

**NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE**

March 18, 2004

9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Don C. Schneider(Ch), Roscoe J Howard, III (Sec), James Black, Debra Brill, George Brill, Larry Evans, J Alfred Johnson, Noelene Johnsson, Orville Parchment, Juan R Prestol, G Edward Reid.

**PRAYER** Don C Schneider

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on February 11, 2004 were approved.

TREn/NADCOM to JRP

**DESMOND DOSS DOCUMENTARY MOVIE—APPROPRIATION**

VOTED, To contribute \$50,000 to Chapparral West from #71000 Undesignated Projects as an appropriation for the Desmond Doss documentary. Chapparral West is a production company owned by Terry Benedict, who produced the film. The documentary film encourages Adventists to be faithful to the Lord in the face of difficulties as seen in the life story of Desmond Doss, a Seventh-day Adventist member who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism during the military action in Okinawa during the Pacific war.

TREn/NADCOM to JRP

**ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE—POLICY VARIANCE**

VOTED, To extend to the Atlantic Union Conference office a variance from Policy X 20 05, paragraph 2, that requires organizations to charge market rates or the amount indicated for housing by ERI/Statistics Canada to employees for parsonage rental. The variance will allow them to structure a plan to set the rental rate at 60% in July 2003 and to increase the percentage every July until they reach the level indicated by policy.

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TREn/NADCOM to JRP

#### **MILEAGE RATE INCREASE—AUTHORIZATION**

VOTED, To authorize the union conferences to effect temporary mileage rate increases to the NAD mileage rate of \$0.32; \$0.33 in California; \$0.34 in Hawaii; C\$0.37 and C\$0.31 for Canada, effective February 1, 2004, and ending November 30, 2004, given the present price increases to the gallon of gasoline affecting areas of the United States and Canada. The criteria are to be voted by the NAD Union Treasurer's Cabinet and approved by NADCOA.

SECn/OGC/NADCOA/NADCOM to RJH

#### **ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC—DENOMINATIONAL STATUS**

A question has been raised regarding the denominational status of the above-captioned organization located at 501 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Since its formation in 1983 this Adventist Community Services Center of Greater Washington, Inc. (ACS of GW) has served as the ACS center for several area Seventh-day Adventist Churches that are a part of the Potomac Conference. Until recently ACS of GW has been a recognized part of the Potomac Conference. Now Adventist Healthcare has taken over sponsorship from the Potomac Conference while maintaining the several area Seventh-day Adventist Churches as regular constituent members. Therefore it is

VOTED, To take an action to simply recognize Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc as having denominational status since 1983 and that it be listed in the next edition of the *Yearbook*. It is to be recognized as having been tax-exempt under the GC's group tax exemption. However, that will change in the near future as it has a pending application with the IRS to receive a separate exemption letter.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Don C Schneider, Chair  
Roscoe J Howard, III Secretary  
Esther Jones, Recording Secretary