

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
Fifty-eighth General Conference Session
St. Louis, Missouri
June 30, 2005, 3:00 p.m.

AfricaCom/GCDO02SM/02SM/02AC/132-02GS/111-03GS/108-04GS/05GCS to LRE

107-05GS EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION, SOUTHERN
AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION, AND WEST-CENTRAL
AFRICA DIVISION—NEW DIVISIONS

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Africa-Indian Ocean Division and the Eastern Africa Division into three new divisions known as the East-Central Africa Division, the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division, and the West-Central Africa Division, effective January 1, 2003.

1. To accept the East-Central Africa Division into the world sisterhood of divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. To accept the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division into the world sisterhood of divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
3. To accept the West-Central Africa Division into the world sisterhood of divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ESD/01AC/139-01GS/108-02GS/108-03GS/109-04GS/05GCS to AG

108-05GS CAUCASUS UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the merging of the West Russian Union Conference with the Trans-Caucasus Mission to form the Caucasus Union Mission, effective November 1, 2001.

2. To accept the Caucasus Union Mission (ESD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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109-05GS INTER-OCEANIC MEXICAN UNION MISSION—
NEW UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former North Mexican Union Conference and the South Mexican Union Conference into three unions known as the Inter-Oceanic Mexican Union Mission, the North Mexican Union Conference, and the South Mexican Union Conference, effective May 15, 2001.

2. To accept the Inter-Oceanic Mexican Union Mission (IAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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110-05GS NORTH CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION MISSION,
MID-CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION MISSION, AND
SOUTH CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION CONFERENCE—
NEW UNION MISSIONS AND NEW UNION CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Central American Union Mission into three new unions known as the North Central American Union Mission, the Mid-Central American Union Mission, and the South Central American Union Conference, effective April 20, 2003.

2. To accept the North Central American Union Mission (IAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

3. To accept the Mid-Central American Union Mission (IAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

4. To accept the South Central American Union Conference (IAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

SAD/ADCOM/01SM/104-01GS/104-02GS/104-03GS/112-04GS/05GCS to AG

111-05GS ECUADOR UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the organization of the Ecuador Union Mission, effective July 1, 2001.

2. To accept the Ecuador Union Mission (SAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

SAD/ADCOM/04SM/138-04GS/05GCS to AG

112-05GS WEST CENTRAL BRAZIL UNION MISSION—NEW
UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Central Brazil Union Conference and the South Brazil Union Conference into three unions known as the Central Brazil Union Conference, the South Brazil Union Conference, and the West Central Brazil Union Mission, effective January 1, 2005.

2. To accept the West Central Brazil Union Mission (SAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

SID/PRE/ADCOM/BotSurveyComm/ADCOM/03AC/155-03G/116-04GS/05GCS to CS

113-05GS BOTSWANA UNION MISSION—ORGANIZATION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the organization of the Botswana Union Mission, in the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division (SID), consisting of the South Botswana Field and the North Botswana Field, effective January 1, 2004.

3. To accept the Botswana Union Mission (SID) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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114-05GS ZAMBIA UNION MISSION—CONFERENCE STATUS

VOTED, To grant the Zambia Union Mission the status of union conference, effective August 12, 2004.

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115-05GS AUSTRALIAN UNION CONFERENCE—NEW
UNION CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the merger of the Trans-Australian Union Conference with the Australian portion of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference to form the Australian Union Conference, effective January 1, 2001.

4. To accept the Australian Union Conference (SPD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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116-05GS NEW ZEALAND-PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE—
NEW UNION CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Central Pacific Union Mission and the Western Pacific Union Mission and the New Zealand portion of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference into two new unions known as the New Zealand-Pacific Union Conference and the Trans-Pacific Union Mission, effective January 1, 2001.

