



General Conference Executive Committee Newsletter

An informative publication for members of the General Conference Executive Committee as a service through the office of the Executive Secretary.

SPECIAL
MEETING
REPORT
SPRING

MAY 2018

To inform members of the GC Executive Committee who did not attend Spring Meeting, and to serve as a summary, this issue of the ECN is devoted to presenting the main financial reports, along with a comprehensive summary of other items presented at the Spring Meeting, 2018.

Good news is always
welcome, and at this year's Spring Meeting there was much good news to share!

GC Treasurer Juan Prestol-Puesán (see his report), explained how God has guided the finances of the world church this past year and blessed in remarkable ways.

Due to a number of factors outlined in Juan's report, such as having only 52 Sabbaths in 2017 rather than the 53 in 2016, along with the declining percentage of NAD tithe contributions to the GC, we were holding our breath until we knew what the bottom line for 2017 would be.

Although we are living in very uncertain times where there is a lot of financial volatility, and although we manage funds for coping with emergencies, it all boils down to the fact that God provides what we need. And He provides through the faithfulness of our church members.

This experience has brought home to me the point that we're not to be anxious about anything, but to trust God for everything. The promises are already there—we just need to claim them.

I've found that there is a link between Total Member Involvement (TMI) and good stewardship. When you are actively involved in church activities, you can't help but give your offerings to support the church. And even if you don't have much financial resources, volunteering can also help cut down on expenses. It's all about being faithful to God and being active in the church.

As you read this issue of the *Executive Committee Newsletter*, I invite you to rejoice in the many wonderful things that God is doing for His Church and through His people, and I encourage you to remain faithful and active for Him!

Daisy Orion

Associate Treasurer

EDITORIAL



THE 2017 FINANCIAL STORY A REPORT TO SPRING MEETING 2018

BY JUAN PRESTOL-PUESÁN, GC TREASURER/CFO WITH
RAY WAHLEN, GC UNDERTREASURER

*W*e are pleased to report the financial results of the operation for the year 2017. The audited financial statement indicates the blessings we received and the guidance of the Lord on our endeavors.

Twice last year we pointed to the fact that in order to reach a break-even level in our operations five variables would need to be on our side, to make the end result positive. These were:

- 1) the US market to remain moving steadily in positive territory;
- 2) the total gross tithe reported by the North American Division in the 52 Sabbaths of 2017 would have to be better than the 53 Sabbaths in 2016;

- 3) the exchange fluctuation of key overseas currencies would need to remain steady;
- 4) fiscal discipline holding expenditures down would be essential to the success of the 2017 fiscal exercise;
- 5) maintaining an adequate liquidity level.

I am pleased to report that all five came together, making our report today a positive one.

[What follows on the next page are the slides that were used as part of the financial presentation during Spring Council 2018 at the General Conference.]

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LIQUIDITY LEVEL

Liquidity ended slightly higher in 2017 than in 2016, moving from 99.42% to 101.92%.

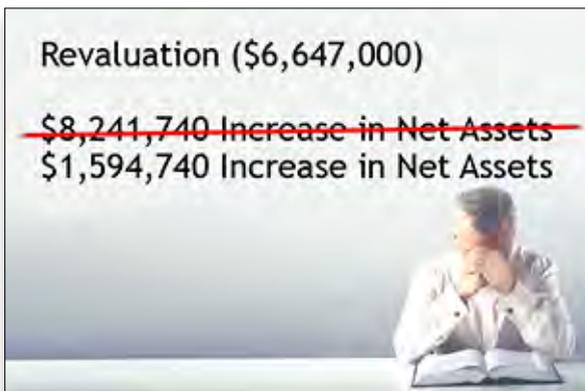
Operating Fund Working Capital and Liquidity December 31					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
WORKING CAPITAL					
% of Recommended WC	104.9%	102.7%	92.8%	87.6%	89.2%
LIQUIDITY					
% of Liquid Assets to Commitments	132.4%	124.8%	109.1%	99.4%	101.9%



The following three reports/recommendation were given by Ray Wahlen, Undertreasurer

REVIEW AND HERALD LAND VALUE

The year 2017 was a good year, particularly when the revaluation of our land investment at the Review and Herald experienced a decline from \$250,000 per acre to \$100,000 value per acre. Had this matter not occurred we would have reported to you a Total Increase in Net Assets of \$8,241,740.



OPERATING CAP REPORT

The Operating Cap report is comprised of two major elements—the operating cap itself (2% of gross World Tithes) and GC headquarters operating expenses that must remain under this operating cap. In terms of U.S. dollars, the 2017 gross tithe increased by 7.5 percent and the operating cap increased correspondingly.

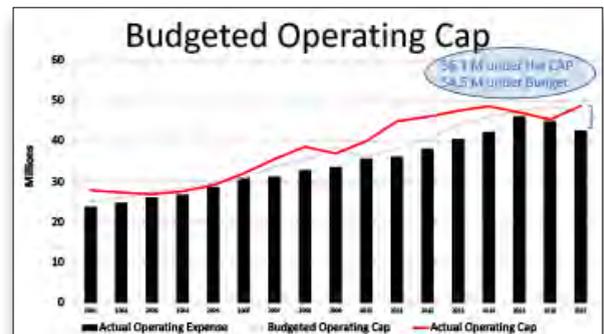
The result was that in 2017 the GC operated at USD 6.1 million below the cap limit, and USD 4.5 million under the budget, and for that we praise the Lord and thank Him. This was possible most importantly by the blessing of the Lord as evidenced by the increase in tithe from around the world. A secondary factor was the control of expenses and our decision not to fund the depreciation expense in 2017. The 2017 expenses amounted

CURRENCY MANAGEMENT

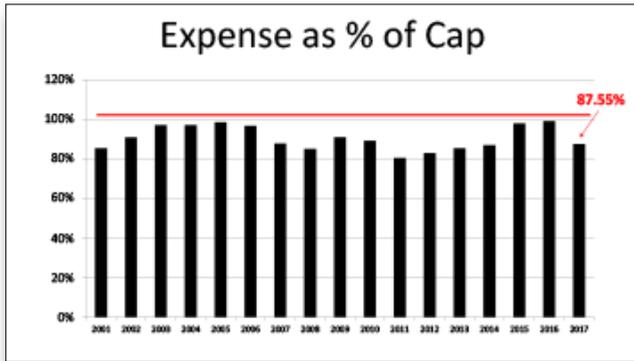
We are continuing with the comprehensive currency management initiative, and the repurposing of the headquarters building space.

WEEKLY GIVING INCREASE

The average weekly giving of tithe and mission offerings expressed in US dollars, shows an increase in 2017 from 45 million to 49 million per week. Could it be that the stewardship emphasis we initiated is beginning to show results? Perhaps it is.



to 87.55 percent of the cap. Last year the Executive Committee approved a cap of 2.12 percent of gross world tithe for 2017, rather than the 2 percent, and for 2018 it was approved at 2.13 percent. In this context it should be noted that the numbers in this report are expressed in terms of the standard 2 percent cap, not on the higher rate. It is a blessing from the Lord that we were able to operate without utilizing the extra portion of the cap as had been approved.



STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE AND MISSION BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee and the Mission Board recommended an appropriation of USD 2,232,481 from the 10/40 Window fund for the project, “Hope for Kolkata.” This project is a comprehensive plan for establishing 50 new congregations in the city of Kolkata, India.

Within the official city boundaries there are nearly 5 million people, and in the greater metro area, the population is about 16 million people – but to reach that area, we only have 160 members within 4 churches. It’s a huge task.

Because this is a comprehensive plan, including evangelistic efforts combined with comprehensive health ministry, the overall budget is USD 5.5 million.

[Voted to approve the appropriation in the amount of \$2,232,481 from the 10/40 Contingency Fund to the Southern Asia Division for the Hope for Kolkata project.]

From the SP&B Committee and Mission Board

RECOMMENDED, To approve an appropriation in the amount of USD 2,232,481 from the 10/40 Window Contingency Fund to the Southern Asia Division for the Hope for Kolkata project.

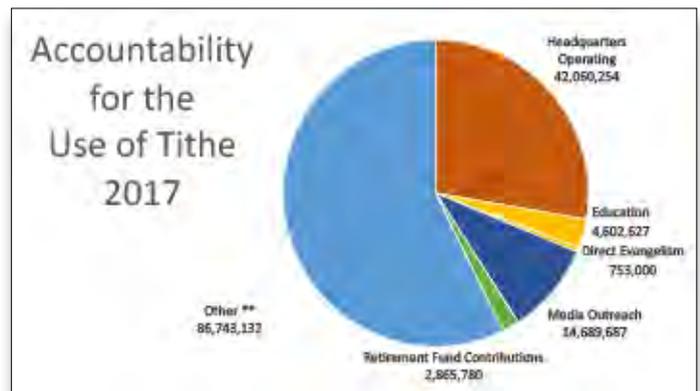
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR USE OF TITHE REPORT

The use of tithe report has been part of policy for the last couple of years. It is a new report that is being required of all of our missions, conferences, unions, divisions, and the General Conference.

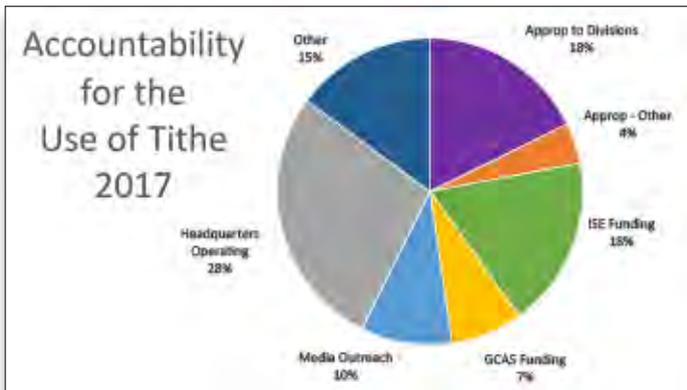
The Accountability for the Use of Tithe is in the GC Working Policy, Section V 20. Between 2016 and 2017 the numbers are quite consistent as a percentage of how tithe was used. This is not how the overall GC budget is allocated, but it is how the tithe portion of the budget is allocated.

	2016			2017		
	Amount	% of Tithe	% Used	Amount	% of Tithe	% Used
Source of Tithe						
• Tithe percentages received from lower organizations	94,227,161	88%		94,452,564	70%	
• Tithe received from any other source	63,048,510	32%		30,733,486	20%	
Total Tithe Received	137,275,671	100%		125,186,050	100%	
Use of Tithe						
• Pastors, evangelists, and front line workers in the field	0	0%	0%	0	0%	0%
• Headquarters Operating	45,430,572	33%	25%	42,050,254	33%	28%
• Education	4,657,624	3%	3%	4,602,627	3%	3%
• Direct Evangelism	753,000	1%	0%	753,000	1%	0%
• Media Outreach	14,689,687	11%	9%	14,689,687	11%	10%
• Literature Evangelism	0	0%	0%	0	0%	0%
• Retirement Fund Contributions	2,865,780	2%	2%	2,865,780	2%	2%
• Other	93,134,525	88%	58%	86,743,132	69%	37%
Total Tithe Used	161,578,701	118%	100%	151,724,680	113%	100%
Excess expenditures funded from other sources	(24,309,030)	(18%)		(17,548,700)	(13%)	

Graphically, for 2017, you will see the various components—Headquarters operating, education, evangelism, media outreach. The biggest section is “Other.” This is how the policy identifies the different categories that we report on. Of course, it is assuming a global roll-up into this “other” number.



Another way to look at it from the GC’s perspective would be this graph, which shows how we have used tithe here at the General Conference. Starting with the purple section—the first two sections are appropriations to divisions and others— 22 percent of the GC tithe income. International Service Employee (ISE) funding is about 18 percent, General Conference Auditing Service (GCAS) funding is around 7 percent, Media Outreach (includes Adventist World Radio (AWR), Hope Channel, *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World*), is at 10 percent; Headquarters Operating, 28 percent; and then 15 percent for “Others.”



End of GC Undertreasurer’s reports.

NAD TITHE REDUCTION

The years 2018-2020 will continue bringing the challenge of declining tithe percentages from North America. In the international scenario we have done our best to anticipate and minimize the negative currency fluctuation impact on our income. Our expected income will continue to be predicted one year at a time.

The Lord will add His blessing to us one year at a time, and we will continue doing our best to maintain adequate levels of liquidity and working capital to provide stability and efficiency to the mission of the Church.



CONCLUSION

Even though this report reflects a work in process, we rejoice in presenting it to you. Please remember that the most powerful financial transaction occurs when a member gives. When a member gives, a wave of energy moves around the world.



Before I conclude my report, I wish to invoke the words of Jeremiah the prophet when he wrote, “Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and incomprehensible things you do not know” (Jeremiah 33:3, HCSB). And, also the words written by Moses in Exodus “The Lord will fight for you” (Ex. 14:14, HCSB). We believe He has, we believe He will. We will do our best, but the results are His, and the glory is also His.

We thank our members who gave generously in 2017, and the countless volunteers and employees that have made this report possible.



SPRING MEETING 2018 HIGHLIGHTS



DEVOTIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **The Shaking: Will the Church Survive or Thrive in the Coming Crises?**
 - ▶ Tuesday morning devotional by Mark Finley
Read his presentation at executivecommittee.adventist.org.
 - ▶ Watch it at <http://bit.ly/FinleyTuesday> (from 13:12 to 1:04.00 on counter).
- **The Shaking: Anchored in Jesus**
 - ▶ Wednesday morning devotional by Mark Finley
Read his presentation at executivecommittee.adventist.org.
 - ▶ Watch it at <https://tinyurl.com/FinleyWednesday> (from 17:55 to 1:21:47).
- **Who Are We and Why are We Here?**
 - ▶ During each Spring Meeting and Annual Council, time is set aside for personal testimonies addressing these important questions.
 - ▶ Jim Howard, associate director, GC Sabbath School/Personal Ministries shared his testimony at the 2018 Spring Meeting.
 - ▶ Read his testimony at <http://bit.ly/HowardTestimony>.

TRANSITIONS

- **Israel Leito**, IAD President, is retiring July 31, 2018. He is one of the longest serving division presidents (nearly 25 years) in Seventh-day Adventist Church history.
- **Elie Henry**, IAD Secretary, was elected IAD president, effective August 1, 2018.
- **Leonard Johnson**, Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission president, was elected IAD Secretary, effective August 1, 2018.

- **Myron Iseminger**, GC Undersecretary, accepted a call to serve as president of the Egypt/Sudan Field, in the Middle East North Africa Union (MENA), effective July 1, 2018. Myron, and his wife, Candace, have previously served in Egypt and now that their children are grown, are returning.
- **Hensley Mooroven**, GC associate secretary, was elected as the new GC Undersecretary, effective July 1, 2018.
- **Fred Hardinge**, GC Health Ministries associate director, is retiring June 30, 2018.
- **Torben Berglund**, TED Health Ministries director, was elected GC Health Ministries associate director, effective July 1, 2018.

SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATION

- The GC Health Ministries Medal of Distinction was presented by Dr. Peter Landless, director of GC Health Ministries, to **Dr. Milan Moskala**, a dentist who has tirelessly served in the most underserved places. For many years he worked in association with ADRA in Bangladesh. This Medal of Distinction is awarded to individuals who spend a lifetime of service in health ministry throughout the world, engaging in comprehensive health ministry and in sharing the Adventist message.



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- **The State of Military Service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church Conference: Combatants, Non-Combatants, Conscientious Objectors** will be held **April 11-12, 2019**, in Silver Spring, MD, USA.

Invited: All GC Division officers, Division and Union ACM Directors, WSO Director, PARL and Youth Ministries Directors

Mario Ceballos, director of Adventist Chaplaincy

- ▶ Ministries (ACM), proposed:
 1. All GC Divisions form a taskforce comprised of their ACM/PARL departments to become familiar with the 1954 GC Session action, “The Relationship of Seventh-day Adventists to Civil Government” and affirmed at the Autumn Council in 1972. The taskforce should be chaired by a Division officer.
 2. The GC Divisions prepare a report to present at the conference on the state of Military and Police Service, including information on conscription and alternatives to military services in the countries served by the Division.
- ▶ For more, visit <http://bit.ly/ACMConference>.

- **The 3rd Global Conference on Health & Lifestyle** will be held **July 9-13, 2019**, in Loma Linda, CA, USA.

- ▶ Theme: Your Brain, Your Body
- ▶ The theme focuses on Wholistic Wellness—how lifestyle affects the body and brain.
- ▶ Plenaries, breakout sessions, focus groups planned
- ▶ Tracks available for ministers, teachers, and medical professionals
- ▶ Partnering with Special Needs Ministries for an extended day on Sunday, July 14.
- ▶ Visit <http://conference.healthministries.com>

AUDIT, COMMITTEE, AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- **Audited Financial Reports**

- ▶ The yearly audit of the General Conference was performed by an independent, outside auditing firm, Maner & Costerisan.
- ▶ Lead auditor was Jim Nyquist who presented the audit report.
- ▶ The 2017 audit reports were clean, and financial statements were fairly stated.
- ▶ The reports were “very positive,” according to Nyquist.
- ▶ The General Conference Financial Audit Committee, with Gary Thurber, chairman, and Andrea Luxton, secretary, recommended the acceptance of the combined financial statements for 2017.

- **Audit Report on GC Policy Compliance**

- ▶ Maner & Costerisan rendered its report on General Conference compliance with GC Working Policy.
- ▶ Jim Nyquist, lead auditor reported, “In connection with our audit, no material instances of non-compliance came to our attention that we believe to be in violation of relevant working policies in so far as they relate to accounting matters. A clean opinion on Working Policy, which is again very positive for an organization such as the General Conference.”



- **Family Ministries Report—Willie & Elaine Oliver**

- ▶ Family Ministries celebrates its Centennial in 2019. Eight “Reaching Families for Jesus” evangelism events are being held around the world during this quinquennium.
- ▶ An International Leadership Conference, presented in conjunction with the GC Children’s Ministries and Women’s Ministries departments, was held May 2017, in Budapest, Hungary.
- ▶ The Pan-African Conference on “Dynamic Relations” was held March 2018 at AUA, in Kenya.
- ▶ The 2019 World Missionary Book of the Year, *Hope for Today’s Families*, was written by Willie and Elaine Oliver.
- ▶ The *Discipleship and Service Handbook*, and other free resources are available at family.adventist.org.
- ▶ For full report, visit <http://bit.ly/FamilyMinReport>.

- **Hope Channel Report—Derek Morris**

- ▶ Hope Channel (HC) celebrates its 15th anniversary this year.
- ▶ Now has 50 affiliates worldwide.
- ▶ Newest affiliates include HC Finland, Iceland, and Kyrgyzstan.
- ▶ This year HC broadcast live evangelistic events across Kenya and Tanzania.
- ▶ HC-Fiji is now available in 94 percent of the homes on that island.

■ *Mission to the Cities (MTC) Reports—Geoffrey Mbwana/Doug Venn*

- ▶ Earth's population is more than 7.4 billion, more than half live in cities.
- ▶ At every Spring Meeting, Mission to the Cities Reports are given by various departments. This year, reports came from GC Ministerial, Women's Ministries, and the Office of Adventist Mission.

■ *Mission to the Cities Report—GC Ministerial, Jarod Thomas, Jerry and Janet Page, Robert Costa*

- ▶ *Ministry* magazine and *Elder's Digest* have had themed issues on MTC.
- ▶ *Ministry in Motion* featured ten separate interviews with practitioners in the cities.
- ▶ Prayer Ministries—one prayer walking member in San Francisco led to three baptisms.
- ▶ Robert Costa reported on evangelism training and successful meetings held in cities of India, Philippines, Colombia, Guatemala, and Chile.
- ▶ Upcoming training and meetings slated for Mexico, Canada, Argentina, and follow-up meetings in Japan.
- ▶ As follow-up from NY13, Costa continues mentoring those working in New York City. Small districts have now tripled in membership.
- ▶ MTC and Comprehensive Evangelism are a lifestyle that includes prayer, training, connecting with communities, reaping, and discipleship.

■ *Mission to the Cities Report—GC Women's Ministries, Heather-Dawn Small*

- ▶ Motto is "One street at a time, one door at a time."
- ▶ Enditnow is a huge bridge in connecting with city dwellers—especially in Europe.
- ▶ In Korea, ladies went to Seoul Station, setting up posters and handing out information about enditnow and other materials, and water bottles.
- ▶ The government of Brazil has

embraced enditnow, and the program is in schools. Special magazines are produced yearly for adults and children.

- ▶ In Macedonia, women distributed 3,000 copies of *The Words of Hope*.
- ▶ On city streets in Serbia, women and girls distributed the book *Heart to Heart*.
- ▶ In Cyprus, women present open-air concerts and picnics in the park and invite on-lookers to church.
- ▶ In Kinshasa, D.R.C., Adventist women cleaned the public market and handed out literature.
- ▶ Women in Portugal set up an outreach "tea" and prayer tent in a public park.
- ▶ In Serbia, women make heart-shaped cushions for those who

have had breast cancer.

- ▶ The ladies in Cameroon are reaching out to those in refugee camps, taking food and supplies, resulting in 22 baptisms thus far.
- ▶ In South Africa, 4,000 women attending the SID women's congress distributed literature, care packages to hospitals, and food to the homeless in Pretoria.
- ▶ For full report, visit <http://bit.ly/WMReport>.

■ *Mission to the Cities Report—Office of Adventist Mission, Gary Krause*

- ▶ Helped support divisions in starting 15 new Centers of Influence in cities of more than 1 million.
- ▶ Started 80 new church planting projects in cities of 1 million or more.
- ▶ Centers of Influence are Global Mission projects and work as a partnership involving every level of the Church.
- ▶ Office of Adventist Mission helps to facilitate, fund, inspire, and come up with resources. For more, visit urbancenters.org.

■ *International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) Report—Ganoune Diop*

- ▶ IRLA was chartered in 1893 and is a faith-based organization.
- ▶ The Adventist understanding of religious freedom doesn't originate in human experience, but from God. Freedom is part of the image of God.
- ▶ The difference between an Adventist understanding of religious freedom and a socio-political understanding is the difference between justice and righteousness.
- ▶ This affects IRLA activities by seeking to restore not only human dignity, but the image of God in humans.
- ▶ IRLA promotes religious freedom for all people through contributions to public debate and discourse, relationship building and advocacy, events and initiatives.
- ▶ The 8th IRLA World Congress was held in 2017, with 549 attendees



representing 64 countries, including public officials and faith leaders. IRLA organized a Meeting of Experts focusing on the Universality of Human Rights, held at Princeton Theological Seminary in 2017. In August 2018, the meeting will be held in Spain.

- ▶ In September, IRLA will participate in the 3rd All Africa Religious Liberty Congress and Festival in Kigali, Rwanda.
- ▶ For full report, visit <http://bit.ly/IRLARReport>.

■ *Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) Report—Ganoune Diop*

- ▶ Public Affairs is the umbrella of this department—reaching people of influence.
- ▶ PARL works to position the church to a standing of visibility, credibility, trust, and relevance in the public space.
- ▶ This is done through events, symposia, building relationships with public officials, liaisons to the U.N. and to the U.S. government, engagement with academia, inter-faith relationships, publications, and communication.
- ▶ PARL works to improve the perception of people regarding Seventh-day Adventists.
- ▶ PARL visits with government officials around the world and helps with registration and other challenges for our churches in various countries.
- ▶ PARL watches legislative activity and works to encourage balance in laws that might affect religious liberty.
- ▶ To raise awareness and engage effectively with leaders in Washington, D.C., PARL partners with *Liberty* magazine, the North American Religious Liberty Association, IRLA, and the church in organizing the annual Religious Liberty Dinner.
- ▶ For full report, visit <http://bit.ly/PARLReport>.



■ Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Conference on Seventh-day Adventist Education Report—Ella Simmons, Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, Geoffrey Mbwana

- ▶ In response to a 2016 Annual Council action, four LEAD conferences covering all divisions were held to develop a guiding philosophy and a worldwide, regionally responsive plan for Seventh-day Adventist education.
- ▶ Regional LEAD conferences were held in:
 - Rwanda for ECD, SID, WAD (Feb. 2017)
 - Slovenia for EUD, ESD, NAD, TED, MENAU (May 2017)
 - Dominican Republic for IAD, SAD (Aug. 2017)
 - Thailand for NSD, SPD, SSD, SUD (Jan. 2018)
- ▶ The conferences included 3.5 days consisting of plenary presentations and small group work on objectives voted by the 2016 Annual Council.
- ▶ For the full report, visit <http://bit.ly/LEADreport>.

■ Publishing Ministries Report—Almir Maroni

- ▶ Publishing Ministries has three areas of emphasis:
 - Church members, 20 million
 - Regular Literature Evangelists (LEs), 25,000
 - Students Literature Evangelists, 20,000
- ▶ Annual literature distribution potential of:
 - student LEs is 5 million people in 5 weeks
 - regular LEs is 25 million people in 40 weeks
 - church members is 1 billion
- ▶ Mission 365 initiative encourages church members to share literature on a daily basis.
- ▶ Missionary Book of the Year Project began in 2006—nearly 500 million books distributed
- ▶ The “Sharing Hope” app is a tool for sharing literature in digital format. More than 25,000 users have downloaded the app worldwide.
- ▶ Visit: www.sharinghope.com
- ▶ For full report visit <http://bit.ly/PubMinReport>.

REPORT FROM THE UNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

After several months of dialogue and gathering data, the Unity Oversight Committee has begun outlining elements of a compliance process that will be considered at this year's Annual Council. The Committee, which met May 14 at the world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, had a positive and productive time together and is moving toward consensus on the basic elements of the document that will go to Annual Council in October, said Mike Ryan, who chairs the group.

The committee is part of the "Unity in Mission: Procedures in Church Reconciliation" process voted at the 2016 Annual Council.

During its May 14 meeting, the committee discussed the first steps in drafting an outline of a document to be brought to the 2018 Annual Council.

"Consensus is forming around a few points to be included in the outline," Ryan said, "although it is still under development." He also pointed out that "the dialogues with the world divisions and various unions have been very helpful and have guided the writing committee in its outline."

By the end of May, members of the committee will have met with the leaders of 12 of the 14 world church entities (13 divisions and one attached union), according to Hensley Mooroooven, secretary of the Unity Oversight Committee.

"These have been very cordial and candid dialogues," Mooroooven said.

Meetings with the remaining two entities are scheduled to take place in the next few weeks, and according to Mooroooven, the work of the committee will be informed by the input received, indicating their input will be considered before the document is finalized.

Ryan emphasized the document is still in its outline stage and "between now and August we will be in the development process."

The document will be released in its entirety once it is considered and voted by the GC Administrative Committee (ADCOM). From there it will be sent to the General Conference and Division Officers (GCDO) Committee before going to the GC Executive Committee at Annual Council this October.

■ *Mission Advance Committee Report—Guillermo Biaggi, Geoffrey Mbwana, Mark Finley, Abner de los Santos*

- ▶ Mission Advance was formerly known as Counsel on Evangelism and Witnessing.
- ▶ Purpose is to encourage new, innovative, creative ways to reach 7.6 billion people.
- ▶ The Spirit of Prophecy (SOP) has much counsel on this topic. For example:
 - Youth can be involved (ED271).
 - Combine medical missionary work and ministry of the Word (6T 300).
 - Ministers gain interests by first giving health talks (TE 245).
 - Reading literature prepares way for spoken word (PM 398).
 - Uplifting humanity begins in the home (MH 349).
 - Different methods from the past to be used (7T 25).
 - Cry out to God for His wisdom (GW 38).
 - A variety of methods are essential (TM 251, EV 106, GW 468).
 - Use reason and good judgement (GW 468)
- ▶ Geoffrey Mbwana emphasized that workers need not be ashamed who correctly handle the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15), and any method used should not dilute the message as is given in the Bible and SOP.
- ▶ Mark Finley shared how two young adults helped him reach into new territory using social media for ministry, including YouTube and Facebook.
- ▶ YouTube and Facebook are very cost effective in reaching target audiences and building relationships in communities (particularly with young adults). One of every two people in the U.S. log onto Facebook every day. Worldwide, 2 billion people log onto Facebook every month.
- ▶ Pastors are encouraged to expand their ministries by using these tools, including building email lists. Innovative young adult church planter in the Philippines, Reylourd Ray, uses the online service "Meetup" to reach out to

young professionals in Manila. Approximately 50 percent of those reached are unchurched. Starting in 2012, this ministry has since grown into four church plants in Manila. Visit: <http://bbit.ly/GROWCommunityPH>.

- ▶ *Ministry* magazine produced a special issue on "Soul Winning through Relationship Building" featuring resources from every division. Available at <http://bit.ly/Resources4Ministry>.
- ▶ Healthy Lifestyle Centers are powerful outreach tools in reaching secular people.
- ▶ Mario Brito shared how God is using the VitaSalus Wellness Center (<https://vitasalus.weebly.com/about-us.html>) in Portugal to provide not only relief from physical suffering, but spiritual help. Since it opened in 2014, the center has had about 250 guests, and at least five people have been baptized. Plans are being made to open more wellness centers in other places.
- ▶ Neil Nedley shared how the health and depression recovery programs at Weimar Institute (<https://weimar.org/health>) are making a profound difference in the lives of many, giving several examples of measurable results.
- ▶ For more see: <http://bit.ly/MissionAdvBiaggi> and <http://bbit.ly/MissionAdvMbwana>.

■ *Total Member Involvement—Peter Landless, Jonathan Duffy, Michael Van Horst*

- ▶ Total Member Involvement and Total Institutional Involvement was emphasized through Adventist Help, a supportive organization partnering with ADRA to provide medical care and support to refugees near Mosul, Iraq. Serving approximately 100,000 people in the camp, these volunteers provide the only health and medical services available. The camp is one of several places that Adventist Help has served since it was established in 2015 in response to the refugee crisis developing in the Middle East and Europe.
- ▶ For more visit www.adventisthelp.org.