

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION SPRING COMMITTEE MEETING

Beirut, Lebanon

March 17, 1970

9:30 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, J. A. Aikman, Manuk Benzatyán, R. C. Darnell, Hilal Dose, Habib Ghali, H. L. Gray, Jon Green, John Hasso, Rafic Issa, R. L. Jacobs, Salim Japas, Gabriel Katrib, Jad Katrib, Maurice Katrib, George Khoury, D. O. McDaniel, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, H. N. Sheffield, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, George Yared

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by K. L. Vine.

Elder L. C. Miller's theme for the devotional talk was "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," and the hymn by the same title was sung. He told of hearing a minister say, "Curtis will never grow up," meaning that Jesus would return before that would be accomplished. Now he has been in the work 15 years. He is a fifth generation Seventh-day Adventist. Following he gave a little of the history of the progress of the work in the Middle East since it began in Egypt in 1880. After nearly a century, the 3,398 members in this field are still a very "little flock," and the task ahead is great. Elijah's power came to him because "he prayed." "When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. . . ." Selected Messages, Vol. 1, page 113.

Elder Miller closed by saying, as did General William Booth, "I want God to have ALL THERE IS OF ME." To this, beginning with Elder F. C. Webster, the workers responded rededicating their lives to the finishing of the work in the Middle East, and a season of prayer closed the meeting.

70/49 R. C. DARNELL - FURLOUGH EXTENSION

VOTED, To approve an extension of R. C. Darnell's furlough from October 24, 1969 (MED 69/160) to February 16, 1970, since this additional time was required for the completion of his study program. RLJ

70/50 GENERAL CONFERENCE - DELEGATES AT LARGE - ADDITIONS

VOTED, That Manoug Nazirian and Harold N. Sheffield be authorized to attend the 1970 General Conference session as Delegates at Large. RLJ

70/51 GENERAL CONFERENCE - REGULAR DELEGATES - ADDITIONS

VOTED, That K. L. Vine and George Yared be named as Regular Delegates to complete the quota for the Middle East Division. RLJ

70/52 GENERAL CONFERENCE - TYPICAL COSTUMES

VOTED, To authorize the payment of one-half the cost of typical Middle Eastern costumes used by delegates and their families at the 1970 General Conference session in connection with the pageant, the booth, etc., as required. RCM

70/53 ADVANCED STUDY BY WORKERS - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend paragraph b of Section 6 of the Advanced Study by Workers Policy (MED WP 117, 118) to read as follows:

"(1) A living allowance equal to his percentage rate in the field, applied to 75% of the 100% salary level in the country where studying, beginning the date of departure from Division territory up to and including the date of arrival back in his field. It is understood that a full-time study program will be followed.

"(2) Housing subsidy, utilities allowances, and medical aid in harmony with the policy applicable to denominational employees studying in the same area.

"(3) Tuition, registration, library, and graduation fees as required for authorized course of study.

"(4) An allowance of 25% of the tuition for children in a Seventh-day Adventist church school outside the Division."

It was further,

VOTED, That this amended policy shall be effective as of July 1, 1970. RLJ

70/54 NATIONAL WORKERS RETURNING - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend Section 4 of the National Workers Returning to Home Division Policy (MED WP 121), as follows:

"4. That the Division shall pay surface freight shipping expenses (including packing and insurance) on a net weight of up to 1,000 lbs. for the goods of a single worker or up to 2,000 pounds for a family. In case a worker does not transport his maximum weight, he shall receive an allowance of \$30.00 or its equivalent in local currency at the current rate, for each 100 pounds of unused weight privilege." RLJ

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70/55 WORKER IN-SERVICE TRAINING POLICY - AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) of Section 6 of the In-Service Training Policy (MED WP p. 114), as follows:

"a. In the case of a beneficiary who is married, the employing organization will pay three-fourths of his voted percentage salary rate, based on the 100% salary level in the field in which the institution is located, for the time that the beneficiary is studying or in training. In the case of single workers one-half of the voted salary rate will be paid.

"b. The beneficiary will continue to receive all allowances, such as rent (based on furnished quarters for beneficiaries from countries other than that in which the school is located) and medical according to the policy computed on the basis of the percentage of his salary paid to him while at the institution.

"e. In the case of a married beneficiary the business manager of the college shall arrange suitable furnished living quarters for the family and the worker's local Section shall arrange for proper storage of any furniture that he does not bring with him. Storage expense is the responsibility of the Section."

70/56 AUTOMOBILE POLICY - AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the Automobile Policy (MED WP 104) to read as follows:

Workers who, in the judgment of their controlling committee, need automobiles for use in their regular work may operate them and receive help on the following basis:

1. The controlling committee shall authorize the automobile in consultation with, and approval of, the officers of the Division. The automobile is to be purchased and owned by the worker. In order to avoid disappointment, the worker should not purchase a vehicle for which he anticipates authorization before the final approval of the Division officers has been secured.

2. Controlling committees shall set the monthly kilometric allowance for authorized cars. The rate per kilometer will be set at approximately three times the average cost of gasoline per kilometer, based on cars in the Volkswagon classification. Miles or kilometers reported for organizational use in excess of authorized budget limits shall be allowed at 1/3 the voted rates for auto travel within the budgets.

3. The automobile shall be insured jointly in the name of the worker and the organization. Full coverage insurance is to be carried. In countries where it is available, deductible type collision insurance shall be secured. In the event of accident the worker shall pay up to

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the first one-fourth of the deductible portion and the employing organization shall pay the remaining portion. If deductible-type coverage is not obtainable, the worker is to bear the first LL 25.00 or its equivalent of the cost of each accident. Full coverage includes collision, fire, theft, comprehensive and adequate third-party-liability insurance including coverage of the family and other passengers. The controlling committee shall determine the liability limits of the insurance to be carried by the worker. Should the worker desire insurance in excess of that recommended by the organization, it will be provided him at his personal expense. In arrangements whereby an insurance company reduces premiums by a "no claim bonus" for accident free driving, the saving thus realized on premiums paid by the organization is to be shared with the worker by payment to the worker of 50% of the amount saved, provided the regular cost of the insurance before application of the no claim bonus is no higher than other similar insurance coverage by companies not offering such bonuses.

4. All automobiles owned by workers whether authorized or not must carry third-party-liability insurance, this to be paid by the employing organization and issued to cover both the owner and the employing organization.

5. The following schedule shall govern allowances for authorized, semi-authorized and unauthorized categories of automobiles personally owned and personally operated by workers.

	Fully Authorized	Semi- Authorized	Un- Authorized
Monthly depreciation	LL 125.00	90.00	- - -
Insurance			
Third party	100%	100%	100%
Fire, theft, collision, comprehensive	100%	75%	25%
Registration (Payable once per annum)	50%	25%	- - -
Kilometrage or Mileage	As Voted	As Voted	Double the Authorized

6. Advances on depreciation are to be used only for the initial purchases of cars or car replacements, and are available as follows:

- a) Fully authorized - up to 2 years
- b) Semi-authorized - up to 1 year
- c) Unauthorized - no loan

7. Fully Authorized Automobiles:

Division and Section officers and full-time departmental secretaries.

Full-time pastors and evangelistic field workers. (Literature evangelists come under the policies governing literature evangelists).

College administrative officers, (president, dean, business manager), division chairmen, full professors, maintenance superintendents.

Medical institution physicians, business managers, credit managers, purchasing agents, head laboratory technicians, X-ray department heads, maintenance superintendents.

Press managers, treasurers, editors-in-chief.

Secondary school principals.

Semi-Authorized Automobiles:

Assistant secondary school principals, intermediate school principals.

College assistant and associate professors, registrars, cashiers, heads of departments, deans of residence, librarians, supervisors of store, poultry, dairy and food industry.

Medical institution nursing service directors, dietitians.

8. The use of unauthorized cars shall be closely restricted. Such occasional use must be requested and authorized only by an administrative officer of the local organization.

9. Motor vehicles owned and operated by an institution should be under the direction of one individual so far as its upkeep, repairs, and general control are concerned. Only properly licensed and authorized personnel should be permitted to drive the vehicle. An accurate record should be kept of kilometers driven and general operating expenses, including insurance, taxes, gas, oil, and repairs. These expenses should be charged to an operating account set up for the vehicle.

10. The private use of a mission-owned vehicle is to be discouraged. If on occasion it should be used by a worker for private use, he is to pay the organization by the kilometer at double the regular kilometer rate.

70/57 LITERATURE PLANNING AND READING COMMITTEE - VACANCIES FILLED

VOTED, To fill vacancies on the Literature Planning and Reading Committee, as follows: James A. Aikman, Secretary; Hilal Dose, H. N. Sheffield.

