

TENTH BUSINESS MEETING
Fifty-ninth General Conference Session
Atlanta, Georgia
June 30, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Prayer was offered by L James Gibson, Director of the Geoscience Research Institute, followed by a time of prayer with Mark A Finley of the General Conference.

10GCS to EH

LIMITING SPEECHES

Since so many delegates were lined up to comment on the Creation item, it was

VOTED, To limit speakers to the item on Creation, to two minutes or three minutes if the speaker needs translation.

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LIMITING TIME

Because of the length of time devoted to comments on the item on Creation, it was

VOTED, To limit the discussion to fifteen minutes, after which a vote will be taken whether to continue to discussion or call for the vote.

PRE/Adhoc/ADCOM/04AC/10GCS to GDK

150-10GS RESPONSE TO AN AFFIRMATION OF CREATION—
REAFFIRMATION

VOTED, To reaffirm and endorse the following statement that was voted at the 2004 Annual Council in response to the International Faith and Science Conference Organizing Committee's report, An Affirmation of Creation, which reads as follows:

Whereas belief in a literal, six-day creation is indissolubly linked with the authority of Scripture, and;

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Whereas such belief interlocks with other doctrines of Scripture, including the Sabbath and the Atonement, and;

Whereas Seventh-day Adventists understand our mission, as specified in Revelation 14:6, 7, to include a call to the world to worship God as Creator,

We, the members of the General Conference Executive Committee at the 2004 Annual Council, state the following as our response to the document, An Affirmation of Creation, submitted by the International Faith and Science Conferences:

1. We strongly endorse the document's affirmation of our historic, biblical position of belief in a literal, recent, six-day Creation.
2. We urge that the document, accompanied by this response, be disseminated widely throughout the world Seventh-day Adventist Church, using all available communication channels and in the major languages of world membership.
3. We reaffirm the Seventh-day Adventist understanding of the historicity of Genesis 1-11: that the seven days of the Creation account were literal 24-hour days forming a week identical in time to what we now experience as a week; and that the Flood was global in nature.
4. We call on all boards and educators at Seventh-day Adventist institutions at all levels to continue upholding and advocating the Church's position on origins. We, along with Seventh-day Adventist parents, expect students to receive a thorough, balanced, and scientifically rigorous exposure to and affirmation of our historic belief in a literal, recent, six-day creation, even as they are educated to understand and assess competing philosophies of origins that dominate scientific discussion in the contemporary world.
5. We urge church leaders throughout the world to seek ways to educate members, especially young people attending non-Seventh-day Adventist schools, in the issues involved in the doctrine of creation.
6. We call on all members of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist family to proclaim and teach the Church's understanding of the biblical doctrine of Creation, living in its light, rejoicing in our status as sons and daughters of God, and praising our Lord Jesus Christ—our Creator and Redeemer.

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10GCS to TNCW

FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF #6: CREATION—AMENDMENT

VOTED, To request General Conference administration to initiate a process to integrate Fundamental Belief #6 and the statement “Response to An Affirmation on Creation,” as provided for by the 2005 General Conference Session protocol for amending a fundamental belief.

Prayer was offered by Yong Kun Kim of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

Gerry D Karst and Eugene Hsu, Chairs
Claude Sabot, Secretary
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Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary