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2002 NSD Annual Council

held in Ilsan, Korea

From November 7 to 11 this year, the full Executive Committee members of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division met in Ilsan, Korea at the Division Headquarters for its Annual Council. As stipulated in the Division policy, the purpose of the Annual Council is to vote all policy changes, approve the NSD annual budget and transacting business pertaining to the general operation and policy of the Division field.

Prior to the Annual Council, on November 5 and 6, it was scheduled for the Officers Council, Officers and Departmental interviews, and Presidential/Secretariat/Treasury Councils and Advisory Council on Evangelism and Witness.

Representatives from the General Conference included Elder Jan Paulsen, the President; Elder Ted Jones, the Associate Secretary; Elder Gary DeBoer, the Associate Treasurer and Elder William Johnsson, the Adventist Review Editor.



Ted Jones, GC Associate Secretary, speaker for the series of the Mid-day Devotional during the council.

The following are the highlights of major actions taken and statistical reports :

1. Our Division church membership has reached 504,020 as of September this year. The ratio of members to population within division territories is 1: 3,049 as compared to 2001 Annual Council 1: 3,111. The world church membership is 12,743,508. This is 1 SDA for every 491 people living on our planet. Our challenge is so great. Growth rate continues to decline. In 2001, the growth rate is 3.3 percent compared to 4.9 percent in 2000. Which means that SDA membership increased an average of 57 per day, as compared to 74 per day in 2000.



The Attendance of the 2002 NSD Annual Council, November 7-11, 2002.

2. Since the Adventist Volunteer Service was established, we have seen steady growth in the number of volunteers working in our division territories.

Year	No. of Volunteers	Year	No. of Volunteers
1999	135	2001	395
2000	204	2002	480

3. To adopt the Sow 1 Billion Initiative, as voted at the 2002 General Conference Annual Council. The goal of this initiative is to place in the hands of one billion people a small tract that tells them of hope in Christ and invites them to study the Bible. Sow 1 Billion and GO One Million will complement each other. Lay people involved with GO One Million will be a support group joined by many additional church members, children, youth, and other interested groups. The Division has appointed a taskforce to coordinate with the Unions/Conferences/Mission/Churches in planning and implementing the program.

4. To place special emphasis on world evangelism in 2004 through "Reaping God's Harvest" - Year of World Evangelism 2004 Initiative. This program is designed to be a worldwide comprehensive evangelistic initiative in close cooperation with and support for GO One Million and other special evangelistic activities.



Jan Paulsen (left), GC President and Daegeuk Nam, Sahmyook University President, during the sermon on November 9, 2002.

The goals -

- a. Every church/institution involved in a specific evangelistic activity in 2004.
- b. Every Adventist employee involved in presenting the biblical, Christ-centered message of Scripture in a personal or public setting.

5. To hold a Division-wide Stewardship Summit in conjunction with the NSD Midyear Committee in 2003. The dates is May 9-13 in Korea. Attendance will be Division/Union Officers, Conference/Mission Presidents and Mongolia Mission Field Director. Division/Union/Conference Stewardship Directors, University/College



The Attendance of the Church Service on November 9, 2002 at Sahmyook University Auditorium with around 3,000 people.

Theology Department Chairpersons, 3 laypersons/pastors from NSD Executive Committee.

6. To approve a new Philosophy of Remuneration Working Policy and set up a Division Remuneration Review Committee and requested each Union and Mission Field to appoint the same nature of Committee to review the current

remuneration plan and prepare a proposal to bring the remuneration system into compliance with the new philosophy of remuneration. As much as possible, members of these committees should involve more lay persons.

7. To record the World Survey Report on the Three Strategic Issues and request the NSD Departmental Committee to follow up the following concerns (below 45%):

- a. Nurturing church members of all ages
- b. Participation in world-wide missions
- c. Commitments to active witness
- d. Impact of Adventists in society
- e. Transmission of values to youth
- f. Training for local church ministry

During the Annual Council, on Sabbath, November 9, a combined worship was held at Sahmyook University Auditorium with more than 3000 church members in attendance. Elder Jan Paulsen, the General Conference President addressed the congregation to live out the faith in our daily lives. The same afternoon, five pastors and their wives were dedicated as the first group of pioneer missionaries to be sent to Japan early 2003.



The 2nd International Music Festival was conducted at 7 p.m. on November 9, 2002 at the Sahmyook University Auditorium.

Stanley Ng, Secretary

Five Korean Pastors to Japan - the solemn dedicatory service

The Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) has appointed five Korean pastors for Japan mission in the presence of Jan Paulsen, president of the General Conference, and hundreds of church members at the auditorium of Sahmyook University on November 9, 2002. The five pastors

are: Ki Rim Ko, Kwang Sung Kim, Jong Su Park, Jin Hwan Lee, and Geun Sik Lim. Each pastor and wife has two children. Thus twenty have been chosen to be sent to Japan. They will leave for Japan in March 2003, and will stay in Japan for six years including one year of language study, and do the church planting in un-entered territories.



The five Missionaries received the first badges of the Pioneer Mission Movement by their sending organization leaders.

At the missionary appointment service, Kei-Hoon Shin, president of Korean Union Conference emphasized the importance of foreign mission for the expansion of the gospel work in the last days. He further commented that the Korean Union Conference is gladly sending its pastors to Japan as if it paying back the debt of the gospel that Korea had received from Japan about 98 years ago. Shin's speech was cordially responded by Kenyu Kinjo, president of Japan Union Conference. In his remarks, Kinjo expressed his appreciation to KUC for sending pastors to Japan for church planting. He also warmly welcomed each pastor to the gospel ministry in Japan.

Then five ministers representing conferences participated in the pinning ceremony, and it was followed by the presentation of missionary appointment plaques to the pastors by P D Chun, the NSD president. Jan Paulsen, the GC president, in his charge to the missionary pastors, reminded them the importance of missionary work and asked God for the power of the Holy Spirit to be poured upon them in his dedicatory prayer. Fifteen ministers laid their hands upon them while Paulsen offered his request toward the throne of God.

These missionary pastors will receive one hundred hours of missionary training in the areas of mission, health ministry, mission strategies, and spirituality before leaving for Japan. In the next five years, five pastors will be sent each year to Japan for church planting in un-entered territories. And accordingly, twenty-five missionary pastors will be working in Japan by 2007 for cross-cultural missionary work.

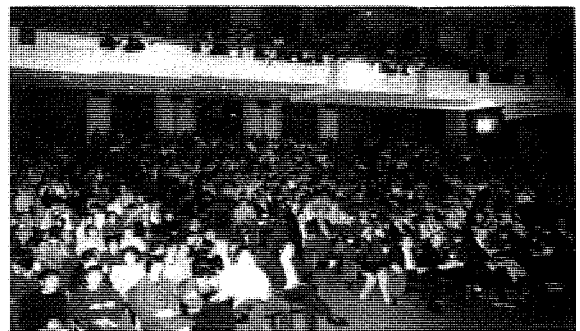
The NSD, through the Pioneer Mission Movement, is planning to send 100 missionary pastors to un-entered

territories in Japan, Taiwan/Hong Kong, China, Mongolia, and Korea in seven years for cross-cultural church planting missionary work. The great adventurous mission movement has been launched and with the blessings of God it will vigorously move forward for the salvation of many people in these areas.

Jairyong Lee, *Ministerial/GM/Stewardship Director*

Chinese Ministry Centennial Celebration *since J. N. Anderson*

The Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) held the Chinese Ministry Centennial Celebration on November 16 (Sabbath), 2002 in Hong Kong. One hundred years have passed since the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists sent the first missionary, Jacob Nelson Anderson and his family to China. They arrived in Hong Kong in 1902. (In the meantime, Abram La Rue, the first lay missionary, had arrived Hong Kong in 1888.)



The Attendance on November 16, 2002 at the Polytechnic University.

For this memorial celebration, there were many special and significant guests who were invited within and without the CHUM. From the GC Jan Paulsen, president, and Eugene Hsu, vice president, came. William Johnsson, editor of the Adventist Review, was also present. Former missionaries from the U.S.A. were invited: Helen Lee, Doyle Burnett and his wife, Gerald Christiansen and his wife, and H. Carl Currie. David Lin, former secretary of the China Division, and his wife and Samuel Young, former president of the South China Island Union Mission, and his wife also attended the meeting.

There were delegates from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) including two officers; P. D. Chun and

Stanley Ng; and two departmental directors; John McGhee and Tadaomi Shinmyo. Furthermore, the president of Japan Union Conference, Kenyu Kinjo, participated in the program too.

The morning programs from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. were conducted at the auditorium of the Polytechnic University that seats around 1,000. It was unique to have Peter Kwong, archbishop of the Episcopal Church in Hong Kong as one of the guest speakers. A brief history of the past missionary works in China was presented through video film, "Pioneers' Paths," produced by the CHUM media center. Furthermore, four dramas related with the first lay missionary, Abram La Rue, and others were performed by the church members and school students.



The United Choir in Hong Kong before the Sermon

The message was delivered by Jan Paulsen with James Wu, CHUM president, who translated the English sermon into Chinese. Paulsen emphasized, "We are strangers and pilgrims in the world. ... There is no conflict between faith and obedience. ... Let's remember Enoch. ... Our nationality is heaven." Before and after his preaching, there were special numbers including the united choir and solo.



Jan Paulsen (right) and James Wu at the Tai Po Samyuk Secondary School.

The afternoon service under the theme, "Thanksgiving Praise Program," was held from 3:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. at the auditorium of the Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School. The main programs were varieties of music, testimonies, speeches, etc. The whole afternoon program was presided by Robert Wong, Chinese Ministry Network Coordinator.

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