

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
Fifty-ninth General Conference Session
Atlanta, Georgia
June 24, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
CHURCH

The Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was read by Matthew A Bediako, secretary of the business session.

VOTED, To record the reading of the Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

DELEGATES WELCOMED

Matthew A Bediako welcomed the delegates to the fifty-ninth General Conference Session

10GCS to MAB

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA—GENERAL CONFERENCE
SESSION - 2010

VOTED, To adopt the agenda for the 2010 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 chairpersons of the business meetings.

Lowell C Cooper, chair, called to order the first meeting of the 2010 General Conference Session.

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Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/09AC/207-09GSf/205-10GSf/Con&By/10GCS to LRE

214-10GSa SESSION COMMITTEES - CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment clarifies the relationship of a division and its attached unions when selecting members for the Nominating Committee. It clarifies the eligibility of elected staff and employees of the General Conference to serve on the Nominating Committee and recognizes the organizational change for the North American Division. It also replaces the Session Plans Committee with the Session Steering Committee with a description of its responsibilities during a General Conference Session.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article II—Session Committees, to read as follows:

ARTICLE II—SESSION COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. At each regular ~~session~~ Session of the General Conference, such committees as may be found necessary, including the following, shall be elected for the duration of the ~~session~~ Session to consider items of business that may be referred to them and to bring ~~in~~ their reports and recommendations to the ~~session~~ Session:

- a. Session ~~Church Manual~~ Church Manual Committee
- b. Session Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- c. Session Nominating Committee
- d. Session ~~Plans~~ Steering Committee

Sec. 2. Church Manual Committee - No change

Sec. 3. Constitution and Bylaws Committee: The chair of the Constitution - No change

Sec. 4. Nominating Committee – No change

Sec. 5. Steering Committee: The Steering Committee shall be chaired by the General Conference President or his designee. Membership of the Steering Committee shall be recommended to the Session by the General Conference Executive Committee. The Steering Committee shall meet as necessary to:

- a. Manage and monitor progress of the Session and its programs,
- b. Determine and amend, if necessary, the sequencing of the Session's business agenda,
- c. Serve as the referral point for any new business item not related to the approved Session agenda or any business item that the Session wishes to refer for further study, other than items that rightfully pertain to standing Session committees,
- d. Report to the Session, as needed, regarding the processing of proposals that have been referred for its consideration.

SEC/ADCOM/10SM/ADCOM/GCC(Atlanta)/10GCS to LRE

131-10GS STEERING COMMITTEE—GENERAL CONFERENCE
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VOTED, To approve the 2010 General Conference Session Steering Committee, as follows:

STEERING

Jan Paulsen, Chair
Larry R Evans, Secretary

Members: Rosa T Banks, Matthew A Bediako, G Alexander Bryant, Sheri Clemmer, Lowell C Cooper, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, G Thomas Evans, Mark A Finley, Agustin Galicia, Alberto C Gulfan Jr, Eugene Hsu, Gerry D Karst, Erton C Kohler, Jairyong Lee, Israel Leito, Robert E Lemon, Jose R Lizardo, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Armando Miranda, Todd R McFarland, Pardon K Mwansa, G T Ng, Barry D Oliver, Daisy J Orion, Orville D Parchment, Juan R Prestol, John Rathinaraj, Paul S Ratsara, Michael L Ryan, Roy E Ryan, Claude Sabot, Don C Schneider, Ella S Simmons, Artur Stele, Homer W Trecartin, Bruno Vertallier, Gilbert Wari, Bertil Wiklander, Ted N C Wilson.

Invitees: Rajmund Dabrowski, William M Knott, Dian Lawrence, Halvard B Thomsen

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GENERAL CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

VOTED, To approve the *General Conference Rules of Order* to govern the business meetings of the 2010 General Conference Session.

10GCS to MAB

MCFARLAND, TODD R , PARLIAMENTARIAN—GENERAL
CONFERENCE SESSION - 2010

Todd R McFarland, Associate Director of the General Conference Office of General Counsel, will serve as parliamentarian at the business meetings of the 2010 General Conference Session.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The delegates observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Church employees who have fallen asleep in Jesus since the previous General Conference Session.

Prayer was offered by Lowell C Cooper, chairperson of the business session.

ADCOM/ADCOM/09AC/141-09GS/10GCS to AG

104-10GS ARGENTINA UNION CONFERENCE, PARAGUAY UNION
OF CHURCHES MISSION, AND URUGUAY UNION OF
CHURCHES MISSION—NEW UNION CONFERENCE AND
NEW UNION OF CHURCHES MISSIONS

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Austral Union Conference into a union conference and two union of churches missions known as the Argentina Union Conference, the Paraguay Union of Churches Mission, and the Uruguay Union of Churches Mission, effective January 1, 2010:

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

3. To accept the Paraguay Union of Churches Mission (SAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

4. To accept the Uruguay Union of Churches Mission (SAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ADCOM/ADCOM/GCC/124-08GS/107-09GS/10GCS to AG

105-10GS TRANS-CAUCASUS UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Caucasus Union Mission into two union missions known as the Caucasus Union Mission and the Trans-Caucasus Union Mission, effective August 19, 2008.

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

ADCOM/ADCOM/08AC/129-08GS/111-09GS/10GCS to AG

106-10GS NORTHWEST BRAZIL UNION MISSION—NEW
UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former North Brazil Union Mission into two union missions known as the North Brazil Union Mission and the Northwest Brazil Union Mission, effective January 1, 2010.

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

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ADCOM/08SM/113-08GS/105-09GS/10GCS to AG

107-10GS GUATEMALA UNION MISSION AND BELIZE UNION
OF CHURCHES MISSION—NEW UNION MISSION AND
NEW UNION OF CHURCHES MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former North Central American Union Mission into a union mission and a union of churches mission known as the Guatemala Union Mission and the Belize Union of Churches Mission, effective May 20, 2008.

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

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

ADCOM/08SM/114-08GS/106-09GS/10GCS to AG

108-10GS CENTRAL MEXICAN UNION MISSION—NEW
UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former North Mexican Union Conference and the former Inter-Oceanic Mexican Union Mission into a union conference and two union missions known as the North Mexican Union Conference, the Inter-Oceanic Union Mission, and the Central Mexican Union Mission, effective May 20, 2008.

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

SAD/ADCOM/06SM/111-06GS/104-07GS/104-08GS/104-09GS/10GCS to AG

109-10GS NORTH PERU UNION MISSION AND SOUTH PERU
UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSIONS

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Peru Union Mission into two union missions known as the North Peru Union Mission and the South Peru Union Mission, effective January 1, 2007.

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

3. To accept the South Peru Union Mission (SAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ADCOM/ADCOM/08AC/125-08GS/108-09GS/10GCS to AG

110-10GS BELARUS UNION OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE—
NEW UNION OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record union of churches conference status for the Belarus Conference, effective November 13, 2008.

2. To accept the Belarus Union of Churches Conference (ESD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ADCOM/ADCOM/08AC/127-08GS/110-09GS/10GCS to AG

112-10GS FAR EASTERN UNION OF CHURCHES MISSION—NEW
UNION OF CHURCHES MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record union of churches mission status for the Far Eastern Mission, effective November 5, 2008.

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

ADCOM/ADCOM/08AC/126-08GS/109-09GS/10GCS to AG

115-10GS MOLDOVA UNION OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE—NEW
UNION OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record union of churches conference status for the Moldova Union Conference, effective November 25, 2008.

2. To accept the Moldova Union of Churches Conference (ESD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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ADCOM/GCDO09SM/09SM/118-09GS/10GCS to CS

116-10GS NORTH PHILIPPINE UNION CONFERENCE—NEW
UNION CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record union conference status for the North Philippine Union Mission, effective July 1, 2009.

2. To accept the North Philippine Union Conference (SSD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

TED/ADCOM/09AC/128-09GS/10GCS to GTN

117-10GS SWEDISH UNION OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE—
NEW UNION OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record union of churches conference status for the Swedish Union Conference, effective January 1, 2010.

2. To accept the Swedish Union of Churches Conference (TED) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

10GCS to MAB

UNIONS NOT YET ORGANIZED WELCOMED INTO THE
SISTERHOOD OF UNIONS OF THE SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST CHURCH

VOTED, To allow unions that will be functioning in 2010, but that have not yet been organized, to be recognized and welcomed into the sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at this General Conference Session.

ADCOM/ADCOM/09AC/135-09GS/10GCS to AG

113-10GS FRENCH ANTILLES-GUIANA UNION CONFERENCE—
NEW UNION CONFERENCE

VOTED, To recognize and record union conference status for the French Antilles-Guiana Union Mission, and to accept the French Antilles-Guiana Union Conference (IAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, subject to the organizing meeting on November 7-11, 2010.

ADCOM/ADCOM/10SM/10GCS to AG

135-10GS NORTH COLOMBIAN UNION CONFERENCE AND
SOUTH COLOMBIAN UNION MISSION—NEW UNION
CONFERENCE AND NEW UNION MISSION

VOTED, To recognize and record the reorganization of the Colombian Union Conference into a union conference and a union mission, and to accept them into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, subject to the organizing meeting July 11-14, 2010, as follows:

1. North Colombian Union Conference (IAD)
2. South Colombian Union Mission (IAD)

ADCOM/ADCOM/10SM/10GCS to AG

136-10GS VENEZUELA-ANTILLES UNION MISSION AND EAST
VENEZUELA UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSIONS

VOTED, To recognize and record the reorganization of the Venezuela-Antilles Union Mission into two union missions, and to accept them into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, subject to the organizing meeting on November 19-21, 2010, as follows:

1. Venezuela-Antilles Union Mission (IAD)
2. East Venezuela Union Mission (IAD)

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ADCOM/Steering10SM/10SM/10GCS to AG

141-10GS JAMAICA UNION CONFERENCE AND ATLANTIC
CARIBBEAN UNION MISSION—NEW UNION
CONFERENCE AND NEW UNION MISSION

VOTED, To recognize and record the reorganization of the West Indies Union Conference into a union conference and a union mission, and to accept them into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, subject to the organizing meeting on November 28-30, 2010, as follows:

1. Jamaica Union Conference (IAD)
2. Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission (IAD)

Prayer was offered by Lowell C Cooper, chairperson of the business session.

Lowell C Cooper, Chair
Matthew A Bediako, Secretary
Larry R Evans, Actions Editor
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary