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Two Hundred Second Meeting

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

April 3, 1958, 10:50 A.M.

PRESENT:

A. L. Ham, H. T. Elliott, R. H. Adair, Wesley Amundsen, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, C. W. Bozarth, W. P. Bradley, N. F. Brewer, Miss D. Lois Burnett, G. W. Chambers, J. E. Chase, E. E. Cossentine, L. K. Dickson, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, A. A. Esteb, R. R. Figuhr, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, E. B. Hare, W. J. Harris, G. A. Huse, H. W. Klaser, Miss Louise C. Kleuser, H. W. Lowe, T. E. Lucas, D. A. McAdams, L. L. Moffitt, C. E. Moseley, Jr., H. S. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, W. B. Ochs, T. L. Oswald, J. W. Pecke, W. E. Read, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, A. H. Rulkottter, W. A. Scharffenberg, L. A. Skinner, F. A. Soper, M. C. Taft, C. L. Torrey, B. E. Wagner, Howard Weeks, F. H. Yost

MINUTES of the meeting held March 27, 1958 were approved.

I. W. YOUNG--POTOMAC CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and Carolina Conferences the call from the Columbia Union for I. W. Young, to connect with the Potomac Conference as Publishing Secretary.

L. F. KAGELS--NEW JERSEY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Michigan Conferences the call from the Columbia Union for L. F. Kagels, to connect with the New Jersey Conference as pastor-evangelist.

JOHN CARR--BROADVIEW ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to John Carr, missionary returning from Cuba, the call from the Lake Union for him to connect with Broadview Academy.

RUDOLF R. AUSSNER--

RELEASED FROM SECOND-YEAR INTERNSHIP:

On request of the Canadian Union and the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conferences, it was

VOTED, That the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference be released from responsibility for the second-year internship of Rudolf R. Aussner, in view of his having had previous overseas training, graduating from the ministerial course in Germany and later at the Canadian Union College, and also since he has had rather extensive field experience.

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CARL DAGGY--TERMINATION INTERNSHIP:

Carl Daggy, who will complete one year of Ministerial Internship in the Southern California Conference on May 31, 1958, has expressed a preference for some other type of work. On recommendation of the Pacific Union, it was

VOTED, To terminate the Ministerial Internship of Carl Daggy in the Southern California Conference at the close of the first year of internship, May 31, 1958.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION--APPROPRIATION:

On recommendation of the North American Missions Committee, it was

VOTED, To authorize an appropriation of \$1,000 from the North American Mission funds to the Southwestern Union, to assist in purchase of property for the Corpus Christi Church, in Texas.

Adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Prayer of dismissal by C. E. Moseley, Jr.

A. L. Ham, Chairman
H. T. Elliott, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Third Meeting

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

April 10, 1958, 10:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, H. T. Elliott, R. H. Adair, R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, N. F. Brewer, G. W. Chambers, J. E. Chase, E. E. Cossentine, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, A. A. Esteb, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., A. L. Ham, Richard Hammill, E. B. Hare, G. A. Huse, F. B. Knight, T. E. Lucas, G. M. Mathews, L. L. Moffitt, H. A. Morrison, T. L. Oswald, J. W. Peeke, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, A. H. Rulkoetter, W. H. Shephard, M. C. Taft, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, E. R. Walde, A. L. White

Visitors: D. J. Bieber, V. D. Dortch, L. T. Hall, A. C. Larson, L. M. Stump, F. O. Rittenhouse, and E. W. Tarr

MINUTES of the meeting held April 3, 1958 were approved.

R. E. RIEGER--FRESNO UNION ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to R. E. Rieger, missionary returning from Honduras, Central America, the call from the Pacific Union Conference for him to connect with the Central California Conference, to serve at the Fresno Union Academy as Spanish and Bible teacher.

JACK GRIFFITH--PARADISE JUNIOR ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and Carolina Conferences the call from the Pacific Union Conference for Jack Griffith, to connect with the Northern California Conference as a teacher of grades nine and ten at the Paradise Junior Academy.

H. L. KOSTENKO--UKIAH JUNIOR ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Michigan Conferences the call from the Pacific Union Conference for H. L. Kostenko, to connect with the Northern California Conference as principal of the Ukiah Junior Academy.

J. M. DAVIS--MOUNT AETNA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to J. M. Davis, missionary returned from the Far Eastern Division, the call from the Columbia Union Conference for him to connect with the Chesapeake Conference, to serve as principal of the Mount Aetna Academy, at Hagerstown, Maryland.

MRS. IRVA BAESSLER--GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Illinois Conferences the call from the Southern Union for Mrs. Irva Baessler, to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference to teach school at Marietta, Georgia.

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MRS. ERMA SERLES--KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Hinsdale Sanitarium the call from the Southern Union Conference for Mrs. Erma Serles, to connect with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, to serve as director of nurses in the Highland Sanitarium and Hospital.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION--COURT CASE:

VOTED, That we approve of joining with the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference in participation in Petition to Intervene in the released time case in Spokane, Washington. The expense of filing depositions, and other supporting evidence, will be shared in thirds. Further, that if and when necessary, appeal be made to the State Supreme Court, but that final authorization be given after the court record, opinion, and all briefs are studied by us.

Prayer of dismissal by L. T. Hall, administrator of the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital.

Adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman
H. T. Elliott, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Fourth Meeting

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

April 17, 1958, 10:40 A.M.

PRESENT:

L. K. Dickson, H. T. Elliott, R. H. Adair, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, W. P. Bradley, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, G. W. Chambers, A. W. Cormack, E. E. Cossentine, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, A. A. Esteb, R. R. Figuhr, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, A. L. Ham, Richard Hammill, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, H. W. Lowe, G. M. Mathews, L. L. Moffitt, H. A. Morrison, H. S. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, T. L. Oswald, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, A. H. Rulkoetter, W. A. Scharffenberg, J. V. Scully, F. A. Soper, C. L. Torrey, B. E. Wagner, A. L. White, F. H. Yost

MINUTES of the meeting held April 10, 1958 were approved.

E. C. SCOTT--MISSOURI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Indiana Conferences the call from the Central Union for E. C. Scott, to connect with the Missouri Conference to serve as a teacher in the Kansas City church school.

W. C. LOVELESS--OHIO;

W. P. LOCKWOOD--OREGON:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conferences the call from the Columbia Union for W. C. Loveless, to connect with the Ohio Conference as a district pastor; and to pass on to the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences the call from the North Pacific Union for W. P. Lockwood, to connect with the Oregon Conference as a district pastor.

ADELINE GERMANN--HINSDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College the call from the Lake Union for Miss Adeline Germann, to connect with the Hinsdale Sanitarium.

MONTY JONES--OREGON:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Nevada-Utah Conferences the call from the North Pacific Union for Monty Jones, to connect with the Oregon Conference as an evangelistic singer.

THOMAS P. IPES--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and New Jersey Conferences the call from the Pacific Union for Thomas P. Ipes, to connect with the Southern California Conference to serve as pastor of the North Hollywood Church.

KALJO MAGI--LA SIERRA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conferences the call from the Pacific Union for Kaljo Magi, of Greater New York Academy, to connect with La Sierra College, as German teacher, effective about July 1, 1958.

N. W. BAKER--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and Minnesota Conferences the call from the Pacific Union for N. W. Baker, to connect with the Southern California Conference as pastor-evangelist of the Redondo Beach Church.

JAMES BLANKENSHIP--LOMA LINDA FOOD COMPANY,
MT. VERNON, OHIO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Emmanuel Missionary College the call for James Blankenship to connect with the staff of the Loma Linda Food Company, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, as a chemist, as of June, 1958.

KENNETH WILSON--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and Idaho Conferences the call from the Pacific Union for Kenneth Wilson, of Gem State Academy, to connect with the Northern California Conference as teacher of grades nine and ten in the Ukiah school, for the coming year.

CONNARD G. RASMUSSEN--
CAROLINA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Connard G. Rasmussen, returning missionary from Turkey, the call from the Southern Union for him to connect with the Carolina Conference as a district leader.

MRS. ELIZABETH BENTLEY--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Washington Missionary College the call from the Southern Union for Mrs. Elizabeth Bentley, to connect with Southern Missionary College as dean of women.

J. H. WARDROP--FLORIDA;
F. G. ROPER--TEXAS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and Texas Conferences the call from the Southern Union for J. H. Wardrop, to connect with the Florida Conference for ministerial work; and to pass on to the Southern Union and the Florida Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for F. G. Roper, to connect with the Texas Conference for ministerial work.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY RESOLUTIONS:

There has been introduced into Congress a bill to provide a scholarship program in schools of higher education at public expense. A committee had been appointed by the Officers to give study to this bill and draft a statement to be sent to the House of Representatives protesting against the bill. The committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Seventh-day Adventists believe in the doctrine of separation of church and state as set forth by our Lord in Matthew 22: 21; and

WHEREAS, The granting of money from tax funds to church-related schools is contrary to that principle, and is forbidden by the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution, and by most state constitutions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The General Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists adopted at the Autumn Council of 1949, and in the meeting of January 23, 1958, the following resolutions, recommending that Seventh-day Adventist educational institutions not accept grants from government funds:

"WHEREAS, The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United States is in full accord with the principles of the separation of church and state as set forth in the Federal Constitution, and has through the years supported this principle;

"We recommend, That in the United States the denominational policy for our schools of all grades shall be to refrain from accepting gifts of money, land, buildings, or equipment from government; or grants from public tax money for the salaries of teachers; or the maintenance, operation, or support of the services which the schools supply.

"This shall not be construed to prejudice the acceptance of the regular functions of the Public Health Department, such as public health nurses' services, vaccinations, inoculations, or tuberculosis surveys, et cetera; nor shall it forbid the acquisition, for a consideration, of war surplus."

and

"We recommend, That the action taken at the Autumn Council in 1949 be recognized as including free school lunches provided by government as one of the regular functions of the Public Health Department, which in the 1949 action were indicated as proper for acceptance by Seventh-day Adventist schools without violating the principle of the separation of church and state."

and

WHEREAS, There is now awaiting action by the United States Congress Bill H. R. 10381 which is so worded as to permit government funds to be paid directly to schools, without specifying that such funds may not be paid directly to church-related educational institutions; be it

Resolved, That the General Conference Committee address itself to the United States Congress expressing the opposition of the denomination to such direct payments, as follows:

"WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States, in the First Amendment and most state constitutions, preclude the use of public tax funds for religious institutions; and

"WHEREAS, House of Representative Bill No. 10381 makes possible under Titles V, VIII, IX, and XII, such expenditure; be it

"Resolved, That we go on record in opposition to this measure, insofar as it provides funds to be paid directly to educational institutions, and urge its amendment by limiting the use of the direct school funds provided in it, for public schools only."

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO PREPARE STATEMENT
TO BE PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

W. A. Scharffenberg spoke of the hearings that are to take place on April 22 and 23, 1958 for the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, regarding the bill which was introduced in Congress calling for a ban on the advertising of all alcoholic beverages in interstate commerce. It was suggested a committee be appointed to prepare a statement reiterating our historical position for presentation to the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

VOTED, To request the chair to appoint a committee of three to prepare the statement for presentation to the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The committee was appointed as follows: W. A. Scharffenberg, Dr. F.H. Yost, and J. A. Buckwalter.

Adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Prayer of dismissal by T. R. Flaiz, M.D.

L. K. Dickson, Chairman
H. T. Elliott, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Fifth Meeting

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

April 24, 1958, 10:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

H. L. Rudy, H. T. Elliott, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, D. Lois Burnett, G. W. Chambers, J. E. Chase, A. W. Cormack, E. E. Cossentine, L. K. Dickson, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, A. A. Esteb, R. R. Figuhr, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, A. L. Ham, Richard Hammill, W. A. Higgins, G. A. Huse, F. B. Knight, H. W. Lowe, T. E. Lucas, G. M. Mathews, C. E. Moseley, Jr., H. S. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, W. B. Ochs, W. E. Phillips, J. I. Robison, A. H. Rulkoetter, W. A. Scharffenberg, J. V. Scully, F. A. Soper, C. L. Torrey, B. E. Wagner, E. R. Walde, A. L. White, F. H. Yost

MINUTES of the meeting held April 17, 1958 were approved.

ROBERT E. RIEGER--SOUTH DAKOTA:

VOTED, To pass on to Robert E. Rieger, returning missionary from Central America, the call from the Northern Union for him to connect with the South Dakota Conference as a pastor and district leader.

ARNOLD KURTZ--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and Georgia-Cumberland Conferences the call from the Pacific Union for Arnold Kurtz, to connect with the Northern California Conference as pastor of the East Oakland Church.

GORDON MADGWICK--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Chesapeake Conferences the call from the Southern Union for Gordon Madgwick, to serve as instructor in the English Department in Southern Missionary College.

Adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Prayer of dismissal by J. E. Edwards.

H. L. Rudy, Chairman
H. T. Elliott, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary