

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. NAMES.

This organization shall be known as the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE 2. OBJECT.

The object of this Conference shall be to unify and to extend to all parts of the world, the work of promulgating the everlasting gospel.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Conference shall be composed of (a) such Union Conferences as are or shall be properly organized; (b) such local Conferences as are not embraced in any Union Conference; and (c) such mission fields as have not been organized into Conferences of Seventh-day Adventists in any part of the world, provided such Conferences shall have been accepted by vote at a session of the General Conference.

SEC. 2. The voters of said Conference shall be such duly accredited delegates from the Union Conferences, such members of the General Conference Executive Committee, and such other persons in the employ of the General Conference as shall receive delegates' credentials from the Executive Committee, as are present at any duly convened regular or special Conference session.

SEC. 3. Each Union Conference shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers, an additional delegate for each local Conference embraced in its territory, and an additional delegate for each one thousand of its membership.

ARTICLE 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee of this Conference shall be twenty-five in number, and shall have power to organize itself by choosing a chairman, secretary, treasurer, and auditor, whose duties shall be such as usually pertain to their respective offices. It shall also have the power to appoint all necessary agents and committees for the conduct of its work.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall be elected at the regular sessions of the Conference, and shall hold office for the term of two years, or until their successors are elected, and appear to enter upon their duties.

ARTICLE 5. SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. This Conference shall hold a regular session once in two years, reckoning from 1899, at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall designate by a notice published in the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, at least four weeks before the date of the session.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee may call extra sessions, if in their judgment occasion requires, by a like notice; and the transactions of such extra sessions shall have the same force as those of the regular sessions.

ARTICLE 6. TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, AND AGENTS.

The voters of this Conference shall, at each regular session, elect the trustees of such corporate bodies as are or may be connected with this organization, according to the State laws governing such corporation; and this Conference shall employ such committees and agents as it may deem necessary, according to the by-laws in such cases made and provided.

ARTICLE 7. BY-LAWS.

The voters of this Conference may make by-laws, and amend and repeal them at any session thereof. The scope of such by-laws may embrace any provision not inconsistent with the constitution.

ARTICLE 8. AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the voters present at any session.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1.

SECTION 1. At each session of the Conference the Executive Committee shall nominate the presiding officers of the Conference, who shall be duly elected by vote of the Conference.

SEC. 2. At each session of the Conference the Executive Committee shall recommend some plan for the appointment of such temporary committees as may be necessary for conducting the business of the Conference.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power during the intervals between the sessions of the Conference; it shall also give credentials to, or license, such ministers as may be employed in the General Conference work; and shall fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in its offices, boards, committees, or agents, by death, resignation, or otherwise; unless some other provision be made by vote of the Conference for filling such vacancies.

SEC. 4. At each regular session of the Conference the nominating committee shall nominate and the Conference shall elect, unless otherwise voted, a standing committee of eight delegates, who shall, with the chairman of the Executive Committee, and the presidents of the various Union Conferences, constitute a committee for auditing and settling all accounts against the Conference.

SEC. 5. The Conference shall elect at its regular sessions twenty-one trustees for the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation of the city of Battle Creek, Michigan, existing under the laws of the State of Michigan.

SEC. 6. The biennial session of the General Conference shall be held during the summer season, at such time as in the judgment of the Executive Committee will interfere the least with the general work in the field.