

ANNUAL COUNCIL

Perth, Australia, October 7-14, 1991

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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PRESENT

Caleb O Adeogun, Carlos E Aeschlimann, Fortunato B Aleman,
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Bert B Beach, Matthew A Bediako, B Lyn Behrens, Wilfred Billy,
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de Martinez, David D Dennis, Nat E Devenish, L D Devine, Paul N Devine,
D Douglas Devnich, Lazare Doom, Marcel Doom, Allan Draper,
Nelu Dumitrescu,

Ottis C Edwards, Gilbert Egu, W Duncan Eva, L J Evans,
Ron A Evans,

Robert S Folkenberg, Philip S Follett, Ulrich Frikart,

R I Gainer, Agustin Galicia, Newton Galo, Greg G Gambrill, A Barry
Gane, John H Gate, Samson R Genun, Donald F Gilbert, Renderson J
Gombwa, Isaac Gomez, Douglas P Goodin, Malcolm D Gordon, Paul A Gordon,
Rodolpho Gorski, Eric M Greenwell, Ian E Grice, Galina Gritsuk,
Athol Grosse, Eugene W Grosser, Patrick Guenin, Joseph E Gurubatham,

H G Halliday, Anna-Liisa Halonen, Norman Hardy, Harold G Harker,
Percy C Harrold, Daniel Haru, Max Hatton, Anthony L Hay, D E Hay,
Ted Hayes, Alex Hendriks, Bekele Heye, Yori Hibo, Desmond B Hills,
Clarence E Hodges, Vonthia Hosking, Eric W Howse, Eugene Hsu,
Neil Hughes, Owen L Hughes,

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A L Kabu, Mettely Katovai, Tony Kemo, Roger M Kemo'o, Bradley R
Kemp, Tong C Kim, E Kingdon, Andrew J Kingston, Robert J Kloosterhuis,
Harald W Knott, G V Kochmar, Johnson Koilpillai, Ruth C Komarniski,
Victor P Krushenitsky, Prabhu D Kujur, Samson Kuku, Mikhail P Kulakov,
Chester Kuma, Rolf H Kvinge, Robert E Kyte,

David M Lamb, Brenda L Lambert, Marcelle Langerijs, J L Lansdown,
Larry J Laredo, Allan D Laughlin, R Neil Lawson, Israel Leito,
W Richard Leshner, Hosea Ronnie Libai, Wilfred Liligeto, Ian Littlewood,
Richard Liu, Edmond Long, Aaron M Lopa, Jovan Lorencin, Robert T Louk,
Edwin Ludescher, Hyung Hwan Lyu,

Efinito M Macalintal, David F MacQueen, Geoffrey A Madigan,
R Bruce Manners, Dkhar J Marcostarr, Gordon O Martinborough,
Wenson L Masoka, Owen S Mason, Ramon H Maury, Edwin I Mayer,
Alfred C McClure, Cyril Miller, Richard J Milne, M E Mitchell,
Kenneth J Mittleider, R V Moe, Baraniko R Mooka, Haroldo Moran,
Peter Morey, Richard T Morris, Thomas J Mostert Jr, Daryl K Murdoch,
Mikhail M Murga, Lameck Mwamukonda,

Ruy H Nagel, J David Newman, Robert W Nixon, Albert A Noda,
Walter O Nombe, Jacob J Nortey, Drusilla Nowicki, Aubrey N Nzimande,

D L Oaklands, John V Oaklands, Mario H Ochoa, Robert E Osborn,
Rose M Otis,

Samson Panda, Alexander A Pankov, Stanton H Parker, Bertram H
Parkerson, V B Parmenter, J Ian Pate, J Paul, Jan Paulsen, W J Paynter,
Barrie I Peach, Robert G Peck, J H K Penola, Arthur J Petrie, Sinoa
Poigeno, Robert Pomaleu, George C Porter, Robert E Possingham,
Dominique Pothier, L Bruce Potter, David R Potter, Malcolm R Potts,
Eleanor Pringle,

George L Quinlin,

Lassew D Raelly, David B Rankin, Alex Rantung, Leo Ranzolin,
Humberto M Rasi, S S Ratu, Samuela Ratulevu, Benjamin Reaves,
George W Reid, Arnold C Reye, Barbara M Reynolds, Leigh R Rice,
Rowena R Rick, R F Rimoni, Raymond B Roberts, Donald E Robinson,
Calvin B Rock, Michael L Ryan,

Alwyn P Salom, Chhunthang Sangchia, Gunter Schleifer, C F Scout,
Walter Scragg, Graham A Shields, Deffe Sifoni, Julie Smith, Lionel A
Smith, Robert E Smith, Rommert A Spoor, Chester G Stanley, H J Stanton,
Allan W Staples, Allen R Steele, Wilson Stephen, Warwick H Stokes,

Lawrence Tanabose, Pivki Tasa, Raymond D Tetz, Donald H Thomas,
Fred G Thomas, G Ralph Thompson, Christopher J Till, Ronald E Timewell,
Nerrolyn Toata, Tommy Toata, Athal H Tolhurst, Joel O Tompkins,
C A Townend, R W T Townend, W Peter Truscott, Carlos E Turcios,
Owen O Twist,

Johan A Van Bignoot, Robert A van Buuren, H J van der Ness,
Karel C van Oossanen, M J Varu, Mario Veloso,

C R Wallace, Eric C Ward, Martin J Ward, John F Waters,
J M Watson, Neil W Watts, Ralph S Watts Jr, Albert S Whiting,
Stephen W Whitson, R K Wilkinson, Dale R Williams, John Willmott,
Lynray G Wilson, Neal C Wilson, Ted N C Wilson, Collin M Winch,
Eric H Winter, Ron M Wisbey, Joao Wolff, David D Woolley, W E Wright,

Nathaniel Y Yen, Yukio Yokomizo, F Donald Yost, F Martin Ytreberg,

Nikolai A Zhukaluk.

OPENING

The Avondale Concert Band, under the direction of Fred Cracknell,
provided a mini-concert prior to the official opening of the Annual
Council.

Kingsley R Wood, Accountant, Section I, of the South Pacific
Division and Chairperson of the 1991 Annual Council Music Committee,
led the song service.

W Floyd Bresee, Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial
Association and Chairperson of the Platform Committee, introduced the
program, the General Vice Presidents, and the Division Presidents.

Welcoming remarks were also given by the following individuals:

Bryan W Ball, President of the South Pacific Division.

Desmond B Hills, President of the Trans-Australian Union
Conference.

Laurie J Evans, President of the Western Australian Conference.

Ken Farmer (speaking in his Aboriginal tribal language), and
George Quinlin brought greetings on behalf of the Western Australia
Aboriginal people. A special musical feature using the Didjeridoo
pipe was presented.

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Raymond L. Coombe, Communication Director of the South Pacific Division, introduced The Honorable Fred McKenzie, a representative from the Western Australian Government, who brought greetings from the Western Australian Government and welcomed the attendees to Perth.

Rowena R. Rick, Associate Treasurer of the General Conference, read the scripture, Acts 17:5,6, and announced the opening hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

The opening prayer was offered by Ottis C. Edwards, President of the Far Eastern Division.

Neone Okesene, a pastor in the North New Zealand Conference, rendered a solo, "God and God Alone."

Kenneth J. Mittleider, Vice President of the General Conference, welcomed the delegates to the 1991 Annual Council.

CALL TO ORDER

G. Ralph Thompson, Secretary of the General Conference, read Article XIII, Section 2-a of the Bylaws which states the constitutional provision for convening the Annual Council. He stated that all conditions had been met for calling the meeting to order.

Kenneth J. Mittleider, Chairman, declared the 1991 Annual Council open for the consideration of business.

PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION

Notebooks containing the program, agenda items, and registration cards for the Annual Council were distributed.

DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To adopt the following daily program for the 1991 Annual Council:

AM	6:45 - 7:45	Steering Committee
	7:45 - 9:15	Devotional Meeting
	9:15 - 10:30	Council or Committees
	10:30 - 10:45	Recess
	10:45 - 12:30	Council or Committees

LUNCH

PM 1:30 - 2:30 Special Committees
 2:30 - 3:45 Council or Committees
 3:45 - 4:00 Recess
 4:00 - 5:30 Council or Committees

DINNER/SUPPER

PM 7:00 - 9:00 Evening Meeting (Concert Hall)

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APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

VOTED, To approve the following standing and service committees
for the 1991 Annual Council:

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Matthew A Bediako, Chairperson
Ted N C Wilson, Secretary

Members: Bryan W Ball, Bob E Jacobs, Robert E Osborn.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET

Donald F Gilbert, Chairperson
Donald E Robinson, Secretary

Members: Fortunato Aleman, Verna Alva, Ronald E Appenzeller,
Karl H Bahr, Harold W Baptiste, Maurice T Battle, Bert B Beach,
Matthew A Bediako, Darci M Borba, Ellen Bresee, W Floyd Bresee,
Shirley Burton, G Tom Carter, R H Carter, Larry R Colburn, A R Craig,
George H Crumley, Ketty Chacon de Martinez, David D Dennis,

D Douglas Devnich, L Doom, Nelu Dumitrescu, Ron A Evans,
Robert S Folkenberg, Philip S Follett, R J Gombwa, Isaac Gomez,
Doug P Goodin, Malcolm D Gordon, Paul E Gordon, Rodolpho Gorski,
E M Greenwell, Galina Gritsuk, Patrick Guenin, H G Harker, D B Hills,
Flavie T Jackson, Bob E Jacobs, William G Johnsson, Bruce Johnston,

Robert J Kloosterhuis, Harald Knott, G V Kochmar, Ruth Komarniski,
Rolf H Kvinge, Marcelle Langerijs, R N Lawson, Israel Leito,
Jovan Lorencin, Hyung Hwan Lyu, Gordon Martinborough, Alfred C McClure,
Cyril Miller, Kenneth J Mittleider, Thomas J Mostert Jr, M M Murga,
Robert E Osborn, Rose M Otis, M R Potts, Leo Ranzolin, Humberto M Rasi,

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Barbara M Reynolds, Rowena R Rick, Calvin B Rock, C Sangchia, Guenter Schleifer, C G Stanley, Fred G Thomas, G Ralph Thompson, Joel O Tompkins, Mario Veloso, E C Ward, Ralph S Watts Jr, Albert S Whiting, Neal C Wilson, Ted N C Wilson, Ron M Wisbey, Yukio Yokomizo, F Martin Ytreberg, N A Zhukaluk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS AND USHERS AND OFFERINGS

Ron A Evans, Chairperson
Bruce Jackson, Vice-Chairperson

Members: P B Brewin, R T Louk, A J Petrie, D R Potter,
Barbara M Reynolds, G A Shields, O O Twist, R A van Buuren, J M Watson.

FINANCE

Donald F Gilbert, Chairperson
George H Crumley, Secretary
Carolyn Saldana, Recording Secretary

Members: Caleb O Adeogun, Fortunato Aleman, Verna Alva,
Erich Amelung, W Thomas Andrews, Ronald E Appenzeller,
Glenn Aufderhar, Karl H Bahr, Byran W Ball, Harold W Baptiste,
Maurice T Battle, Bert B Beach, Matthew A Bediako, B Lyn Behrens,
D D Blanch, Darci M Borba, James T Bradfield, Ellen Bresee,

W Floyd Bresee, George W Brown, R A Burlace, Shirley Burton,
G Tom Carter, R H Carter, D W B Chalale, M E Cherian, Gerald J Christo,
G F Clifford, Larry R Colburn, P J Colquhoun, Lowell C Cooper, Kethy
Chacon de Martinez, Gary B DeBoer, David D Dennis, N E Devenish,
D Douglas Devnich, J M Dkhar, Marcel Doom, Nelu Dumitrescu,

Ottis C Edwards, G Egu, W Duncan Eva, L J Evans, Ron A Evans,
Robert S Folkenberg, Philip S Follett, Ulrich Frikart, R I Gainer,
Agustin Galicia, N Galo, R J Gombwa, Isaac Gomez, Doug P Goodin,
Malcolm D Gordon, Paul E Gordon, Rodolpho Gorski, Ian E Grice, Galina
Gritsuk, E W Grosser, Patrick Guenin, Joseph E Gurubatham,

Anna-Liisa Halonen, H G Harker, Alex Hendriks, Bekele Heye, Y Hibo,
D B Hills, Clarence Hodges, Eugene Hsu, Flavie T Jackson, Bob E Jacobs,
Asser A Jean-Pierre, Svein B Johansen, George C Johnson,
William G Johnsson, Bruce Johnston, A L Kabu, T Kemp, Tong C Kim,
Robert J Kinney, Robert J Kloosterhuis, Harald Knott, G V Kochmar,

Johnson Koilpillai, Ruth Komarniski, Victor C Krushenitski, P D Kujur,
Mikhail P Kulakov, Rolf H Kvinge, Robert E Kyte, Marcelle Langerijs,
J L Lansdown, Israel Leito, W Richard Leshner, Richard Liu, Jovan

Lorencin, Edwin Ludescher, Hyung Hwan Lyu, Efinito M Macalintal,
G A Madigan, Gordon Martinborough, W L Masoka, O S Mason,

Ramon H Maury, Edwin I Mayer, Alfred C McClure, Cyril Miller,
M E Mitchell, Kenneth J Mittleider, R V Moe, Haroldo Moran,
Thomas J Mostert Jr, M M Murga, Lameck Mwamukonda, Nyembo Mwema,
Ruy H Nagel, Robert W Nixon, Jacob J Nortey, D L Oaklands,
Mario H Ochoa, Robert E Osborn, Rose M Otis, Aleksander A Pankov,

Stanton H Parker, V B Parmenter, Jan Paulsen, Robert G Peck,
A J Petrie, D Pothier, D R Potter, L D Raelly, Alex Rantung, Leo
Ranzolin, Humberto M Rasi, Samuela Ratulevu, Benjamin Reaves
Barbara M Reynolds, Robin D Riches, Rowena R Rick, R F Rimoni,
Donald E Robinson, Calvin B Rock, Michael L Ryan, C Sangchia,

Guenter Schleifer, C F Scout, Walter Scragg, Allen R Steele,
W H Stokes, Donald H Thomas, Fred G Thomas, G Ralph Thompson,
Athal H Tolhurst, Joel O Tompkins, C A Townend, R W T Townend,
H J van der Ness, J A Van Bignoot, Karel C van Oossanen, Mario
Veloso, C R Wallace, E C Ward, Ralph S Watts Jr, Albert S Whiting,

John Willmott, L G Wilson, Neal C Wilson, Ted N C Wilson,
C M Winch, Ron M Wisbey, Joao Wolff, D D Woolley, Yukio Yokomizo,
F Martin Ytreberg, N A Zhukaluk.

MUSIC

Kingsley R Wood, Chairperson

Members: Karen Butler, Israel Leito, Harley Stanton.

NOMINATIONS

Robert S Folkenberg, Chairperson
G Ralph Thompson, Secretary

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R H Carter, D W B Chalale, M E Cherian, Larry R Colburn,

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Philip S Follett, Donald F Gilbert, R J Gombwa, Doug P Goodin,
Malcolm D Gordon, Paul E Gordon, Galina Gritsuk, Patrick Guenin,
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PLANS

Kenneth J Middleider, Chairperson
Ted N C Wilson, Secretary
Mario Veloso, Associate Secretary

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Darci M Borba, Charles Borkovic, James T Bradfield, G S Bradford, W Floyd Bresee, P B Brewin, Charles D Brooks, George W Brown, P Brown, R A Burlace, Shirley Burton, A Butler, L L Butler, C J Buxton, B C Campbell, K A G Carr, G Tom Carter, R H Carter, D W B Chalale, M E Cherian, J R Chermiside, Sydney Chitty, Gerald J Christo,

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A Draper, Nelu Dumitrescu, Ottis C Edwards, Gilbert Egu, W Duncan Eva, L J Evans, Ron A Evans, Jessley Farugaso, Robert S Folkenberg, Philip S Follett, Ulrich Frikart, R I Gainer, Agustin Galicia, Newton Galo, G G Gambrill, A B Gane, J H Gate, Samson Genun, Donald F Gilbert, R J Gombwa, Isaac Gomez, Doug P Goodin, Malcolm D Gordon,

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Eugene Hsu, N Hughes, O L Hughes, D Jackson, Flavie T Jackson,
R B Jackson, Bob E Jacobs, Asser A Jean-Pierre, Svein B Johansen,
George C Johnson, William G Johnsson, Bruce Johnston, A L Kabu, Mettely
Katovai, Tony Kemo, M Kemo'o, B Kemp, Tong C Kim, E Kingdon,
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Timothy Kwaimani, Robert E Kyte, D M Lamb, Brenda L Lambert,
Marcelle Langerijs, J L Lansdown, Larry J Laredo, A D Laughlin,
R N Lawson, G A Lee, Israel Leito, W Richard Leshner,

Hosea Ronnie Libai, Wilfred Liligeto, I Littlewood, Richard Liu,
E Long, A Lopa, Jovan Lorencin, R T Louk, Edwin Ludescher, Hyung Hwan
Lyu, Efinito M Macalintal, D F MacQueen, G A Madigan, Iosua Malaga,
Philip Mange, R B Manners, Gordon Martinborough, W L Masoka, O S Mason,
Petaia Matautia, Ramon H Maury, Edwin I Mayer, Alfred C McClure,

James S Meaole, Cyril Miller, R J Milne, M E Mitchell, R V Moe,
Baraniko R Mooa, P Morey, R T Morris, Thomas J Mostert Jr, Daryl
Murdoch, M M Murga, Lameck Mwamukonda, Nyembo Mwema, Ruy H Nagel,
J David Newman, Puna T Ngeretema, Robert W Nixon, Anipoini Noda, Walter
Nombe, Jacob J Nortey, Drucilla Nowicki, A N Nzimande, D L Oaklands,

J V Oaklands, Mario H Ochoa, F K Ofa, N Okesene, Peter Oli, Robert E
Osborn, Rose M Otis, S Panda, Aleksander A Pankov, Stanton H Parker,
B H Parkerson, V B Parmenter, J I Pate, J Paul, Jan Paulsen,
W J Paynter, B I Peach, Robert G Peck, J H K Penola, A J Petrie, Sinoa
Poigeno, Robert Pomaleu, G C Porter, R E Possingham, Dominique Pothier,

B Potter, D R Potter, M R Potts, M W Powell, E Pringle, G L Quinlin,
L D Raelly, Prem Ramswarup, David B Rankin, Alex Rantung, Leo Ranzolin,
Humberto M Rasi, S Ratu, Samuela Ratulevu, Benjamin Reaves, George W
Reid, A C Reye, Barbara M Reynolds, L R Rice, Robin D Riches, Rowena R
Rick, Fuimaono Rimoni, R F Rimoni, R B Roberts, Donald E Robinson,

Calvin B Rock, R L Rogers, Michael L Ryan, A P Salom, C Sangchia,
Guenter Schleifer, C F Scout, Walter Scragg, G A Shields, Deffe Sifoni,
Julie Smith, L A Smith, R E Smith, R A Spoor, C G Stanley, H J Stanton,
A W Staples, Allen R Steele, Wilson Stephen, W H Stokes, L Talkanamal,
L Tanabose, P Tasa, Raymond D Tetz, Donald H Thomas, Fred G Thomas,

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Tolhurst, Joel O Tompkins, C A Townend, R W T Townend, W P Truscott,
Carlos E Turcios, O O Twist, H J van der Ness, J A Van Bignoot,
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E C Ward, M J Ward, J F Waters, J M Watson, N W Watts,

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F Donald Yost, F Martin Ytreberg, N A Zhukaluk.

PLATFORM

W Floyd Bresee, Chairperson

Members: Gerald F Clifford, Ted N C Wilson

STEERING COMMITTEE

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Fred G Thomas, Secretary

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Kloosterhuis, Israel Leito, Alfred C McClure, Kenneth J Mittleider,
Robert E Osborn, Rose M Otis, Leo Ranzolin, George W Reid, Rowena R
Rick, Donald E Robinson, Calvin B Rock, G Ralph Thompson, Mario Veloso,
Ralph S Watts Jr, Ted N C Wilson, F Martin Ytreberg.

Invitees: W Thomas Andrews, Bryan W Ball, L J Evans, Melvin
Seard, A H Tolhurst, L G Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

Larry R Colburn

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Karl H Bahr

TRANSPORTATION

Karl H Bahr

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ASSIGNMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS

VOTED, To adopt the agenda and assign items to the standing committees as listed in the agenda notebook.

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GREETINGS

G Ralph Thompson brought greetings to the Annual Council attendees from Don A Roth, former Associate Secretary of the General Conference, now retired and living in Yucaipa, California.

VOTED, To reciprocate greetings to Don Roth.