2. To accept the New Zealand-Pacific Union Conference (SPD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

5. To accept the Trans-Pacific Union Mission (SPD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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117-05GS KARNATAKA-GOA UNION MISSION, KERALA
UNION MISSION, AND WESTERN INDIA UNION MISSION—
NEW UNION MISSIONS

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Central India Union Mission and the South India Union Mission into five unions known as the East-Central India Union Mission, South-Central India Union Mission, Southeast India Union Mission, Southwest India Union Mission, and Western India Union Mission, effective April 1, 2002.

2. To accept the East-Central India Union Mission (SUD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

3. To accept the South-Central India Union Mission (SUD) into the sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

4. To accept the Southeast India Union Mission (SUD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

6. To accept the Southwest India Union Mission (SUD) into the sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

6. To accept the Western India Union Mission (SUD) into the sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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118-05GS NIGERIA UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSIONS

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Nigeria Union Mission into two unions known as the Eastern Nigeria Union Mission and the North-Western Nigeria Union Mission, effective December 18, 2004.

2. To accept the Eastern Nigeria Union Mission (WAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

7. To accept the North-Western Nigeria Union Mission (WAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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DELEGATES FROM NEW UNIONS WELCOMED

Matthew A Bediako welcomed the delegates from the new unions to the fifty-eighth General Conference Session

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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2005—DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To approve the daily program for the 2005 General Conference Session as it appears in the Session program booklet.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2005—ADOPTION OF AGENDA

VOTED, To adopt the agenda for the 2005 General Conference Session as it appears in the Session agenda notebook, with the understanding that the order of business will be decided by the Session Steering Committee and the chairmen of the business meetings.

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128-05GS GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION—2005 - STANDING COMMITTEES

VOTED, To approve standing committees for the 2005 General Conference Session, as follows:

CHURCH MANUAL

Armando Miranda, Chairman
Eugene, Hsu, Vice-chairman
Vernon B Parmenter, Secretary
Janet Upton, Recording Secretary

Members: Rosa T Banks, Harold W Baptiste, Bert B Beach, Wesley M Beene, James A Cress, Belzazar Denila, Larry R Evans, Nicodemos Falcao, Agustin Galicia, Raul E Gomez,

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Roscoe J Howard III, Yutaka Inada, Michael F Kaminsky, Dennis C Keith Sr, Linda Koh, Israel Leito, Dalbir Masih, Gabriel E Maurer, Kalapala J Moses, G T Ng, Stanley Wai-Chun Ng, James R Nix, John S Nixon, Salomey N Okwubunka, Barry D Oliver, Elizabeth E Ostring, Paul S Ratsara, Angel M Rodriguez, Iouliia Roussina, Blasious M Ruguri, Mozart S Serrant, Pavel Simek, Heather-Dawn Small, T V Thompson, Gilbert Wari, Harald Wollan, Rita Zirimwabagabo

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Gerald D Karst, Chairman
Eugene Hsu, Vice-chairman
Larry R Evans, Secretary
Barbara Dickey, Recording Secretary

Members: Lucio Altin, Niels-Erik A Andreasen, Delbert W Baker, Bert B Beach, Matthew A Bediako, Lyn Behrens, Jannie Bekker, Guillermo E Biaggi, Steven N Bina, Lisa Burrow, Thomas Davai, Garland C Dulan, Laurie J Evans, Agustin Galicia, Joy Gashaija, Raul Gomez, Roscoe J Howard III, Daniel R Jackson, M C John, Michael F Kaminsky, Peter R Kunze, Robert E Kyte, Harold L Lee, Jose R Lizardo, Gabriel E Maurer, Eric P Monnier, Kalapala J Moses, Pardon K Mwansa, G T Ng, Stanley Wai-Chun Ng, Robert W Nixon, Mario Ochoa, Barry D Oliver, Orville D Parchment, Ruth E Parish, Juan O Perla, Juan R Prestol, Ted L Ramirez, Paul S Ratsara, Donald E Robinson, Blasious M Ruguri, Mack Tennyson, G Ralph Thompson, Jansen E Trotman, Gilbert Wari, Bertil A Wiklander, Harald Wollan

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As provided for by the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws

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Ted N C Wilson, Chairman
Harold W Baptiste, Vice-chairman
Douglas Clayville, Secretary
Patti Banks, Recording Secretary

Members: Emmanuel O Abbey, Harold W Baptiste, George Baxen, Wesley M Beene, Adrian Bocaneanu, Joy M Butler, Eugene Daniels, Larisa G Demerji, Gwendoline Desmier, Melchor A Ferreyra, Danforth Francis, Jane Froma, James W Gilley, Eugene K Y Hsu, Alvin M Kibble, Hudson E Kibuuka, Thundiyl P Kurian, Peter R Kunze, Jose R Lizardo, Eric P Monnier, Mutuku J Mutinga, Wendell R McMillan, Donald E Robinson, Claude Sabot, Takashi Shiraishi, Heather-Dawn Small, Ken Stanton, Remelito A Tabingo, Yulia Tousina, Bill Townend, Orville Woolford

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SEATING OF ADDITIONAL DELEGATES AND
ADDITIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Eugene Hsu, Chairman
Claude Sabot, Secretary

Members: Roscoe J Howard III, Paul S Ratsara, Agustin Galicia, Matthew A Bediako

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AMENDMENTS—REFER TO STANDING COMMITTEES

It was noted that all recommendations for amendments or substantive changes to the Constitution and Bylaws or to the *Church Manual* will be referred to the respective Standing Committees.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

By common consent it was agreed to approve the *General Conference Rules of Order* to govern the business meetings of the 2005 General Conference Session.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2005—CARSON, WALTER E -
PARLIAMENTARIAN

Walter E Carson, Associate Director of the General Conference Office of General Counsel, will serve as parliamentarian at the business meetings of the 2005 General Conference Session.

Following a recess, the first business meeting was reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jan Paulsen, President of the General Conference, gave his quinquennial report to the delegates and visitors to the 2005 General Conference Session.

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145-05GS GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2005—NOMINATING COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint the following as members of the standing Nominating Committee for the 2005 General Conference Session:

Abreu, Onilza Gerth	Buba, Gyang
Acevedo, Daniel	Burgos, Victor
Acevedo del Villar, Cesario	Bustamante, Eliseo
Agyeman, Charlotte Osei	Bustanza Cabala de Carbo, Leonor Segunda
Alemu, Haile	Butler, Joy
Allen, Patrick L	Calderon Miranda, Mario Augusto
Andreasen, Niels-Erik	Camacho, Angelina
Arguesta, Alfredo	Cardoso, Izeas
Ash, John William III	Carlson, Dennis
Astrouski, Maisei	Catton, Carolyn
Baker, Delbert W	Charles, Leslyn
Balais, Sylvain	Cheatham, Charles
Balboa, Sergio	Cho, Chul Soo
Barba Briceno, Luis Estuardo	Choudampalli, John
Bastien, Antonine	Christo, Gordon
Beagles, Kathleen	Cobb, Beverly
Behrens-Basaraba, Berel Lyn	Colney, Lalchansanga
Bina, Steven Magesa	Davai, Thomas
Bonetti, Vic	Dayson, Nestor
Brito, Mario Alberto	De Gracia Gonzalez, Jose Abdias
Brown, Everett	De Pina, Irlando Pereira
Browne, Benjamin P	Devadhas, Justus
Bruinsma, Reinder	Dlamini, Phetsile
Bryant, Glenward Alex	Eisele, Melvin

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Elias, Teodoro
Ellazar, Winilfredo
Farnsworth, Ruth
Ferreira, Victoria Edith
Ferreira Castillo, Melchor Augusto
Fontaine Marquez, Daniel
Gashaija, Joy Mulikanwa
Gerhardt, Johann
Godina, Zmago
Gomez Jimenez, Cesar
Gonzalez, Luis
Guaita, Alberto F
Gustin, Patricia
Haapasalo, Erkki
Habingabwa, Uzziel
Helminen, Atte
Hap, Benjamin
Heyaime de Jimenez, Claritza
Hibbert, Julian Gavin
Hiroshima, Phil
Hong, Myung Kwan
Hutano, Teodor
Iglesias, Pedro Walberto
Inada, Yutaka
Jackson, Daniel
Javier Perez, David
John, Masih C
Kadmiel, Sujatha Vijaya Kumar
Kaiser, Kim
Kalbermatter, Ignacio Luiz
Kamwendo-Kaunda, Jane
Kendel, Ole Bjorn
Kim, Chang-Su
King, Donald
Kozakov, Victor
Krupskiy, Volodymyr
Kyaw, Saw Muller
Laryea, Seth Abang
Laurent, Max-Rene
Lee, Harold
Leitao, Paulo

Liberanski, Pavel
Lima, Jose Carlos de
Lotca, Victor
Lozano Vergara, Leonel Eduardo
Machamire, Paminus
Machel, Gunther
Malaba, Raphael Nyongesa
Maphosa, Norman
Maphosa, Solomon
Mascarenhas, Heber
Masih, Younis
Matandiko, Cornelius
Mathema, Zacchaeus
Mayr, Siegfried
Mensah, Peter O
Mfuno, Saustin Sampson
Monnier, Eric Philippe
Monteiro, Tereza Cristina Queiroz
Monterroso Cabrera, Cesar
Mostert, Tom
Muasya, Musyoka Paul
Musasya, Makulambizia
Navales, Jonathan
Ndulu, Ayubu
Ngalamlume M, August de Clerc
Niconde, Victor Rosario N
Nixon, Robert
Nkubara, Peter
Ntihanabayo, Antoinette
Nwaogwugwu, Gideon
Obas, Etzer
Ola, Joseph Adebisi
Oliveira, Wandyr Mendes de
Orillosa, Edwina
Osborn, Richard
Ott, Rubin
Ottesen, Bjorn
Padmaraj, Daniel
Palacio, Julio
Patzner, Jere
Perla, Pablo

Perry, Cecil
Perupogu, Wilbert
Porter, Thomas
Phulusa, Alex Mchuka
Queiroz, Geovani
Quinteros, Guido Rodolfo
Ramos, Jose Miguel
Raso, Bruno Alberto
Raso, Bruno Alberto
Rathinaraj, John
Reichel, Benjamin Arturo
Retzer, Gordon
Roger, F Guy
Rosat, Denis P
Rugelinyange, Amon
Ryan, Anna
Sanchez Garcia, Hector Manuel
Sepang, Bobby Joutje
Sharon, Gibeon Ebenezer
Shiraishi, Takashi
Silva, Helder Roger Cavalcanti
Simek, Pavel
Sinaga, Houtman Elysha
Situmorang, John Maruli
Smith, Robert
Souza, Domingos Jose de
Souza, Moises Batista
Stanley, Chester
Stolyar, Vasiliy

Sutresman, Oni Surjono
Szilvasi, Jozsef
Tabingo, Remelito
Tang, Roxana Hiem Soon
Tausere, Nemani
Tchamembe, Rita
Thundiyl Parambil, Pothan Kurian
Tkachuk, Vladimir
Toledanes, Jemuel Mateo
Tombs, Sydney Thomas
Townend, Bill
Trevino, Max
Trotman, Jansen
Trujillo, Jacques
Tunnell, Dale
Vaca Espino, Jaime Segundo
Van Treeck, Klaus
Wakaba, Velile Siza
Walshe, Alan
Wani, John Luga
Warden, Ivan Leigh
White, Louise
Wilson, Brenda
Wolde-Endreas, Solomon
Wright, Walter L
Wu, James Sze Fai
Zhukalyuk, Mykola
Zilgalvis, Valdis
Zivanovic, Miodrag

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Matthew A Bediako, Secretary
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