Hilal Dose offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

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9:00 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, J. A. Aikman, Manuk Benzatyan, R. C. Darnell, Hilal Dose, Habib Ghali, H. L. Gray, Jon Green, John Hasso, Rafic Issa, R. L. Jacobs, Salim Japas, Gabriel Katrib, Jad Katrib, Maurice Katrib, George Khoury, D. O. McDaniel, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, H. N. Sheffield, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, George Yared

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by Harold L. Gray.

The burden of Elder R. C. Darnell's devotional talk was the need of deeper study into the prophecies of the book of Revelation as a means of understanding God's purpose for His people -- and why we are here in the Middle East. He quoted from Testimonies, Vol. 6, pages 61, 62: "Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed be left untouched. If our people were half awake, if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrought in our churches and many more would believe the message."

Another quotation emphasizing the same thought is, "To John the Lord opened the subjects that He saw would be needed by His people in the last days. The instruction that He gave is found in the book of Revelation. Those who would be co-workers with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will show a deep interest in the truths found in this book." Testimonies, Vol. 8, page 301. Elder Darnell suggested that the lack of this study of the prophecies and also of soul-searching prayer as mentioned by Elder Miller in his devotional the day before, might be reasons for the lack of progress in the work in the Middle East Division.

70/58 WAGE SCALE - ELIMINATE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN

In harmony with the recommendation of the Wage Scale Committee, it was

VOTED, To adopt the General Conference Wage Scale for Overseas Divisions with the understanding that the differences in pay for men and women be eliminated over a 5-year period, and further

That audit committees shall be authorized to set salaries for workers who are employed without adequate preparation at less than the minimum rates indicated by the wage scale. RCM

H. N. Sheffield offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A. M.

F. C. Webster, Chairman
Ray L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION SPRING COMMITTEE MEETING

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March 19, 1970

8:55 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, J. A. Aikman, Manuk Benzatyan, R. C. Darnell, Hilal Dose, Habib Ghali, H. L. Gray, Jon Green, John Hasso, Rafic Issa, R. L. Jacobs, Salim Japas, Gabriel Katrib, Jad Katrib, Maurice Katrib, George Khoury, D. O. McDaniel, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, H. N. Sheffield, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, George Yared

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by Jerald Whitehouse.

Elder R. C. Mills introduced his devotional message by telling of his joy upon being asked to work for the Southern Publishing Association. As he was taking a Sabbath walk and saw the publishing plant spread out below him, he fell to his knees and thanked God for the opportunity of working in this great Cause. He emphasized the fact that it is a privilege that demands the worker's supreme dedication. Examples of such dedication were cited in the life of Paul as recorded in 2 Corinthians 11:24-27, and the life of Jesus who had "no place to lay His head." The Third Angel's Message was begun with great sacrifice and dedication as shown in the lives of James White, Joseph Bates, and others. We are told by the pen of inspiration that it will close as it began.

Jesus' last message to His disciples was, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, . . . By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34-35. With such love in the hearts of the workers and laymen, the work of God will move forward here in the Middle East.

70/59 GEORGE TERZIBASHIAN - CALL TO ASSIST IN BEIRUT ARMENIAN EFFORT

VOTED, To pass on to the Iran Section the request of the Lebanon Section for George Terzibashian to assist in an Armenian effort in the Bourj Hammoud church April 5 - June 15. It is understood that the Iran Section will continue the salary of Brother Terzibashian, but that the Lebanon Section will care for all other expenses connected with his travel and entertainment.

RLJ

70/60 LITERATURE EVANGELIST POLICY - REVISION

A revision of the Literature Evangelist Policy was presented by the Publishing Department for approval. Inasmuch as some parts appeared to require further study, it was

VOTED, To refer the Literature Evangelist Policy to the Minority Committee for study, with the understanding that the policy as amended by the Minority Committee will be used on a trial basis during the present year and brought to the full committee at its year-end meeting for final approval. MK

70/61 CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES - ADDITIONS

VOTED, To grant credentials and licenses, as follows:

Middle East College

Ernest L. Runge	Missionary Credential
Mrs. E. L. Runge	Missionary License

Middle East Division

Mrs. H. S. Johnson	Missionary License
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Middle East Press

James A. Aikman	Missionary Credential	
Mrs. J. A. Aikman	Missionary License	RLJ

70/62 LORANNE CHOSKE-GUIRGUIS - PERMANENT RETURN

On March 8, 1970 Lorraine Choske was married to Philip Guirguis and will not be continuing her work as librarian of Middle East College. It was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that Lorraine Choske-Guirguis be granted a permanent return, effective March 8, 1970, for personal reasons. RLJ

70/63 MOSES ELMADJIAN - TRAVEL IN EUROPE AND VACATION TIME

VOTED, To approve the request of Moses Elmadjian to travel in Europe during the summer of 1970 for a period of four weeks, it being understood that besides two weeks vacation time and one week held over from 1969 vacation time, he will take one week without salary. RLJ

70/64 SAAD KHILLA - CALL TO SYRIA

VOTED, To pass on to the Egypt Section the call of the Syria Section for Saad Khilla to serve as district pastor. RLJ

70/65 IRAN SECTION - CALL FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Iran Section for a married couple to teach English as a second language in the Iran Academy. RLJ

70/66 NATHAN DAWOOD - ELIGIBILITY FOR LEAVE

VOTED, To advise the Lebanon Section that Nathan Dawood is not considered eligible for a Leave of Absence to Kuwait, since Kuwait is in the same homeland area as that in which he is working. RLJ

70/67 ANEES A. HADDAD - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Anees A. Haddad went to the United States on May 29, 1966 to study in harmony with the provisions of the Middle East Division Advanced Study Policy. (MED pp. 1325, 1338, 1348, 1422) In May 1969, Brother Haddad informed the Division that it would be impossible for him to return to the Middle East at this time because of his wife's serious heart condition. This conclusion was supported by Dr. E. E. Wareham. With the concurrence of the Middle East Division officers, Brother Haddad accepted temporary employment in Loma Linda University, where he is teaching with the understanding that he will return to the Middle East Division as soon as conditions permit. It was

VOTED, To approve a leave of absence for Anees A. Haddad, effective July 1, 1969, and that a temporary moratorium be declared until November, 1970 on the advance amounting to LL 108,178.49, which appears in the account in the Middle East Division books. RCW

70/68 L. HUGH COWLES - FURLOUGH

In harmony with his request, it was

VOTED, To grant a 3-month furlough to L. Hugh Cowles, beginning July 1, 1970.

70/69 BRENDA COWLES - PERMANENT RETURN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of L. Hugh Cowles that his daughter Brenda be granted a permanent return effective May 15, 1970, for educational reasons. RLJ

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70/70 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE - CALL FOR LIBRARIAN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of Middle East College for a qualified librarian. RLJ

70/71 JUSTIN C. HAMER - PERMANENT RETURN

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

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of Justin C. Hamer for a permanent return, effective July 1, 1971, for educational reasons. RLJ

70/72 G. GENE JOHNSON - PERMANENT RETURN

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

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of G. Gene Johnson for a permanent return, effective July 1, 1971, since he desires to enter another line of work. RLJ

70/73 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE - CALL FOR CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT HEAD

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of Middle East College for a teacher to serve as head of the department of Chemistry. RLJ

70/74 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE - CALL FOR BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT HEAD

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of Middle East College for a teacher to serve as head of the biology department. RLJ

70/75 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE - CALL FOR DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED THEOLOGY HEAD

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

70/76 GEORGE KHOURY - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEAR OF KIN

VOTED, To authorize Middle East College to grant assistance to George Khoury in the payment of medical expense incurred by his sister, in harmony with the Medical Aid for Near of Kin Guideline Policy (MED 68/114). RCM

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70/77 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE - FUNDS FOR ICECREAM EQUIPMENT

In November, 1968 an advance of LL 40,000 was approved for Middle East College, payable in two years (MED 68/251) for the purchase of a new bakery oven. Now icecream-making equipment is urgently requiring replacement. In harmony with the request of the Middle East College Board, it was

VOTED, To approve the plan for Middle East College to repay to the Division LL 20,000 of the original loan by June 30, 1971, and that the remaining LL 20,000 of the loan be extended for the purchase of equipment for making icecream, it being understood that the entire loan is to be repaid in full by June 30, 1972. RCM

Adjourned at 11:10 A. M. with prayer by Gabriel Katrib.

The afternoon session convened at 2:00 P. M. with all members present except John Hasso. Manoug Nazirian offered the opening prayer.

70/78 HEALTH COURSE - AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Literature Planning and Reading Committee and authorize the publication of the new Health Course prepared by H. C. Lamp, M.D., it being understood that this will replace the present health course. RLJ

70/79 TRACTS FOR CHRISTIANS - APPROVAL FOR PUBLICATION

In harmony with the recommendation of the Literature Planning and Reading Committee, it was

VOTED, To approve for publication four tracts for Christians written by Salim Japas and Maurice Katrib. MK

70/80 SABBATH SCHOOL OVERFLOW OFFERING - REASSIGNMENT REQUESTED

WHEREAS the Benghazi Evangelistic and Educational Complex to which 35% of the 1968 Fourth Quarter Sabbath School Overflow Offering was assigned (MED 67/139) was not built, due to the nationalization of the hospital, it was

VOTED, To request the General Conference to approve the re-assignment of 35% of the 1968 Fourth Quarter Sabbath School Overflow offering to Middle East College to be applied toward the completion of the Auditorium. RCM

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70/81 MIDDLE EAST SECONDARY SCHOOL - APPROVAL FOR TEACHER EMPLOYMENT

VOTED, To approve the request of the Middle East Secondary School to employ the following teachers:

Mae Abdul Karim	Graduating from MEC June 1970
Sana Issa	Freshman Student MEC 1969/70
Bahige Mina	Graduating from MEC June 1970
Issa Obeid	Graduating from MEC June 1970

RLJ

70/82 BACCALAUREATE PART II - RECOMMENDATION

VOTED, To urge the Middle East Secondary School and the Mous-seitbeh School to give careful study to the possibility of offering the Baccalaureate Part II in order that our Adventist youth may be prepared to serve in professions requiring official recognition. RLJ

70/83 MISSIONS EXTENSION PROJECT - 1970

VOTED, To assign the 1970 Missions Extension Offering to the Middle Secondary School to assist in the completion of the second floor. RCM

70/84 WAGE SCALE FOR TEACHERS

VOTED, To adopt the following wage scale for teachers, effective January 1, 1971, with the understanding that women teachers' salaries will be brought into line with it in harmony with MED Action No. 70/58:

(See following page, 1775)

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION
WAGE SCALE FOR TEACHERS

Elementary and Non-Boarding Intermediate and Secondary Schools

Year of Service	1	2				3				4				5				6				7				8			
		D	C	B	A	D	C	B	A	D	C	B	A	D	C	B	A	D	C	B	A	D	C	B	A	D	C	B	A
Less Than High School	-42*	44-44-45-45	46-47-48-49	48-50-51-53	50-52-54-57	52-55-58-61	54-58-61-65	56-60-64-69																					
High School	48	50-50-51-51	52-53-53-54	54-55-56-57	56-58-59-61	58-60-62-65	60-63-66-69	62-66-69-73																					
Freshman	54	56-56-57-57	58-59-60-61	60-62-63-65	62-64-66-69	64-67-70-73	66-70-73-77	68-72-76-81																					
Sophomore	60	62-63-64-64	64-65-66-68	66-68-70-72	68-70-73-76	70-74-77-80	72-76-80-84	74-78-83-88																					
Junior	66	68-69-70-70	70-71-72-74	72-74-76-78	74-76-79-82	76-79-83-87	78-83-87-92	80-85-91-97																					
College Graduate	72	74-75-76-77	76-78-80-82	78-81-84-87	80-84-88-92	82-87-92-97																							

Concepts: One year education equals 3 years' service at minimum. Those having completed junior year of college or above may reach the maximum.

Guaranteed raises for service alone - 2 points per year to 6th or 8th year.

Guaranteed recognition for education - 6 points for each additional year of education to college graduate level.

Efficiency spread is approximately 1/2 the possible increase throughout.

- Notes:
- Grade A - Maximum for Education and year of service
 - Grade B - Add 2/3 of spread to minimum for education and year of service
 - Grade C - Add 1/3 of spread to minimum for education and year of service
 - Grade D - Minimum for education and year of service

Consider years of teaching in Non - S.D.A. schools at 1/2 value

Add 1 point for Principal (2 points if school with 4 or more full-time teachers)

Add 1 point for administrative and professional certificate

*Deduct 6 points for each year of education below eleventh grade

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70/85 RENT POLICY - AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the Rent Policy (MED WP 94-95) as follows:

Delete the note regarding single workers in Section 4.
Substitute the following in place of Section 7:

"7. If a single worker, or more than one worker, other than husband and wife, occupy the same accommodation, rent shall be subsidized and rent ceilings shall be applied, as follows, it being understood that in the case of multiple occupancy, rent ceilings shall be based on the average of the worker's salaries:

<u>Number of workers occupying accommodation</u>	<u>Percentage of Worker's Salary paid as rent</u>	<u>Rent Ceiling based on that applicable to families</u>
One	10%	75%
Two	7½%	90%
Three	5%	100%
Four	4%	100%

If in the application of this policy the total rent charged by the landlord is less than the percentages indicated, the percentages shall be decreased proportionately."

And further,

To delete Section 8, and renumber the following two sections accordingly.

RLJ

70/86 LEON THOMASSIAN - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEAR OF KIN

Leon Thomassian is largely responsible for the payment of medical expense incurred by his grandmother, amounting to SyL 899.45. It was

VOTED, To grant assistance to Leon Thomassian in the payment of medical expense for his grandmother in harmony with the Medical Aid for Near of Kin Guideline Policy (MED 68/114). RCM

70/87 CYPRUS SECTION - ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAL WORK

VOTED, To authorize the Cyprus Section to continue negotiations and ground work leading to the establishing of a small medical work in Cyprus, it being understood that firm commitments be made only after residence and work permits are secured for personnel involved. FCW

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70/88 BASHIR AZIZ - EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Bashir Aziz went to Benghazi and was employed by the hospital on location. He worked until the institution was nationalized, November 23, 1969, when he came to Beirut and enrolled in Middle East College for the second quarter of the 1969-70 school year. It was

VOTED, To grant to Bashir Aziz educational assistance amounting to the cost of his tuition expense in Middle East College for a maximum of five quarters, this to be charged to the anticipated Benghazi Hospital compensation settlement fund. RCM

70/89 FERIAL KOLTA - EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Ferial Kolta was employed by the Benghazi Hospital on location. When the hospital was nationalized, November 23, 1969, she was encouraged to continue her education in Middle East College. It was

VOTED, To grant to Ferial Kolta educational assistance amounting to the cost of her tuition expense in Middle East College for a maximum of five quarters, this to be charged to the anticipated Benghazi Hospital compensation settlement fund. RCM

70/90 NADIE KOLTA - ENCOURAGED TO STUDY

Nadie Kolta served in the Benghazi Hospital for more than four years previous to its nationalization. It was

VOTED, To continue Nadie Kolta on salary for two months from the time he left Benghazi March 8, 1970, and further

To encourage Brother Kolta to continue his education in Middle East College, with the provision that the Division will pay his tuition up to one hundred two (102) quarter hours, charge to be made to the anticipated Benghazi Hospital compensation settlement fund. RCM

70/91 ELIZABETH ATAMIAN - FINAL SETTLEMENT

Elizabeth Atamian was an employee in the Benghazi Hospital at the time it was nationalized. It was

VOTED, To make final settlement with Elizabeth Atamian in harmony with the policy. RCM

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70/92 J. W. WHITEHOUSE - AVAILABLE TO LEBANON SECTION

WHEREAS the government refused to permit J. W. Whitehouse to continue his work in Libya and he is awaiting reassignment in Beirut, it was

VOTED, To make J. W. Whitehouse available to the Lebanon Section for village evangelism.

RLJ

The prayer of dismissal was offered by Gabriel Katrib.

Adjourned at 6:40 P.M. sine die.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
 Beirut, Lebanon March 26, 1970 8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. C. Darnell, Rafic Issa, R. L. Jacobs, Salim Japas, Maurice Katrib, George Khoury, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, H. N. Sheffield, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, George Yared

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by R. C. Darnell.

70/93 ROBERT D. HYDE - PERMANENT RETURN

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that R. D. Hyde be granted a permanent return effective April 15, 1970, for health reasons, in harmony with his request and on recommendation of H. N. Sheffield, M.D.
 RLJ

70/94 HENRY MELKI - AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND GENERAL CONFERENCE

VOTED, That Henry Melki be authorized to attend the General Conference Session in Atlantic City, it being understood that travel, hotel, and per diem will be allowed as for a regular delegate.
 RLJ

70/95 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

VOTED, That the following workers from the Middle East Division be recommended to the General Conference to be seated as Delegates-at-Large under the provisions of Section 3b of the Constitution:

John Hasso
 Anoosh Keshishzadeh
 Issa Kharma
 Dean O. McDaniel
 Henry Melki
 Semir Shahin

RLJ

70/96 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORIZED

VOTED, That in the event the following workers are in attendance at the 1970 General Conference Session, they be granted hotel and per diem allowances on the same basis as for regular delegates: Anees Haddad, Joseph Khoury, D. C. Ludington, M.D.

And further, That they be recommended to the General Conference to be seated as Delegates-at-Large under the provisions of Section 3b of the Constitution.
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The session adjourned at 8:20 a.m. with prayer by Salim Japas.

F. C. Webster, Chairman
 R. L. Jacobs, Secretary