

*Reach the World:
Christ Our Righteousness*

PROGRAM & AGENDA

*2017
SPRING MEETING
OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE*

*SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND
APRIL 11-12, 2017*

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Myron Iseminger, Undersecretary
General Conference SDA
April 2017

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April 11-12, 2017

General Conference Headquarters
Silver Spring, Maryland

DAILY PROGRAM

Monday, April 10

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 am - 8:00 am Steering Committee

7:15 am – 7:45 am Prayer Time

8:00 am - 9:00 am Devotional

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Business Session

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch/Committees

2:00 pm - 5:30 pm Business Session

Wednesday, April 12

7:00 am - 8:00 am Steering Committee

7:15 am – 7:45 am Prayer Time

8:00 am - 9:00 am Devotional

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Business Session

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SPRING MEETING MANAGEMENT

Manager
Associate Manager

George O Egwakhe
Sheri Clemmer

AGENDA AND MINUTES

General

GC Secretary
Undersecretary
Coordinator

G T Ng
Myron A Iseminger
Lissy Park

Agenda Development

Agenda Secretary
Assistant

Myron A Iseminger
Lisa D Colomb

Master Agenda Control

Lissy Park

Support Material Control

Lisa D Colomb

Committee Scheduling
Assistant

Claude J Richli
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Minutes Production

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Hensley M Mooroooven/Karen J Porter/Claude J Richli/
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G Alexander Bryant/Myron A Iseminger/Gary D Krause/
Hensley M Mooroooven/Daisy J Orion/Magdiel E Perez Schultz/
Karen J Porter/Claude J Richli/Gerson P Santos/John H Thomas

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GENERAL SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Accommodations	Sheri Clemmer
Announcements	Hensley M Mooroven
Communication	Williams S Costa, Jr
Distribution of Material	Willie H Oliver
First Aid and Health	Peter N Landless
Platform	Jerry N Page, Chair Thomas L Lemon, Vice-Chair
Steering Committee (See page 21 of the agenda for full committee)	Ted N C Wilson, Chair Myron A Iseminger, Secretary
Telecommunications/Mail	Sheri Clemmer
Projection Coordinator	Sherri Ingram-Hudgins

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DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 11

*The Foundation and Central Pillar of the SDA Faith: Justice and
Righteousness as Preparation for the Second Coming*

A Ganoune Diop

Wednesday, April 12

God's Insights into the State of our World: The Sufficiency of Jesus Christ

A Ganoune Diop

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B U S I N E S S M E E T I N G S

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Editor</u>
<u>Tuesday, April 11</u>			
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Ted N C Wilson	Claude J Richli	Myron A Iseminger
2:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Ted N C Wilson	Gerson P Santos	Myron A Iseminger
<u>Wednesday, April 12</u>			
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Ted N C Wilson	Hensley M Mooroooven	Myron A Iseminger

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AGENDA & SUPPORT MATERIAL

Explanation of Coding and Format

This explanation is to help you use the 2017 Spring Meeting agenda and support material.

1. The agenda lists the items of business that are to be considered at the Business Meetings of the Spring Meeting.
2. If an agenda item has support material, you will find a number at the end of the agenda title. That is the page number where the support material will be found.
3. Many agenda items have a code that precedes the agenda title. Each code has five digits followed by one, two or three, and occasionally, four letters. This is a computer identification code which is used to keep track of the item. You will find the same code on any corresponding support material.
4. The support material will have the titles of the items just as they appear on the agenda list. To the right of the title, you will find a number which is the item's number in the agenda sequence.
5. Just above the title on the first page of the support material for each item, you will find what is known as a reference line. This line identifies the source(s) and traces the history of the item, and also shows its routing. The glossary on pages G - I will help you discover which organizations and committees have given prior consideration to a particular item and where it will be considered next. The series of acronyms to the left of the word "to" traces the past history of the item. To the right, appear the initials of the General Conference Officer who is responsible for presenting the item. Occasionally, its future routing is suggested also.
6. If a computer identification code number appears in the reference line, it shows that the item has been considered during a previous administrative year. An administrative year extends from the close of one Annual Council to the close of the next Annual Council.

GLOSSARY OF MOST FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS

AAIM	Adventist AIDS International Ministry
AC	Annual Council
ACM	Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries
ADCOM	Administrative Committee
ADRA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency
AIIAS	Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies
AM	Adventist Mission
AR	Adventist Review
ARM	Adventist Risk Management
ASTR	Archives, Statistics, and Research
AU	Andrews University
AUA	Adventist University of Africa
AVS	Adventist Volunteer Services
AWR	Adventist World Radio
BRI	Biblical Research Institute
CHM	Children's Ministries
COM	Communication
CRSB	Christian Record Services for the Blind
ECD	East-Central Africa Division
EDU	Education
ESD	Euro-Asia Division
EUD	Inter-European Division
FM	Family Ministries
GC	General Conference
GCAS	General Conference Auditing Service
GCC	General Conference Executive Committee

GCDO	General Conference and Division Officers
GCS	General Conference Session
GRI	Geoscience Research Institute
HM	Health Ministries
HRS	Human Resource Services
IF	Israel Field
IAD	Inter-American Division
IPRS	International Personnel Resources and Services
IWM	Institute of World Mission
LLU	Loma Linda University
MENA	Middle East and North Africa Union Mission
MIN	Ministerial Association
MPPC	Mission Personnel Processing Committee
NAD	North American Division
NSD	Northern Asia-Pacific Division
OU	Oakwood University
OGC	Office of General Counsel
PARL	Public Affairs and Religious Liberty
PPPA	Pacific Press Publishing Association
PRE	Presidential
PreC	Presidents' Council (General Conference and Division Presidents)
PREXAD	President's Executive Administrative Council
PSI	Philanthropic Service for Institutions
PUB	Publishing Ministries
RHPA	Review and Herald Publishing Association

SAD	South American Division
SEC	Secretariat
SecC	Secretaries' Council (General Conference and Division Secretaries)
SID	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
SM	Spring Meeting
SPD	South Pacific Division
SSD	Southern Asia-Pacific Division
SSPM	Sabbath School and Personal Ministries
STW	Stewardship Ministries
SUD	Southern Asia Division
TED	Trans-European Division
TRE	Treasury
TreC	Treasurers' Council (General Conference and Division Treasurers)
TRS	Planned Giving and Trust Services
WAD	West-Central Africa Division
WHT	Ellen G White Estate, Inc.
WM	Women's Ministries
YOU	Youth Ministries

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ATTENDEES

- A Timothy H Aka, Viktor Alyeksyeyenko, Audrey E Andersson, Kingsley C Anonaba, Stephen Apola, Jonas Arrais, Raquel C Arrais,
- B Rudy R Baloyo, Doug Batchelor, Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy, John R Beckett, Gabriel Begle, Guillermo E Biaggi, Marcos F Bomfim, Rodney G Brady, Elias Brasil de Souza, Andre D Brink, Mario Brito, Jeffrey O Brown, G Alexander Bryant, Nelu Burcea, Brent B Burdick, Harold E Butler,
- C Lael O Caesar, Ramon J Canals, Dennis R Carlson, Mario E Ceballos, Zeno L Charles-Marcel, Lowell C Cooper, Scot T Coppock, Alain G Coralie, Robert Costa, Williams S Costa Jr,
- D Abner De los Santos, Marlon de Souza Lopes, Kenneth A Denslow, Steve Dickman, A Ganoune Diop, Kwabena Donkor, Cheryl Doss, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, Korey J Dowling, Jonathan M Duffy, Natasha Dysinger,
- E George O Egwakhe, Dwain Esmond, G Thomas Evans, Larry R Evans,
- F Carlos Fayard, Mark A Finley, John Freedman,
- G Daniel W Giang, L James Gibson, Pavel Goia, Clifford R Goldstein, Ricardo B Graham,
- H Jerome Habimana, Allan R Handysides, Fred G Hardinge, Richard H Hart, Frank M Hasel, Edward Heidinger, Kerry L Heinrich, Elie Henry, Wilmar Hirle, Gary L Hopkins, Helen Hopp Marshak, Dan Houghton,
- I Yutaka Inada, Myron A Iseminger,
- J Craig R Jackson, Daniel R Jackson, Debbie Jackson, Nenad Jepuranovic, Mark A Johnson, Patricia S Jones,
- K Richard D Kajiura, Raafat A Kamal, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Anthony R Kent, Hudson E Kibuuka, Chantal Klingbeil, Gerald A Klingbeil, G Earl Knight, William M Knott, Linda Mei Lin Koh, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Michael Kruger, Ronald Kuhn, Markus Kutzschbach,
- L Ezras Lakra, Nancy A Lamoreaux, Peter N Landless, Kevin J Lang, Max W Langi, Jairyong Lee, Israel J Leito, Mike M Lekic, Robert E Lemon, Thomas L Lemon, Dwayne O Leslie, Don Livesay, German A Lust, Andrea T Luxton,
- M Imad Madanat, Barna Magyarosi, Fred M Manchur, Emmanuel S D Manu,

Solomon Maphosa, Almir Marroni, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Richard E McEdward, Duane McKey, Wilson Measapogu, Julian Melgosa, Saustin S Mfune, Armando Miranda, Hiskia I Missah, Pako E Mokgwane, Jiwan S Moon, Larry R Moore, Hensley M Mooroooven, E Selvin Moorthy, Derek J Morris, Jiri Moskala, Ekkehardt F Mueller, Gideon M Mutero,

N Neil Nedley, Samuel H Neves, G T Ng, Doyle R Nick, James R Nix, Don J Noble, Timothy E Northrop, Goodwell Nthani,

O Elaine Oliver, Willie Oliver, Daisy J Orion, Oscar Osindo,

P Janet R Page, Jerry N Page, Orville D Parchment, Ruth E Parish, Jan Paulsen, Delbert B Pearman, Tricia Y Penniecook, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Timothy L Poirier, Leslie N Pollard, Karen J Porter, Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Kathryn L Proffitt,

R Maureen Raj, E Albert Reece, Katia Reinert, Gideon P Reyneke, Claude J Richli, Randall L Roberts, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan,

S Saw Samuel, Gerson P Santos, Lawrence E Schalk, Benjamin D Schoun, Jeff Scoggins, Greg Scott, D Kent Sharpe, Terry Shaw, T Matthew Siliga, Ella S Simmons, Heather-Dawn K Small, Lionel H Smith, Ron C Smith, Michael Sokupa, Artur A Stele, Joel Swanson, Tibor Szilvasi,

T John Wesley Taylor V, Jonatan Tejel, John H Thomas, Brad Thorp, Gary F Thurber, Jared Thurmon, Alberto R Timm, Glenn C Townend, Homer W Trecartin, David Trim,

V Filiberto M Verduzco-Avila,

W Clinton L Wahlen, J Raymond Wahlen II, Vincent Waln, Elie Weick-Dido, Dave Weigley, David R Williams, Lori E Williams, Ted N C Wilson, Michael Wixwat,

Y Lori T Yingling,

Z Norbert G Zens, E Edward Zinke

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GENERAL AGENDA

TNCW	101.		Call to Order
GTN	102.		Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church [20]
GTN	103.		Adoption of Daily Program and Spring Meeting Procedures
GTN	104.	109-17G	Standing Committees—Spring Meeting - 2017 [21]
GTN	105.	110-17G	Compensation Review Committee—Spring Meeting - 2017 [22]
JRP	106.		Audited Financial Statement/Audit Opinion
JRP	107.		Auditor’s Report on Compliance with Policy
JRP	108.		Treasurer’s Report
JRW	109.	103-17G	Operating Expense Cap 2016 - Report [24]
TNCW	110.		General Conference Corporation Annual Members Meeting
TLL	111.		Loma Linda University Health
GEB	112.		Hope Channel Report
ADS	113.		“Growing Together” Project
ADS	114.		125 th Anniversary of <i>Steps to Christ</i> Project
ESS	115.		2017 <i>Steps to Christ</i> book for Women
GEB	116.		Seventh-day Adventist Church Logo
TNCW	117.		Council on Evangelism and Witness
AAS	118.		Statement on Transgenderism
TNCW	119.		“Who Are We and Why Are We Here?” Anne Woodworth

MAI	120.	Consent Agenda
GEB	121.	Missionary Book for 2018
GTN	122.	Spiritual Principles of Stewardship Presentation
GEB	123.	Stewardship Ministries Departmental Report
TNCW	124.	General Conference <i>Working Policy</i>
DRJ	125.	Hope for Humanity Literacy Program
TNCW	126.	Adventist Mission Website
TNCW	127.	Reach the World “It’s Time” GC Department Key Performance Indicator Progress Reports
TNCW	128.	Prayer Ministry Coordinators
GGM	129.	Revival and Reformation Resources
GGM	130.	2020 General Conference Session Logo
ADS	131.	International Religious Liberty Association Constituency Meeting
TNCW	132.	<i>“Snares of Satan”—The Great Controversy, Chapter 32, pp 518-530 [56]</i>

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE AGENDA

PERSONNEL

- GTN 301. Director of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries - Election
- GTN 302. Director of Youth Ministries - Election
- GTN 303. Field Secretary, Adventist World Radio - Election

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CONSENT AGENDA

- ESS 601. 101-17Gf [Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2017 \[25\]](#)
- ESS 602. 101-17Gg [Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2018 \[29\]](#)
- ESS 603. 101-17Gh [Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2019 \[33\]](#)
- ESS 604. 101-17Gi [Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2020 \[37\]](#)
- CJR 605. 102-17Ga [Authorized Meetings 2017 \[41\]](#)
- CJR 606. 102-17Gb [Authorized Meetings 2018 \[44\]](#)
- CJR 607. 102-17Gc [Authorized Meetings 2019 \[48\]](#)
- CJR 608. 102-17Gd [Authorized Meetings 2020 \[52\]](#)
- MAI 609. Committee Membership Adjustments

Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (AAA) (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add Kadyakapita, Mozecie S J, SID Education Director

Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Committee (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add Koolik, Peter, SPD ASI Member

Delete Andersson, Lars, TED ASI Member

General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S)—
Membership Adjustment

Delete Cangy, Gilbert R
Chow, Dowell W

General Conference Executive Committee (GCC)—Membership Adjustment

Add Mbui, Michael, TED Pastor
Shaw, Terry, 40 Members At-Large, Employees/Retirees

Delete Daly, Richard, TED Pastor
Jernigan, Donald, 40 Members At-Large, Employees/Retirees

General Conference Mission Board (GCMB) (GCC-B)—Membership Adjustment

Add Finley, Mark A
Mesa, Milton A, Frontline Member (SAD)
Perez Schulz, Magdiel E
Pollard, Leslie N, Frontline Member (NAD)
Raj, Maureen, Lay Member (NAD)
Venn, E Douglas
Waln, Vincent, Lay Member (NAD)

Delete Chow, Dowell W

International Board of Education (IBE) (GCC-B)—Membership Adjustment

Add Kadyakapita, Mozecie S J, SID Education Director

International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education (IBMTE)
(GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add Magyarosi, Barna, Invitee

International Health and Temperance Association Executive Council
(IHTAExCou) (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add Ingram-Clay, Pam

Delete McEdward, Marcia

Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee (SP&B) (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add McKey, Duane, Invitee

Delete Chow, Dowell W, Invitee

World Sabbath School Bible Study Guide Curriculum Committee (WSSCC) (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add McChesney, Andrew

Delete Cangy, Gilbert R
 McKey, Duane, Secretary

MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Our Mission—The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to call all people to become disciples of Jesus Christ, to proclaim the everlasting gospel embraced by the three angels' messages (Revelation 14:6-12), and to prepare the world for Christ's soon return.

Our Method—Guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit, Seventh-day Adventists pursue this mission through Christ-like living, communicating, discipling, teaching, healing, and serving.

Our Vision—In harmony with Bible revelation, Seventh-day Adventists see as the climax of God's plan the restoration of all His creation to full harmony with His perfect will and righteousness.

1 SEC/ADCOM to MAI-17SM

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3 109-17G STANDING COMMITTEES—SPRING MEETING - 2017

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5 RECOMMENDED, To approve the standing committees for the 2017 Spring Meeting, as
6 follows:

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NOMINATING

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Ted N C Wilson, Chair

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G T Ng, Secretary

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13 Members: Timothy H Aka, Delbert W Baker, Guillermo E Biaggi, Mario Brito, Brent B
14 Burdick, Abner De los Santos, Natasha Dysinger, George O Egwakhe, Mark A Finley,
15 Stephen R Guptill, Jerome Habimana, Richard H Hart, Edward Heidinger, Dan Houghton,
16 Myron A Iseminger, Daniel R Jackson, Debbie Jackson, Raafat A Kamal, Mikhail F Kaminskiy,
17 Linda Mei Lin Koh, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Ezras Lakra, Peter N Landless,

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19 Jairyong Lee, Israel J Leito, Thomas L Lemon, Solomon Maphosa, Geoffrey G Mbwana,
20 Richard E McEdward, Duane McKey, Larry R Moore, Hensley M Mooroven, Magdiel E
21 Perez Schulz, Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Gideon P Reyneke, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan,
22 Saw Samuel, Ella S Simmons, Ron C Smith, Artur A Stele, Brad Thorp, Gary F Thurber, Glenn
23 C Townend, J Raymond Wahlen II, Elie Weick-Dido.

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STEERING

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Ted N C Wilson, Chair

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Myron A Iseminger, Secretary

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30 Members: Timothy H Aka, Guillermo E Biaggi, G Alexander Bryant, Sheri Clemmer,
31 Abner De los Santos, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, G Thomas Evans, Larry R
32 Evans, Mark A Finley, Daniel R Jackson, Gary D Krause, Nancy A Lamoreaux, Thomas L
33 Lemon, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Duane McKey, Hensley M Mooroven, G T Ng, Daisy J F Orion,
34 Lissy Park, Delbert B Pearman, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Karen J Porter, Juan R Prestol-Puesan,
35 Claude J Richli, Michael L Ryan, Gerson P Santos, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Stele, John H
36 Thomas, J Raymond Wahlen II.

1 SEC/ADCOM to MAI-17SM

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3 110-17G COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE—SPRING

4 MEETING - 2017

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6 RECOMMENDED, To appoint the Compensation Review Committee for the 2017 Spring
7 Meeting, as follows:

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9 MEMBERS

10 Moore, Larry R, Chair

11 *Prestol-Puesan, Juan R, Secretary

12

13 Presidential

14 Brito, Mario

15 Jackson, Daniel R

16 Kamal, Raafat A

17 Kaminskiy, Mikhail F

18 Kohler, Erton C

19 Lakra, Ezras

20 Lee, Jairyong

21 *Lemon, Thomas L

22 Leito, Israel J

23 Maphosa, Solomon

24 McEdward, Richard E

25 Ruguri, Blasious M

26 Samuel, Saw

27 *Simmons, Ella S

28 *Stele, Artur A

29 Townend, Glenn C

30 Weick-Dido, Elie

31 *Wilson, Ted N C

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33 Secretariat

34 Andersson, Audrey E

35 Baloyo, Rudy R

36 Bryant, G Alexander

37 Heidinger, Edward

38 *Iseminger, Myron A

39 Measapogu, Wilson

40 *Ng, G T

41 *Porter, Karen J

42 Reyeneke, Gideon P

43 Smith, Lionel H

44 John Freedman

Treasury

Burdick, Brent B

Evans, G Thomas

Habimana, Jerome

Lust, German A

Manu, Emmanuel S D

*Orion, Daisy J F

Verduzco, Filiberto M

*Wahlen, J Raymond II

Zens, Norbert G

Departments and Services

*Landless, Peter N

GC Institutional Administrators

*Duffy, Jonathan M

Luxton, Andrea T

*McKey, Duane

*Morris, Derek J

Union Presidents

Freedman, John

Graham, Ricardo B

Johnson, Mark A

Knight G Earl

Livesay, Don

Smith, Ron C

Thurber, Gary F

Weigley, Dave

110-17G COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE—SPRING
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1 Pastor/Front-line Workers

2 Pollard, Leslie N

3 Roberts, Randall L

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5 Laypersons

6 Noble, Don J

7 Proffitt, Kathryn L

8 Raj, Maureen

9 Waln, Vincent

10 Zinke, E Edward

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12 *General Conference Employees: The committee will meet in executive session without General
13 Conference employees.

1 TRE/SP&B17SM to JRW-17SM

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3 103-17G OPERATING EXPENSE CAP 2016 - REPORT

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5 In fulfillment of the requirement for the General Conference to live within an operating
6 expense cap of 2.0 percent of gross world tithe (see GCC 91-443, GCC 98-21, and GCC 00-23),
7 it was

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9 RECOMMENDED, To accept the report for the Operating Expense Cap 2016, as follows:

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Operating Expense Cap 2016

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2016 Total Tithe.....USD 2,270,076,919

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Cap Budget for 2016 (Based on 2014 Operating Expense).....48,694,836

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Actual Operating Expense in 201645,039,888

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Amount Under the Budgeted Expense Cap in 20163,654,948

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Actual Operating Expense Cap (2% of 2016 Total Tithe).....45,401,538

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Amount Under Actual Operating Expense Cap in 2016.....361,650

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Actual Operating Expense as a Percentage of Cap..... 99.20%

1 PRE/ADCOM/GCDO15AC/15AC/101-15Gj/ADCOM/GCDO16SM/16SM/ADCOM/
 2 GCDO16AC/16AC/ADCOM/101-16Gh/GCDO17SM to ESS-17SM(DIV)

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 4 101-17Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
 5 WORLD 2017

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 7 RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2017, to read
 8 as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
10			
11	<u>January</u>		
12	7	Day of Prayer and Fasting	R&RCom
13	11-21	Ten Days of Prayer	GC-MIN
14	14	#Health Ministries	Divisions
15	21	Religious Liberty Day	GC/NAD-PARL
16	28		
17			
18	<u>February</u>		
19	4	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	GC-SSPM
20	11-18	Christian Home and Marriage Week	GC-FM
21	18		
22	25		
23			
24	<u>March</u>		
25	4	Women’s Day of Prayer	GC-WM
26	11	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio*
27	18-25	Youth Week of Prayer	GC-YOU
28	18	Global Children’s Day	GC-CHM
29	18	Global Youth Day	GC-YOU
30	25	#Christian Education	Divisions
31			
32	<u>April</u>		
33	1	Day of Prayer and Fasting	R&RCom
34	1	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	Divisions
35		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	
36	8	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s	GC-SSPM
37		Day)	
38	8	Mission Promotion	World Mission
39	15-21	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	Divisions
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41 *For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

42 #Divisions to prepare materials

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 44 Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at
 45 <https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days>
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WORLD 2017 - 2

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1			
2	<u>April</u> contd		
3	15	World Impact Day—for Distribution --- of Missionary Book	Divisions
4			
5	22	Special Needs Awareness Day ---	GC-SNM
6	29		
7			
8	<u>May</u>		
9	6-27	Drug Awareness Month ---	GC-HM
10	6	<i>Reach the World:</i> Using --- Communication Channels	GC-COM
11			
12	13	<i>Reach the World:</i> In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief* ---	GC-PM/DIV
13	20		
14	27	World Day of Prayer for Children --- at Risk	GC-CHM
15			
16			
17	<u>June</u>		
18	3	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study: --- Sabbath School and	GC-SSPM
19		Correspondence Courses	
20			
21	10	Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day ---	GC-WM
22	17	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other --- Members and Reclaiming	GC-SSPM
23			
24	17	Adventist Church World --- Refugee Day	
25			
26	24		
27			
28	<u>July</u>		
29	1	Day of Prayer and Fasting ---	R&RCom
30	8	Missions Promotion World Mission	GC-AM
31	15	<i>Reach the World:</i> Media Ministry ---	GC-COM
32	22	Children’s Sabbath ---	GC-CHM
33	29		

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35 *For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

36 #Divisions to prepare materials

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			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>August</u>			
3	5	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
4	12	<i>Reach the World</i> : Church Planting	---	GC-AM
5	19	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
6	26	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
7	26	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
8				
9	<u>September</u>			
10	2	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
11		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		
12	3-9	Family Togetherness Week	---	GC-FM
13	9	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
14	16	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
15	23	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
16	30			
17				
18	<u>October</u>			
19	7	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
20	7	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-AR
21		Promotion		
22	14	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
23	20-22	Global Public Campus Ministries	---	GC-PCM
24		Weekend		
25	21	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-White Estate
26		Adventist Heritage		
27	28	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
28				
29	<u>November</u>			
30	4-11	Week of Prayer	---	GC-AR
31	4			
32	11		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
33	18			
34	25			
35				
36	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
37	#Divisions to prepare materials			
38				
39	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
40	https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days			

101-17Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
 WORLD 2017 - 4

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>December</u>			
3	2	#Stewardship	---	Divisions
4	9	#Health Emphasis	---	Divisions
5	16			
6	23			
7	30			
8				
9	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
10	#Divisions to prepare materials			
11				
12	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
13	https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days			

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2 GCDO17SM to ESS-17SM(DIV)

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4 101-17Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
5 WORLD 2018

6
7 RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2018, to read
8 as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
10			
11	<u>January</u>		
12	6	Day of Prayer and Fasting	--- R&RCom
13	10-20	Ten Days of Prayer	--- GC-MIN
14	13	#Health Ministries	--- Divisions
15	20	Religious Liberty Day	Liberty GC/NAD-PARL
16	27		
17			
18	<u>February</u>		
19	3	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	--- GC-SSPM
20	10-17	Christian Home and Marriage Week	--- GC-FM
21	17		
22	24		
23			
24	<u>March</u>		
25	4	Women’s Day of Prayer	--- GC-WM
26	10	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio* GC-AWR
27	17-24	Youth Week of Prayer	--- GC-YOU
28	17	Global Children’s Day	--- GC-CHM
29	17	Global Youth Day	--- GC-YOU
30	24	#Christian Education	--- Divisions
31	31		
32			
33	<u>April</u>		
34	7	Day of Prayer and Fasting	--- R&RCom
35	7	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	--- Divisions
36		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	
37	14	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s	--- GC-SSPM
38		Day)	
39			

40 *For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

41 #Divisions to prepare materials

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43 Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at
44 <https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days>

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101-17Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2018 - 2

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>April</u> contd			
3	14	Mission Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
4	21-27	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
5	21	World Impact Day—for Distribution	---	Divisions
6		of Missionary Book		
7	28	Special Needs Awareness Day	---	GC-SNM
8				
9	<u>May</u>			
10	5-26	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
11	5	<i>Reach the World</i> : Using	---	GC-COM
12		Communication Channels		
13	12	<i>Reach the World</i> : In the Community	#Disaster/Famine Relief*	GC-PM/DIV
14	19			
15	26	World Day of Prayer for Children	---	GC-CHM
16		at Risk		
17				
18	<u>June</u>			
19	2	<i>Reach the World</i> : Bible Study:	---	GC-SSPM
20		Sabbath School and		
21		Correspondence Courses		
22	9	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	---	GC-WM
23	16	<i>Reach the World</i> : Nurturing Other	---	GC-SSPM
24		Members and Reclaiming		
25	16	Adventist Church World	---	
26		Refugee Day		
27	30			
28				
29	<u>July</u>			
30	7	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
31	14	Missions Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
32	21	<i>Reach the World</i> : Media Ministry	---	GC-COM
33	28	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM

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35 *For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

36 #Divisions to prepare materials

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38 Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at

39 <https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days>

101-17Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2018 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>August</u>			
3	4	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
4	11	<i>Reach the World</i> : Church Planting	---	GC-AM
5	18	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
6	25	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
7	25	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
8				
9	<u>September</u>			
10	1	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
11		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		
12	2-8	Family Togetherness Week	---	GC-FM
13	8	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
14	15	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
15	22	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
16	29			
17				
18	<u>October</u>			
19	6	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
20	6	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-AR
21		Promotion		
22	13	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
23	19-21	Global Public Campus Ministries	---	GC-PCM
24		Weekend		
25	20	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-White Estate
26		Adventist Heritage		
27	27	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
28				
29	<u>November</u>			
30	3-10	Week of Prayer	---	GC-AR
31	3			
32	10		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
33	17			
34	24			
35				
36	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
37	#Divisions to prepare materials			
38				
39	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
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101-17Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
 WORLD 2018 - 4

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>December</u>			
3	1	#Stewardship	---	Divisions
4	8	#Health Emphasis	---	Divisions
5	15			
6	22			
7	29			
8				
9	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
10	#Divisions to prepare materials			
11				
12	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
13	https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days			

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3 101-17Gh CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
4 WORLD 2019

5
6 RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2019, to read
7 as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>	
10	<u>January</u>			
11	5	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
12	9-19	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
13	12	#Health Ministries	---	Divisions
14	19	Religious Liberty Day	Liberty	GC/NAD-PARL
15	26			
16				
17	<u>February</u>			
18	2	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-SSPM
19	9-16	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
20	23			
21				
22	<u>March</u>			
23	2	Women's Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
24	9	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
25	16-23	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
26	16	Global Children's Day	---	GC-CHM
27	16	Global Youth Day	---	GC-YOU
28	23	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
29	30			
30				
31	<u>April</u>			
32	6	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
33	6	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
34		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		
35	13	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's	---	GC-SSPM
36		Day)		
37	13	Mission Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
38	20-26	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions

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40 *For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

41 #Divisions to prepare materials

42
43 Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at
44 <https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days>

101-17Gh CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2019 - 2

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>April</u> contd			
3	20	World Impact Day—for Distribution ---		Divisions
4		of Missionary Book		
5	27	Special Needs Awareness Day ---		GC-SNM
6				
7	<u>May</u>			
8	4-25	Drug Awareness Month ---		GC-HM
9	4	<i>Reach the World: Using</i> ---		GC-COM
10		Communication Channels		
11	11	<i>Reach the World: In the Community</i> #Disaster/Famine Relief*		GC-PM/DIV
12	18			
13	25	World Day of Prayer for Children ---		GC-CHM
14		at Risk		
15				
16	<u>June</u>			
17	1	<i>Reach the World: Bible Study:</i> ---		GC-SSPM
18		Sabbath School and		
19		Correspondence Courses		
20	8	Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day ---		GC-WM
21	15	<i>Reach the World: Nurturing Other</i> ---		GC-SSPM
22		Members and Reclaiming		
23	15	Adventist Church World ---		
24		Refugee Day		
25	22			
26	29			
27				
28	<u>July</u>			
29	6	Day of Prayer and Fasting ---		R&RCom
30	13	Missions Promotion World Mission		GC-AM
31	20	<i>Reach the World: Media Ministry</i> ---		GC-COM
32	27	Children’s Sabbath ---		GC-CHM

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35 #Divisions to prepare materials

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101-17Gh CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2019 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>August</u>			
3	3	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
4	10	<i>Reach the World</i> : Church Planting	---	GC-AM
5	17	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
6	24	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
7	24	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
8	31			
9				
10	<u>September</u>			
11	7	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
12		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		
13	8-14	Family Togetherness Week	---	GC-FM
14	14	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
15	21	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
16	28	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
17				
18	<u>October</u>			
19	5	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
20	5	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-AR
21		Promotion		
22	12	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
23	18-20	Global Public Campus Ministries	---	GC-PCM
24		Weekend		
25	19	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-White Estate
26		Adventist Heritage		
27	26	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
28				
29	<u>November</u>			
30	2-9	Week of Prayer	---	GC-AR
31	9		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
32	16			
33	23			
34	30			
35				
36	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
37	#Divisions to prepare materials			
38				
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101-17Gh CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
 WORLD 2019 - 4

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>December</u>			
3	7	#Stewardship	---	Divisions
4	14	#Health Emphasis	---	Divisions
5	21			
6	28			
7				
8	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
9	#Divisions to prepare materials			
10				
11	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
12	https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days			

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3 101-17Gi CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
4 WORLD 2020

5
6 RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2020, to read
7 as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
9			
10	<u>January</u>		
11	4	Day of Prayer and Fasting	--- R&RCom
12	8-18	Ten Days of Prayer	--- GC-MIN
13	11	#Health Ministries	--- Divisions
14	18	Religious Liberty Day	Liberty GC/NAD-PARL
15	25		
16			
17	<u>February</u>		
18	1	<i>Reach the World:</i> Personal Outreach	--- GC-SSPM
19	8-15	Christian Home and Marriage Week	--- GC-FM
20	15		
21	22		
22	29		
23			
24	<u>March</u>		
25	7	Women's Day of Prayer	--- GC-WM
26	14	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio* GC-AWR
27	21-28	Youth Week of Prayer	--- GC-YOU
28	21	Global Children's Day	--- GC-CHM
29	21	Global Youth Day	--- GC-YOU
30	28	#Christian Education	--- Divisions
31			
32	<u>April</u>		
33	4	Day of Prayer and Fasting	--- R&RCom
34	4	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	--- Divisions
35		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	
36	11	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's	--- GC-SSPM
37		Day)	
38	11	Mission Promotion	World Mission GC-AM
39	18-24	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	--- Divisions
40			

41 *For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

42 #Divisions to prepare materials

43
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101-17Gi CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2020 - 2

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1			
2	<u>April</u> contd		
3	18	World Impact Day—for Distribution --- of Missionary Book	Divisions
4			
5	25	Special Needs Awareness Day ---	GC-SNM
6			
7	<u>May</u>		
8	2-30	Drug Awareness Month ---	GC-HM
9	2	<i>Reach the World:</i> Using --- Communication Channels	GC-COM
10			
11	9	<i>Reach the World:</i> In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief* ---	GC-PM/DIV
12	16		
13	23	World Day of Prayer for Children --- at Risk	GC-CHM
14			
15	30		
16			
17	<u>June</u>		
18	6	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study: --- Sabbath School and Correspondence Courses	GC-SSPM
19			
20			
21	13	Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day ---	GC-WM
22	20	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other --- Members and Reclaiming	GC-SSPM
23			
24	20	Adventist Church World --- Refugee Day	
25			
26	27		
27			
28	<u>July</u>		
29	4	Day of Prayer and Fasting ---	R&RCom
30	11	Missions Promotion World Mission	GC-AM
31	18	<i>Reach the World:</i> Media Ministry ---	GC-COM
32	25	Children’s Sabbath ---	GC-CHM
33			

34 *For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan
35 #Divisions to prepare materials

36
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101-17Gi CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2020 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>August</u>			
3	1	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
4	8	<i>Reach the World</i> : Church Planting	---	GC-AM
5	15	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
6	22	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
7	22	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
8	29			
9				
10	<u>September</u>			
11	5	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
12		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		
13	6-12	Family Togetherness Week	---	GC-FM
14	12	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
15	19	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
16	26	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
17				
18	<u>October</u>			
19	3	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
20	3	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-AR
21		Promotion		
22	10	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
23	16-18	Global Public Campus Ministries	---	GC-PCM
24		Weekend		
25	17	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-White Estate
26		Adventist Heritage		
27	24	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
28	31			
29				
30	<u>November</u>			
31	7-14	Week of Prayer	---	GC-AR
32	14		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
33	21			
34	28			
35				
36	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
37	#Divisions to prepare materials			
38				
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101-17Gi CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
 WORLD 2020 - 4

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>December</u>			
3	5	#Stewardship	---	Divisions
4	12	#Health Emphasis	---	Divisions
5	19			
6	26			
7				
8	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
9	#Divisions to prepare materials			
10				
11	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
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 2 GCDO15SM/15SM/ADCOM/GCDO15AC/15AC/ADCOM/102-15Gc/ADCOM/
 3 GCDO16SM/16SM/ADCOM/GCDO16AC/16AC/ADCOM/102-16Gb/ADCOM/
 4 GCDO17SM to CJR-17SM(DIV)

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 6 102-17Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2017

7
 8 RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2017, with the
 9 understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration
 10 of each entity, as follows:

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>																																
	<u>April 2017</u>																																		
	11-12	Tue	Spring Meeting																																
	17-May 6	Mon	IWM Mission Institute																																
	<u>17-May 6</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>																																
	17-18	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee																																
	19-20	Wed	Faith and Science Council																																
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Adventist University of Africa Board</u>																																
	25	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board																																
	<u>May 2017</u>																																		
	10-13	Wed	CHM, WM, and FM Intl Leadership Conference																																
	22-23	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees																																
	<u>30-June 4</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Educ LEAD Summit for ESD, EUD, MENA, NAD, and TED</u>																																
	31(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees																																
	<u>June 2017</u>																																		
	1(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board																																
	<u>5-24</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Institute</u>																																
	5-8	Mon	Prime Time																																
	8(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council																																
	9-18	Fri	Secretariat IAD Division Experience																																
	11(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee																																
	12	Mon	Andrews University Board																																
	19-25	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen																																
	26-Jul 6	Mon	GRI Field Conference on Faith and Science																																
	<u>July 2017</u>																																		
	10-29	Mon	IWM Mission Institute																																
	<u>10-29</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>																																
	12	Wed	AUA Executive Committee																																
	<u>August 2017</u>																																		
	6	Sun	Membership Software Advisory Committee																																

102-17Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2017 - 2

1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2				
3	<u>August 2017 contd</u>			
4	<u>7-13</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen</u>	
5	<u>7-11</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Educ LEAD Summit for IAD and SAD</u>	<u>Punta Cana DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</u>
6	7-8	Mon	Global Information Technology Meeting	Sao Paulo BRAZIL
7	<u>8-9</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Geoscience Research Institute Committee</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
8	9-13	Wed	Global Adventist Internet Network Conference	Sao Paulo BRAZIL
9	22-26	Tue	8th IRLA World Congress and Festival	Orlando FL
10	<u>22-24</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>8th IRLA World Congress and Festival</u>	<u>Ft Lauderdale FL</u>
11	28-29	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
12	<u>30-Sep 4</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Educ LEAD Summit for NSD, SSD, SPD, and SUD</u>	<u>THAILAND</u>
13				
14	<u>September 2017</u>			
15	11-12	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
16	18-21	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
17	21(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
18	24	Sun	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
19	24	Sun	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
20	24	Sun	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
21	25(am)	Mon	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
22	25(pm)	Mon	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
23	26-Oct 2	Tue	Adventist Heritage Tour	NEW ENGLAND
24	27(eve)	Wed	Division Officer Interviews	NEW ENGLAND
25				
26	<u>October 2017</u>			
27	3(am)	Tue	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
28	3(am)	Tue	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
29	3(pm)	Tue	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
30	3(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
31	3(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min and Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
32	3(eve)-4	Tue	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
33	4(am)	Wed	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
34	4(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
35	4(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
36	4(pm)	Wed	Accred Association of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
37	4(pm)	Wed	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
38	4(eve)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
39	5-6(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
40	5-11	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
41	8(eve)	Sun	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
42	9(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
43	12-17	Thu	500th Anniversary of Protestant Reformation	Berrien Springs MI

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3	<u>October 2017</u> contd			
4	16-17	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
5	18-19	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
6	20(eve)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
7	22	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
8	22(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
9	23	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
10				
11	<u>November 2017</u>			
12	29(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
13	30(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
14				
15	<u>December 2017</u>			
16	<u>6-9</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Global Mission Center Directors Meeting</u>	_____
17	11-12	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

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 2 ADCOM/GCDO16SM/16SM/ADCOM/GCDO16AC/16AC/ADCOM/101-16Gc/ADCOM/
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<u>January 2018</u>			
8(am)	Mon	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
16	Tue	Executive Officers Meeting	Barcelona SPAIN
16	Tue	<u>Executive Officers Meeting</u>	<u>Cancun MEXICO</u>
17-20	Wed	PREXAD with Division Presidents	Barcelona SPAIN
17-20	Wed	<u>PREXAD with Division Presidents</u>	<u>Cancun MEXICO</u>
22-Feb-10	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	_____
23-25	Mon	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
24-27	Wed	Cross Cultural Workshop (GCLC)	MARYLAND
<u>February 2018</u>			
6-8	Tue	Global Leadership Summit	SWITZERLAND
6-8	Tue	<u>Global Leadership Summit</u>	<u>PORTUGAL</u>
12-Mar 3	Mon	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>_____</u>
12-13	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Collegedale TN
14	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
20-22	Mon	<u>Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
25(pm)	Sun	Loma Linda Board Education	Loma Linda CA
26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2018</u>			
4(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
5	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
5(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
6	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
19-22	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
22(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2018</u>			
2	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
2	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
2	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
3-4(am)	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD

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2				
3	<u>April 2018</u> contd			
4	3(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
5	3(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
6	4(pm)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
7	4(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
8	5(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
9	5(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
10	6(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
11	8	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
12	8(eve)	Sun	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
13	9(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
14	9(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
15	9(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
16	9(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
17	10-11	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
18	16-May 5	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
19	16-17	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
20	18-19	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
21	24-25	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
22				
23	<u>May 2018</u>			
24	21-22	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
25	30(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Burlington VT
26	31(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Burlington VT
27				
28	<u>June 2018</u>			
29	3(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
30	4-7	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
31	4	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
32	7(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
33	11-21	Mon	BRI International Bible Conference	Rome ITALY
34	18-24	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	
35	29-Jul 8	Fri	Secretariat Division Experience	
36				
37	<u>July 2018</u>			
38	9-28	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
39	18	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
40	19-26	Thu	Future Plans Wrkg Grp Strategic Planning Retreat	UNITED STATES
41	30-Aug 4	Mon	Impact Europe 2018	GERMANY
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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
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3	<u>August 2018</u>			
4	27-28	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
5				
6	<u>September 2018</u>			
7	10-11	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
8	11-16	Tue	Departmental Adventist Heritage Tour	NEW ENGLAND
9	17-20	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
10	20(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
11				
12	<u>October 2018</u>			
13	2	Tue	Presidential Advisory	Silver Spring MD
14	3	Wed	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
15	3	Wed	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
16	3	Wed	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
17	4(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
18	4(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
19	5(am)	Fri	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
20	7	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
21	8(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
22	8(am)	Mon	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
23	8(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
24	8(pm)	Mon	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
25	8(eve)-9	Mon	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
26	8(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
27	9(am)	Tue	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
28	9(pm)	Tue	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
29	9(pm)	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
30	9(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
31	9(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
32	10(am)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
33	10(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
34	10(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
35	10(pm)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
36	11(eve)-12(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Battle Creek MI
37	11(eve)-17	Thu	Annual Council	Battle Creek MI
38	<u>18-22</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Global Healthcare Conference</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
39	18-21	Thu	Global Healthcare Conference	Loma Linda CA
40	22-23	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
41	24-25	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
42	26(eve)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
43	28	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
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3	<u>October 2018</u> contd			
4	28(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
5	29	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
6				
7	<u>November 2018</u>			
8	28(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
9	29(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
10				
11	<u>December 2018</u>			
12	5-8	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	_____
13	10-11	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

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12	<u>January 2019</u>			
13	10(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
14	15	Tue	Executive Officers Meeting	Maya Riviera MEXICO
15	16-20	Wed	PREXAD	Maya Riviera MEXICO
16	21-Feb 9	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
17	29-31	Tue	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
18	<u>February 2019</u>			
19	5-7	Tue	Global Leadership Summit	MEXICO
20	11-12	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Collegedale TN
21	13	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
22	22-25	Fri	Loma Linda Board of Trustees/Directors Retreat	Loma Linda CA
23	25(pm)-26	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
24	<u>March 2019</u>			
25	3(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
26	4	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
27	4(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
28	5	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
29	18-21	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
30	21(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
31	<u>April 2019</u>			
32	1	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
33	1	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
34	1	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
35	1(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
36	2-3(am)	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
37	2(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
38	2(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
39	3(pm)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
40	3(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
41	4(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD

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2				
3	<u>April 2019</u> contd			
4	4(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
5	5(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
6	7	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
7	7(eve)	Sun	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
8	8(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
9	8(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
10	8(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
11	8(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
12	9-10	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
13	15-May 4	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
14	15-16	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
15	17-18	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
16	23-24	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
17				
18	<u>May 2019</u>			
19	20-21	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
20	29(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
21	30(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
22				
23	<u>June 2019</u>			
24	3-6	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
25	6(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
26	9(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
27	10	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
28	17-23	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	
29	28-Jul 7	Fri	Secretariat Division Experience	
30				
31	<u>July 2019</u>			
32	8-27	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
33	9-13	Tue	Third Global Conference on Lifestyle & Health	
34	17	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
35				
36	<u>August 2019</u>			
37	26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
38				
39	<u>September 2019</u>			
40	9-10	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI

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3	<u>September 2019</u> contd			
4	16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
5	19(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
6				
7	<u>October 2019</u>			
8	1	Tue	Presidential Advisory	Silver Spring MD
9	2(am)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
10	2(pm)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
11	3	Thu	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
12	3	Thu	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
13	3	Thu	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
14	6	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
15	7(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
16	7(am)	Mon	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
17	7(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
18	7(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
19	8(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
20	8(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
21	8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
22	8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
23	9(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
24	9(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
25	9(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
26	9(pm)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
27	9(eve)-10	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
28	10(am)	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
29	10(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
30	10(pm)	Thu	AIIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
31	10(eve)-11(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
32	10(eve)-16	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
33	18-20	Fri	175th Anniversary of 1844	Whitehall NY
34	21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
35	23-24	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
36	25(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
37	27	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
38	27(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
39	28	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
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41	<u>November 2019</u>			
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3	<u>December 2019</u>			
4	4-7	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	
5	4(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
6	5(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
7	9-10	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

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14	14	Tue	Executive Officers Meeting	CUBA
15	15-18	Wed	PREXAD with Division Presidents	CUBA
16	20-Feb 8	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
17	28-30	Tue	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
18	<u>February 2020</u>			
19	4-6	Tue	Global Leadership Summit	Johannesburg SOUTH AFRICA
20	10-11	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Collegedale TN
21	23(pm)	Sun	Loma Linda University Board Education	Loma Linda CA
22	24-25	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
23	26	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
24	<u>March 2020</u>			
25	1(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
26	2	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
27	2(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
28	3	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
29	23-26	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
30	26(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
31	<u>April 2020</u>			
32	6	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
33	6	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
34	6	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
35	6(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
36	7-8(am)	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
37	7(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
38	7(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
39	8(pm)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
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3	<u>April 2020</u> contd			
4	9(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
5	10(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
6	12	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
7	12(eve)	Sun	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
8	13(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
9	13(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
10	13(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
11	13(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
12	14-15	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
13	20-May 9	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
14	20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
15	22-23	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
16	28-29	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
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18	<u>May 2020</u>			
19	18-19	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
20	27(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
21	28(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
22				
23	<u>June 2020</u>			
24	1-4	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
25	4(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
26	7(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
27	8	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
28	15-21	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	
29	25-Jul 4	Thu	General Conference Session	Indianapolis IN
30				
31	<u>July 2020</u>			
32	13-Aug 1	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
33	22	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
34				
35	<u>August 2020</u>			
36	17-Sep 5	Mon	General Conference Mission Institute	
37	24-25	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
38				
39	<u>September 2020</u>			
40	7-8	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI

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2				
3	<u>September 2020</u> contd			
4	14-17	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
5	17(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
6	29	Tue	Presidential Advisory	Silver Spring MD
7	30(am)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
8	30(pm)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
9				
10	<u>October 2020</u>			
11	1	Thu	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
12	1	Thu	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
13	1	Thu	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
14	4	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
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17	5(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
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29	8(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
30	8(pm)	Thu	AIIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
31	8(eve)-9(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
32	8(eve)-14	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
33	<u>15-19</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Global Healthcare Conference</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
34	15-18	Thu	Global Healthcare Conference	Loma Linda CA
35	19-20	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
36	21-22	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
37	23(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
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39	25(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
40	26	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
41				
42	<u>November 2020</u>			
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3	<u>December 2020</u>			
4	2(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
5	3(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
6	9-12	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	
7	14-15	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

“Snares of Satan”

The Great Controversy, Chapter 32, pp. 518-530

The great controversy between Christ and Satan, that has been carried forward for nearly six thousand years, is soon to close; and the wicked one redoubles his efforts to defeat the work of Christ in man's behalf and to fasten souls in his snares. To hold the people in darkness and impenitence till the Saviour's mediation is ended, and there is no longer a sacrifice for sin, is the object which he seeks to accomplish.

When there is no special effort made to resist his power, when indifference prevails in the church and the world, Satan is not concerned; for he is in no danger of losing those whom he is leading captive at his will. But when the attention is called to eternal things, and souls are inquiring, "What must I do to be saved?" he is on the ground, seeking to match his power against the power of Christ and to counteract the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The Scriptures declare that upon one occasion, when the angels of God came to present themselves before the Lord, Satan came also among them (Job 1:6), not to bow before the Eternal King, but to further his own malicious designs against the righteous. With the same object he is in attendance when men assemble for the worship of God. Though hidden from sight, he is working with all diligence to control the minds of the worshipers. Like a skillful general he lays his plans beforehand. As he sees the messenger of God searching the Scriptures, he takes note of the subject to be presented to the people. Then he employs all his cunning and shrewdness so to control circumstances that the message may not reach those whom he is deceiving on that very point. The one who most needs the warning will be urged into some business transaction which requires his presence, or will by some other means be prevented from hearing the words that might prove to him a savor of life unto life.

Again, Satan sees the Lord's servants burdened because of the spiritual darkness that enshrouds the people. He hears their earnest prayers for divine grace and power to break the spell of indifference, carelessness, and indolence. Then with renewed zeal he plies his arts. He tempts men to the indulgence of appetite or to some other form of self-gratification, and thus benumbs their sensibilities so that they fail to hear the very things which they most need to learn.

Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of the Scriptures, will be overcome by his attacks. Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind. There has ever been a class professing godliness, who, instead of following on to know the truth, make it their religion to seek some fault of character or error of faith in those with whom they do not agree. Such are Satan's right-hand helpers. Accusers of the brethren are not few, and they are always active when God is at work and His servants are rendering Him true homage. They will put a false coloring upon the words and acts of those who love and obey the truth. They will represent the most earnest, zealous, self-denying servants of Christ as deceived or deceivers. It is their work to misrepresent the motives of every true and noble deed, to circulate insinuations, and arouse suspicion in the minds of the inexperienced. In every conceivable manner they will seek to cause that which is pure and righteous to be regarded as foul and deceptive.

But none need be deceived concerning them. It may be readily seen whose children they are, whose example they follow, and whose work they do. "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Matthew 7:16. Their course resembles that of Satan, the envenomed slanderer, "the accuser of our brethren." Revelation 12:10.

The great deceiver has many agents ready to present any and every kind of error to ensnare souls--heresies prepared to suit the varied tastes and capacities of those whom he would ruin. It is his plan to bring into the church insincere, unregenerate elements that will encourage doubt and unbelief, and hinder all who desire to see the work of God advance and to advance with it. Many who have no real faith in God or in His word assent to some principles of truth and pass as Christians, and thus they are enabled to introduce their errors as Scriptural doctrines.

The position that it is of no consequence what men believe is one of Satan's most successful deceptions. He knows that the truth, received in the love of it, sanctifies the soul of the receiver; therefore he is constantly seeking to substitute false theories, fables, another gospel. From the beginning the servants of God have contended against false teachers, not merely as vicious men, but as inculcators of falsehoods that were fatal to the soul. Elijah, Jeremiah, Paul, firmly and fearlessly opposed those who were turning men from the word of God. That liberality which regards a correct religious faith as unimportant found no favor with these holy defenders of the truth.

The vague and fanciful interpretations of Scripture, and the many conflicting theories concerning religious faith, that are found in the Christian world are the work of our great adversary to confuse minds so that they shall not discern the truth. And the discord and division which exist among the churches of Christendom are in a great measure due to the prevailing custom of wresting the Scriptures to support a favorite theory. Instead of carefully studying God's word with humility of heart to obtain a knowledge of His will, many seek only to discover something odd or original.

In order to sustain erroneous doctrines or unchristian practices, some will seize upon passages of Scripture separated from the context, perhaps quoting half of a single verse as proving their point, when the remaining portion would show the meaning to be quite the opposite. With the cunning of the serpent they entrench themselves behind disconnected utterances construed to suit their carnal desires. Thus do many willfully pervert the word of God. Others, who have an active imagination, seize upon the figures and symbols of Holy Writ, interpret them to suit their fancy, with little regard to the testimony of Scripture as its own interpreter, and then they present their vagaries as the teachings of the Bible.

Whenever the study of the Scriptures is entered upon without a prayerful, humble, teachable spirit, the plainest and simplest as well as the most difficult passages will be wrested from their true meaning. The papal leaders select such portions of Scripture as best serve their purpose, interpret to suit themselves, and then present these to the people, while they deny them the privilege of studying the Bible and understanding its sacred truths for themselves. The whole Bible should be given to the people just as it reads. It would be better for them not to have Bible instruction at all than to have the teaching of the Scriptures thus grossly misrepresented.

The Bible was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker. God gave to men the sure word of prophecy; angels and even Christ Himself came to make known to Daniel and John the things that must shortly come to pass. Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery. They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after truth. Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk: "Write the vision, and make it plain, . . . that he may run that readeth it." Habakkuk 2:2. The word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. "Light is sown for the righteous." Psalm 97:11. And no church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure.

By the cry, Liberality, men are blinded to the devices of their adversary, while he is all the time working steadily for the accomplishment of his object. As he succeeds in supplanting the Bible by human speculations, the law of God is set aside, and the churches are under the bondage of sin while they claim to be free.

To many, scientific research has become a curse. God has permitted a flood of light to be poured upon the world in discoveries in science and art; but even the greatest minds, if not guided by the word of God in their research, become bewildered in their attempts to investigate the relations of science and revelation.

Human knowledge of both material and spiritual things is partial and imperfect; therefore many are unable to harmonize their views of science with Scripture statements. Many accept mere theories and speculations as scientific facts, and they think that God's word is to be tested by the teachings of "science falsely so called." 1 Timothy 6:20. The Creator and His works are beyond their comprehension; and because they cannot explain these by natural laws, Bible history is regarded as unreliable. Those who doubt the reliability of the records of the Old and New Testaments too often go a step further and doubt the existence of God and attribute infinite power to nature. Having let go their anchor, they are left to beat about upon the rocks of infidelity.

Thus many err from the faith and are seduced by the devil. Men have endeavored to be wiser than their Creator; human philosophy has attempted to search out and explain mysteries which will never be revealed through the eternal ages. If men would but search and understand what God had made known of Himself and His purposes, they would obtain such a view of the glory, majesty, and power of Jehovah that they would realize their own littleness and would be content with that which has been revealed for themselves and their children.

It is a masterpiece of Satan's deceptions to keep the minds of men searching and conjecturing in regard to that which God has not made known and which He does not intend that we shall understand. It was thus that Lucifer lost his place in heaven. He became dissatisfied because all the secrets of God's purposes were not confided to him, and he entirely disregarded that which was revealed concerning his own work in the lofty position assigned him. By arousing the same discontent in the angels under his command, he caused their fall. Now he seeks to imbue the minds of men with the same spirit and to lead them also to disregard the direct commands of God.

Those who are unwilling to accept the plain, cutting truths of the Bible are continually seeking for pleasing fables that will quiet the conscience. The less spiritual, self-denying, and humiliating the doctrines presented, the greater the favor with which they are received. These persons degrade the intellectual powers to serve their carnal desires. Too wise in their own conceit to search the Scriptures with contrition of soul and earnest prayer for divine guidance, they have no shield from delusion. Satan is ready to supply the heart's desire, and he palms off his deceptions in the place of truth. It was thus that the papacy gained its power over the minds of men; and by rejection of the truth because it involves a cross, Protestants are following the same path. All who neglect the word of God to study convenience and policy, that they may not be at variance with the world, will be left to receive damnable heresy for religious truth. Every conceivable form of error will be accepted by those who willfully reject the truth. He who looks with horror upon one deception will readily receive another. The apostle Paul, speaking of a class who "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," declares: "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12. With such a warning before us it behooves us to be on our guard as to what doctrines we receive.

Among the most successful agencies of the great deceiver are the delusive teachings and lying wonders of spiritualism. Disguised as an angel of light, he spreads his nets where least suspected. If men would but study the Book of God with earnest prayer that they might understand it, they would not be left in darkness to receive false doctrines. But as they reject the truth they fall a prey to deception.

Another dangerous error is the doctrine that denies the deity of Christ, claiming that He had no existence before His advent to this world. This theory is received with favor by a large class who profess to believe the Bible; yet it directly contradicts the plainest statements of our Saviour concerning His relationship with the Father, His divine character, and His pre-existence. It cannot be entertained without the most unwarranted wresting of the Scriptures. It not only lowers man's conceptions of the work of redemption, but undermines faith in the Bible as a revelation from God. While this renders it the more dangerous, it makes it also harder to meet. If men reject the testimony of the inspired Scriptures concerning the deity of Christ, it is in vain to argue the point with them; for no argument, however conclusive, could convince them. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14. None who hold this error can have a true conception of the character or the mission of Christ, or of the great plan of God for man's redemption.

Still another subtle and mischievous error is the fast-spreading belief that Satan has no existence as a personal being; that the name is used in Scripture merely to represent men's evil thoughts and desires. The teaching so widely echoed from popular pulpits, that the second advent of Christ is His coming to each individual at death, is a device to divert the minds of men from His personal coming in the clouds of heaven. For years Satan has thus been saying, "Behold, He is in the secret chambers" (Matthew 24:23-26); and many souls have been lost by accepting this deception.

Again, worldly wisdom teaches that prayer is not essential. Men of science claim that there can be no real answer to prayer; that this would be a violation of law, a miracle, and that miracles have no existence. The universe, say they, is governed by fixed laws, and God Himself does nothing contrary to these laws. Thus they represent God as bound by His own laws--as if the operation of divine laws could exclude divine freedom. Such teaching is opposed to the testimony of the Scriptures. Were not miracles wrought by Christ and His apostles? The same compassionate Saviour lives today, and He is as willing to listen to the prayer of faith as when He walked visibly among men. The natural cooperates with the supernatural. It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask.

Innumerable are the erroneous doctrines and fanciful ideas that are obtaining among the churches of Christendom. It is impossible to estimate the evil results of removing one of the landmarks fixed by the word of God. Few who venture to do this stop with the rejection of a single truth. The majority continue to set aside one after another of the principles of truth, until they become actual infidels.

The errors of popular theology have driven many a soul to skepticism who might otherwise have been a believer in the Scriptures. It is impossible for him to accept doctrines which outrage his sense of justice, mercy, and benevolence; and since these are represented as the teaching of the Bible, he refuses to receive it as the word of God.

And this is the object which Satan seeks to accomplish. There is nothing that he desires more than to destroy confidence in God and in His word. Satan stands at the head of the great army of doubters, and he works to the utmost of his power to beguile souls into his ranks. It is becoming fashionable to doubt. There is a large class by whom the word of God is looked upon with distrust for the same reason as was its Author--because it reproves and condemns sin. Those who are unwilling to obey its requirements endeavor to overthrow its authority. They read the Bible, or listen to its teachings as presented from the sacred desk, merely to find fault with the Scriptures or with the sermon. Not a few become infidels in order to justify or excuse themselves in neglect of duty. Others adopt skeptical principles from pride and indolence. Too ease-loving to distinguish themselves by accomplishing anything worthy of honor, which requires effort and self-denial, they aim to secure a reputation for superior wisdom by criticizing the Bible. There is much which the finite mind, unenlightened by divine wisdom, is powerless to comprehend; and thus they find occasion to criticize. There are many who seem to feel that it is a virtue to stand on the side of unbelief, skepticism, and infidelity. But underneath an appearance of candor it will be found that such persons are actuated by self-confidence and pride. Many delight in finding something in the Scriptures to puzzle the minds of others. Some at first criticize and reason on the wrong side, from a mere love of controversy. They do not realize that they are thus entangling themselves in the snare of the fowler. But having openly expressed unbelief, they feel that they must maintain their position. Thus they unite with the ungodly and close to themselves the gates of Paradise.

God has given in His word sufficient evidence of its divine character. The great truths which concern our redemption are clearly presented. By the aid of the Holy Spirit, which is promised to

all who seek it in sincerity, every man may understand these truths for himself. God has granted to men a strong foundation upon which to rest their faith.

Yet the finite minds of men are inadequate fully to comprehend the plans and purposes of the Infinite One. We can never by searching find out God. We must not attempt to lift with presumptuous hand the curtain behind which He veils His majesty. The apostle exclaims: "How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" Romans 11:33. We can so far comprehend His dealings with us, and the motives by which He is actuated, that we may discern boundless love and mercy united to infinite power. Our Father in heaven orders everything in wisdom and righteousness, and we are not to be dissatisfied and distrustful, but to bow in reverent submission. He will reveal to us as much of His purposes as it is for our good to know, and beyond that we must trust the Hand that is omnipotent, the Heart that is full of love.

While God has given ample evidence for faith, He will never remove all excuse for unbelief. All who look for hooks to hang their doubts upon will find them. And those who refuse to accept and obey God's word until every objection has been removed, and there is no longer an opportunity for doubt, will never come to the light.

Distrust of God is the natural outgrowth of the unrenewed heart, which is at enmity with Him. But faith is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it will flourish only as it is cherished. No man can become strong in faith without a determined effort. Unbelief strengthens as it is encouraged; and if men, instead of dwelling upon the evidences which God has given to sustain their faith, permit themselves to question and cavil, they will find their doubts constantly becoming more confirmed.

But those who doubt God's promises and distrust the assurance of His grace are dishonoring Him; and their influence, instead of drawing others to Christ, tends to repel them from Him. They are unproductive trees, that spread their dark branches far and wide, shutting away the sunlight from other plants, and causing them to droop and die under the chilling shadow. The lifework of these persons will appear as a never-ceasing witness against them. They are sowing seeds of doubt and skepticism that will yield an unfailing harvest.

There is but one course for those to pursue who honestly desire to be freed from doubts. Instead of questioning and caviling concerning that which they do not understand, let them give heed to the light which already shines upon them, and they will receive greater light. Let them do every duty which has been made plain to their understanding, and they will be enabled to understand and perform those of which they are now in doubt.

Satan can present a counterfeit so closely resembling the truth that it deceives those who are willing to be deceived, who desire to shun the self-denial and sacrifice demanded by the truth; but it is impossible for him to hold under his power one soul who honestly desires, at whatever cost, to know the truth. Christ is the truth and the "Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." John 1:9. The Spirit of truth has been sent to guide men into all truth. And upon the authority of the Son of God it is declared: "Seek, and ye shall find." "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." Matthew 7:7; John 7:17.

The followers of Christ know little of the plots which Satan and his hosts are forming against them. But He who sitteth in the heavens will overrule all these devices for the accomplishment of His deep designs. The Lord permits His people to be subjected to the fiery ordeal of temptation, not because He takes pleasure in their distress and affliction, but because this process is essential to their final victory. He could not, consistently with His own glory, shield them from temptation; for the very object of the trial is to prepare them to resist all the allurements of evil.

Neither wicked men nor devils can hinder the work of God, or shut out His presence from His people, if they will, with subdued, contrite hearts, confess and put away their sins, and in faith claim His promises. Every temptation, every opposing influence, whether open or secret, may be successfully resisted, "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6.

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers. . . . And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" 1 Peter 3:12, 13. When Balaam, allured by the promise of rich rewards, practiced enchantments against Israel, and by sacrifices to the Lord sought to invoke a curse upon His people, the Spirit of God forbade the evil which he longed to pronounce, and Balaam was forced to exclaim: "How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied?" "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" When sacrifice had again been offered, the ungodly prophet declared: "Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a King is among them." "Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!" Yet a third time altars were erected, and again Balaam essayed to secure a curse. But from the unwilling lips of the prophet, the Spirit of God declared the prosperity of His chosen, and rebuked the folly and malice of their foes: "Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee." Numbers 23:8, 10, 20, 21, 23; 24:9.

The people of Israel were at this time loyal to God; and so long as they continued in obedience to His law, no power in earth or hell could prevail against them. But the curse which Balaam had not been permitted to pronounce against God's people, he finally succeeded in bringing upon them by seducing them into sin. When they transgressed God's commandments, then they separated themselves from Him, and they were left to feel the power of the destroyer.

Satan is well aware that the weakest soul who abides in Christ is more than a match for the hosts of darkness, and that, should he reveal himself openly, he would be met and resisted. Therefore he seeks to draw away the soldiers of the cross from their strong fortification, while he lies in ambush with his forces, ready to destroy all who venture upon his ground. Only in humble reliance upon God, and obedience to all His commandments, can we be secure.

No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer. Especially should we entreat the Lord for wisdom to understand His word. Here are revealed the wiles of the tempter and the means by which he may be successfully resisted. Satan is an expert in quoting Scripture, placing his own interpretation upon passages, by which he hopes to cause us to stumble. We should study the

Bible with humility of heart, never losing sight of our dependence upon God. While we must constantly guard against the devices of Satan, we should pray in faith continually: "Lead us not into temptation."