INTRODUCTIONS

Kenneth J Mittleider introduced Neal C Wilson, former President of the General Conference, and Walter Scragg, former President of the South Pacific Division, and his wife, Betty.

Bryan W Ball introduced the General Conference President, Robert S Folkenberg.

Before the President spoke, a violin solo, "Adagio" by Lalo, was performed by Vaughan Hughes.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The theme of the devotional messages during the Annual Council was "Turning the World Upside Down." A synopsis of the President's message follows:

Turning the World Upside Down

Demetrius was angry. Business was falling. He had planned a Mediterranean cruise for the summer and contracted to build a new house and he knew he would have to cancel both if business did not improve. He just could not afford these if sales continued to go down. His business, that of selling statues, was in a free-fall. They were in a statue slump. Demetrius was angry. His pocketbook was hurting and he was going to do something about it! And so he called together all the city's statue-making craftsmen and their suppliers and said,

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"Men, you know we receive a good income from this business. And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus . . . He says that man-made gods are no gods at all."—Acts 19:25 NIV

You can imagine the meeting. It was like craftsmen at a labor union meeting preparing to strike to keep their jobs.

Demetrius was not the only one who had to cancel plans for a Mediterranean cruise or a new home. So what Demetrius had to say hit a responsive cord. Not only was their livelihood being threatened but also their gods were being maligned.

"There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited, and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."—Acts 19:27 NIV

I think their concern for Artemis was secondary to their concern for their business, but it always sounds better if your personal agenda can be sanctified by religious concerns. This meeting started a riot.

". . . they were furious and began shouting: 'Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!' Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and rushed as one man into the theater."—Acts 19:28,29 NIV

A large crowd gathered at the theater. A fascinating part of the story is in verse 32, "Most of the people did not even know why they were there."

The excitement in the air was so great that people got caught up in it and joined the crowd in shouting without knowing why.

It took the city clerk of Ephesus to get the mob quiet enough to talk to them. He was worried that the city would be charged with rioting and he managed to get everybody to go home. Paul wisely decided to move on to Macedonia and Greece. But he was there only three months before the Jews plotted to kill him (Acts 20:2).

Our scripture comes from Paul's visit to Thessalonica.

"But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;"—Acts 17:5,6 KJV

They were saying, "Look out! Paul is in town!" When Paul preached somewhere, people knew it.

When Paul was in town, people said, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." To get rid of him they rioted, stoned him, flogged him with 39 lashes, imprisoned him, and beat him with rods (2 Cor 11:23-25). Once he escaped by going over the wall in a basket (Acts 9:25). You knew something would be different when Paul came to town. Paul was a catalyst for change.

When he was around there was no status quo. He turned the world upside down.

Paul turned people's comfortable, status quo lives upside down. His presence forced people to change positions, forced people to action for or against him, but there was action. Is it not time for our church to turn the world upside down? Is it not time that people notice when we come to town? Is it not time that some action is required when we show up—action for us or against us—but at least some action?

In many places the world does not even know that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is in town. In other parts of the world they know about our institutions but may not know these are connected with the Church.

What will it take for us to have a transforming presence in the world? What will it take to turn the world upside down? I tell you one thing, it will involve some change. We cannot turn others upside down until we have been turned upside down. We will not transform the world until we ourselves are transformed. But I am afraid too much of our attention is focused on the wrong things.

Somehow the trumpet has been muted. Our proclamation has been reduced to a pitiful echo. Our enunciation of truth seems to be stuttering and stammering at best. We must get back to a clear, complete, unwavering witness of the fundamentals of our faith.

As a church, we have closets that look like mausoleums, filled with dead memories of wonderful, decaying, dust-covered programs—each a witness to the failure of trying to substitute mere human creativity, organizational genius, Madison Avenue marketing, and masterful planning for the powerful but simple messages of scripture. Let us look at some key areas that provide power and punch to our world.

Righteousness by Faith

We urgently need to preach the balanced message of assurance in Christ as well as victory over sin.

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The glorious message of Assurance in Christ, "You In Christ" on the cross is Justification by Faith. This is balanced by the victorious message of "Christ in You," which is sanctification.

Emphasizing one to the exclusion of the other creates either permissive or legalistic members, neither of which is a credit to the name, "Christian."

Scriptural Authority

Some scholars today use "Historical or Form Critical" methods in their study of scripture. They use these legitimate tools to better understand the life and community, and circumstances into which God inspired the writing of His Word.

Other scholars, tragically including a scattered few with questionable ethics in some of our own institutions, abuse these methods to speculatively attempt to recreate the circumstances in which persons or communities unknown and unnamed, of their own initiative and without divine intervention, themselves authored the scriptures.

These abuses result in making us the ultimate arbitrators of what portion of scripture is inspired and thereby undermine the clear authority of God's Holy Word.

Spirit of Prophecy

"The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God."—1SM 48

Leadership must play a critical role conveying, without compromise, unwavering commitment to the role of the Spirit of Prophecy in the remnant church.

Christ's Judgment-Hour Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary

The gospel trumpet must be sounded clearly and courageously. During this council we will consider a declaration reaffirming:

1. Our historic understanding of scripture's distinctive message.
2. Our certainty of Jesus' soon return.
3. Our mission
 - a. To prepare a people to meet the Lord.
 - b. To proclaim to the world His imminent return.

4. Our desperate need for revival and retransformation as members and as a Church.

To help communicate and implement this declaration, we urge each division and church organization to plan Bible conferences, camp meetings, and workers' meetings focusing on "This We Believe." Let us not presume that these truths will remain current and fresh without constant review and emphasis.

It is time for some change in the Church. That does not mean changing fundamental beliefs, but it does mean we must have the courage to change our way of doing things! We need to stand firm on the fundamentals so we will have a stable foundation to work on. But the Church we preside over, the Church we want to see change the world, the Church we love, must be designed for the 90s and beyond. Some of you may be thinking, "Get specific, Elder!" I will.

Commission on Governance

I am very pleased with the quality of the work done by the Commission on Governance.

We cannot expect the structure of the past to meet the needs of the future. If we cannot change ourselves to be more efficient for the 90s, no one will know when we come to town! Change comes with growth. Our Church is growing. It is an international, multiethnic organization that must be managed differently today than yesterday.

That which unifies our Church is far more than the staff at the General Conference headquarters or even financial support from Silver Spring. We are held together by a theological commitment to the authoritative Word of God and the changeless values that are found there. But the urgency of the end of time demands changing methods to proclaim those changeless values.

I will ask the Annual Council to appoint an expanded commission, with world representation, to continue to pursue the goal of organizing our Church to meet the challenges of the future.

The objective of developing an efficient church should not stop with the General Conference.

Denominational Accreditation

Our educational system has been one of our best forms of evangelism. A Seventh-day Adventist school, joining forces with a Spirit-filled family, is heaven's best fortress against the onslaughts of the evil one.

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Laboring under tremendous pressures and with extremely limited resources, our colleges and universities provide an education of the highest academic quality.

We must strengthen the hands of our educators and give them the support necessary to achieve the spiritual objectives which must remain our highest priorities. During this council we will be considering an action that will provide the Board of Regents, our denominational accrediting system, the authority necessary to assure that the spiritual and the academic standards are confronted with the same high level of commitment.

State of the Church Survey

In the same way we review educational institutions, we need to survey the work of our conferences and churches. We need to know with clarity where we stand spiritually, theologically, evangelistically, educationally, and from every other vital perspective.

During this council we will consider establishing World and Division Survey Commissions so we will know where we are and can develop a clear strategy for the future.

Youth

We have but scratched the surface of what our youth are willing to do for God. I have met with our youth on every continent. They want to serve and wonder why we will not help them. We desperately need to expand our vision to the limits of what God is calling them to do! Let us challenge our youth to service and be ready to provide every young person who is led by the Spirit to find an opportunity for effective witness.

Stewardship

Another area of change is finance. Our 1992 budget reduces division appropriations by about five percent. That will have a major effect around the world. But a shrinking budget must not indicate a shrinking vision. A smaller budget must not mean smaller goals, or reduced emphasis on or funding for soul winning, the primary mission of the Church. A smaller budget calls rather for an expanded dependence on God and creative approaches to fulfill our calling.

God is well able to provide means through His faithful members in all parts of the globe. Stewardship education is not an optional part of church life. It is essential not only for personal spiritual growth but for the worldwide mission of the Church.

Stewardship education must be expanded not only among those who have traditionally supported the foreign mission fields but also among those who have received the benefits of other's sacrifice.

Loyalty and Authority

In societies whose primary commitment is to unlimited individual rights, loyalty and authority are two words which are distasteful. Authority is a diminishing commodity for it seems equally distasteful to those applying or receiving its benefits. True unity is impossible without a loyalty that binds and the authority which results. However, both are invisible and seem unnecessary until there is conflict and disagreement. Loyalty and authority interact with each other. Without loyalty, authority seems capricious--without authority, loyalty seems irrelevant. Valid authority is derived only from loyalty to God, His Word, His Truth, and His Church.

Paul recognized the need for authority even in the area of theological disputes when, as recounted in Acts 15, he submitted his convictions regarding the necessity of circumcision to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. Jesus recognized the authority of the Church in Matthew 18:15-18.

The inspired servant of the Lord clearly described the role of the Church.

"On the church has been conferred the power to act in Christ's stead. It is God's instrumentality for the preservation of order and discipline among His people. To it the Lord has delegated the power to settle all questions respecting its prosperity, purity, and order. Upon it rests the responsibility of excluding from its fellowship those who are unworthy, who by their unchristlike conduct would bring dishonor on the truth. Whatever the church does that is in accordance with the directions given in God's word, will be ratified in heaven."--
GW 501,502

The matter of loyalty to the Church as well as its authority is critical to leaders and members alike. It is our responsibility as leaders to assure that the authority of the Church is not trampled upon or ignored and that loyalty to God's Church prospers.

Too many are looking for a scapegoat somewhere other than where they are responsible. They are looking for a button for someone else to push to solve their problems. I submit to you that the solution to what we feel ails the Church is not found anywhere else but within our own hearts.

It is easy to criticize the Church because:

1. It has an impersonal structure,

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2. It has made obvious mistakes,
3. It is less painful than coming to grips with our own spiritual deficiencies.

Division in the Church

Another significant threat to the Church today is groups or charismatic leaders who, with psychological finesse and often with words of humility and loyalty, plant their views of theology, mission, and finance on their unsuspecting hearers or readers. Increasing division, distrust, disunity, and collective selfishness as well as a diminishing worldwide vision of the mission of the Church are the unavoidable consequences.

Let us remember, "the best defense is a good offense." It is time we went on the offense. Let not the purveyors of contention dictate the playing field. Let not those who pass dissension become the focus of our attention. Let not those conveyers of criticism establish the rules. Now is not the time to retreat from the fundamentals, nor is it time to hand the ball to the opposing team.

Let us play ball. Let us define the message and mission of our Church. Let the truth that transforms be our witness. Let goodness take center stage. Let justice flow down like a river. Let mercy fill our vision. Let our eyes be focused on the Gospel. Let peace, born of assurance in Christ, be our repose. Let victory, born of the power of God, be our witness.

Let us give people a focus of action that is not on the evil in their lives but on the possibilities of goodness in their lives; a focus that is not on the evil in the world but on the possibilities of goodness in the world; a focus that is not on the failures of the church but on the power of the gospel in the church; and a focus that is not on what we cannot do but on what we can do.

Let us bring true piety and goodness into action. Let the cities and towns of the world know that the Seventh-day Adventists are in town.

They knew when Paul was in town, things had changed. Do they know when you are in town? Does the world know that your institution is in town? Do they know that our Church is in town? Are we turning the world upside down?

William Jennings Bryan said, "Destiny is not a matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for. It is a thing to be achieved." Let us not wait any longer. The time is now. Let us rise to the challenge.

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The Avondale Concert Band presented a musical item.

Bekele Heye, President of the Eastern Africa Division, closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjourned.

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DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Ulrich Frikart, Secretary of the Euro-Africa Division, spoke on the subject, "Look and Live."

We could say much about looking. What should we look at? What life is in question here? The answer lies in the experience of the children of Israel during their journey through the wilderness.

In spite of divine intervention, the children of Israel rose up against God and spoke against Him and Moses (Num 21:5). The rebellion against God, and consequently the separation from Him, is not without its results. In verse 6 we read, "And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died." The serpent and its bite symbolize the bites of life due to our rebellion against God, our inconsistencies, and our sins. Nevertheless, God had already provided a way of recovery for Israel. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live" (verse 8). Remember the opening statement, "Look and live."

The only way the Israelites could be healed from their sins and wounds was to look upon the brazen serpent, that is, to understand that it was the symbolic representation of the One who must be lifted up and to whom all should look—Jesus Christ. That look implies faith. What a prospect for our lives! We just have to look to Him and He will change our lives. To look to Him signifies that He is our hope, our justification, our righteousness. We cannot do anything but look upward to Christ lifted on the cross.

When our inconsistencies and sins condemn us, we can be sure that this condemnation can be changed to forgiveness and victory. It is a wonderful gift from Jesus Christ that we receive, provided we look to Him and take hold of His righteousness and power.

"Look and live." What a message for the Church! What a message for humanity!

What are you looking at now? Look up and be changed. Look and live.

The attendees then prayed together in groups of two or three.

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Robert S Folkenberg called the 1991 Annual Council to order.

GLOBAL MISSION - REPORT

R J Kloosterhuis introduced the Global Mission Report with some comments.

Michael H Ryan presented an overview of Global Mission which has two major emphases:

1. Strengthening the work where it is already organized.
2. Entering every part of the world field.

Paul quoting Isaiah said, "I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. . . . Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."—Rom 9:25-28

Every territory in the world has been divided into segments of one million. There are 5,900 of these segments in which there is no Seventh-day Adventist presence. Some of these areas have been entered since these segments were identified. The General Conference has recently established several commissions that will help the Church address a single focus on mission. We want to finish the work soon.

Ryan then called upon each division president to present a report.

AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION

Mauritania 1991. Our prayer has been "Lord give us this mountain," stated Jacob J Nortey, President of the division.

At the 1990 Year-End Meeting the Africa-Indian Ocean Division decided to enter the country of Mauritania, the last of the unentered countries in the division territory on the mainland. Though this is a small country with only one and one-half million people, 60 percent of its land lies in the Sahara Desert. It is a very strict Islamic republic which regards the entire country as a mosque and, therefore, closed to Christian missions.

The strategy was to enter by establishing a health center. Plans were made with no funds in hand. We already have permission to present a Breathe-Free Plan to Stop Smoking. A top police officer who attended a tobacco and alcohol treatment seminar in France has written asking us to come to Mauritania to establish a center for helping addicts. We are accepting the challenge.

The first Mauritanian resident to be baptized in Lome, a Togolese national, is ready to go back to Mauritania.

A year ago we had no members in Conakry Guinea--a Muslim country. Today we have approximately 200 new members, 75 percent of whom are native Guineans. Robert Peck, union President, participated in two baptisms which resulted in 76 new members. He predicts that the church in Guinea will grow from 200 to 2,000 within two years if we can provide five church buildings.

Michael Kra, a mission president and former Muslim, praises the Lord for a breakthrough in the Islamic country of Mali. In the years since Kra took over as president, approximately 50 people have been prepared for baptism in Bamako, the capital. One whole village has been opened to him where he is conducting Bible studies.

The overall plan for the division to baptize its one-millionth member in 1993 is on target.

EASTERN AFRICA DIVISION

Bekele Heye, President of the Eastern Africa Division, stated that the "The Ever Advancing Division" (EAD) has set a goal of baptizing 700,000 individuals during this quinquennium. From July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991, 111,043 baptisms have been recorded. As of June 30 of this year the division membership stood at 1,023,469. Twenty years ago there were only 230,000 members in the territories comprising the present Eastern Africa Division.

Motivated and inspired by Global Mission, we have identified 167 populated areas where there is no Adventist presence. The goal is to establish an Adventist presence in 158 of these areas during this quinquennium. This is the biggest faith goal ever set in our division, and we believe that the Spirit of the Lord will enable us to reach it.

A miracle happened in the Tanzania Union when God opened the door for us to enter the Island of Pemba in the Indian Ocean off the eastern coast of Tanzania.

The union commissioned Alex Juma, a pastor on the neighboring island of Zanzibar and a former Muslim himself, to go to Pemba and explore the possibility of entering the island with our message. Upon arrival, Juma inquired if there was a Christian presence there. He was directed to a man who was pastoring the Friendship Church. After meeting the pastor, Juma asked him if he knew of any Adventists on the island. The pastor led Juma to the homes of Adventist believers. After collecting the necessary information for his mission, Juma left for home and submitted his findings to the Tanzania Union.

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Encouraged by this report, the union requested Pastor Manento, Secretary-Treasurer of the East Tanzania Field, to travel to Pemba to review the findings. Manento learned that the report was quite accurate.

On Sabbath, Manento invited the Adventists and the pastor of the Friendship Church to Sabbath School and church. They came and brought two other individuals with them. At the end of his sermon, Manento made a call. The pastor with his two friends came forward. Thinking that the other pastor might have misunderstood, Manento took time to explain the intent of the call. The pastor stated that he had correctly understood the call and declared that he was a prodigal son coming home!

He attended Ikizu Secondary School as a youth and was baptized in 1946. He left his birth place in 1959 in western Tanzania in search of employment and has lived on the Island of Pemba ever since.

The Lord is blessing and last month 26 Muslims were baptized in Zanzibar.

EURO-ASIA DIVISION

M P Kulakov, President of the Euro-Asia Division, stated that the changes which are taking place in the Soviet Union are unbelievable! Who would have thought that the palaces in his country would be open to the preaching of the gospel? Now the statue of Lenin is standing with an outstretched arm pointing to the place where people can hear the gospel!

Goals have been set to reach the 83 unentered areas in the division. By the grace of God we hope that they all will be reached.

The Seminary has been established to train ministers, and the publishing house is under construction. We are still pinching ourselves to see if all of this is really a reality! We ask ourselves the questions, "Is our country really open? Are we really free?" We are free and our country is open! Even our believers in the remote areas of the country have heard this.

Ministers and evangelists from outside our country have come to conduct campaigns and field schools of evangelism. Thousands of people attended the meetings and are now taking Bible studies. More than 2,000 souls have been baptized. We hope to have 45,000 believers by the end of this year, 60,000 by the end of next year, and 100,000 by the end of the quinquennium.

EURO-AFRICA DIVISION

"We are of good courage," stated Edwin Ludescher, President of the Euro-Africa Division. While Ludescher was visiting Mozambique early this year, the President of this Socialist/Communist country stated in a public speech that 1991 must become the year for evangelism.

When the Communist revolution took place, there were 17,500 members. Today we have more than 70,000 church members and hope to reach the 100,000 mark by the end of the quinquennium.

Tunisia has a population of eight million, 99.5 percent of whom are Muslim. We hope to enter this country in 1992. The Lord has helped and encouraged us, and we look toward the future with confidence.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION

The Socialist countries in the Far Eastern Division are not yet opening for the spread of the gospel as have the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, but most of them have arms outstretched to ADRA. ADRA is the key to the Adventist Church reaching these countries and is already carrying on work in all but one of them.

Cambodia will soon have a peace accord and then 2,000 Adventist refugees, who were converted in Thailand's refugee camps, will return to their homeland. They will become the nucleus for evangelizing that country. One of the other Socialist countries that has been closed for forty years will soon have Adventist Tentmaker personnel working within its territory.

Growth and evangelism are evident throughout most parts of the division. Church membership in the Philippines has passed the half million mark and is nearing 600,000 members. Thousands are added every year to the Church. Dozens of lay volunteers in East Indonesia are carrying the message of Christ to every unreached people group in their area. Ten of the division's 278 segments of Global Mission have been reached in 1991. Forty more will soon be reached and companies formed through current action plans. There still will be 120 segments of one million population each to penetrate. Many of these are Islamic and will be difficult to enter.

North Korea has been a closed country for years, but we have now learned that there are some Seventh-day Adventists in this country.

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INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

Global Mission has given fresh impetus to evangelism and church growth. It has intensified the accession rate throughout the division. Its emphasis is threefold:

1. Evangelize - Soul winning holds top priority on the agenda of the church. Hence, the rate of new accessions has sharply increased with 107,000 in 1990 and 85,000 as of July 1991.
2. Organize - The objective is to establish a new congregation in every new area evangelized.
3. Build - Wherever a new congregation is raised up, a new church home is to be built.

In Guatemala City a massive Global Mission advance to penetrate the city was organized. Over 24 pastors and hundreds of lay people participated. Twelve sections of the city where there was no Adventist presence were targeted. Between January and July of 1991, over 2,000 new believers were baptized, twelve new congregations established, six new churches built, and six more are under construction.

A Pentecostal church was rented in which to conduct a series of meetings. At the end of the meetings 40 new believers were baptized, and today that Pentecostal church is a Seventh-day Adventist church with 78 believers. The total baptized to date in the Guatemala Mission exceeds 5,000 reported George W Brown, President of the Inter-American Division. "Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit" says the Lord.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

The North American Division is taking an active part in Global Mission worldwide.

The North American Division union and conference presidents, department directors, evangelists, pastors, and laymen conducted eleven evangelistic campaigns and field schools in the Soviet Union during the summer of 1991.

Even though budgets are tight, conferences and unions have provided major financial assistance for evangelism.

William C Scales Jr, Ministerial Association Secretary, and his team conducted a major campaign in Ghana during the summer of 1991 which resulted in 1,700 baptisms.

The Dakota Conference donated \$30,000 for evangelism in Zambia where 3,000 individuals were baptized.

There has been a great interest in providing assistance to Eastern Europe. Here again major financial gifts were provided by individuals to build much-needed churches.

". . . the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of evangelical work done in countries afar off."—GW 465

There also has been a great thrust for Global Mission within the North American Division. C D Brooks conducted a large campaign in New York City this past summer which resulted in 300 baptisms. Ron Halverson conducted a field school of evangelism in Tampa, Florida for Southern College which resulted in 100 baptisms.

Students from Great Lakes Academy spent the summer selling small, inexpensive literature from door to door. Campion Academy students spent the summer knocking on every door in Wyoming selling the same type of literature.

There is great growth potential among the 21 language and cultural groups in the North American Division. Plans have been laid for an NAD Evangelism Council to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida in December of this year.

All, including officers and department directors, are being encouraged to spend 92 hours in direct soul winning in 1992.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Global Mission, more than any other mission program in the past, has awakened the laity and the ministry in all South America.

1. Priorities have been established at all levels.

a. The division has ten priorities of which four are presently being implemented.

b. Each union has ten priorities. One of the unions has already implemented four.

c. Each field also has ten priorities which are being enthusiastically received in the churches.

Church members by the thousands are involved. One retiree, Iraci Gunha in Brazil, is heading a program in Ceara where

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she has already entered fifteen towns. She buys the property, builds the chapel, pays the Bible worker, holds evangelistic meetings and baptisms result.

2. Participation in Global Mission by institutions is increasing.

a. Medical and educational institutions are making a significant contribution to this program. Especially in the schools emphasis is being placed on reaching the parents of non-Adventist students. There are more than 200,000 people related to non-Adventist students.

3. Global Mission reports received from the fields indicate that great interest has been aroused by both workers and lay persons who are involved in many types of outreach including public evangelism, radio and TV broadcasts, distribution of Bibles and literature, and correspondence schools.

Of particular interest is the evangelistic work which has been started among the gypsies in Campinas, Sao Paulo. A worker with experience from Chile was called to assist this ethnic group.

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION

The Mid-year Meeting of the Division Executive Committee in May approved a goal of 100,000 baptisms for the quinquennium. This represents a 42 percent increase in membership. The basis of that action was not a goal suggested by the division but rather an aggregate of the goals proposed by each union on the basis of its consultation with conferences and missions.

A union mission president has reported that Global Mission has been more readily and more enthusiastically received in his field than any other outreach program the Church has ever proposed.

In the Western Pacific Union Mission, June 14 of this year was designated as "D Day" for evangelism. On that day 219 evangelistic programs began simultaneously. It is estimated that at least 4,000 people have been attending the meetings.

Similar reports come from the Central Pacific Union Mission where the field is already reporting the highest baptisms ever achieved in one year.

In Papua New Guinea a goal of 55,000 accessions for the quinquennium has been set. On the island of Bougainville where our leaders face many difficulties due to ongoing civil unrest, more than 600 people have been baptized in the last 12 months.

Special initiatives have been proposed to take the message to the increasingly secular and materialistic societies of Australia and New Zealand. "Reaching Our Community" is a plan to encourage local churches to become actively involved in some kind of community outreach. Over 100 local church projects are being assisted this year by special funding provided by the division, unions, and local conferences.

There are encouraging signs that in the secularized, sophisticated societies of Australia and New Zealand there is a developing hunger for better things. Evangelists conducting campaigns in various parts of the field this year report better attendances than in recent years.

In the South Pacific Division it is believed that under Heaven's blessing, Global Mission will have a significant impact on the Church's program throughout the field hastening the completion of the Church's task.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

Southern Asia has a non-Christian population of over 825 million people comprised of Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Jains, and Sikhs.

The country of Nepal with a population of over 17 million people is the only completely Hindu state in the world. In spite of this, 40 people are taking Bible studies and are ready for baptism.

Of the 400 one million population segments with no Adventist presence in the Southern Asia Division, plans have been laid to enter 100 this year. One hundred seventy-four young people have been sent as volunteers into 87 of these segments.

There are already indications that the Lord is blessing our efforts. In the northwestern state of Punjab, a group of interested villagers has contributed a plot of land for a church and 15 people are ready for baptism. Also, in the northeastern part of India seven people have been baptized.

TRANS-EUROPEAN DIVISION

In 1990 the division set a baptismal goal for this quinquennium of 17,000 which equals 25 percent of the current membership. Placed in a highly secularized part of the world, the church is constantly seeking the limits of what is possible. After one year Global Mission is well on target to go beyond the goal. Two countries, Hungary and Poland, are keeping pace in reaching their five-year baptismal goal. Such achievements are evidence of the Holy Spirit's leading and directing as individuals accept Christ in the face of fierce opposition.

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There are two unentered countries in the Trans-European Division-- Afghanistan and Albania. By the end of 1992 it is expected that a missionary family will be in place in Albania along with a center for worship and an ADRA office. Afghanistan is responding openly to the presence of ADRA services in its country. The first ADRA teams will visit that country in January 1992.

This is all a display of the almighty, all-penetrating love of God!

EASTERN ASIA COMMITTEE

Richard Liu, Chairman of the Eastern Asia Committee, reported on what is happening in Asia Pacific. About a year and a half ago R J Kloosterhuis dropped by his office in Hong Kong and suggested sending English teachers into Asia Pacific for a year at a time. In September of this year Global Mission, with the help of M T Bascom, sent 50 teachers into unentered areas of Asia Pacific where even the local people cannot cross from one district to another to share the message.

During the last quinquennium approximately 10,000 new believers were baptized in Asia Pacific bringing the membership to 200,000.

MIDDLE EAST UNION

Svein B Johansen, President of the Middle East Union, stated that baptizing one member in the Middle East Union, motherland to Islam, is equivalent to baptizing 100,000 in some parts of the world.

Ms Melek, a Muslim tour guide in Istanbul, met a group of people from South Africa at the airport. When they requested a change in their itinerary from shopping to attending church on Saturday, she thought, "Oh Lord, what have I done to deserve another group of Jews to work with!" The trip lasted only five days, but during that time she became well acquainted with Pastor du Plessis and Dr Walter Veith.

On Sabbath she attended church with the group and translated the English sermon into Turkish for the congregation. For the first time she heard the Bible quoted and learned that what she had been taught in school about the world being millions of years old did not agree with the Bible. She asked many questions and became so close to and well acquainted with the group that she cried when they returned to South Africa.

Through correspondence she became a close friend of one member of the group. Imagine her surprise to receive from the group a ticket to visit South Africa. She accepted the gift and instead of sightseeing

in that beautiful country, she spent 23 days becoming well acquainted with Adventism. Before she left South Africa she was baptized. Now she is doing her best to share her faith with her people.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE

A fax message received from the Namibia Field headquarters by J T Bradfield, President of the South African Union Conference, just before he left reads:

"Zeeman's Kataura evangelistic meetings going well. Opening night attendance 260, second night 235, third night 248. Thirty-seven non-SDA decisions for Christ last night. Please pray for continued blessings."

God is still blessing wherever men and women dare to conduct public evangelistic meetings.

Raymond Zeeman, the union Ministerial Association Secretary, also conducted an effort in February in Ravensmead, a suburb of Cape Town. He and the local pastor, Norman Ryan, shared presentation of the appeals. They have already baptized 27 souls and more are preparing for baptism.

Many ministers are presently experimenting with the seminar approach in evangelism. Cyril Miller kindly responded to an invitation from the South African Union Conference to conduct a number of training seminars for ministers and members on how best to present the Revelation Seminar program. It is hoped that this will increase the success already experienced. One hundred and thirty-five individuals have joined the church as a result of Revelation Seminars in the last year.

In the Tygerberg church in Cape Town, Roelof Geldenhuis divided his members into action groups. Two groups decided to conduct Revelation Seminars and ended up renting seminar rooms in the same hotel at the same time. Both were successful and are now following up with Sunday night meetings in the church.

South African Union Conference Global Mission includes outreach to the Portuguese community. In recent years many of these people have moved in from neighboring Angola and Mozambique and now form a significant segment of the population in some of the larger cities.

The Transvaal Conference recently succeeded in calling Wesley Torres from Brazil to become a pastor in Johannesburg. The first thing he did was to encourage the conference to purchase a church for the

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members. Located in the Portuguese area, well equipped but no longer in use by the Methodists, it now provides a center from which Torres and his members will develop their outreach program.

As we endeavor to provide members with training and materials for Global Mission, we rejoice in the assurance, "The Lord will more than fulfill the highest expectations of those who put their trust in Him. He will give them the wisdom their varied necessities demand."—PK 387

SOUTHERN UNION MISSION

The Southern Union Mission is witnessing a spirit of dedication and devotion on the part of lay members in all its conferences and fields, reported D W B Chalale, President of the Southern Union Mission.

In a remote area in one of the conferences where there was no church, Cyril Roskruge, a lay member, had been working single-handed giving Bible studies and preaching. But not much was happening. He, therefore, decided to build himself a house. As he discussed the matter with his wife, she said, "Should we really build our house when the Lord has no house?" They then decided to build a church instead.

There is now an organized church where before there was none. It is estimated that the church cost between R70,000 and R80,000. At the time of reporting, Brother Cyril is also building the pastor's house--all of this from his own pocket.

We are greatly encouraged by this spirit among lay members because the laity is the backbone of the Church.

GLOBAL MISSION EVANGELISM REPORT

Carlos Aeschlimann, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, presented the following report:

Global Mission is the most complete program ever launched by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It has been enthusiastically accepted by all divisions, unions, and local fields.

There are two dimensions of Global Mission--Penetration and Evangelism.

Evangelism holds an essential, important place in this program. In reality, Global Mission provides the motivation and climate to increase evangelism to the maximum.

The provisional baptismal goal for this quinquennium is 2,600,000, or one baptism per minute during the quinquennium.

Each division has been requested to set its own baptismal goal. All divisions, except one, have set their goals and the total is 2,695,835 baptisms. When the last goal is received, it is expected the total will exceed three million.

The results from the first year of Global Mission are as follows:

1. Baptisms--570,000 precious souls.
2. Membership--6,879,571, a net growth of 6.78 percent. The Inter-American, South American, and Eastern Africa Divisions each have more than one million church members. It is very probable that by the end of 1991 the membership will reach seven million.
3. Churches--32,120 churches. In one year 527 new churches have been organized.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

G Ralph Thompson, General Conference Secretary, presented his report. A synopsis follows:

The question has been asked, "Why are we having the Annual Council in Perth?" The rationale is this:

Some years ago the General Conference Officers and the General Conference Committee discussed the matter of where the General Conference Session and General Conference Annual Councils should be held. Assessing a city or place to hold such meetings requires the consideration of a myriad of items.

Even though the international headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church happens to be in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA, this is not an American church--it is a world Church! The Officers felt we needed to give eloquent testimony to that fact by planning some major meetings outside of the United States. This actually began by holding an Annual Council in Canada. The next one was held in Mexico and then in Manila, Philippines. In 1986 we went to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and in 1988 to Nairobi, Kenya in Africa. Now we are here in Perth, Australia and in 1993 we will have made the circuit by holding an Annual Council in Bangalore, India in the Southern Asia Division. In 1995 the next General Conference Session will be held in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

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We have seen great political challenges in the world and more changes will come. We have been told that the final movements will be rapid ones. These words have special meaning to us today. The Lord is in charge and He is going to finish His work in His own way. All we have to do is cooperate with Him.

We are in desperate need of revival and reformation as well as loyalty. It is time to stand up and be counted for God's movement. We must indeed recognize that God has a Church on earth that is destined to triumph by His grace. Thank God we can be sure that this is His Church. Indeed what a privilege it is to be part of it!

Robert S Folkenberg's address last night had a tremendous appeal. It was said of Paul, "He who has turned the world upside down has come hither also" (Acts 17:6). Actually I believe he turned it right side up!

There are great political challenges in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union as well as great opportunities for evangelism and outreach. There are also great challenges facing the Church from within. Some are attacking the Church and trying to discredit its leaders. There are charges of apostasy and doctrinal aberrations being made. Some are called the purists, others the liberals, and still others the conservatives. Self-appointed groups who set themselves up as a true remnant are appealing for support from the tithe of our people.

In spite of problems, God's work is growing. F Donald Yost, Director of the Office of Archives and Statistics, will be giving a detailed report of membership, baptisms, and other statistics for the year ending December 31, 1990. The following are some interesting statistics:

World Membership

Dec 31, 1989 - World Membership	-	6,183,585
Dec 31, 1990 - World Membership	-	6,661,462
Net Increase in Membership	-	477,877

Baptisms and Profession of Faith

Dec 31, 1989 - World Baptisms & POF	-	577,105
Dec 31, 1990 - World Baptisms & POF	-	630,611
Net Increase in World & POF	-	53,506

June 30, 1991 Figures

As of June 30, 1991 - World Membership - 6,879,571

Three divisions have over 1 Million Members

Eastern Africa Division - 1,023,469
South American Division - 1,041,868
Inter-American Division - 1,301,641

Percent of Membership to World Total - June 30, 1991

Africa-Indian Ocean Division	862,816	- 12.54
Eastern Africa Division	1,023,469	- 14.88
Euro-Africa Division	341,148	- 4.96
Euro-Asia Division	39,603	- .58
Far Eastern Division	856,230	- 12.45
Inter-American Division	1,301,641	- 18.92
North American Division	767,439	- 11.16
South American Division	1,041,868	- 15.14
South Pacific Division	243,780	- 3.54
Southern Asia Division	190,103	- 2.76
Trans-European Division	67,964	- .99
Asia Pacific	75,000	- 1.09

Summary of Missionary Departures - 1990

(Both Inter- and Intradivision)

In 1990 there was a total of 369 new missionaries sent out to their posts of duty and 503 returning to the field to continue their service. Of this number, 102 new missionaries were from the North American Division with 295 of them returning for further service. The South American Division surpassed all other divisions in new missionaries sent out with a total of 120.

Adventist Youth Service was responsible for 498 young people serving in foreign lands, with the North American Division sending 249 and the South Pacific Division 224 of this total.

Adventist Volunteer Service accounted for 589 persons under this category with 253 from the North American Division and 290 from the South Pacific Division.

Only 22 nationals returned or were called back to their home divisions from the North American Division where they had been staying.

In all a total of 1,981 missionaries of all categories were sent out during 1990.

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Current Missionaries from Divisions Other Than
North America as of December 31, 1990

There are 375 missionaries in various types of service or regular assignment.

Current Missionaries from North America as of December 31, 1990

There are 724 missionaries on regular assignment.

A video specially prepared for use on college and university campuses was shown at the conclusion of the report.

STATISTICAL REPORT

F Donald Yost, Director of the Office of Archives and Statistics at the General Conference, presented a printed statistical report which displayed tables showing:

1. World membership figures from July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991.
2. Accession rates for calendar years 1982 to 1990.
3. Rates of growth for calendar years 1986 to 1990.
4. Trend in per capita tithes and offerings for all divisions.
5. Total funds.
6. Membership gains for all divisions.
7. Number of baptisms and professions of faith per active ordained minister by divisions.

Adjourned.

Robert S Folkenberg, Chairman
Maurice T Battle, Secretary
Ted N C Wilson, Editorial Secretary
Fay Welter, Recording Secretary

W. Conner Esq

ANNUAL COUNCIL
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Prayer was offered by D W B Chalale.

INTRODUCTION

Leo Ranzolin introduced Clarence Hodges, the new president of Christian Record Services, Incorporated. Hodges has replaced Vernon L Bretsch who retired earlier this year.

Robert J Kloosterhuis called the 1991 Annual Council to order.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Prior to the slide presentation of his report, Donald F Gilbert, General Conference Treasurer, introduced his associates. He then called the delegates' attention to the quotation found at the end of his written report:

"He has placed means in the hands of men, that His divine gifts may flow through human channels in doing the work appointed us in saving our fellow men."—4T 472

Gilbert's slide presentation was a comprehensive overview of the financial picture of the Church.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

Neal C Wilson, former President of the General Conference, stated that he was most encouraged with the opening of this Annual Council and expressed his appreciation for the strong emphasis on Global Mission. He also led the delegates in birthday greetings to the Treasurer, Donald F Gilbert.

91AC to REO

READING OF ACTIONS

VOTED, To waive the reading of proposed actions unless requested by a member or deemed necessary by the presenter or chairman.

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NomCom/91AC to FGT

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT--#1

VOTED, To adopt the partial report of the Nominating Committee consisting of the following items:

General Conference Undersecretary	Athal H Tolhurst
Far Eastern Division Secretary	P D Chun

SEC/213-90G/GCO/SEC/GCO/GCDO91AC/91AC to FGT

128-91G GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS (Change in
Presidency--Procedural Guidelines) - NEW POLICY

VOTED, To adopt a new policy GC B 03 15, Change in Presidency--
Procedural Guidelines, to read as follows:

B 03 15 Change in Presidency--Procedural Guidelines -- 1. When at a General Conference Session there is a change in the presidency of the General Conference, the outgoing General Conference President may, at the request of the newly elected President, continue to serve as chairman of the business sessions, along with the general vice presidents assigned by the Steering Committee to work with him, until the General Conference Session ends, thus facilitating the smooth disposition of agenda items to be discussed and voted on by the delegates. The incoming President may also ask the outgoing President to continue to chair the Steering Committee as circumstances may indicate. Meanwhile, the newly elected General Conference President shall meet with the Session Nominating Committee as a consultant in the nomination of the elective staff of the General Conference and the world divisions.

CM/GCO/GCDO91AC/91AC to FGT

108-91G SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS FOR THE WORLD -
POLICY DELETION

VOTED, To delete GC J 30 10, Sabbath School Lessons for the
World, which reads as follows:

J 30 10 Sabbath School Lessons for the World -- 1. The General Conference Sabbath School Department provides systematic Bible study guides for all age groups in all world divisions, encouraging their daily use on a personal basis, and as the subject for group study and discussion in Sabbath School. This centralized plan makes provision for all Sabbath School members to study the same age-graded Bible

lessons at the same time worldwide. In this way the Church is strengthened and unified, utilizing curricula which are thoroughly planned and lessons which have been carefully edited by committees appointed to interpret the Scriptures, as understood by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

2. Editors of all Sabbath School lessons shall be appointed by the General Conference Committee.

3. Reading committees for all lessons shall be approved by the General Conference Committee.

4. The General Conference shall be regarded as the publisher (though not the printer) of all Sabbath School lessons for the world. However, where it is deemed necessary to adapt and/or translate the Sabbath School lessons in order to meet the language, educational, or cultural needs within its territory, a division committee in consultation with the General Conference Sabbath School Department shall appoint those responsible to adapt and/or translate, and also establish appropriate committees to supervise the task. Names of translators and the reading committee shall be published in the respective quarterlies.

NOTE: This policy is being rewritten and added in GC B 16.

CM/GCO/GCDO91AC/91AC to FGT

109-91G SABBATH SCHOOL RESOURCE MATERIALS -
POLICY DELETION

VOTED, To delete GC J 30 20, Sabbath School Resource Materials, which reads as follows:

J 30 20 Sabbath School Resource Materials -- In order to foster the objectives of the Sabbath School, the General Conference provides resource materials in the following areas:

1. For superintendents and leaders of the various divisions of the Sabbath School, it offers suggestions for the weekly program.

2. For teachers, it provides suggestions for teaching each week's lesson, emphasizing the relevancy of the Scriptures in student needs.

3. For teachers, it furnishes training courses in methodology, self improvement, discipline, and use of audio/visual aids, etc.

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4. For officers, it presents job descriptions and suggestions for improvement.

NOTE: This policy is being rewritten and added in GC B 16.

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91AC to FGT

204-91G GENERAL CONFERENCE GRADUATE (PhD/ThD) SCHOLARSHIP
FUND - NEW POLICY
(PhD/ThD Scholarship Guidelines - Review)

VOTED, To adopt a new policy GC S 100, General Conference Graduate (PhD/ThD) Scholarship Fund, to read as follows:

S 100 General Conference Graduate (PhD/ThD) Scholarship Fund

S 100 05 General Conference Graduate (PhD/ThD) Scholarship Fund -- 1. The General Conference Graduate (PhD/ThD) Scholarship Fund has been established for the purpose of sharing with all divisions and attached unions the expense of providing an increased number of college and seminary teachers with PhD and ThD degrees earned at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

2. The General Conference and the divisions shall share the cost as follows:

a. The General Conference shall provide from its Graduate Scholarship Fund one continuing doctoral scholarship for each division to meet the following expenses:

1) Fifty percent of the living expenses for a graduate (PhD/ThD) student at Andrews University as provided for under the following sections of GC T 40, Assistance to Workers Sponsored for Study Outside Their Base Division: T 40 05, Salary; T 40 05-5, Rent Subsidy; T 40 05-6, Utility Allowance; T 40 05-7, Health Care Assistance Expense; T 40 05-9, Tuition Assistance Dependent Children; and T 40 05-11, Auto Insurance.

2) Full tuition and fees for the respective graduate program as specified under GC T 40 05-8, Education Expenses.

b. The respective divisions and attached unions shall be responsible to:

1) Select and nominate the qualified person to receive the scholarship subject to approval by the General Conference and acceptance into the respective doctoral program by Andrews University and the SDA Theological Seminary.

2) Provide for travel expense to and from Berrien Springs, Michigan as specified under GC T 40 05-3, Transportation; GC T 40 05-12, Freight and Customs Duty Allowance for Return to Base Division; and GC T 40 05-13, Travel Accident and Personal Effects Insurance.

3) Provide for any additional expenses including a supplement to the 50 percent of living expenses provided for by the General Conference Scholarship Fund (as specified in paragraph 2-a-1) above) up to the equivalent to the provisions outlined in GC T 40, Assistance to Workers Sponsored for Study Outside Their Base Division.

4) Assist in securing visas and all other documents for entry into the United States and for return to the individual's home country/country of employment.

5) Provide sponsorship for one student for four years. If the period is extended, the sponsorship, including the items listed in paragraph 2-a-1) above, shall become the responsibility of the employing organization.

6) Inform those who are sponsored that they will be expected to return to the division and to accept offered employment.

7) Prepare a written contract that will be signed by the sponsored student.

c. The application of the General Conference Graduate (PhD/ThD) Scholarship Fund is for new applicants only and shall not be applied to students, whether sponsored or not, who are presently attending Andrews University and are already enrolled in a PhD/ThD program.

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201-91GN GENERAL CONFERENCE (Highest Organization) -
POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC B 01 20, General Conference, paragraph 3, Highest Organization, to read as follows:

3. Highest Organization--The General Conference is the highest organization in the administration of ~~our~~ the worldwide work of the

Church, and is authorized by its Constitution to create subordinate organizations to promote specific interests in various sections of the world; it is therefore understood that all subordinate organizations and institutions throughout the world will recognize the General Conference in session, ~~and the Executive Committee between sessions,~~ as the highest authority, under God, ~~among us.~~ When differences arise in or between organizations and institutions, appeal to the next higher organization is proper till it reaches the General Conference in session, or the Executive Committee in Annual Council. During the interim between these sessions, the Executive Committee shall constitute the body of final authority on all questions where a difference of viewpoint may develop, whose decisions shall control on such controverted points, but whose decision may be reviewed at a session of the General Conference or an Annual Council of the Executive Committee.

AV/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to FGT

111-91G DENOMINATIONAL AVIATION (Pilot Requirements--
Airplane) - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC C 90, Denominational Aviation, section C 90 16, Pilot Requirements--Airplane, to read as follows:

C 90 16 Pilot Requirements--Airplane -- 1. Category I: A denominational employee in the base division, or any pilot who flies on behalf of the denomination, where highly developed regulations and flight services exist, who as a pilot carries passengers on a limited but denominationally authorized or requested basis, and who uses nonrestricted airports meeting minimum government standards when carrying such passengers, shall meet the following requirements:

a. Have the recommendation of the chief pilot or designee and approval of the Aviation Committee for the respective division.

~~a.~~ b. Hold at least a current commercial pilot certificate or instrument rating.

~~b.~~ c. Hold a current medical certificate appropriate to the pilot certificate held.

~~c.~~ d. Have at least 200 hours of flight time, including 50 hours of cross-country. When operating under Visual Flight Rules, the pilot shall be current, having within the previous 60-day period three hours in flight and three takeoffs and landings in the airplane to be flown.

~~d~~ e. Have within the previous 60 days, when operating at night under Visual Flight Rules, 25 hours of nighttime cross-country flight as pilot in command and three takeoffs and landings.

~~e~~ f. Have, when operating under Instrument Flight Rules, an instrument rating and at least 75 hours of flight time as pilot in command in actual or simulated instrument conditions; six hours instrument flight, at least three of which are in actual flight; and six instrument approaches within the preceding six months.

~~f~~ g. Have at least 50 hours in class of airplane (e.g. multi-engine land, single-engine sea), and 25 hours in make and model of airplane to be flown (e.g. Cessna 172, Piper Twin Aztec).

~~g~~ h. Have airman's insurance as required by the denomination (C 90 30).

2. Category II: A denominational employee, who is employed professionally as a pilot or who pilots an airplane on a regular basis, shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- a. Hold a current commercial - No change
- b. Hold a current airman's - No change
- c. Have, when restricted to carrying - No change
- d. Have, when approved to carry - No change
- e. Have in addition to d. - No change
- f. Have 50 hours in - No change
- g. Have a proficiency flight - No change
- h. Have a periodic denominational - No change
- i. Have ~~airman's~~ insurance as required by the denomination (C 90 30).

3. Category III: A denominational - No change

4. Pilot Responsibility--The pilot - No change

5. Periodic Pilot Checkout and In-Service Training--Pilots flying in denominational service or any pilot who flies on behalf of the denomination shall be required to have approved denominational professional checkouts* at least once every two years, ~~and shall be authorized to take refresher courses as may be indicated by the~~

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checkout. Denominationally employed pilots shall be authorized, and nondenominationally employed pilots shall be encouraged, to take refresher courses as may be indicated by the checkout. If satisfactory checkout facilities are not available in the area of a pilot's overseas service, this may be postponed if necessary to coincide with the pilot's regular furlough or, upon discretion of the authorizing division, it may be taken in other locations provided the checkout agency is approved by the Aviation Committee.

6. Missionary Pilot Checkouts--Individuals - No change
7. Exceptions--Any exception to this - No change

*This checkout is to include all qualifications listed on the individual's pilot license.

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112-91G DENOMINATIONAL AVIATION (Flight Training Programs) - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC C 90, Denominational Aviation, section C 90 18, Flight Training Programs, to read as follows:

C 90 18 Flight Training Programs -- All denominational flight training programs shall be approved by the authorizing division/union and shall be covered with proper insurance (see insurance requirements below and S 70 07). If such flight training programs are given for academic credit and/or with institutional recognition, the program shall also be approved by the ~~division~~ division/union Department of Education, depending on the educational level at which the program is offered.

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113-91G DENOMINATIONAL AVIATION (Aircraft Maintenance) - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC C 90, Denominational Aviation, section C 90 19, Aircraft Maintenance, to read as follows:

C 90 19 Aircraft Maintenance -- 1. The maintenance of denominational - No change

2. If the aircraft mechanic is a denominational employee, ~~the~~ he/she shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Have completed a denominationally approved - No change
 - b. Possess a current Aircraft and Powerplant Certificate and the Aircraft Maintenance Engineer License, or its equivalent.
 - c. Have a minimum of twelve - No change
 - d. Pass a denominational aircraft - No change
3. Acceptability of courses/facilities - No change

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115-91G DENOMINATIONAL AVIATION (Insurance Requirements) - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC C 90, Denominational Aviation, section C 90 30, Insurance Requirements, to read as follows:

C 90 30 Insurance Requirements -- 1. Privately Owned Aircraft-- Denominational employees piloting - No change

2. Private Operation of Aircraft--Denominational employees piloting aircraft for pleasure or business on their own responsibility (not denominationally authorized or requested) ~~shall carry~~ shall be encouraged to carry, on a personal basis, at least the minimum insurance coverage specified in paragraphs 1. and 3.

3. Pilots--Denominational employees engaged - No change

4. ~~Student Pilots--Student pilots~~ Pilots in Training--Pilots in training in denominational flight training programs shall be covered with a broad-form accident policy with minimum limits of \$5,000 death benefit and \$5,000 accident/medical coverage, or as established by the division Aviation Committee. the premium for which ~~The premium is to~~ shall be paid by the denominational entity conducting the flight training program and then billed to the student.

5. Pilots Not Denominationally Employed--If individuals who are not employed - No change

6. Liability--a. For the protection - No change

b. Liability protection - No change

c. All divisions - No change

7. Hull Insurance--Aircraft hull insurance to - No change

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8. Airport/Hangar Insurance--All organizations - No change

9. Certificate of Current Insurance--Prior to giving approval ~~to~~ for the use of nonowned aircraft, the airplane's owner ~~is to~~ shall provide a certificate of the current policy to the authorizing church entity showing as additional named insured "The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and its affiliated organizations."

10. Products Liability Insurance--All organizations involved in any products - No change

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116-91G DENOMINATIONAL AVIATION (Donated Aircraft) -
POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC C 90, Denominational Aviation, section C 90 35, Donated Aircraft, to read as follows:

C 90 35 Donated Aircraft -- 1. Division Authorization for Sale/Reassignment--An aircraft which is donated, or to a significant extent partially donated, to a denominational organization shall not be sold (except for replacement or upgrading) nor its use diverted to another project or purpose unless authorized by the respective division ~~aviation committee~~ Aviation Committee in consultation with the General Conference Aviation Committee.

2. Division May Reassign--If a donated aircraft ~~cannot be or is~~ not being used effectively by the organization to which it has been assigned, the respective division committee, in consultation with the General Conference Aviation Committee, may reassign it to another project.

3. Consultation With Donor--When deemed - No change

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202-91G INDEMNIFICATION--MODEL UNION MISSION OPERATING
POLICY - POLICY ADDITION

VOTED, To add Article XII, Indemnification, to GC CA 10, Model Union Mission Operating Policy, to read as follows:

Article XII -- Indemnification

The union mission shall indemnify any person who is serving or has served as a member of the Executive Committee or officer of the union

mission (and his/her executor, administrator, and heirs) against all reasonable expenses (including, but not limited to, judgments, costs, and legal fees) actually and necessarily incurred by him/her in connection with the defense of any litigation, action, suit, or proceeding, civil, criminal, or administrative, to which he/she may have been a party by reason of being or having been a member of the Executive Committee or officer of the union mission, except he/she shall have no right to reimbursement for matters in which he/she has been adjudged liable to the union mission for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his/her duties.

This right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such member of the Executive Committee or officer may be entitled.

NOTE: This right of indemnification may be expanded or contracted as allowed under local law and as adopted by the constituents.

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203-91G INDEMNIFICATION—MODEL LOCAL MISSION OPERATING
POLICY - POLICY ADDITION

VOTED, To add Article XI, Indemnification, to GC CA 20, Model Local Mission Operating Policy, to read as follows:

Article XI — Indemnification

The local mission shall indemnify any person who is serving or has served as a member of the Executive Committee or officer of the local mission (and his/her executor, administrator, and heirs) against all reasonable expenses (including, but not limited to, judgments, costs, and legal fees) actually and necessarily incurred by him/her in connection with the defense of any litigation, action, suit, or proceeding, civil, criminal, or administrative, to which he/she may have been a party by reason of being or having been a member of the Executive Committee or officer of the local mission, except he/she shall have no right to reimbursement for matters in which he/she has been adjudged liable to the local mission for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his/her duties.

This right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such member of the Executive Committee or officer may be entitled.

NOTE: This right of indemnification may be expanded or contracted as allowed under local law and as adopted by the constituents.

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205-91Ga LAY ACTIVITIES, SABBATH SCHOOL, AND YOUTH--
DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES - POLICY DELETION

VOTED, To delete the following General Conference policies:

1. Lay Activities--Departmental Policies Chapter H
2. Sabbath School--Departmental Policies Chapter J
3. Youth--Departmental Policies Chapter JA

NOTE: These policies are being deleted because a new policy for the Church Ministries Department is being recommended.

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205-91Gb CHURCH MINISTRIES--DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES -
NEW POLICY

VOTED, To adopt a new policy GC Chapter H, Church Ministries--
Departmental Policies, to read as follows:

H CHURCH MINISTRIES--DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES

H 10 Statement of Philosophy

The Department of Church Ministries is committed to carrying out the Master's imperative to teach the everlasting gospel to everyone. It is one entity that includes several specialized ministries, all of which are vital to carrying out the mission of the Church. The department's major emphasis involves disciple-making through fostering worship, Bible study, fellowship, stewardship, and outreach.

H 15 History

As a result of a study of the role and function of departments within the General Conference, delegates to the 1985 General Conference Session voted to discontinue several departments and a service, and to create a new department that would give guidance and support to those activities in which the general membership is involved, including Sabbath School, Lay Activities/Personal Ministries, Youth Ministries, Stewardship and Development, and Home and Family Service. Thus the Department of Church Ministries was born.

The action that created the department included a provision for a five-year pilot program that would be reviewed in 1990. As the new

department evolved during the years 1985 to 1990, Children's Ministries and Music Ministries were added. At the 1990 General Conference Session the department was confirmed, and an organizational framework that included Children's Ministries was subsequently voted at Annual Council the same year.

H 20 Purpose and Objectives

H 20 05 Primary Purpose — The primary purpose of the Department of Church Ministries is to facilitate and support the ministry of the Church in winning, training, and holding members, and reclaiming former members. The department shares the responsibility for developing a global evangelistic strategy in consultation and harmony with administration and other departments of the Church. It is to assist the world Church in forming objectives, goals, and plans, and to provide training that will equip the body of the Church to take the gospel to all the world. All of its activities are to be coordinated into a master strategy for soul winning and soul conservation.

H 20 10 Areas of Emphasis — To accomplish this purpose the Department of Church Ministries provides leadership in the development of:

1. Worship—To lead members into a closer personal, family, and corporate experience with God.
2. Fellowship—To foster the development of close, supportive relationships within families and within the church body.
3. Nurture—To encourage spiritual growth and development.
4. Stewardship—To help members commit their lives and resources to the Lord.
5. Outreach—To mobilize the Church in all forms of evangelism, including helping members to discover and use their spiritual gifts to win others.

H 30 Responsibilities

H 30 05 Departmental Responsibilities — 1. Initiate specific and long-term strategic planning to meet ministry needs in consultation with divisions and attached unions.

2. Initiate ideas, plans, and programs in cooperation with division church ministries personnel.

3. Coordinate, evaluate, and monitor church ministries work and resource materials worldwide.

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4. Plan, develop, produce, and oversee in consultation with the divisions the implementation of the church ministries world curricula for religious education, including the Sabbath School curriculum and other core materials such as manuals and guidelines that are necessary to maintain worldwide unity.

5. Prepare supportive materials and resources requested by divisions that may not be able to produce them.

6. Provide leadership and skills training for church ministries personnel at the division level, and by division request to union personnel, and assist those leaders as needed.

7. Conduct training seminars, workshops, and congresses both for the department and the specialized ministries within the department.

8. Equip members for soul winning by modeling spiritual leadership and training and by providing resource materials and consultant services.

9. Give leadership and coordination to those programs that the Church body, through its councils, may decide should be given support around the world and may assign to the Department of Church Ministries as its responsibility.

10. Establish and maintain a close liaison with church leaders or administrators through frequent consultation.

11. Maintain a system of measurement and evaluation in order to establish trends and to give direction to the work of the department.

12. Recommend policy.

H 40 Organization

H 40 05 Specialized Ministries -- The Department of Church Ministries serves the world Church through the following specialized ministries: children's ministry, family ministry, lay activities/personal ministry, Sabbath School ministry, stewardship and development ministry, and youth ministry.

H 50 Departmental Staffing

H 50 05 Director and Associate Directors -- The Department of Church Ministries shall have a director and associate directors as needed. Qualified personnel shall be elected on the basis of their expertise and experience to care for the specialized ministries, activities, and responsibilities encompassed by the work of the

department. Specialists may be appointed to meet specific needs of the department. Personnel shall be elected or appointed as required to support the functions outlined in the Church Manual and as stipulated by the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws.

H 50 10 Specific Responsibilities --- Each associate director, assistant director, or individual serving a specialized ministry shall have specific responsibilities and assignments, which will be made known to other appropriate levels of church organization. Because of the scope of the departmental responsibility, it is not intended that the department director at the General Conference carry a specialized ministry responsibility.

H 50 20 Operational and Administrative Relationship --- The department director and associate directors are elected by the constituency, are members of, and work under the direction of the Executive Committee. However, operationally and administratively, the department, through its director, is responsible to the president, and assists him and the other officers in promoting plans and work outlined by the Executive Committee.

H 50 30 Responsibilities of Director -- 1. The department director shall chair the Church Ministries Committee or designate someone to do so. He/she shall maintain continuous contact with elected and appointed staff and shall hold regular meetings with the associate directors and other specialists. Under the director's supervision, through the Church Ministries Committee, the department's budget will be allocated, travel budgets will be assigned, and staff functions will be coordinated.

2. The director shall represent and serve as advocate for departmental goals, programs, and activities to the administrative bodies of the Church and shall represent administrative viewpoints to the department staff. He/she shall also serve as liaison between other departments and the Department of Church Ministries.

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210-91G ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (Publishing Houses) -
NEW POLICY

VOTED, To adopt a new policy, GC I 30 88, Accounts Receivable, to read as follows:

I 30 88 Accounts Receivable -- 1. All publishing house accounts receivable shall be aged as follows:

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60 days

90 days

120 days and above

2. In the case of a print job for a sister publishing house, the conditions of I 30 85, Overdue Publishing House Accounts, shall apply.

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212-91G THE ELLEN G WHITE ESTATE AND THE SPIRIT OF
PROPHECY COMMITTEE (Financial Assistance) - POLICY
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC K 15, The Ellen G White Estate and the Spirit of Prophecy Committee, section K 15 80, Financial Assistance, to read as follows:

K 15 80 Financial Assistance -- 1. The objective of - No change

2. Although preference is given - No change

3. Subsidies for the initial publication of Ellen G White books in languages other than English shall be made by the General Conference Committee on the recommendation of the Spirit of Prophecy Committee and made available from the Subsidy Fund for initial publication expense based on the number of pages of the English edition on one of the following plans:

a. Plan A--For language areas with over 5,000 members

General Conference	\$8 <u>\$10</u>
Division	5 <u>6</u>
Union	3 <u>4</u>
per page	\$16 <u>\$20</u>

b. Plan B--For language areas with less than 5,000 members

General Conference	\$10 <u>\$13</u>
Division	8 <u>10</u>
Union	2 <u>3</u>
per page	\$20 <u>\$26</u>

c. Plan C—For language areas with over 5,000 members in countries with inadequate economies, as approved by the General Conference Spirit of Prophecy Committee

General Conference	\$14	\$16
Division	8	<u>10</u>
Union	4	<u>4</u>
per page	\$26	<u>\$30</u>

d. Plan D—For language areas with less than 5,000 members in countries with inadequate economies, as approved by the General Conference Spirit of Prophecy Committee

General Conference	\$16	\$19
Division	9	<u>11</u>
Union	5	<u>5</u>
per page	\$30	<u>\$35</u>

4. The Union Committee concerned - No change
5. The Union officers shall - No change
6. The request shall be - No change
7. Division Fund—Each division shall - No change
8. Book Stocks--Inasmuch as it is - No change

9. In order to ensure the continual availability of Spirit of Prophecy books subsidized by this policy, funding for a second printing shall be available from the General Conference and will be released to the publisher upon proof of the second printing as follows:

<u>Plan A--\$4 per page</u>
<u>Plan B--\$6 per page</u>
<u>Plan C--\$4 per page</u>
<u>Plan D--\$5 per page</u>

9. 10. To make economical reprints possible, steps should be taken at the time of the initial printing to preserve the positive printers, plates, etc.

NOTE: Paragraph 9. above shall be reviewed at the 1993 Annual Council.

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220-91G SPECIAL INTERDIVISION TRANSFERS--FINANCIAL
PROVISIONS (Modified Provisions for Australia,
Europe, North America, New Zealand) - POLICY
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC M 28, Special Interdivision Transfers--
Financial Provisions, section M 28 10, Modified Provisions for
Australia, Europe, North America, New Zealand, to read as follows:

M 28 10 Modified Provisions for Australia, Europe, North America
(including IAD, Miami, and the General Conference) and, New Zealand --
1. For Initial Transfer In, ~~Transfer Out or Permanent Return~~ An
interdivision employee who is appointed to serve in Australia, Europe,
North America (including IAD, Miami or the General Conference), or New
Zealand one of the above areas shall receive regular interdivision
freight, baggage, and outfitting/~~rehabilitation~~ allowances. (See also
N 55 and N 60.) ~~at the time of initial transfer into one of those
areas, or when leaving it on transfer to another appointment. No
allowances shall be granted at the time of furlough, except as provided
in 2. below. At the time of permanent return, after a full term of
service (five years for General Conference Session appointees), the
employee shall be granted 100 percent of Class A freight allowance.~~

2. Furlough--Financial arrangements for furlough of an
interdivision employee serving in the areas referred to above shall be
as follows:

a. ~~Actual travel~~ Travel expense to authorized destination
point/s by most direct route.

b. ~~Free baggage~~ Baggage allowance one way. (See
P 25 60-3.)

c. Salary paid at the employee's choice of either the rate
for the division/country where the employee spends his/her furlough or
the rate for the division/country where the employee is currently
serving.

d. Salary-related allowances as follows:

1) Base Division/Country Allowances: All allowances
for which the employee would totally qualify as a regular employee of
that division/country.

2) Service Division/Country Allowances: All
allowances for which the employee has ~~on-going~~ ongoing obligations
while on furlough. This shall normally be limited to automobile and
housing allowances.

3. Permanent Return--An interdivision employee serving in the areas referred to above and going on permanent return shall receive regular interdivision baggage and rehabilitation allowances. The freight allowance shall be 100 percent of Class A for those who have served two thirds or more of a full term, 80 percent of Class A for those who have served one third but less than two thirds of a full term, and 60 percent of Class A for those who have served less than one third of a full term.

4. Term of Service--A full term of service for General Conference Session appointees shall be five years. For all others see P 04.

~~3~~ 5. Coordinated Travel Arrangements--Elected staff of the General Conference and of divisions with headquarters in designated the above areas shall, when possible, schedule furloughs in connection with other travel appointments in their the respective divisions.

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221-91G EXPENSES OF INTERDIVISION EMPLOYEES
TRANSFERRED BETWEEN DIVISIONS (Transfer to
Base Division) - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC M 35, Expenses of Interdivision Employees Transferred Between Divisions, section M 35 15, Transfer to Base Division, to read as follows:

M 35 15 Transfer to Base Division -- 1. By Call--When an interdivision employee's base division wishes to place a call for his/her services, the following conditions shall apply:

a. Prior clearance shall - No change

b. If clearance is granted, the provisions outlined in M-35-05 or M-35-10 shall apply in the same way as for other divisions, the host division shall pay the following:

1) Rehabilitation and extended interdivision service allowances where applicable.

2) Family visitation expenses where applicable.

c. The base division shall pay the following:

1) One-month salary for family visitation as provided in Q 05 25.

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2) Travel expense home, baggage allowance, and freight expense according to policy.

2. By Election—When an individual returns to the base division because of election to a position provided for in the General Conference Constitution, Article V, Section 1-a, the provisions of paragraph 1. above shall apply.

~~2.~~ 3. By Permanent Return—If an interdivision - No change

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193-91GNan FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEDICAL/DENTAL
DEFERRED APPOINTEES, LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY—NORTH
AMERICA (Loma Linda University Students) -
POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC N 35, Financial Assistance to Medical/Dental Deferred Appointees, Loma Linda University—North America, section N 35 05, Loma Linda University Students, paragraph 3-f-2), to read as follows:

2) If an employee serves less than ~~ten~~ six years, the unamortized portion of the loan shall be the responsibility of the ~~employee,~~ retroactive to October 1989.

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193-91GNcn DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTEE APPROVED
RESIDENCY—NORTH AMERICA (Indebtedness Liquidation
Assistance/Repayment—Assistance for Mission
Service) - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC N 40, Deferred Medical Appointee Approved Residency—North America, section N 40 10, Indebtedness Liquidation Assistance/Repayment—Assistance for Mission Service, to read as follows:

N 40 10 Indebtedness Liquidation Assistance/Repayment—
Assistance for Mission Service — When actual mission service commences immediately after residency training, the General Conference and the calling division shall share equally in granting for each completed year of mission service, indebtedness liquidation assistance equal to one ~~teath~~ sixth of the maximum allowed, retroactive to October 1989.

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219-91G OPTIONAL ANNUAL LEAVE - NEW POLICY

VOTED, To adopt a new policy GC P 05 20, Optional Annual Leave, to read as follows:

P 05 20 Optional Annual Leave -- Divisions may, when deemed necessary, authorize an optional annual leave for interdivision employees prior to the regular furlough time on the following basis:

1. Requests for optional annual leave shall be presented to the division secretary through the employing organization.

2. Requests for optional annual leave may be considered for the following reasons:

a. Limited institutional vacation periods.

b. Difficulty for the employing organization to provide relief service for normal furlough periods.

c. Health reasons.

d. Family responsibilities.

3. If the request for optional annual leave is approved, the division committee shall notify the General Conference and the employee's base division.

4. Special provisions/limitations for an optional annual leave shall be as follows:

a. The time allowed shall be one month after a minimum of eleven months service (except in educational institutions where a full school year has been fulfilled and to get the employee synchronized with the school program for future annual leaves).

b. The optional annual leave shall be in lieu of the annual vacation.

c. Actual round-trip fare by the most economical route and by carrier(s) approved by the division shall be allowed.

d. Salary shall be paid at the field rate.

e. No furlough allowances shall be granted except as in paragraph i. below.

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- f. Adequate insurance shall be secured by the division for the period of travel and home leave.
- g. Only one destination in the homeland shall be allowed.
- h. On return to the post of duty, the employee shall begin a new two-year cycle of service.
- i. Baggage allowance shall be provided one way only on return to the field.
- j. Arrangements for any health evaluations and reports shall be the responsibility of the employing division.
- k. Rehabilitation and freight allowance, at the time of permanent return, shall be based upon the period of interdivision service since the last furlough or optional annual leave—whichever was last.
- l. Denominationally authorized office holidays in the country of employment shall be added to the month of optional annual leave.

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195-91GN BORROWING OF FUNDS FROM CHURCH MEMBERS -
POLICY NUMBER CHANGE

RECOMMENDED, To refer the following item to Finance Committee for discussion:

RECOMMENDED, To change the policy number GC S 35 40, Borrowing of Funds From Church Members, to GC S 37, Borrowing of Funds From Church Members, which reads as follows:

S 37 Borrowing of Funds From Church Members

S 37 05 Borrowing of Funds From Church Members -- 1. Approach Methods—Denominational organizations shall not solicit loans from church members for any purpose. Other denominationally approved methods of making funds available to churches and organizations for projects in which borrowing has been authorized are available, such as the Trust Services program and the Union Revolving Fund Plan.

2. Interest Rate—In unusual circumstances when funds are offered to an organization by a church member, the interest rate shall not exceed the rate paid on revocable trust agreements.

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290-91GN ADVENTIST WORLD PURCHASING SERVICES -
POLICY DELETION

VOTED, To delete GC S 90, Adventist World Purchasing Services,
which reads as follows:

S 90 Adventist World Purchasing Services

It is the purpose of Adventist World Purchasing Services to
procure equipment and supplies for denominational personnel serving
outside North America and for all church organizations when authorized
as follows:

1. For personnel serving outside of the North American Division
when properly authorized by an officer of the division in which they
serve.
2. For missionary appointees or furlougees when authorized by
the General Conference Treasury.
3. For overseas organizations when authorized by an officer of
the division.
4. For organizations in the North American Division when
authorized by an officer of the organization.

Adjourned.

Robert J Kloosterhuis, Chairman
Larry R Colburn, Secretary
Mario Veloso, Editorial Secretary
June Franklin, Recording Secretary

W. Carson Esq

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 9, 1991, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

A L Kabu, President of the Central Pacific Union Mission, spoke on the topic, "By the Power of Prayer and the Presence of the Spirit."

We all have been challenged by our theme, "Turning the World Upside Down." Jesus is coming sooner than we think or believe, and the real goal of the Church is to finish the work. We must reach out to all people because the hour is late. We have no time to lose. Matt 28:19,20 is the mandate of the Church.

All the forces of evil are working against us as Satan advances his cause. He is going ahead of us and doing everything possible to hinder our work and make us feel that the task we are facing is impossible. How can we turn the world upside down with all of these obstacles before us? We need to turn to God and on our knees earnestly pray for power and for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus has promised that He will give us all power in heaven and earth and that He will be with us even to the end of the world. We have no cause to be discouraged. God has given us a task and He has made provision for us to do it.

We need to remind ourselves of what happened back in the early Christian church. Their mission was to reach the world with the gospel. They had similar obstacles, hindrances, and difficulties that we face and the task seemed impossible.

After the disciples left the Mount of Olives they were anxious to take the gospel to the world, but Jesus told them they should not leave Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father--the Holy Spirit. How often when we think we are qualified and ready for our mission in life we run ahead of God. He then has to remind us that we are not to leave Jerusalem until we have received the power of the Holy Spirit.

When the Lord instructed them to tarry in Jerusalem, it was a time of soul searching, confession, and prayer. It was a time for setting priorities. Their goal was one thing and one thing only--to take the gospel to the world and prepare the people for the coming of the Lord.

Suddenly the sound of a rushing wind filled the house. All were filled with the Holy Spirit. The disciples were able to speak in tongues and to perform miracles. It shook the whole city of Jerusalem. It turned the world upside down!

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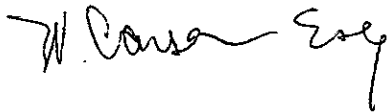
Calvin B Rock called the 1991 Annual Council to order.

228-91G COMMISSION ON GOVERNANCE - REPORT

Robert S Folkenberg introduced the report of the Commission on Governance. He requested the body to discuss and vote each recommendation separately. Paragraphs 1-a, b, c, and d of the report were discussed and adopted. (The action will be recorded in the minutes upon the completion of the discussion and vote on all the recommendations.)

Adjourned.

Robert S Folkenberg and Calvin B Rock, Chairmen
Mario Veloso, Secretary
Larry R Colburn, Editorial Secretary
Fay Welter, Recording Secretary



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October 10, 1991, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

In speaking on "Global Mission My Mission," J David Newman asked some thought-provoking questions.

Is it possible that we have a world church constantly in motion but not with much light? We have heard exciting reports about the success of our Church around the world. We rejoice over every person won to Christ. We look forward to even greater things happening under Global Mission. But is it possible that underneath all the movement, all might not be as well as we would like? Is it possible that church growth in the statistical column is not matched by growth in the character department?

We say that we are the Laodicean Church. But we do not like to dwell on being "wretched, poor, blind, and naked." We prefer to see ourselves as rich and successful.

We must be careful that we do not fall into the trap into which the Jews fell when they declared, "We are Abraham's seed," and then turned around and crucified the Messiah. We can boast that we are the remnant church and at the same time bear false witness to the gospel.

But you say "Are we not winning many people? We must be doing God's will." Is it possible that many of our people and even our pastors and evangelists are motivated by reasons other than the cross of Christ? Ellen G White reminds us that "Justification by faith is the third angel's message in verity" (1SM 372). But do our members regard the cross as the essence of Adventism?

What does it take to make Global Mission my mission? What was so powerful about the early church's witness? They preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified as the only hope of the world.

Here lies our Church's dilemma or tension. Do we, like Paul, preach Christ and Him crucified as our main message--the message that galvanized the early church, that brought thousands flocking into its ranks? Or do we preach something else?

Some are afraid that if we dwell too much upon the cross we will minimize victory over sin. But victory comes when we lift up the cross.

If we are to get our people to make Global Mission their mission--my mission--we must go to extraordinary lengths to make Jesus

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prominent to them. We must make it crystal clear that our salvation is based not on what we do but on what God did in Christ at Calvary. We are saved not because of what we have done but because of what Jesus has done.

Our Church has been placed here to provide the same function that John the Baptist fulfilled in announcing the first coming of Jesus. We must live the same kind of lifestyle that John lived, which gave credence to his message.

We need to remind ourselves what it means to be a disciple of Christ. The gospel commission is much more than baptizing, it is making disciples--people who are reflecting the character of Jesus.

As Ellen G White so pointedly reminded us, "Christ crucified--talk it, pray it, sing it, and it will break and win hearts. This is the power and wisdom of God to gather souls for Christ."--6T 67

Matthew A Bediako called the 1991 Annual Council to order.

LEGAL MEETINGS

The following legal meetings were held:

International Insurance Company of Takoma Park
International Religious Liberty Association

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228-91G COMMISSION ON GOVERNANCE - REPORT

VOTED, 1. To adopt the recommendations of the Commission on Governance for the world headquarters with amendments as follows:

a. That there be fewer and in most cases smaller standing committees, but that both the authority and accountability of these committees be increased.

b. That the general vice presidents be given administrative responsibility by the General Conference President to assure the effective operation of assigned General Conference departments and services.

c. That all departments/services have clearly defined authority to accomplish their mission.

d. That responsibility for specified in-house operations and support services be consolidated under an in-house operations manager responsible to a general vice president who shall be chairman of an In-house Operations Committee.

e. That the General Conference Executive Committee meet at least quarterly and at the call of the chair, and focus primarily on worldwide mission, goals and plans, budgets, and the formation of the general Church policy.

f. That the Administrative Committee (General Conference Officer Group) shall have delegated authority given to it by the General Conference Executive Committee. Membership and terms of reference are as follows:

MEMBERS:

President	Associate Secretaries
General Vice Presidents	Treasurer
North American Division President	Undertreasurer
Secretary	Associate Treasurers
Undersecretary	

INVITEES:

As determined by the Administrative Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

A. Standing Committees

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| 1. Appoint standing committees and develop, approve, and adjust their terms of reference. | 1. Power to act. |
| 2. Evaluate the work of standing committees on an annual basis. | 2. Power to act. |
| 3. Receive referrals from the subcommittees that report to it. | 3. Power to act or refer to the General Conference Executive Committee. |

B. Financial Oversight

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| 1. Develop the General Conference budget in harmony with established procedures. | 1. Recommend to the Annual Council. |
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| 2. Review the operations of the General Conference in relation to the budget. | 2. Power to act in counsel with the responsible officers. |
| 3. Approve the opening and closing of bank accounts with appropriate signatures. | 3. Power to act. |
| 4. Authorize expenditure of Emergency and Contingency Funds as provided for in the budget. | 4. Power to act within limits established by the General Conference Executive Committee. |

C. Planning and Development

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| 1. Direct in the formulation and publication of internal policies, protocols, and procedures. | 1. Power to act. |
| 2. Direct in the development of long-range planning for the staffing and operation of the General Conference headquarters. | 2. Recommend to the General Conference Executive Committee. |
| 3. Develop General Conference Executive Committee agendas. | 3. Recommend to the General Conference Executive Committee. |

D. Personnel Matters

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| 1. Initiate an evaluation process for departmental directors. | 1. Power to act. |
| 2. Recommend employment or discharge of all elected personnel between General Conference Sessions. | 2. Recommend to the General Conference Executive Committee. |
| 3. Approve and/or employ and/or discharge appointed personnel. | 3. Power to act. |
| 4. Recommend employment or discharge of editors/associate editors. | 4. Recommend to the General Conference Executive Committee. |

E. General Administrative Items

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| 1. Consider other routine administrative issues as they arise and give general counsel to world Church entities as requested. | 1. Power to act. |
| 2. Place calls for General Conference headquarters personnel (other than those indicated in D-2). | 2. Power to act. |
| 3. Express condolences and appreciation as circumstances may indicate. | 3. Power to act. |

g. That a clearly defined strategic planning and budgeting process that is mission-driven be established.

h. That an ongoing process of in-service education and evaluation be developed and implemented by the General Conference administration to better qualify the staff and to measure the contribution to mission of all headquarters programs, committees, and personnel.

2. To authorize the Administrative Committee (General Conference Officer Group) to implement the above recommendations.

3. To request the General Conference Officers to report to the 1992 Annual Council on the progress that has been made in implementing these recommendations.

Adjourned.

Robert S Folkenberg and Matthew A Bediako, Chairmen
Harold W Baptiste, Secretary
Ted N C Wilson, Editorial Secretary
June Franklin, Recording Secretary

W. Carson, Esq

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October 11, 1991, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

B Lyn Behrens, President of Loma Linda University, spoke on the subject, "Turning the World Upside Down By Showing Christ's Love in Our Communities."

The man lay in a crumpled heap on the road--naked, bruised, bleeding, and scarcely alive. Gone was his well-dressed business appearance present earlier in the morning as he headed for the city. Now he was just another victim of violence.

The first man upon the scene of the crime quickly assessed the danger that lurked nearby and hastened on to ensure his own safety. The second man to pass that way paused to check it out. With the victim looking hopeless, he quickly decided to be uninvolved and indifferent and hastened on to be about his own business. Would the third traveler do likewise? No, this was to be an encounter of a different kind. Without fanfare he set about his self-appointed task. In spite of personal risk, he chose involvement that was quickly translated into action--first aid, transportation, and prepayment for the victim's care.

The events on the Jericho Road 2,000 years ago speak to the issues, attitudes, and order of the real world of 1991 and our opportunity for involvement.

Embedded in Christ's story of the Good Samaritan are sharp contrasts of selfishness with selflessness; hatred and indifference with agape love; brokenness with healing, health, and wholeness; and the kingdom of this world with the kingdom of heaven.

Reflect on the actions of the robbers, the priest and Levite, the victim, and the Samaritan so that we might understand our own institutional and individual responsibilities and be energized to turn the world upside down through love.

It is said of the robbers that they stripped him, beat him, and left him half dead. They were violent, selfish men intent only on their own gain. But what of the priest and Levite? I would propose that although violence is a symptom of the "hatred disease" (the cancer at the root of human relationships among individuals and entire nations), Christ's story speaks of a far more prevalent and insidious yet deadly disease of the human soul--the sickness of apathy and indifference. It is the same sickness that has tolerated centuries of slavery and has been blind to the atrocities of Auschwitz; and now

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promotes the sale of tobacco to balance trade deficits in nonindustrialized countries, and ignores irresponsible toxic waste disposal. It is the sickness of individuals, families, nations, and the world.

What of the victim? The man was left half dead. Yes, the man on the road to Jericho was physically traumatized, but it is imperative to remember that individuals can be also mentally, emotionally, and spiritually broken. Brokenness always hurts leaving the victim in need of healing and wholeness.

Finally we come to the Samaritan who saw the man, took pity on him, and went to him. One cannot help but speculate about the inner goodness of this man. Possibly it was born of his own encounter with social injustice and discrimination--attitudes that had bruised and traumatized his psyche. Clearly he had rejected the chronic temptation to cope through bitterness and hostility. Regardless of his life circumstances, he had chosen to remain sensitive to the hurts of the battered and bedraggled of the world. This man's selfless love and kindly actions turned the broken world of a stranger right side up again--reordered as the kingdom of heaven would have it.

Each one of us must accept the invitation to turn the world upside down by sharing Christ's love in the community; by giving the hungry something to eat; by giving the thirsty something to drink; by inviting the stranger into our homes; by clothing the needy; by offering healing to the sick; and by visiting the prisoner. It is our responsibility and the responsibility of every child of God to continue the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ to make man whole.

Calvin B Rock called the 1991 Annual Council to order.

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170-91G REYNOLDS, DONALD G--FUTURE OF CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

VOTED, To request administration to search for an individual with the appropriate skills to continue the program of Christian Leadership Seminars beyond 1992.

SRD/GC&DivSec91AC/GCDO91AC/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to FGT

291-91G NEW NAME FOR USSR DIVISION--EURO-ASIA DIVISION

With the majority of the republics in the Soviet Union now independent states, the USSR Division needs to be renamed taking into consideration its territory rather than political entities. It was

VOTED, To rename the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Division the Euro-Asia Division.

TRE/GCDO91AC/91AC to DER

298-91G INTERDIVISION EMPLOYEE BUDGETS--TRANSFERS
AND REDUCTIONS

VOTED, To approve the following procedures in regard to the reduction of interdivision budgets:

1. Any decision to reduce interdivision budgets within a division shall be made by the division concerned.
2. Savings that result from interdivision budget reductions shall remain in the division and in the General Conference, according to policies governing interdivision worker expenses. Such savings are available to the division and the General Conference for reallocation through the budget process.

SAAC/GCC/91SM/GCDO91AC/91AC to JP

183-91G COMMISSION ON THE CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA -
FINAL REPORT

The Chairman called on Jan Paulsen, Chairman of the Commission on the Church in South Africa, to introduce the item. He deferred to Robert S Folkenberg who made the following statement:

At the time of the General Conference Session, I met with some of our church leaders from South Africa along with those at the General Conference who have been involved with South African issues for many years. We concurred that the social and political changes underway in South Africa were of major proportions. Our church was seriously embarrassed for it seemed to be the last religious organization which was largely divided along racial lines.

We concluded that the time had arrived for us to carefully study our church structure in South Africa. The General Conference Southern

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Africa Affairs Committee, which is the General Conference equivalent of a division committee serving its attached unions, met to consider what steps should be taken. The Southern Africa Affairs Committee recommended that the General Conference Committee appoint a commission and suggest the chairman and membership. This Commission was directed to give careful study to the church organization and structure in South Africa and bring its recommendations to the General Conference Committee for consideration. Today the Commission is rendering its report and thus completing its mandate.

During the process that the Commission went through in South Africa, it became evident that our Black believers in South Africa feel very deeply that the Church, its General Conference leadership, and the world body have let them down. They feel it is important that while considering these recommendations, we also recognize and acknowledge that what has been should not have been. Even Church leadership, when the decisions were made to divide into two unions, saw this as the only solution but recognized that it was not right. There is a temptation to look at yesterday through today's glasses. While the decision was not right, I recognize it is not fair to condemn the past from the vantage point of today.

Ellen G White's comments in her book, The Southern Work, makes it clear that the Church has made mistakes in dealing with racial issues. I like Paul's counsel, "Forgetting those things which are behind I press toward the mark of the high calling of God." While from today's perspective there is no question that what was done was not right, it is vital that we do not dwell on condemning the past but rather deal with the opportunities of the future.

These realities today are very clear and specific. There is a new South Africa. A new spirit of unity is building among believers of all ethnic origins. The Spirit of God has worked through the work of the Commission. Very few in this body can comprehend the pain and pressure that has built up in South Africa over the past years. Few here can understand the fear of the future of some of our believers in South Africa as we meet today. I am confident that the same Spirit which led this Commission over the past difficult months will guide in the days to come.

I would like to publicly express my appreciation to the members of the Commission and especially to Jan Paulsen for his willingness to accede to the General Conference Committee's request to chair this Commission. This task was above and beyond the call of duty for a division president who did not need to take the additional pressures, tensions, and time away from home to lead this Commission. Further, we owe a debt of gratitude to W Duncan Eva who, like few individuals in Church leadership, has a breadth of knowledge and is sensitive to the

very real pressures in that strife-torn country. That he was willing to come out of retirement and assist in this difficult situation is above and beyond the call of duty.

And so, Mr Chairman, it is with pleasure and a sense of progress that I am pleased that this Annual Council can receive the report of this Commission. It would be appropriate to ask Jan Paulsen to give a full presentation of the work of the Commission, its composition, process, and the recommendations it brings to us today.

Jan Paulsen then gave a full report of the work of the Commission, its composition and process. Selected portions of the report are shown below:

Spiritual Rationale

Our Lord's earnest intercessory prayer for His people was that they would be as closely united to each other as He and His Father are (John 17:11, 21-23). As the church began to include Gentile believers in its membership, the guidance of the Holy Spirit was clear (Acts chapters 7-11). When human prejudice and bigotry threatened to hold Christianity cramped in the confines of a Jewish sect, once more the Spirit led (Acts 15). The infant church did not "wither and die on the vine" but became a mighty agency to carry the gospel to all the world.

The New Testament breathes the spirit of a universal church. In Galatians chapter 2 for example Paul contends for "the truth of the Gospel" (Acts 15:5,14). He faces Peter who was first to open the door of the church to Gentiles but who now, intimidated in Antioch, withdraws from close association with Gentile converts. He forthrightly condemns his brother's hypocrisy and denial of the cross (Acts 15:11-21).

In the Ephesian letter Paul sets forth the purpose and good pleasure of God's gracious will. What is it? At last to "gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him." Yes, gathers together in Him who prayed and died to make us one for the glorious and eternal destiny of the unity that God has willed (Eph 1:9-11). And His plan is that the unity of the church on earth be a type of the cosmic unity He purposes for eternity (Eph 3:8-11). And so while we wait, "we who were far off are made nigh," no more "strangers and foreigners" but part of "the household of God" bound closely to our Lord and to each other (Eph 2:13,19).

But in the final chapter of the message to the Hebrew believers who were sorely tempted to deny their Lord and go back to what they thought was the faith of their fathers, there is an appeal which should

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move our hearts deeply (Heb 13:10-14). The tragic rejection of Jesus by His own people is reemphasized (John 1:10,11). His crucifixion outside the gates of Jerusalem, prefigured by the burning of the bodies of some sacrificial animals outside Israel's wilderness camp, is recalled to mind. Then the passage appeals powerfully to Jewish Christians so strongly attached to their national roots in these words, "Let us go forth therefore without the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

What is the Spirit saying to us today in these words? That there come times when every Christian will see deeper meanings in the cross than ever before. That there are times when for His sake and in harmony with His purposes we must leave the camp of race, nation, community, friends, and even family to go forth unto Him outside the gate bearing His reproach.

Is it not to the maturity of a truer identification with the crucified Christ, the suffering, the joy, and the closer unity with one another that today God is calling us? Our church in South Africa even as it grows in number will also grow in Christlikeness, in godly character, and in spiritual power. It will witness for its divine Head and sound His message first and foremost with the unanswerable argument of the Cross.

Commission Members

PAULSEN, JAN, Chairman	(President, Trans-European Division)
Battle, M T, Secretary	(Associate Secretary, General Conference)
Bediako, M A	(Vice President, General Conference)
Eva, W Duncan	(Retired Vice President, General Conference)
Robinson, Donald E	(Undertreasurer, General Conference)
Bandla, D	(Pastor, Southern Union Mission)
Bradfield, James T	(President, South African Union)
Chalale, D W B	(President, Southern Union Mission)
Ebersohn, F	(Layman, South African Union)
Koopedi, E	(Layman, Southern Union Mission)
Msengana, B	(Layman, Southern Union Mission)
Niekerk, J	(Pastor, South African Union)
Pitchford, E	(Layman, South African Union)
Relihan, L D, Recording Secretary	(Associate Treasurer, South African Union)

Objectives of the Commission on the Church in South Africa

This is a time of challenge and opportunity for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Africa. The Church must move forward, and

serve as a living example of and witness to the reconciling gospel ministry assigned to the Church of the Remnant. This is in harmony with the Church's Fundamental Belief No 13.

Unity in the Body of Christ

The Church is one body with many members, called from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. In Christ we are a new creation; distinctions of race, culture, learning, and nationality, and differences between high and low, rich and poor, male and female, must not be divisive among us. We are all equal in Christ, who by one Spirit has bonded us into one fellowship with Him and with one another; we are to serve and be served without partiality or reservation. Through the revelation of Jesus Christ in the Scriptures we share the same faith and hope, and reach out in one witness to all. This unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God, who has adopted us as His children.

The Church must not neglect taking the necessary spiritual and organizational steps required to close ranks and work in equality and unity to finish the work.

This is the calling of the Church with regard to race, to witness within itself to the Kingship of Christ and the unity of His people, in Him transcending all diversity. Jesus Christ in His incarnation and redemptive action restores this unity which from the beginning was God's design.

Therefore, the objectives of the Commission on the Church in South Africa are to:

1. Determine the status of human relations in the SDA Church in South Africa through fact-finding, investigation, and receiving information from a broad spectrum of SDA society in South Africa.
2. Determine what the Church needs to do to meet the needs of the Church within the biblical framework of church unity and equality of all members.
3. Determine the modality and time frame for working out free admittance of all races to all SDA churches and schools in South Africa.
4. Explore avenues of unity in organizational and institutional structure as well as the time frame for implementation.

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Procedure/Interviews and Preliminary Report

1. Procedure

A meeting to organize the work of the Commission was held on February 6 and 7, 1991 in the Transvaal Conference Board Room in Johannesburg. At this meeting a detailed schedule of the Commission was outlined. In consultation with the officers of the South African Union Conference and the Southern Union Mission criteria were agreed on for the selection of various organizations and groups to be interviewed. This included a cross-section of union, mission, and conference officers, pastoral staff, church members, professional representation, church officers, institutions, women and youth representatives, etc. The format of the interviews was also agreed on. Each entity to appear before the Commission was requested to have a prepared statement regarding its views on unity of the Church in South Africa.

2. Interviews

It was agreed that the interviews would be scheduled from Friday, March 22, through Friday, March 29. These interviews were held at five locations: Johannesburg, Durban, East London, Cape Town, and Bloemfontein.

The interviews began at 9 a.m. and usually ended at approximately 9 p.m. daily. A total of 46 entities appeared before the Commission. On Friday, March 29, members of the Commission and the officers of both unions met in the South African Union Conference board room in Bloemfontein to review the prepared statements and interviews. The working notes of the prepared statements and interviews, as kept by the recording secretary, are on file with the official secretary's report.

3. Preliminary Report

A preliminary report of the work of the Commission was rendered at the General Conference Spring Meeting. (See GCC 91-120.)

Transition Team

The General Conference Committee appointed a transition team (see GCC 91-145) to give leadership and counsel to the two unions in South Africa and to implement the recommendations of the General Conference Commission on the Church in South Africa.

MEMBERS:

EVA, W DUNCAN, Chairman

Bradfield, James T
Chalale, D W B
Koopedi, E
Niekerk, J
Nzimande, A N
Parkerson, B H
Scout, C F
Swanepoel, D H
van der Ness, H J

The Transition Team met with a joint meeting of the executive committees of both unions on July 8-17, 1991 with members of the Commission. The Transition Team met with the working groups as needed. Other guidelines for the Transition Team were as follows:

1. To work under the auspices of the General Conference Commission on the Church in South Africa.
2. To facilitate the progress of the working groups.
3. To assist the two unions in the merger process.
4. The Chairman of the Transition Team communicated to the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission by FAX or by phone as necessary.
5. To continue its work until the overall process, as recommended by the Commission and the General Conference Committee, is completed.

Following a lengthy discussion of the recommendations, it was

VOTED, To adopt the recommendations included in the final report of the Commission on the Church in South Africa as follows:

1. That the two Southern Africa unions be merged into a new unified administrative structure. This is to be achieved by December 31, 1991.
2. That the merged union be recognized as a union conference.
3. That local conferences and fields be merged into new unified structures with boundaries drawn geographically.

It is recognized that

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a) Local readiness for such merger is more advanced in some areas than in others and might be accomplished as early as December 31, 1992.

b) In other areas major financial and budgetary planning in anticipation of the local mergers will have to be achieved.

c) Ensuing consequences of the local mergers, as far as services provided by the institutions to the local fields are concerned, must be marketed and provided for.

Consequently, a flexible time frame for achieving the local mergers is considered advisable. The objective, however, is that the mergers in all areas be accomplished by December 31, 1993.

The General Conference, having initiated the present process, will continue to give guidance until it is completed.

4. That from a date set by the General Conference in consultation with the union, subsequent to the completion of the internal reorganization, this newly merged union will become a part of the Eastern Africa Division.

5. That the following institutions and entities that are presently union institutions be administered by the newly merged union, and that the various ethnic groups be reflected in the staffing:

Bethel College
Helderberg College
Maluti Adventist Hospital

6. That the future status of Adventist Professional Health Services and the Southern Publishing Association be jointly negotiated with the following entities:

Newly merged union
Eastern Africa Division
Southern Africa Affairs Committee

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ANNUAL SACRIFICE OFFERING 1992--SPECIAL PROVISION
TO ASSIST CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA

VOTED, To recognize the sincere desire of the 1991 Annual Council attendees to endorse and support the successful completion of the process of unification of the church in South Africa. As a tangible

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expression of the support of the world Church for this process, it is agreed that for the year 1992, the Annual Sacrifice Offering will be capped at \$2,400,000. All funds received in excess of that amount will be used to help with the major financial needs of a unified church structure in South Africa, and an appeal will be made to the world Church membership to participate. The membership in South Africa is assured of the continuing support of the world Church.

Adjourned.

Calvin B Rock and Robert S Folkenberg, Chairmen
Maurice T Battle, Secretary
Mario Veloso, Editorial Secretary
Fay Welter, Recording Secretary

W. Carson Esq

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Alfred C McClure, President of the North American Division, used as his text Revelation 14:6-13 in developing the theme of "Turning the World Upside Down by Proclaiming the Three Angels' Message."

This worldwide message is not a new one, but rather the message of the old, the everlasting gospel. It was proclaimed to Adam before he was driven from Eden. It was taught by Noah, Abraham, and Moses.

At every age the good news has been made known to mankind in the setting that could be understood.

We have heard the urgency—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). The gospel which began, "Come and see," ends, "Go and preach."

We are supposed to turn the world upside down. Go and tell them about Jesus. Baptize them.

Some would describe this as impertinent fanaticism or self-flattering superiority or even as religious intolerance. But Jesus also said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18).

God has not left this final generation without a message of hope and salvation. What is our good news? It is the gospel of Jesus Christ adapted to the space age.

John, the revelator, saw a celestial messenger broadcasting a powerful global communication destined to turn the world upside down. He calls it the everlasting gospel which will be preached "to every nation and kindred and tongue and people." And the good news is that the same God who created this world is about to become its Deliverer.

The revolutionary message to share with the world is the call to worship the one true God—Creator and Redeemer. The message of the three angels seems to be saying that meaningful worship will ultimately turn the world upside down.

Where do we begin? Ellen G White says that righteousness by faith is "the third angel's message in verity."

Paul declares in Romans 1:16,17, ". . . the gospel of Christ; . . . is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; . . . For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith."

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When our churches glow with warmth and love; when our pulpits are again on fire with a message of the advent and the message of the three angels; when we live the consistent Christian life in the home and in the community; when we see and become like Him who is our righteousness; then revival will come and we will "turn the world upside down."

Leo Ranzolin called the 1991 Annual Council to order.

FINANCIAL AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Donald F Gilbert presented the minutes of a meeting of the Financial Audit Review Committee which included recommendations from the external auditors, Maner, Costerisan and Ellis, P C, and Treasury's response.

VOTED, To record that the General Conference Committee received the Financial Audit Review Committee Report.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Donald E Robinson, Undertreasurer, presented the financial summary of the General Conference for the period ending August 31, 1991.

VOTED, To record that the August 31, 1991 financial summary was reviewed.

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117-91G HISTORIC STAND FOR TEMPERANCE PRINCIPLES— STATEMENT

VOTED, To refer the following item to the Health and Temperance Department for further study:

RECOMMENDED, To adopt the statement, Historic Stand for Temperance Principles, to read as follows:

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists reaffirms its historic stand for temperance principles, policies, and programs as set forth in the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and past General Conference actions, upholding abstinence as a commitment of each member.

The nonacceptance of moneys or other gifts from the alcohol, illicit drug, and tobacco producer or seller has been based on this premise, and such funds are recognized as "stained with the blood of souls" (Te 231).

"No one needs to be informed that the drink traffic is one that entails upon its victims, misery, shame, degradation, and death, with the eternal ruin of their souls. Those who reap a revenue, either directly or indirectly, from this traffic, are putting into the till the money which has come through the loss of souls of men."--Te 231

Therefore, we reaffirm these principles, appealing for a revival of temperance among our people, that no individual, congregation, institution, or self-supporting organization among us ignore or counteract these standards.

FURTHER, We therefore assert that accepting funding from alcohol, illicit drug, and tobacco industries and cartels is unethical and immoral, considering their physical, mental, social, and spiritual consequences to the individual as well as their devastation to society.

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105-91GNa AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 1991

VOTED, To record for information the Authorized Meetings for the balance of 1991 with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 1991</u>			
16-Nov 16	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Loma Linda CA
17,18	Thu	*Asian LMCB	Warburton Aus
23	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
23(pm)	Wed	LLU Subcommittees	Loma Linda CA
24	Thu	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
27,28	Sun	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
29	Tue	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
29,30	Tue	NAD Union Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
30	Wed	NAD Union Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
30	Wed	NAD Union Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
30(eve)	Wed	NAD Risk Management Committee	Silver Spring MD
31	Thu	NAD Finance Committee	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>November 1991</u>			
1,3	Fri	GC Officers & NAD Union Officers	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Sun	Message Advisory Council	Silver Spring MD
3(eve)-6	Sun	NAD Year-end Meeting	Silver Spring MD
7	Thu	AHA Cabinet	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Mon	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
12	Tue	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
14	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
20	Wed	Andrews University Exec Committee	Ber Spgs MI
<u>December 1991</u>			
2-4	Mon	Regional Evangelism Council	Huntsville AL
3,4	Tue	Regional Educators	Huntsville AL
3-6	Tue	NAD Bible Textbook Steering Com K-12	Monterey CA
4	Wed	Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
9	Mon	NAD Small School, Secondary Spec Proj	Monterey CA
10-12	Tue	NAD Com for Elem & Secondary Curr	Monterey CA
11	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
12	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
15-19	Sun	NAD Evangelism Council	Daytona Beach FL
27-30	Fri	FHES Regional Publishing Convention	

Attendance of GC personnel at meetings marked by an asterisk (*) shall be approved by ADCOM as a group rather than on an individual basis.

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105-91GNb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 1992

VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings for 1992 with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 1992</u>			
14(pm)-18	Tue	NAD & Union Church Min Dir Council	Newport Beach CA
15	Wed	Adventist Historic Properties Com	Ber Spgs MI
15	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
16	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
16-18	Thu	NAD & Union Min Assoc Sec Council	Newport Beach CA
16-18	Thu	College Pastors	Newport Beach CA
16-18	Thu	NAD Communication Council	Newport Beach CA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 1992 contd</u>			
19(eve)-22	Sun	Materials Dev & Marketing Committee	Newport Beach CA
19-23	Sun	*Asia Pacific Health Care Council	Singapore
26-29	Sun	Hispanic Evangelism Council	Cohutta Spgs GA
27	Mon	ASI Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
27(pm)	Mon	Regional Conf Risk Mgmt Com	Huntsville AL
27-31	Mon	NAD Science/Health Steering Com	Loma Linda CA
28	Tue	ASI Missions Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
28	Tue	Regional Presidents Council	Huntsville AL
29,30	Wed	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
<u>February 1992</u>			
3	Mon	Adventist Media Center Board	Newbury Park CA
3	Mon	BHE College Presidents and Provosts	Loma Linda CA
3	Mon	NAD Union Directors of Education	Loma Linda CA
3(pm)	Mon	Adventist Information Ministry Bd	Newbury Park CA
4	Tue	Board of Higher Education	Loma Linda CA
5(am)	Wed	Board of Education K-12	Loma Linda CA
5	Wed	Geoscience Board	Loma Linda CA
5(pm)	Wed	AHA Cabinet	Loma Linda CA
5(pm)-7	Wed	Division & Union Directors of Educ	Loma Linda CA
6,7	Thu	NAD Officers & Union Presidents	Loma Linda CA
7	Fri	LLJ Budget, Finance & Plan Com	Loma Linda CA
9(am)	Sun	LLJ & GC Officers Committee	Loma Linda CA
9(pm)	Sun	LLJ Planning Committee	Loma Linda CA
10,11	Mon	LLJ Board	Loma Linda CA
10-12	Mon	NAD Certification Committee	Loma Linda CA
10-13	Mon	Presidents Seminar	Pine Springs CA
11(pm)	Tue	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
11-14	Tue	BRICOM	Loma Linda CA
12	Wed	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
14(am)	Fri	Assoc of SDA School Admin (ASOASA)	San Francisco CA
20	Thu	Inst of World Mission Admin Council	Ber Spgs MI
20	Thu	Andrews Univ Audit Review Committee	Ber Spgs MI
21	Fri	Andrews Univ Budget/Finance Com	Ber Spgs MI
23(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Subcommittees	Ber Spgs MI
23(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Seminary Exec Com	Ber Spgs MI
23	Sun	Health & Temperance Council	Bakersfield CA
23-27	Sun	NAD Health Evangelism Council	Bakersfield CA
24(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Ber Spgs MI
24(eve)	Mon	NAD Aviation Committee	Ber Spgs MI
25(am)	Tue	NADEI Finance	Ber Spgs MI
25(am)	Tue	NADEI Board	Ber Spgs MI
26	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE

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<u>March 1992</u>			
1-6	Sun	NAD Nutrition Training Council	Loma Linda CA
4	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
5	Thu	NAD Women's Ministries Advisory	Silver Spring MD
5-8	Thu	Women's Commission	Silver Spring MD
6-11	Fri	ACM Joint Chaplains' Conference	Indianapolis IN
6-11	Fri	PPPA & R&H ABC Marketing Seminar	East Coast
9-14	Mon	GC Colloquium	Silver Spring MD
17	Tue	Hispanic Education Advisory	Silver Spring MD
17-19	Tue	Eastern Asia Committee	Silver Spring MD
18	Wed	Hispanic Advisory	Silver Spring MD
18-Apr 18	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Ber Spgs MI
19	Thu	Human Relations Advisory	Silver Spring MD
20	Fri	Human Relations Directors Council	Silver Spring MD
20-24	Fri	NAD Union Treasurers Meeting	Cohutta Spgs GA
23-25	Mon	NAD Union Secretaries Council	Battle Creek MI
25	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
25(am)	Wed	NAD Risk Management Committee	Cohutta Spgs GA
25-28	Wed	NAD Campus Ministries	Pine Springs CA
25-28	Wed	NAD Collegiate Adventists Better Lvng	Pine Springs CA
26	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
26	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
29-31	Sun	Christian View of Human Life Com	Loma Linda CA
30	Mon	Review & Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
30-Apr 2	Mon	NAD Bible Steering Committee, K-12	Portland OR
31-Apr 1	Tue	World & Division Survey Commission	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 1992</u>			
1-2	Wed	World Church Organization	Silver Spring MD
5	Sun	AHA Cabinet	Silver Spring MD
6,7	Mon	GCO & NADO and Union Presidents	Silver Spring MD
6-10	Mon	NAD Science/Health Steering Comm	Tewksbury MA
6-11	Mon	Joint Adventist Chaplaincy Min Conf	Indianapolis, IN
8,9	Wed	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
13-17	Mon	NAD PARL Council	Orlando FL
20,21	Mon	NAD Sales Development Subcommittee	Silver Spring MD
22	Wed	Andrews Univ Executive Committee	Ber Spgs MI
22	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
23	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
24,26	Fri	Trust Services Materials Com	Dallas TX
27	Mon	Trust Services Standing Committee	Dallas TX
<u>May 1992</u>			
3-8	Sun	Trust Services Basic Seminar	La Sierra CA
6-8	Wed	BRICOM	Ber Spgs MI
11-22	Mon	Trust Services Advanced Seminar	La Sierra CA
12	Tue	Small Schools Com/Sec Special Proj	Albuquerque NM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>May 1992 contd</u>			
13(am)	Wed	NAD Committee for Elem Curriculum	Albuquerque NM
13(pm)	Wed	NAD Committee for Secondary Curr	Albuquerque NM
14(am)	Thu	NAD CEC/Available CSC	Albuquerque NM
14(pm)	Thu	Joint NAD CEC/CSC	Albuquerque NM
14	Thu	College Teacher Education Committee	Albuquerque NM
15(am)	Fri	LLJ Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
15-20	Fri	NAD Curriculum Committee	Albuquerque NM
17	Sun	LLJ Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
18,19	Mon	LLJ Board	Loma Linda CA
19(pm)	Tue	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
19,20	Tue	*Latin American LMCB	Caracas VENEZ
20	Wed	AHS/LL Boards	Loma Linda CA
<u>June 1992</u>			
3	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
10-15	Wed	Retirees Convention	Collegedale TN
14-26	Sun	Intl Faith and Learning Seminar	Lincoln NE
15,16	Mon	NAD Strategic Planning Council	Silver Spring MD
15-July 2	Mon	NAD Summer Curriculum Workshops	Tewksbury MA
16	Tue	Adventist Media Center Exec Committee	Newbury Park CA
17	Wed	Board of Higher Education Board	Silver Spring MD
17-July 18	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Ber Spgs MI
17	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
18	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
25-30	Thu	NAD Union Directors of Education	Tewksbury MA
<u>July 1992</u>			
10-16	Fri	NAD Food Service Directors Workshop	Silver Spring MD
17(am)	Fri	Higher Education Risk Mgmt Com	Oshawa ON CAN
23-29	Thu	NAD Auditors Seminar	Cohutta Spgs GA
24	Fri	Andrews Univ Budget/Finance Com	Ber Spgs MI
26(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Subcommittee	Ber Spgs MI
26(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Seminary Executive Com	Ber Spgs MI
26(pm)	Sun	NAD Aviation Committee	Ber Spgs MI
27(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Ber Spgs MI
27(pm)	Mon	NADEI Finance Committee	Ber Spgs MI
28	Tue	NADEI Board	Ber Spgs MI
28	Tue	Ministerial Training Advisory Coun	Ber Spgs MI
30	Thu	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
<u>August 1992</u>			
3	Mon	NAD Commission on Accreditation	Silver Spring MD
4-8	Tue	*Intl Youth Evangelism Workshop	Prague CZECH
4-8	Tue	World Education Advisory	Silver Spring MD
5-8	Wed	ASI National Convention	Palm Springs CA
6,7,9	Thu	National Trust Services	Farmington CT
7-11	Fri	BRISCO	

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<u>August 1992 contd</u>			
8-11	Sat	Higher Educ Administrators' Seminar	Silver Spring MD
12	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Burlington VT
17	Mon	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
17,18	Mon	Regional Presidents Council	North Pacific
18	Tue	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
19	Wed	AHA Cabinet	Loma Linda CA
20,21	Thu	NAD Officers & Union Presidents	Loma Linda CA
21	Fri	LLJ Budget, Fin, & Aud Review Com	Loma Linda CA
23(am)	Sun	LLJO & GC Officers Meeting	Loma Linda CA
23(pm)	Sun	LLJ Subcommittee	Loma Linda CA
24,25	Mon	LLJ Board	Loma Linda CA
26	Wed	Adventist Media Center Board	Newbury Park CA
27	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
31-Sep 4	Mon	*GCS Media Planning Council	Utrecht NETH
<u>September 1992</u>			
3-7	Thu	Regional Lay Congress	Atlanta GA
10-15	Thu	NAD Union Directors of Education	Victoria BC
15	Tue	Ingathering Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
16,17	Wed	NAD/Union Church Ministries Council	Silver Spring MD
21	Mon	RMS Personnel Workshop	Schaumburg IL
21-24	Mon	NAD Science/Health Steering Comm	Schaumburg IL
22-24	Tue	Risk Management Conference	Chicago IL
23(am)	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
24(am)	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
28-29	Mon	GC & Division Officers Interviews	Silver Spring MD
28-Oct 2	Mon	NAD K-12 Bible Steering Committee	
29	Tue	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
30-Oct 1	Wed	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
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2,4	Fri	GC & Div Officers & Union Presidents	Silver Spring MD
4	Sun	Message Advisory Council	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	ADRA Board	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	NAD Union Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	NAD Union Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	NAD Union Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Tue	NAD Finance Committee	Silver Spring MD
6	Tue	GC & Division Officers Interviews	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)-12	Tue	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Wed	Home Study International Board	Silver Spring MD
13(eve)-15	Tue	NAD Year-end Meeting	Silver Spring MD
14	Wed	AHA Cabinet	Silver Spring MD
16(am)	Fri	LLJ Budget & Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
18	Sun	LLJ Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
19	Mon	Women in Ministry Com	Silver Spring MD

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<u>October 1992 contd</u>			
19,20	Mon	LLU Board	Loma Linda CA
19-21	Mon	Christian View of Human Life Com	Silver Spring MD
20(pm)	Tue	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
20,21	Tue	*Asian Lit Min Coordinating Board	So Asia
21	Wed	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
21-Nov 18	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Loma Linda CA
26,27	Mon	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
<u>November 1992</u>			
6-8	Fri	Women's Commission	Southern Union
18	Wed	Andrews Univ Executive Committee	Ber Spgs MI
<u>December 1992</u>			
1-4	Tue	NAD Bible Steering Comm, K-12	Glearwtr Bch FL
2	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
7	Mon	Small Schools/NAD Com Elem Curr and Secondary Special Projects	Glearwtr Bch FL
7-9	Mon	Regional Evangelism Council	Huntsville AL
8-10	Tue	NAD Com Elem Curr/NAD Com Sec Curr	Glearwtr Bch FL
16	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
17	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
28-31	Mon	FHES Publishing Convention	

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Mtgs/NADCOA/NADOUP/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to HWB

105-91Gnc AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 1993

VOTED, To approve Authorized Meetings for 1993 as follows with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 1993</u>			
13	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
14	Thu	LLU Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
21-24	Thu	ASI Executive Committee	
22-25	Fri	NAD & Un Ch Ministries Dir Council	East Coast
24(eve)-26	Sun	NAD & Un Min Assoc Sec Council	East Coast
24(eve)-26	Sun	NAD Communication Council	East Coast
24(eve)-26	Sun	College Pastors	East Coast

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<u>January 1993</u> contd			
24(eve)-26	Sun	NAD Union Health/Temperance Council	East Coast
25-29	Mon	Science/Health Steering Committee	
26	Tue	Regional Presidents Council	Huntsville AL
26(pm)-30	Tue	NAD Ch Min/Min/Hlth-Temperance Conv	East Coast
27,28	Wed	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
31-Feb 3	Sun	Material Dev & Marketing Committee	East Coast
<u>February 1993</u>			
1(am)	Mon	Adventist Media Center Board	Newbury Park CA
1	Mon	BHE College Presidents and Provosts	Loma Linda CA
1	Mon	NAD Union Directors of Education	Loma Linda CA
1(pm)	Mon	Adventist Information Ministry Bd	Newbury Park CA
2	Tue	Board of Higher Education	Loma Linda CA
3	Wed	Geoscience Board	Loma Linda CA
3(pm)	Wed	AHA Cabinet	Loma Linda CA
3(pm)-5	Wed	Division & Union Directors of Educ	Loma Linda CA
4,5	Thu	NAD Union Directors of Education	Loma Linda CA
4,5	Thu	NAD Officers & Union Presidents	Loma Linda CA
5	Fri	LLJ Budget, Finance & Plan Com	Loma Linda CA
7(am)	Sun	LLJ & GC Officers Committee	Loma Linda CA
7(pm)	Sun	LLJ Planning Committee	Loma Linda CA
8,9	Mon	LLJ Board	Loma Linda CA
9(pm)	Tue	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
9-12	Tue	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
10	Wed	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
10-13	Wed	Presidents Seminar	Pine Springs CA
17	Wed	Eastern Asia Committee	Silver Spring MD
17	Wed	Review & Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
18	Thu	Inst of World Mission Admin Council	Ber Spgs MI
18	Thu	Andrews Univ Audit Review Committee	Ber Spgs MI
19	Fri	Adventist Historic Properties Com	Ber Spgs MI
19	Fri	Andrews Univ Budget/Finance Com	Ber Spgs MI
21(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Subcommittees	Ber Spgs MI
21(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Seminary Exec Committee	Ber Spgs MI
22(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Ber Spgs MI
22(eve)	Mon	NAD Aviation Committee	Ber Spgs MI
23(am)	Tue	NAD Evangelism Institute Finance	Ber Spgs MI
23(am)	Tue	NAD Evangelism Institute Board	Ber Spgs MI
24	Wed	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
<u>March 1993</u>			
3	Wed	RMS Board	Silver Spring MD
5-9(am)	Fri	PPPA & R&H ABC Marketing Seminar	West Coast
8-13	Mon	GC Colloquium	Silver Spring MD
16	Tue	Hispanic Educ Advisory Committee	Silver Spring MD
17	Wed	Hispanic Advisory Committee	Silver Spring MD

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<u>March 1993</u> contd			
17-Apr 17	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Ber Spgs MI
18	Thu	Human Relations Advisory	Silver Spring MD
18-19	Thu	Trust Services Materials Committee	_____
19-23	Fri	NAD Union Treasurers Meeting	_____
21	Sun	Trust Services Standing Committee	_____
24(am)	Wed	NAD Risk Management Committee	_____
24	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
24-27	Wed	NAD Campus Ministries	East Coast
25	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
25	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
29-31	Mon	NAD Union Secretaries Council	_____
29-April 1	Mon	NAD Bible Steering Committee, K-12	_____
<u>April 1993</u>			
4	Sun	AHA Cabinet	Silver Spring MD
5,6	Mon	GCO & NADO and Union Presidents	Silver Spring MD
5-9	Mon	Science/Health Steering Committee	_____
7,8	Wed	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
12-15	Mon	NAD Publ Aff & Rel Liberty Council	Southern Union
19,20	Mon	NAD Sales Development Subcommittee	Silver Spring MD
21	Wed	Andrews Univ Executive Committee	Ber Spgs MI
22	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
25-30	Sun	Basic Trust Seminar	Ber Spgs MI
<u>May 1993</u>			
3-13	Mon	Advanced Trust Seminar	Ber Spgs MI
5-7	Wed	BRICOM	Ber Spgs MI
11	Tue	Small Schools Com/Secondary Sp Proj	_____
12	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
12-13	Wed	NAD Educ Curr/NAD Secondary Curr	_____
13	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
24,25	Mon	NAD & Un Ch Ministries Dir Council	_____
<u>June 1993</u>			
2	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
14,15	Mon	NAD Strategic Planning Council	_____
14-18	Mon	NAD Union Directors of Education	_____
14-July 1	Mon	NAD Summer Curriculum Workshop	_____
15	Tue	Adventist Media Center Exec Committee	Newbury Park CA
16	Wed	Board of Higher Education	Silver Spring MD
16	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
17(am)	Thu	Board of Education, K-12	Silver Spring MD
17	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
17-Jul 17	Thu	Institute of World Mission	Ber Spgs MI

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<u>July 1993</u>			
12	Mon	NAD Retirement Plan Seminar	Portland OR
13-23	Tue	Secondary Science Teachers Field Sch	Kanab, UT
14-17	Wed	ASI National Convention	Toronto, Ontario
21	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
22	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
23	Fri	Andrews Univ Finance Committee	Ber Spgs MI
25(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Subcommittee	Ber Spgs MI
25(am)	Sun	Andrews Univ Seminary Subcommittee	Ber Spgs MI
25(pm)	Sun	NAD Aviation Committee	Ber Spgs MI
26(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Ber Spgs MI
26(pm)	Mon	NADEI Finance Committee	Ber Spgs MI
27(am)	Tue	NADEI Board	Ber Spgs MI
27	Tue	Ministerial Training Advisory Coun	Ber Spgs MI
29	Thu	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
<u>August 1993</u>			
2	Mon	NAD Commission on Accreditation	Silver Spring MD
6-10	Fri	BRISCO	
11	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Burlington, VT
16	Mon	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
16,17	Mon	Regional Presidents Council	
17	Tue	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
18	Wed	AHA Cabinet	Loma Linda CA
19,20	Thu	NAD Officers & Union Presidents	Loma Linda CA
20	Fri	LLJ Budget, Fin, & Aud Review Com	Loma Linda CA
22(am)	Sun	LLJO & GC Officers Meeting	Loma Linda CA
22(pm)	Sun	LLJ Subcommittee	Loma Linda CA
23,24	Mon	LLJ Board	Loma Linda CA
25	Wed	Adventist Media Center Board	Newbury Park CA
26	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
<u>September 1993</u>			
7	Tue	Ingathering Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
9-14	Thu	NAD Union Directors of Education	
12-13	Sun	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
13	Mon	RMS Personnel Workshop	
13-16	Mon	NAD Bible Steering Com, K-12	
14	Tue	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
14	Tue	Ingathering Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
14-16	Tue	Risk Management Conference	
20-24	Mon	Science/Health Steering Committee	
23-26	Thu	GC & Division Officers Interviews	India
27-28	Mon	GC & Division Presidents	India
27-28	Mon	GC & Division Secretaries	India
27-28	Mon	GC & Division Treasurers	India
29-30	Wed	GC & Division Officers	India

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1,3,4	Fri	GC & Division Officers & Union Pres	India
5	Tue	ADRA Board	India
5(eve)-12	Tue	Annual Council	India
6(eve)	Wed	Home Study International Board	India
12-16	Tue	*Worldwide Editors' Council	Frankfurt, GER
20-Nov 17	Wed	Institute of World Mission	Loma Linda CA
26,27	Tue	NAD Union Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
27	Wed	NAD Union Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
27	Wed	NAD Union Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
28	Thu	NAD Finance Committee	Silver Spring MD
29	Fri	NADO, NAD Un Officers, & GCO	Silver Spring MD
31(am)	Sun	AHA Cabinet	Silver Spring MD
31(pm)	Sun	NAD Risk Management Committee	Silver Spring MD
31(pm)	Sun	Message Advisory Council	Silver Spring MD
31(ev)-Nov3	Sun	NAD Year-end Meeting	Silver Spring MD
<u>November 1993</u>			
8(pm)	Mon	AHS/LL Finance Committee	Loma Linda CA
9	Tue	AHS/LL Board	Loma Linda CA
10	Wed	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
17	Wed	Andrews Univ Executive Committee	Ber Spgs MI
30-Dec 3	Tue	NAD Bible Steering Com, K-12	
<u>December 1993</u>			
1	Wed	Risk Management Services Board	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Sm Sch Com/Elem Curr/Sec Spec Proj	
6-8	Mon	Regional Evangelism Council	Huntsville AL
7-9	Tue	NAD Educ Curr/Secondary Curriculum	
15	Wed	AHS/LL Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
16	Thu	LLJ Executive Committee	Loma Linda CA
29-Jan 1	Wed	FHRS Publishing Convention	

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GCO/GCODPNUP91SM/91SM/PRE/GCO/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to KJM

143-91G ANNUAL GLOBAL BAPTISM DAY

VOTED, To amend the 1991 Spring Meeting action (GCC 91-130) to read as follows:

To designate the last Sabbath in May as the Annual Global Baptism Day commencing in 1992 and to recommend that all churches around the

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world hold an evangelistic-type baptismal service and extend a call for decisions to friends of the Church who are not yet Adventists. Divisions finding this date unacceptable should designate another date, and baptisms on their selected date should be included in the Annual Global Baptism Day Report.

GCO/CM/MIN/GCO/GCO/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to KJM

165-91G LOCAL CHURCH ELDERS

WHEREAS, scripture emphasizes the local church elder's leadership role in the local church (sometimes designated as lay pastor); and

WHEREAS, local church elders, working under their pastors, often do much of the pastoral work of a church; and

WHEREAS, the Ministerial Association coordinates the training and equipping of local church elders in cooperation with the departments of the world Church; and

WHEREAS, pastors and local church elders need some of the same training and ongoing reminders of the need to work closely together; it was

VOTED, 1. To encourage the local conferences/missions/fields to invite local church elders to attend periodic meetings of the Ministerial Association which are specifically designated for training local church elders. This reserves full membership to pastors but emphasizes the significance of local church elders as their assistants.

2. To invite local church elders to specified meetings for pastors as finances allow.

GCO/GCONUP86SM/GCO/168-86Na/GCO/196-86GN/GCDOUP89AC/89AC/GCO/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to RRR&DER

243-91GN ANNUAL SACRIFICE OFFERING

The following action was taken at the 1989 Annual Council:

"VOTED, 1. To revive the promotion of the Annual Sacrifice Offering as a sacrificial world mission offering.

"2. To allocate 25 percent of the offering to the World Mission Budget.

"3. To allocate 75 percent of the offering to be administered by the Global Strategy Executive Committee for specific projects."

This plan has never been implemented and if it were, it would create considerable problems for the 1992 budget.

VOTED, To amend the action of the 1989 Annual Council, Annual Sacrifice Offering (see GCC 89-599), which allocated 25 percent of the Annual Sacrifice Offering to the world mission budget and 75 percent to be administered by the Global Mission Executive Committee for specific projects to read as follows:

1. To allocate 50 percent of the offering to the World Mission Budget.

2. To allocate 50 percent of the offering to Global Mission, and to authorize the Global Mission Executive Committee to administer these funds.

3. To implement this policy over a four-year period, commencing with the 1992 financial period. Twelve and one half percent of the Annual Sacrifice Offering for 1992 will be allocated to Global Mission, and this will increase by twelve and one half percent per year in 1993, 1994, and 1995. (The entire offering previously has been allocated to the World Mission Budget.)

90AC/GCOPNUP91SM/91SM/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to DFG

174-91GN NAD TITHE PERCENTAGES ADJUSTMENT--
OPERATING CAP - GENERAL CONFERENCE

In fulfillment of the requirements of a 1990 Annual Council action (see GCC 90-414), it was

VOTED, To confirm the cap on operating expenses for the General Conference at 4.85 percent of gross North American Division tithe and world tithe received as recommended by the 1991 Spring Meeting.

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297-91G OPERATING EXPENSE CAP

VOTED, To accept the report on the operating expense cap as presented noting the following:

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1. A detailed analysis of the actual operating expenses for 1990 and budgeted expenses for 1992 indicate that the General Conference should come within the operating expense cap for 1992 by an estimated \$1.04 million.

2. Reports will be presented to future Annual Councils on a yearly basis regarding the ongoing relationship between actual operating expenses and the operating expense cap to consider if either needs to be modified.

GCO/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to RJK&REA

280-91GN PUBLISHING COMMISSION PROCESS

WHEREAS, the production, distribution, and sales components of the publishing work in North America are controlled by the North American Division but the publishing portion is managed by the General Conference, and

WHEREAS, the General Conference and the North American Division jointly appointed a commission to survey all aspects of the publishing work including manufacturing, marketing, and sales, it was

VOTED, To grant authority to the 1991 North American Division Year-end Committee to act on behalf of the General Conference and to exercise its authority in respect of the two publishing houses operated by the General Conference in North America, thereby exercising full authority over the entire publishing program (manufacturing, distribution, and sales) in the North American Division.

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289-91G MISSION EXTENSION OFFERING RECIPIENTS--
1991 THROUGH 1995

VOTED, To designate the recipients of the Mission Extension Offerings for the years 1991 through 1995 as follows:

1991	Euro-Asia Division Attached Unions Middle East Union South African Union Conference Southern Union Mission
1992	Euro-Africa Division South Pacific Division

- 1993 South American Division
Trans-European Division
- 1994 Inter-American Division
Southern Asia Division
- 1995 Africa-Indian Ocean Division
North American Division

AIDS/GCO/H&T/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to MAB

227-91G AIDS OFFICE AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Need

AIDS is a catastrophic problem of global proportion. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 10 million persons have been infected with the AIDS virus; one million of these have been children. By the year 2000, WHO projects 40 million persons will be infected. The problem demands our attention, not only from the perspective of Christian concern and compassion, but also from the effect the epidemic will have on church members and the Church's ability otherwise to carry out its mission in societies overwhelmed with the tragedy.

Furthermore, the AIDS epidemic has moral implications which the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a God-given mandate to address. God's ideal is a monogamous marriage with a life-time commitment, and sexual activity outside of this commitment is sin. This single principle followed would do more to solve the AIDS problem than other approaches currently available. Government agencies and secular programs have difficulty addressing moral issues, although they recognize their importance. The Church is negligent if it does not.

General Conference AIDS Committee

The General Conference AIDS Committee has attempted to provide AIDS education programs with emphasis on prevention. Only a token effort has been made due to lack of resources. The AIDS Committee recommends that an AIDS office be established at the General Conference under the auspices of Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA). ADRA's global structure and experience in obtaining grant funds make it the logical church entity to be involved with AIDS.

ADRA

Initially ADRA would need to make a financial commitment to support this office until grant support is available. ADRA is willing to accept the challenge but seeks support from the world body.

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AIDS Office Function

The ADRA AIDS Office in counsel with the General Conference AIDS Committee and with cooperation of the General Conference Health and Temperance Department would develop AIDS education programs for which supportive funding would be sought through grant proposals. As with other projects, ADRA would work through Church entities and cooperate with governments.

VOTED, To establish a General Conference AIDS Office within ADRA to work in cooperation with the General Conference AIDS Committee and the General Conference Health and Temperance Department.

GCO/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to RSF

260-91G REDUCTIONS IN AND REMOVAL OF ELECTED PERSONNEL

VOTED, To interpret General Conference constitutional and bylaws provisions pertaining to the election, term of office, and removal from office of elected personnel by the General Conference Executive Committee by permitting the removal of such personnel for cause by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee. "For cause" shall include but not be limited to misdeeds, incompetence, incompatibility, lack of teamwork of an elected person, and financial necessity or structural reorganization of the General Conference.

CM/GCO/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to MAB

208-91G WORLD SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - REPORT

VOTED, To adopt the recommendations and statement of objectives of the World Sabbath School Lesson Curriculum Committee which read as follows:

Recommendations

1. Adult curriculum—Follow a six-year adult curriculum in which two quarters of each year will involve topical Bible studies and two quarters Bible-book studies.
2. Collegiate Quarterly—Continue to follow the adult curriculum with adaptations.

3. Cornerstone Connections, Junior, and Teen--Follow a curriculum appropriate for those age groups, not dependent upon the adult curriculum, but geared to the needs of the youth, and linked whenever it is appropriate.

4. Kindergarten and Primary--Continue to follow a sequential Bible-story curriculum.

Statement of Objectives

The purpose of the Seventh-day Adventist adult Sabbath School lesson curriculum is to lead people to know God and to respond to His redemptive love in Jesus Christ. This purpose is accomplished through a dynamic exploration of Christian faith as grounded in biblical revelation. The curriculum seeks the development of a balanced experience in the life of the learner through the following objectives:

1. To deepen the personal experience of love and acceptance in Jesus Christ and to encourage a wholistic Christian lifestyle.

2. To expand the knowledge of Scripture and to foster its application to issues of contemporary life and relationships with others.

3. To heighten the experience of fellowship within the Church, to nurture and train for ministry, and to appreciate God's leading in the heritage and experience of our Church.

4. To strengthen commitment to and involvement in the Church's mission of making disciples in all the world through the proclamation of the everlasting gospel in the context of the three-angels' messages.

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296-91G PAN-AFRICAN CONSULTATION ON THE FAMILY - 1992

VOTED, To approve plans for the Pan-African Consultation on the Family to be held in Nairobi, Kenya October 1992 as follows:

Because African church leaders and family specialists are the experts in their own cultures and because of their commitment to biblical principles and the welfare of African families, a Pan-African Consultation is proposed to bring together their expertise to accomplish the following objectives:

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Objectives

To stimulate discussion among African administrators and family professionals which will result in actions as part of a sustained, long-term effort to:

1. Heighten awareness of family issues on the African continent:
 - a. To highlight the importance of the family as the basic unit of the church and society;
 - b. To make possible a better understanding of family functions from a biblical perspective;
 - c. To increase awareness of economic, social, demographic, and spiritual processes affecting families and their members.
2. Focus attention on the specific role of the church in Africa in ministry to families, both within the church and in the larger community:
 - a. To isolate and prioritize major concerns and specific family issues common across the African continent;
 - b. To undertake a general review of existing division and union efforts and programs to strengthen families, and to refine and strengthen these efforts to enable families to be about their disciple-making mission;
 - c. To stimulate division and union efforts to respond in new ways to urgent challenges affecting families;
 - d. To improve collaboration among all levels and divisions of church organization toward the implementation of all resulting actions.
3. Prepare a book from the papers presented at the Consultation for publication at division publishing houses to be sold throughout Africa.

Proposed Delegation

Division presidents
Division and union family ministries directors
Family ministries professionals representing major educational institutions
Youth representatives from local fields
Delegates-at-large
Governmental invitees

Venue

Methodist Guest House
Nairobi, Kenya

Proposed Dates

Monday evening October 19 to Sabbath, October 24, or
Monday evening October 26 to Sabbath, October 31

Budget Proposal

Travel/lodging/per diem¹ for leaders and delegates to be cared for by the employing organizations where denominationally employed, and by the divisions naming the delegate in other circumstances.

Travel and accommodation of guest family professionals	US\$3,500 ²
Conference Hall and necessary equipment	1,500 ²
Materials preparation	1,500 ³
Preparation of book manuscript for publication	<u>3,000⁴</u>
Total	US\$9,500

¹April 26, 1991 price quote from the Methodist Guest House in Nairobi is KS 347 full board per person per day (approximately US\$13.88).

²To be covered by donated funds.

³To be covered by General Conference family ministries budget.

⁴Approved 1992 Special Project Fund.

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GCO/GCO/GCO/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to CBR&DFG

284-91G HANGZHOU HOSPITAL PROJECT

The Zhejiang Provincial People's Government and Zhejiang Medical University have reached an understanding concerning the cooperative project of constructing and operating a high-quality general hospital with the participation of the Run Run Shaw Foundation, the Zhejiang Provincial Government-Zhejiang Medical University, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Loma Linda University School of Medicine. (The Memorandum of Understanding for the Construction and Operation of a High Standard Hospital in Hangzhou is on file with the official copy of the minutes.)

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VOTED, To approve the following recommendations of the General Conference Officers regarding the Hangzhou Hospital Project:

1. To study the project to determine if it is possible to drastically reduce costs for supporting proposed medical administration personnel. It is understood that all capital and operating costs are the responsibility of the Hangzhou Hospital Medical Center.

2. To delegate full authority to the Eastern Asia Committee, to process the project.

3. To request Loma Linda University Medical Center to anticipate a budget of \$5,000,000 with the understanding that additional moneys will be solicited if possible.

4. To investigate the possibility of securing capital funds that might be exchanged and used for operating expenses.

5. To approve funding for Church involvement in administration and teaching costs in harmony with the memorandum of understanding with Zhejiang Provincial Government and Zhejiang Medical University as follows:

General Conference Appropriation	\$1,500,000
Loma Linda University Medical Center Support	2,700,000
Eastern Asia Committee - Orient Reconstruction	375,000
Global Mission	250,000
General Conference Special Appropriation	<u>175,000</u>
Total	\$5,000,000

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110-91G SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS AND RESOURCES -
NEW POLICY

VOTED, To adopt a new policy GC B 16, Sabbath School Lessons and Resources (formerly J 30 10 and J 30 20), to read as follows:

B 16 Sabbath School Lessons and Resources

B 16 05 Sabbath School Curriculum and Lessons -- 1. The General Conference, in consultation with its divisions, establishes curricula and provides Sabbath School lessons for all age groups in order to ensure that the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are systematically presented to the membership through the Sabbath School. This makes provision for all Sabbath School members to study the same age-graded Bible lessons concurrently. In this way the Church is

strengthened and unified, utilizing curricula that are thoroughly planned and lessons that have been carefully evaluated and approved by committees appointed to ensure the generally accepted Seventh-day Adventist interpretation of Scripture.

2. Because of the theological and spiritual significance of Sabbath School quarterlies for all age levels of the church membership, editors of all Sabbath School lessons shall be appointed by the General Conference Committee. The editors shall be responsible to the General Conference administration for the theological content of these quarterlies.

3. Reading committees for all Sabbath School lessons shall be approved by the General Conference Committee.

4. The General Conference shall be regarded as the publisher (though not the printer) of all Sabbath School lessons for the world Church. Where necessary, a division committee may arrange for the translation of the lessons, rendering them linguistically and culturally acceptable to particular language groups within its field. Guidelines for such translations and adaptations shall be submitted to General Conference Officers for approval. Names of translators and the reading committee shall be published in the respective quarterlies.

5. In order to facilitate the effectiveness of the Sabbath School, the General Conference Department of Church Ministries in consultation with the divisions provides resource materials in the following areas:

a. For superintendents and leaders of the various divisions of the Sabbath School, it offers suggestions for the weekly program.

b. For teachers, it provides suggestions for teaching each week's lesson, emphasizing the relevancy of the Scriptures to student needs.

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275-91G FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF LITIGATION -
NEW POLICY

VOTED, To adopt a new policy GC B 34, Financial Consequences of Litigation, to read as follows:

B 34 Financial Consequences of Litigation

When the General Conference/division is named as a party in a legal action or is otherwise drawn into litigation as a result of a

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decision of another church entity and that decision has not been approved by the General Conference/Division Executive Committee, the other church entity shall reimburse the net amount of damages, court costs, and fees of legal counsel paid by the General Conference/division.

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GC&DivSec91AC/GC&DivSecTre91AC/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to FGT

134-91GN SERVICE CREDIT FOR CAREER INTERDIVISION
EMPLOYEES PRIOR TO VESTING IN ADOPTED DIVISION -
NEW POLICY

VOTED, To adopt a new policy GC D 17 27, Service Credit for Career Interdivision Employees Prior to Vesting in Adopted Division, to read as follows:

D 17 27 Service Credit for Career Interdivision Employees Prior to Vesting in Adopted Division — An employee with a minimum of 20 years of interdivision service credit who effects an independent transfer to a third division after completing such service may request that subsequent service credit in the adopted division be transferred to the base division if because of disability the employee fails to meet vesting requirements. In the case of an employee's death, the beneficiary may make such a request. The request to transfer service credit shall require the approval of both the adopted and home divisions. (The appropriate provisions of D 17, Independent Transfers, and Z 20, Employees Who Effect an Independent Transfer, shall also apply.)

EDU/GCO/GCDO91AC/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to FGT

167-91GNn BOARD OF REGENTS - POLICY REVISION

VOTED, To revise GC F 15 05, Board of Regents, to read as follows:

F 15 05 Board of Regents — 1. Purpose—The Board of Regents is the denominational accrediting authority for all tertiary and graduate educational programs and institutions operated in the name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It also reviews and endorses the accreditation of secondary schools, as recommended by the Commissions on Accreditation of the divisions and attached unions (see F 15 10). The Board of Regents and the Commissions on Accreditation evaluate the quality of the denominational institutions' programs and their implementation of the Seventh-day Adventist philosophy of education in order to foster the unity and mission of the Church.

2. Composition of the Board--a. The members of the Board of Regents shall be designated by the first Annual Council following the General Conference Session, upon recommendation from the General Conference Department of Education. The membership of the Board shall be:

- *Chairman, director, GC Department of Education
- *Executive Secretary, an associate director, GC Department of Education
- *The GC vice presidential advisor for education
- *Associate directors of the GC Department of Education
- *The divisions/attached unions directors of education (attending as authorized)
 - one college/university board chairman
 - one college/university president
 - one college/university academic vice president/dean
 - one college/university registrar or admissions officer
 - one college/university finance officer
 - one college/university dean/department chairman of education
 - one union director of education
 - one conference/mission superintendent/director of education
 - two persons engaged in education not employed by the Church

Ex officio members:

- General Conference President
- General Conference Secretary
- General Conference Treasurer

b. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board for unexpired terms.

3. Procedure--The Board of Regents shall, in consultation with the divisions/attached unions directors of education, appoint the accreditation teams responsible for the evaluation of tertiary institutions and act upon their recommendation. These teams shall usually include a member of the General Conference Department of Education staff. In divisions with a Board of Higher Education, the recommendations from the accreditation teams shall be forwarded to the Board of Regents through the respective Board of Higher Education. The Handbook of Accreditation, produced by the Board of Regents, will assist institutions and teams in accomplishing the purposes of denominational accreditation. The decisions of the Board shall be communicated to the chairman of the board of the institution involved, to its chief administrator, and to the education director of the respective division/attached union. In the case of secondary institutions, the Board shall endorse the recommendations of the division/attached union Commissions on Accreditation and forward to

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them a certificate of denominational accreditation. Only those institutions holding current denominational accreditation shall be eligible to receive denominational subsidies.

4. Meetings—**a.** The Board of Regents shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once a year. A quorum shall consist of one third of the regular membership.

b. The Board may invite consultants to attend as deemed necessary.

c. The Executive Committee of the Board shall consist of those members marked by an asterisk in 2-a. It shall meet as necessary between the sessions of the Board and shall operate within the powers delegated to it by the Board.

5. Appeals—Any action of the Board of Regents involving a specific institution may be appealed by the same in writing within 90 days of notification of such action, following the procedure outlined in the Handbook of Accreditation.

6. Reports—All denominationally operated secondary and postsecondary institutions accredited by the Board of Regents shall be listed in the yearly edition of the World Report of Seventh-day Adventist Education.

7. Budget—The General Conference shall annually appropriate to the Board of Regents the funds necessary to carry out the denominational accreditation process.

*Members of the Executive Committee

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292-91G SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST INSTITUTE OF WORLD
MISSION (Financial Arrangements) - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC N 15, Seventh-day Adventist Institute of World Mission, section N 15 15, Financial Arrangements, to read as follows:

N 15 15 Financial Arrangements — 1. The division to which an interdivision employee is appointed shall pay his/her salary for the time of attendance at the Institute, including any time of delay while waiting in the base division for a session of the Institute to begin. Employing divisions shall also pay the salary of any furloughing interdivision employee who is authorized to attend.

2. The General Conference - No change
3. Each home division - No change

SEC/SEC/GCDOUP91AC/91AC to FGT

192-91G PERIODIC HEALTH EVALUATIONS - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC Y 20 20, Periodic Health Evaluations, paragraph 5, to read as follows:

5. ~~Interdivision Employees--Health~~ Unless prohibited by law health evaluations for interdivision employees shall be required and processed in harmony with the provisions of M 40, Health Evaluations and Clearance. Where such health evaluations are mandatory for interdivision employees, periodic health evaluations based on the schedule outlined in paragraph 1-a shall also be available to those desiring or needing more frequent evaluations.

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233-91GN EMPLOYEES WHO EFFECT AN INDEPENDENT TRANSFER
(General Provisions) - POLICY AMENDMENT
(Independent Transfers--Minimum Service Requirements)

VOTED, To amend GC Z 20, Employees Who Effect An Independent Transfer, section Z 20 05, General Provisions, paragraph 3, to read as follows:

3. ~~Minimum Service Requirements--The years of service credit required for an independent transferee to apply for retirement benefits shall be as follows:~~ the minimum number of years required for vesting by each division in which service is given.

~~a. A minimum of 15 full years of service credit shall be required in one of the divisions to which the employee is applying, or~~

~~b. A minimum of 10 full years in each of the divisions if that is the minimum requirement in each of the divisions to which the employee is eligible to apply.~~

~~c. In addition to the 15 or 10 year requirement in a. or b. above, a minimum of 10 full years of service credit shall be required in each of the other divisions to which the employee is eligible to apply for retirement benefits.~~

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261-91G FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON INDEBTEDNESS--NORTH
AMERICA (Special Provision) - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC N 20, Financial Assistance on Indebtedness--
North America, section N 20 07, Special Provision, paragraph 1-c, to
read as follows:

c. The contract shall provide that when for any reason the
missionary returns to the base division before the advance has been
settled, he/she will repay the balance of the advance at a rate of not
less than \$1,000 per year, plus interest at the ~~US bank rate prime plus~~
~~1-1/2 percent per annum~~ monthly rate charged on intradenominational
loans made by the General Conference at the time of return on any
remaining balance.

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262-91G FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON INDEBTEDNESS--NORTH
AMERICA (Existing Service Indebtedness) -
POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC N 20, Financial Assistance on Indebtedness--
North America, section N 20 10, Existing Service Indebtedness, to read
as follows:

N 20 10 Existing Service Indebtedness -- 1. Provision--When a
prospective missionary - No change

2. Amortization Period--The time period - No change

3. General Conference Assistance--Provided the General
Conference is not already granting an indebtedness reduction grant
under N 20 05 of this policy, and provided the total General Conference
allowances do not exceed ~~\$6,000~~ \$3,000, it shall allow ~~\$1,000~~ \$500 for
each year of overseas service completed over the period remaining on
the original contract.

4. Division Assistance--The employing division - No change

5. Unamortized Indebtedness--If for any reason the missionary
returns to the base division before the service indebtedness has been
settled, the balance remaining shall be assumed by the next
denominational employing organization. If the missionary does not
continue in denominational employment, he/she shall repay any unsettled
balance on the service indebtedness by the termination date specified
in the original contract, plus interest on the remaining balance at the

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U.S. bank prime rate plus 1 1/2 percent per annum monthly rate charged on intradenominational loans made by the General Conference or appropriate rate applicable in other countries concerned, on the remaining balance.

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263-91G FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON INDEBTEDNESS—NORTH AMERICA (Reimbursement of Expense for Doctoral Degrees) - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC N 20, Financial Assistance on Indebtedness--North America, section N 20 15, Reimbursement of Expense for Doctoral Degrees, to read as follows:

N 20 15 Reimbursement of Expense for Doctoral Degrees — 1. When a prospective appointee is to serve as a faculty member of an institution of advanced education and has completed work on a doctoral degree within the past 36 months, either at his/her own expense or by having a portion paid by the denomination, he/she may receive financial reimbursement on the following basis:

- a. Actual educational expense - No change
- b. A monthly living allowance - No change
- c. This reimbursement is to be made in annual payments at a maximum rate of ~~one fifth of the total~~ one sixth of the total eligible amount for each year that the individual serves the institution after receiving the doctoral degree.
- d. The cost of providing these - No change
- e. An individual receiving benefits under this policy and who has unamortized service obligations shall not receive more than a total equivalent to 70 percent of the annual NAD remuneration factor, Category A, in effect at the time of the implementation of the agreement. This total shall include any other education assistance which might be allowed in connection with an appointment to interdivision service. This expense shall be shared equally between the General Conference and the calling division/institution.
- f. Missionary appointees who have - No change
- g. Where the doctoral degree - No change

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300-91G MISSING ITEMS IN 1990 CHURCH MANUAL EDITION

Mario Veloso presented a document showing items voted mainly by the 1985 General Conference Session which do not appear in the 1990 edition of the Church Manual. It was

VOTED, 1. To officially inform the world Church by way of the Annual Council that certain items previously voted by a General Conference Session for inclusion in the Church Manual are missing from the current 1990 edition due to technical errors.

2. To provide divisions with the corrected material to enable them to incorporate the corrections in their printings of the Church Manual.

3. To place the corrections in all future printings of the 1990 Church Manual.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, To approve the following Annual Council minutes:

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October 8, 1991 morning session
October 8, 1991 afternoon session
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October 10, 1991 morning session

Adjourned.

Leo Ranzolin, Chairman
Ted N C Wilson, Secretary
Larry R Colburn, Editorial Secretary
June Franklin and Fay Welter Recording Secretaries

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