

TWELFTH BUSINESS MEETING
Fifty-ninth General Conference Session
Atlanta, Georgia
July 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Prayer was offered by David Farmer of the North American Division, followed by a time of prayer with Mark A Finley of the General Conference.

08AC/ChMan/09AC/GCC(Atlanta)/10GCS to AM

MUSIC - *CHURCH MANUAL* REVISION

VOTED, To approve the inclusion of the following paragraph in Chapter 12, Standards of Christian Living, Music, page 113, of the *Church Manual* revision, to read as follows (see 400GS *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual - Church Manual* Revision, as attached to the official copy of the minutes):

Music is one of the highest arts. Good music not only gives us pleasure but elevates our minds and cultivates our finest qualities. God often has used spiritual songs to touch the hearts of sinners and lead to repentance. On the contrary, debased music breaks down morality and draws us away from our relationship with God.

10GCS to AM

CHAPTER 12 OF THE *CHURCH MANUAL - CHURCH MANUAL*
REVISION

VOTED, To not refer Chapter 12 of the revised *Church Manual* back to the *Church Manual* Committee at General Conference Session in Atlanta.

10GCS to AM

CHAPTER 12 OF THE *CHURCH MANUAL - CHURCH MANUAL*
REVISION

VOTED, To approve Chapter 12 of the revised *Church Manual* as presented.

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**PORNOGRAPHY AND ABUSE ARE PERVERSIONS OF GOD'S
PLAN (SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS) - *CHURCH MANUAL*
REVISION**

VOTED, To approve the inclusion of the following paragraph in Chapter 13, Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage, Social Relationships, page 114, of the *Church Manual* revision, to read as follows (see 400GS *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual - Church Manual* Revision, as attached to the official copy of the minutes):

These evils have become more open and threatening to the ideals and purposes of the Christian home. Adultery, pornography, abuse of any kind (including sexual abuse of spouses, children, and the elderly), incest, and homosexual and lesbian practices are among the perversions of God's original plan and illustrate the brokenness of humanity. As the intent of clear passages of Scripture (see Ex. 20:14; Lev. 18:22, 29; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:10; Rom. 1:20-32) is denied and as their warnings are rejected in exchange for human opinions, much uncertainty and confusion prevail. Since ancient times and civilizations, Satan's plan always has been to cause people to forget that God is their Creator and that when He created humankind in His own image, He created both "male and female" (Gen. 1:27).

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**ATMOSPHERE CONTRARY TO CHRISTIAN STANDARDS (SOCIAL
RELATIONSHIPS) - *CHURCH MANUAL* REVISION**

VOTED, To approve the inclusion of the following paragraph in Chapter 12, Standards of Christian Living, Social Relationships, page 114 and 115, of the *Church Manual* revision, to read as follows (see 400GS *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual - Church Manual* Revision, as attached to the official copy of the minutes):

Our homes are by far the best places for social gatherings. In large centers where it is impossible to hold such gatherings in homes and where there is no social center of our own, we should secure a place free from influences destructive of Christian standards, rather than a place ordinarily used for commercial amusements and sports, such as social halls and skating rinks, which can suggest an atmosphere contrary to Christian standards.

10GCS to PKM

LIMITING DISCUSSION

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

VOTED, To limit speakers to the item on marriage, to one minute, with a time limit on the discussion of ten minutes, after which a vote will be taken whether to continue to discussion or call for the vote.

10GCS to AM

DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE IN THE *CHURCH MANUAL* - *CHURCH MANUAL* REVISION

VOTED, To not change the definition of marriage in the *Church Manual*, Chapter 13, Standards of Christian Living, Marriage, page 117, to include a relationship between any two consenting adults.

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MARRIAGE - *CHURCH MANUAL* REVISION

VOTED, To approve the inclusion of the following paragraph in Chapter 13, Standards of Christian Living, Marriage, pages 116 and 117, of the *Church Manual* revision, to read as follows (see 400GS *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual* - *Church Manual* Revision, as attached to the official copy of the minutes):

God intended the marriage of Adam and Eve to be the pattern for all future marriages, and Christ endorsed this original concept: “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate” (Matt. 19:4-6). Marriage, thus instituted by God, is a monogamous, heterosexual relationship between one male and one female.

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Prayer was offered by Georgina Lasekula of the South Pacific Division.

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