

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

April 18, 1968, 2:00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, H. C. Lamp, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills,
Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, George Yared, R. L. Jacobs

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by L. C. Miller and George Yared.

68/60 BOSHARIA CHURCH PLAN--APPROVAL

In harmony with the recommendation of the Lebanon Section, it was

VOTED, To approve the plan for the Bosharia Church as presented and on file in the office of the treasurer. The construction of the church is to be financed as follows:

Estimated Cost:

Construction	LL 68,000.00	LL
Furnishings	<u>17,000.00</u>	85,000.00

Financial Plan:

Middle East Division 1968 Special Appropriation	48,320.00	
Middle East Division Church Extension Approp.	15,000.00	
Lebanon Section	11,680.00	
Local Church	<u>10,000.00</u>	85,000.00
		RCM

68/61 MISSIONS EXTENSION OFFERING--PROJECT FOR 1968

VOTED, That the proceeds of the 1968 Missions Extension Offering be divided as follows:

Bishmezzine School - Additional classrooms	1/3	
Iran Academy - Additional classrooms	2/3	RCM

68/62 YOUSSEF SAMUEL--INVITATION TO BEIRUT

VOTED, To recommend to the Egypt Section that Youssef Samuel be authorized to travel to Beirut in connection with the visit of Herbert White of the General Conference Publishing Department, June 11-13, 1968. RLJ

68/63 JEHAD AKAR--CALL TO BENGHAZI

VOTED, To pass on to the Lebanon Section the call of the Benghazi Hospital for Jihad Akar, due to complete her nursing course at the American University of Beirut this summer, to serve as staff nurse. RLJ

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68/64 DR. MOSES DER HAGOPIAN--LETTER OF GUARANTEE

Arrangements have been made for Dr. Moses der Hagopian of Baghdad to take special work in diabetic nutrition in the Kettering Hospital. Before granting him a visa, the American Consulate is requiring that we provide a letter of guarantee. It was

VOTED, To authorize the treasurer to give a suitable letter of guarantee for Moses der Hagopian. RCM

68/65 "PINE ECHOES"--ADVERTISEMENT

VOTED, To authorize a full-page ad in the Middle East College Pine Echoes for 1968, and further to request R. L. Fenn to prepare the copy. RCM

68/66 A. N. BARLAS--ADVANCE

A. N. Barlas, a sustentation beneficiary living in Cyprus, finds it necessary to migrate to Canada due to the death of his son and the necessity of aiding his daughter-in-law and her three children. He has requested an advance of his sustentation benefits to aid him in his moving expense. It was

VOTED, To grant A. N. Barlas an advance equal to six months of his sustentation benefits, to be returned by discounting one-half the monthly allowance over a period of one year. RCM

68/67 NICOLA YOUSSEF--EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

VOTED, To grant to Nicola Youssef, Division gateman, a special assistance of LL 75.00 toward the tuition expense of his children attending the Mouseitbeh school. The Lebanon Section is to provide a similar amount. RCM

68/68 WAIL HADDADIN--SPONSORSHIP

Wail Haddadin is a Jordanian student studying in Spicer Memorial College. He plans to graduate at the end of the 1968-69 school year with a major in Biology and a minor in Agriculture. Since he has expressed his desire to return to Jordan to work, and on recommendation of the Jordan Section, it was

VOTED, To approve a loan to Wail Haddadin of Rs. 150 (India rupees) per month and Rs. 300 for textbooks for the year to assist him in his senior year, it being understood that this loan will be amortized over a two-year period of service. RCM

68/69 SECRETARIES--EMPLOYMENT

VOTED, To employ Mrs. H. C. Lamp and Mrs. L. C. Miller as secretaries in the Division office on a part-time hourly basis, up to a maximum of 180 hours each per quarter. RCM

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68/70 J. SHERWOOD JONES--PERMANENT RETURN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of J. Sherwood Jones for a permanent return effective July 1, 1969, for educational reasons.

RLJ

68/71 RAY L. JACOBS--FURLOUGH

Ray L. Jacobs will finish a three-year term of service on November 2, 1968. Since he has offered to take his furlough preceding the Fall Council so as to be back in the field for the annual meetings, it was

VOTED, That Ray L. Jacobs be authorized to take a three-month furlough beginning July 1, 1968.

RCM

68/72 JAMES R. STEPHAN--REQUEST FOR PERMANENT RETURN

James R. Stephan came to the Middle East Division September 1, 1966. His work has been satisfactory and appreciated. Soon after his arrival he began to have symptoms associated with his upper respiratory tract and skin that specialists have been unable to satisfactorily diagnose. The suggestion has been made that he may be suffering from an allergy, but considering the mildness of his symptoms and the paucity of physical findings, he has been advised to continue his present work. Every effort has been made to persuade him to remain, but he feels that he must return to his homeland to seek relief. At his urgent request, and on recommendation of the Middle East College Board, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that James R. Stephan be granted a permanent return, effective at the close of the 1967-68 school year.

FCW/RLJ

68/73 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE--CALL FOR HEAD OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT

In harmony with the request of Middle East College, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference a call for a music teacher to serve as head of the Music Department of Middle East College.

RLJ

68/74 L. C. MILLER--ITINERARY

VOTED, To approve the following itinerary:

L. C. Miller	April 18 - 25	Iran
	" 26 - 28	Turkey

Adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Closing prayer by Chafic Srour.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary