

## MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

April 21, 1967, 9:00 A. M.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, H. C. Lamp, M.D., R. C. Mills,  
Manoug Nazirian, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

## OTHERS PRESENT:

By invitation: Salim Japas, George Yared

## DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by R. W. Wilmot.

67/73 L. C. MILLER--FURLOUGH EXTENSION

VOTED, To grant L. C. Miller a five-week extension of his furlough in order for him to finish his study program in Andrews University and arrange his personal matters before returning to the Middle East.

67/74 H. S. JOHNSON--SUMMER WORK

VOTED, To assign H. S. Johnson to the Lebanon Section for work during the 1967 summer vacation, recommending that he be associated with Chafic Srour in a public effort.

67/75 PINE ECHOES--ADVERTISEMENT

VOTED, To authorize a full-page advertisement in the Pine Echoes, student publication of Middle East College, and further that the Public Relations Department of the Division arrange copy.

67/76 GARBIS BEDALIAN--SUSTENTATION

VOTED, To approve the sustentation of Garbis Bedalian as of April 21, 1967, and to tentatively set his rate at 15 per cent, pending a restudy of the sustentation policy at the time of the yearend meeting.

67/77 NAIM AWAIS--PRESS CARD

VOTED, To recommend to the Public Relations Department of the General Conference that Naim Awais, acting Editor in Chief of the Middle East Press, be granted a Press Card.

67/78 MANOUG NAZIRIAN--DIRECTOR JORDAN JUNIOR CAMP

VOTED, To approve the request of the Jordan Section that Manoug Nazirian serve as director of the Junior Camp to be held June 22 to July 2, 1967.

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67/79 MV TARGET GOALS

VOTED, To approve the following MV Target Goals for 1967:

Cyprus	5
Egypt	35
Iran	20
Iraq	20
Jordan	15
Lebanon	35
Syria	15
Turkey	<u>5</u>
Total	150

67/80 DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING--GOALS

VOTED, To approve the following goals for the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering to be received on May 13, 1967:

	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Lira</u>
Cyprus	CyL 17.061	150.00
Egypt	LEg 99.080	700.00
Iran	Rials 9,554.00	400.00
Iraq	ID 79.618	700.00
Jordan	JD 22.748	200.00
Lebanon	LL 1,300.00	1,300.00
Libya	LiL 56.870	500.00
Syria	SyL 191.08	150.00
Turkey	TqL 573.20	<u>200.00</u>
Total		4,300.00

67/81 WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS IN ARABIC--1968

VOTED, To authorize the publication of an edition of 1,250 adult Week of Prayer Readings for 1968 for distribution to the Arabic-speaking church members, the cost to be borne as follows:

Middle East Division	50%
Local Sections	25%
Local Churches	25%

Distribution to the local Sections will be made by the Middle East Press according to the Arabic-speaking membership of each field.

67/82 FAWZY ABDEL MALAK--SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES

VOTED, To authorize the Egypt Section to add the college portion of the Literature Evangelist Student Scholarship bonus to the portion assigned to the Section for literature sales made during the summer of 1967 by Fawzy Abdel Malak, in order to make available to him, in cash, on a monthly basis during the school year 1967-68, an amount equal to the bonus he would receive if he were able to attend Middle East College.

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67/83 NASSIF BOUTROS--IMMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA

Nassif Boutros, an ordained minister in Egypt, desires to immigrate to Australia, where the Greater Sydney Conference has indicated its willingness to employ him as a literature evangelist on his arrival in Sydney, Australia. It was

VOTED, To record the following regarding this move:

1. That Nassif Boutros will travel to Australia entirely on his own and be fully responsible for all transportation expenses.
2. That Australia will become his homeland and that he will not be entitled to leave of absence privileges back to Egypt.
3. That sustentation will be according to policy.

67/84 ARABIC CHURCH FOR SEBTIA JDEIDI--RECOMMENDATION

VOTED, To recommend to the Lebanon Section the construction of an Arabic church for the Sebtia Jdeidi area, with the following suggestions:

1. That Middle East College be requested to provide space from the orange grove property for this project.
2. That the church have a capacity of approximately 200 seats and that a separate auditorium seat 250.
3. That they request that the Church Extension offering for 1968 be assigned for this project.
4. That a number of Arabic-speaking families, now members of the College Park and other Beirut churches, be requested to transfer their membership to this new church to form a solid nucleus.
5. That the architectural plan of the façade be Eastern.

67/85 FARSI LANGUAGE STUDY COMMITTEE

VOTED, To name Vigain Marcarian (Chairman), M. H. Morovati, and Johnny Minassian a committee to supervise and periodically check the progress of workers studying the Farsi language, and to make such recommendations and reports to the Division officers as may tend to make the study program more effective.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Closing prayer by George Yared.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary