hope" and "Health" Dist.		40,000.00	40,000.00
Benghazi Hospital			
X-Ray Machine	LiL	5,000.000	
Building Completion		<u>18,000.000</u>	
	LiL	23,000.000	206,080.00
Middle East College			
Apt Bldg Completion	LL	125,000.00	
Well and pump repairs		<u>24,000.00</u>	149,000.00
Middle East Press			
Heidelberg Press Replacemnt	LL	5,000.00	
Building Improvements		2,500.00	
Office Furniture		<u>500.00</u>	8,000.00
Cyprus Section			
Building and Grounds Improvements	CyL	275.000	
Gift Bibles & Tracts		<u>3,000.000</u>	
		3,275.000	
Take from Excess % Cap. Op. £4,392.355	-	<u>3,275.000</u>	
Egypt Section			
Nile Union Bad Debts	LEg	705.892	
Social Ins Back Pmts		3,209.040	
MV Camp Land		3,000.000	
Heliopolis Elem Sch Equip		500.000	
Academy Vehicle		<u>1,000.000</u>	
		8,414.9' 2	
Take from Excess % Cap. Op. £14,399.237	-	<u>8,414.952</u>	
Iran Section			
Mission Registration & Deeds	Rls	16,500.00	
Elem School Equipment		730,000.00	
Academy Multi Purpose Bldg		200,000.00	
Academy Equipment		155,000.00	
Clinic Equipment		<u>80,000.00</u>	
		1,181,500.00	
Take from Excess % Cap. Op. Res. 306,515.18	-	<u>281,500.00</u>	
		900,000.00	38,400.00

Distribution 1968 Specials (Cont'd)

		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Iraq Section			
Kirkuk School Coolers	ID	240.000	
Bagdad School Equipment		250.000	
Calculating Machine		<u>220.000</u>	
		710.000	6,361.60
Jordan Section			
Typewriter for Office	JD	71.840	
Visual Aids for Schools		75.000	
Orphanage Working Capital		2,000.000	
Working Capital - Section		<u>2,000.000</u>	
		4,146.840	37,155.74
Lebanon Section			
Museitbeh Sch Bldg Completion LL		8,500.00	
Bosharia Church		15,000.00	
Office Air-Conditioning		2,500.00	
School Safes		<u>1,500.00</u>	
		27,500.00	27,500.00
Syria Section			
Welfare Soc Capital	SyL	3,500.00 *	
Damascus Center Registration		10,000.00 *	
Bazach Church Fund		<u>3,000.00</u>	
		16,500.00	13,200.00
Turkey Section			
MV Camp Equipment	TqL	2,000.00	<u>711.10</u>
Totals - All Specials			526,408.44

The committee adjourned sine die at 5:00 p.m. D. W. Hunter offered the closing prayer.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary