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2017 ANNUAL COUNCIL



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PROGRAM & AGENDA

2017

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OF THE
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

OCTOBER 5-11, 2017

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Silver Spring, Maryland

WEDNESDAY PROGRAM

October 4, 2017

3:00-6:00 pm Registration

THURSDAY PROGRAM

October 5, 2017

8:00-9:00 am	Devotional
9:00 am-12:30 pm	LEAD Conference
2:00-5:30 pm	LEAD Conference

FRIDAY PROGRAM

October 6, 2017

8:00-9:00 am	Devotional
9:00 am-12:00 pm	LEAD Conference
6:30-8:30 pm	Mission Advance

SABBATH PROGRAM

October 7, 2017

8:15-8:40 am	Prayer Time (Front of Auditorium)
8:45 am	Sabbath School, Ramon Canals
10:35 am	Divine Service, Ted N C Wilson
2:00-4:00 pm	Mission Advance
4:00-6:00pm	North American Division Headquarters Tour

DAILY PROGRAM

October 8, 2017

7:00-7:45 am	Steering Committee (Executive Dining Room)
7:15-7:45 am	Prayer Time (Front of Auditorium)
8:00-9:00 am	Devotional
10:00 am-5:00 pm	Prayer Chapel Hours
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Business Meeting

LUNCH

2:00-5:30 pm	Business Meeting
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October 9, 2017

7:00-7:45 am	Steering Committee (Executive Dining Room)
7:15-7:45 am	Prayer Time (Front of Auditorium)
8:00-9:00 am	Devotional
10:00 am-5:00 pm	Prayer Chapel Hours
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Business Meeting

LUNCH

1:30-6:00 pm	Business Meeting
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October 10, 2017

7:00-7:45 am	Steering Committee (Executive Dining Room)
7:15-7:45 am	Prayer Time (Front of Auditorium)

8:00-9:00 am	Devotional
10:00 am-5:00 pm	Prayer Chapel Hours
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Business Meeting
LUNCH	
2:00-5:30 pm	Business Meeting

October 11, 2017

7:00-7:45 am	Steering Committee (Executive Dining Room)
7:15-7:45 am	Prayer Time (Front of Auditorium)
8:00-9:00 am	Devotional
10:00 am-5:00 pm	Prayer Chapel Hours
9:00 am-1:00 pm	Business Meeting

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DEVOTIONAL TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

8:00 - 9:00 am

Reach the World: Faithfulness to His Word

Sunday, October 8

Michael Hasel

“Why Historical Matters Matter to Faith”

Monday, October 9

Heidi Carpenter and
Ranela Kaligithi

“Filled With the Fullness of God”

Tuesday, October 10

Michael Hasel

“A More Sure Word of Prophecy”

Wednesday, October 11

Wayne Blakely

“Did God Really Say...?”

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

Silver Spring, Maryland

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Editor</u>
<u>Thursday, October 5</u>			
am	Artur A Steele	G T Ng	Myron A Iseminger
pm	Ella S Simmons	Gary D Krause	Myron A Iseminger
<u>Friday, October 6</u>			
am	Geoffrey G Mbwana	Hensley M Mooroooven	Myron A Iseminger
pm	Guillermo E Biaggi	Karen J Porter	Myron A Iseminger
<u>Sabbath, October 7</u>			
pm	Abner De los Santos	Claude J Richli	Myron A Iseminger
<u>Sunday, October 8</u>			
am	Ted N C Wilson	Gerson P Santos	Myron A Iseminger
pm	Ted N C Wilson Ella S Simmons	John H Thomas	Myron A Iseminger
<u>Monday, October 9</u>			
am	Ted N C Wilson Guillermo E Biaggi	G Alexander Bryant	Myron A Iseminger
pm	Ted N C Wilson	Gary D Krause	Myron A Iseminger
<u>Tuesday, October 10</u>			
am	Ted N C Wilson Geoffrey G Mbwana	Hensley M Mooroooven	Myron A Iseminger
pm	Ted N C Wilson Thomas L Lemon	Karen J Porter	Myron A Iseminger
<u>Wednesday, October 11</u>			
am	Ted N C Wilson Artur A Steele	Claude J Richli	Myron A Iseminger

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EXPLANATION OF CODING AND FORMAT

This explanation is to help you use the 2017 Annual Council agenda and support material.

1. The agenda lists the items of business that are to be considered at the business meetings of the Annual Council. Except for a few routine items, almost all have been considered previously at meetings of the General Conference Executive Committee or its standing subcommittees.

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, three, or 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 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, is the reference line. This line identifies the source(s), traces the history of the item, and also shows its routing. The glossary on pages I to K identifies the organizations and committees which 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 are the initials of the General Conference officer who is responsible for presenting the item. Occasionally, its future routing is suggested also.

6. If a 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
AIAS	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
HC	Hope Channel
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
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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Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Coordinating Committee (ASICoordCom) (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add Kim, Si Young, NSD President
 Ng'Andu, Alvert, SID ASI Member

Delete Lee, Jairyong, NSD President

Adventist University of Africa Board of Trustees (AUABdofT) (GCC-B)—Membership Adjustment

Add Ngomba, Hopekings K

Delete Nthani, Goodwell

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

Add Blanchard, Gary T
 Canals, Ramon J

General Conference Executive Committee (GCC)—Membership Adjustment

Add Chaparro, John, Additional Pastor/Frontline (IAD)
 Chicanha, Jones, Additional Pastor/Frontline (SID)
 Nemoto, Yoshikazu, Layperson (NSD)
 Sunderam, Dennis Davidson, Additional Pastor/Frontline (SUD)

Delete Chala, Fernando, Additional Pastor/Frontline (SID)
 Miyata, Hitoshi, Layperson (NSD)
 Ralat, Leroy, Additional Pastor/Frontline (IAD)
 Zachriah, Anbudurai A, Additional Pastor/Frontline (SUD)

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

Add Kim, Si Young, NSD President

Delete Lee, Jairyong, NSD President

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

Add Gober Park, Carla (LLU)
 Kim, Si Young, NSD President
 Shepherd, Thomas (AU)

Delete Lee, Jairyong, NSD President

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

Add Blanchard, Gary T (or designee)
 Canals, Ramon J, Secretary

Delete Canals, Ramon J, Member

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.

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3 114-17G STANDING COMMITTEES—ANNUAL COUNCIL - 2017

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5 RECOMMENDED, To approve standing committees for the 2017 Annual Council, as follows:

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7 NOMINATING

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9 Ted N C Wilson, Chair

10 G T Ng, Secretary

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12 Members: Timothy H Aka, Delbert W Baker, Rudy R Baloyo, Guillermo E Biaggi, Elias
13 Brasil de Souza, Mario Brito, Beseniah B Buraga, Christine Burt, Ramon Canals, Edson
14 Carvalho, Francis F Daria, Abner De los Santos, Daniel Devadhas, Margaret C Dines, Michael A
15 Ditta, George O Egwakhe, Mark A Finley, Myron A Iseminger, Daniel R Jackson, Raafat A
16 Kamal, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Si Young Kim, Erton C Kohler, Shurman R Kook, Ezras Lakra,

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18 Nancy A Lamoreaux, Louie Lasta, Israel J Leito, Thomas L Lemon, Andrea T Luxton,
19 Solomon Maphosa, Almir Marroni, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Richard E McEdward, Duane McKey,
20 Robert S Muhune, David Nommik, Timothy E Northrop, Stanislav V Nosov, Magdiel E Perez
21 Schulz, Leslie N Pollard, Karen J Porter, Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Claude J Richli, Blasious M
22 Ruguri, Michael L Ryan, Saw Samuel, Ella S Simmons, Johnkutty Simson, Lionel H Smith,

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24 Florence M Sombie, Artur A Stele, Stefan Tomoiaga, Glenn C Townend, Filiberto M
25 Verduzco, J Raymond Wahlen II, Elie Weick-Dido, Norbert G Zens, Enming Zhao.

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28 STEERING

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30 Ted N C Wilson, Chair

31 Myron A Iseminger, Secretary

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33 Members: Timothy H Aka, Guillermo E Biaggi, G Alexander Bryant, Sheri Clemmer,
34 Abner De los Santos, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, G Thomas Evans, Larry R
35 Evans, Mark A Finley, Daniel R Jackson, Gary D Krause, Nancy A Lamoreaux, Thomas L
36 Lemon, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Duane McKey, Hensley M Mooroooven, G T Ng, Daisy J F Orion,
37 Lissy Park, Delbert B Pearman, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Karen J Porter, Juan R Prestol-Puesan,

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39 Claude J Richli, Michael L Ryan, Gerson P Santos, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Stele,
40 Miriam Taylor, John H Thomas, J Raymond Wahlen II.

2017 Annual Council
Executive Secretary's Report
G T Ng

ADVENTISM 911

EMERGENCY LANDING

EMERGENCY NUMBER 911

ADVENTISM 911

1. The Marion Rebellion
2. The Canright Defection
3. The 1888 Theological Crisis
4. The 1901 Organizational Crisis
5. The Kellogg Crisis
6. The Conradi Defection
7. The Ford Crisis

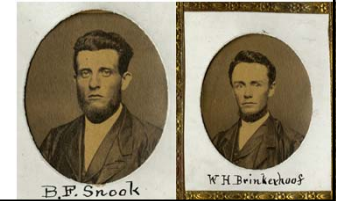
ADVENTISM 911 #1

THE MARION REBELLION (1860s)

THE MARION REBELLION (1860s)

B. F. Snook
Iowa Conference president

W. H. Brinkerhoff
Iowa Conference secretary



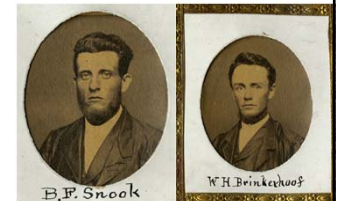
Iowa Conference Session, July 1865

Carried on a campaign of criticism and disaffection against the general leadership of the Church, especially the prophetic ministry of Ellen White.

Questioned major church doctrines such as the Three Angels' Messages and the 2300-day prophecy.



Consequences of the Rebellion



ADVENTISM 911 #2

THE CANRIGHT DEFECTION (1887)



D. M. Canright

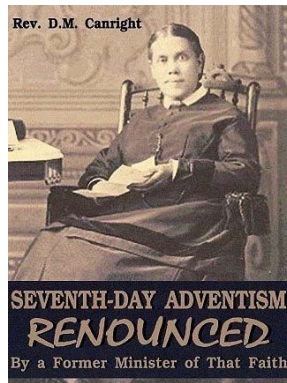
- Baptized in 1859 at the age of 19.
- Ordained by James White and J. N. Loughborough at Battle Creek, Michigan.
- Worked as an Adventist minister for 22 years.
- Outstanding debater.
- Leading evangelist.

Defection in 1887

Seventh-day Adventism Renounced

413 pages

Published in 1888



Consequences of the Defection

ADVENTISM 911 #3

THE 1888 THEOLOGICAL CRISIS



CLASH OF THE TITANS

Leading one party were G. I. Butler and Uriah Smith, the General Conference president and secretary.

Pitched against them were A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner, the two young editors of the *Signs of the Times*, based in California.

Theological Issue

Interpretation of the law in Galatians 3:19-25 in relation to the doctrine of righteousness by faith.

Ellen White sided with Jones and Waggoner.

"The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Savior, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world."

TM 91

“The message of the gospel of His grace was to be given to the Church in clear and distinct lines, that the world should no longer say that Seventh-day Adventists talk the law, the law, but do not teach or believe Christ.”

TM 92

“I have been instructed that the terrible experience at the Minneapolis Conference is one of the saddest chapters in the history of the believers in present truth.”

Letter 179, 1902, p. 10 (To Elder C.P. Bollman, November 19, 1902) 3MR 295.1

“Never before have I seen among our people such firm self-complacency and unwillingness to accept and acknowledge light as was manifested at Minneapolis.”

3MR 191.1

“The angel of the Lord stood by me and said: ‘Not so; God has a work for you to do in this place. The people are acting over the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. I have placed you in your proper position, which those who are not in the light will not acknowledge; they will not heed your testimony; but I will be with you; My grace and power shall sustain you. It is not you they are despising, but the messengers and the message I send to My people.’”

3MR 191

ADVENTISM 911 #4

THE 1901 ORGANIZATIONAL CRISIS



It was a crisis of confidence in the General Conference leadership.

“That these men should stand in a sacred place, to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be, — that is past. What we want now is a reorganization. We want to begin at the foundation, and to build upon a different principle.”

General Conference Bulletin, April 3, 1901, par. 25

“Now I want to say, God has not put any kingly power in our ranks to control this or that branch of the work. The work has been greatly restricted by the efforts to control it in every line.... There must be a renovation, a reorganization; a power and strength must be brought into the committees that are necessary.”

General Conference Bulletin, April 3, 1901, par. 34

"In the work of the Lord for these last days there should be no Jerusalem centers, no kingly power. And the work in the different countries is not to be tied up by contracts to the work centering in Battle Creek, for this is not God's plan."

12MR 66

"Never should the mind of one man or the minds of a few men be regarded as sufficient in wisdom and power to control the work and say what plans shall be followed. The burden of the work in this broad field should not rest upon two or three men."

Manuscript 43, 1901 (5BIO 76.4)

ADVENTISM 911 #5

THE KELLOGG CRISIS



Dr. John Harvey Kellogg

Kellogg possessed extraordinary gifts as a surgeon, inventor, educator, administrator, writer, and public speaker.

He authored more than 50 books.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg

Harvey invented cornflakes, peanut butter, caramel-cereal coffee, and many other formulas—about 80 in all. He single-handedly changed the American breakfast.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg

Toward the end of the 19th century, Kellogg came into conflict with the General Conference leadership over his attempt to control all institutions he had established, namely the Battle Creek Sanitarium, the Battle Creek Food Company, and the health institution in Mexico.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg

Kellogg wrote the book *The Living Temple* in which he espoused the principles of pantheism, the belief of a divine presence in all living things.

Ellen White remarked that the book contained the “alpha of deadly heresies”. 1SM 200

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg

In 1907, Kellogg was disfellowshipped by the Battle Creek Tabernacle Church.

A few days before the dismissal, Kellogg was interviewed by two veteran Adventist ministers. During that notorious seven-hour interview, Kellogg boldly declared, “I don’t see anything ahead of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination but complete wreckage”. (The Kellogg File, closed 1907, reopened 1986, p. 85).

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg

Subsequently, Battle Creek Sanitarium separated from the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A major crisis ensued.

The Advent movement seemed ready to split down the center, weakened beyond recovery.

ADVENTISM 911 #6

THE CONRADI DEFECTION



Louis Richard Conradi (1856-1939)

Conradi, one of the noted European leaders of our Church, was a German national educated in Battle Creek College after he immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 17.

He was converted to the Adventist faith in 1878.

Louis Richard Conradi (1856-1939)

He became the first leader of the General European Conference in 1901. Later, he was elected as the president of the European Division. He remained leader of the Church in Europe until 1922.

Louis Richard Conradi (1856-1939)

Conradi is credited with phenomenal membership growth in Europe for some forty years. He was well known for his pioneering spirit and missionary zeal, developing new work in Middle Eastern countries such as Egypt, Turkey, and Palestine, as well as in African countries such as Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, South Africa, Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia.

Louis Richard Conradi (1856-1939)

From 1909 to 1914, the veteran missionary opened up new mission frontiers in Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, and Chile.

Louis Richard Conradi (1856-1939)

In 1922, Conradi was replaced by L. H. Christian as the head of the European Adventist Church. It was a fateful disappointment to him. He felt he was “ousted” from the European leadership position which he had occupied for twenty years or more.

Louis Richard Conradi (1856-1939)

Through the years, Conradi had a number of theological issues with the Church. He did not fully embrace Ellen White’s prophetic authority, arguing that her writings should be regarded as devotional and not doctrinal.

Louis Richard Conradi (1856-1939)

Two hearings were held to examine his doctrinal positions. The first was convened in the summer of 1931 in Friedensau, Germany, and the second one in October of the same year in Omaha, Nebraska where a group of 34 administrators and scholars assembled to hear him.

Louis Richard Conradi (1856-1939)

In 1932, at the age of 76, having worked for the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 52 years, Conradi turned in his ministerial credential in Washington, D.C. and with that separated himself from the Adventist Church and became a minister for the Seventh Day Baptists.

ADVENTISM 911 #7

THE FORD CRISIS



Desmond Ford (1929-)

Ford was educated in Australasian Missionary College (later known as Avondale College). He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1958, and Master's degree in systematic theology in 1959 at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, and his PhD in the rhetorical analysis of Paul's letters from Michigan State University in 1961.

Desmond Ford (1929-)

He returned to Australia in the same year and became the head of the religion department at Avondale College where he served for over 16 years. He was a member of the Biblical Research Committee (BRI) in Australia and the United States.

Desmond Ford (1929-)

In 1977 Ford began teaching religion, for a total of three years, at Pacific Union College in California.

Desmond Ford (1929-)

In 1979, Ford was asked by the Association of Adventist Forums to address the ramifications of Hebrews chapter 9 and their impact on the Adventist doctrine of 1844 and the investigative judgment. In his talk, he raised questions about the traditional understanding of the doctrine of the sanctuary in relation to the investigative judgment.

Desmond Ford (1929-)

He was asked to appear at the General Conference to answer questions.

Subsequently, he was given six months to write out his views. His research culminated in a 991-page manuscript entitled "Daniel 8:14, the Day of Atonement, and the Investigative Judgment."

Desmond Ford (1929-)

In August 1980, the 114-member Sanctuary Review Committee, comprised of administrators and theologians, convened at Glacier View Ranch in Colorado, U.S. to examine his manuscript.

Desmond Ford (1929-)

During the week-long event, Ford maintained that the doctrine of the investigative judgment had no scriptural support because in his view only the wicked were judged, not the righteous, and because judgment for the righteous was equated with justification by faith.

Desmond Ford (1929-)

The Sanctuary Review Committee concluded that Ford's view undercut the doctrine of the sanctuary as the Church understood it. As a result, Ford's ministerial credentials were withdrawn and he lost his employment as a theology professor.

"The one who does not remember history is bound to live through it again."

George Santayana

Special Song “Remind Me Dear Lord”

REMINDER #1

Remind us, dear Lord, who we are and what we are about.

REMINDER #2

Remind us, dear Lord, that You are on the throne.

REMINDER #3

Remind us, dear Lord, that rebellion has no future,
and that there will not be the coming out of another
church.

REMINDER #4

Remind us, dear Lord, that the Church is far from perfect.

REMINDER #5

Remind us, dear Lord, that distraction doesn't pay.
Mission must go on.

- Until then our hearts will go on singing
- Until then our hearts will go on loving
- Until then our hearts will go on praying
- Until then our hearts will go on uniting
- Until then our hearts will go on forgiving
- Until then our hearts will go on forbearing
- Until then our hearts will go on preaching and evangelizing until Jesus comes

PUB/ADCOM/PreC/SecC/TreC/GCDO17AC to GEB-17AC(DIV)

113-17G PUBLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDED, For each division and union to establish an Administrative Publishing Committee, with the recommended terms of reference and membership, as follows:

DIVISION PUBLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

General Conference Publishing Ministries recommends each division establish a Division Administrative Publishing Committee. This committee shall meet at least once a year with the purpose of giving administrative supervision to Publishing Ministries operations in order to accomplish the mission of the Church and to promote self-supporting standards for Publishing Ministries programs within the division's territory. It is important to *not have a large group* of members; however, the committee should have adequate representation of Publishing Ministries stakeholders.

RECOMMENDED MEMBERS

- Division President, Chair
- Division Treasurer, Vice-chair
- Division Publishing Director, Secretary
- Division Secretary
- Division Department Directors, as specifically needed
- Union Presidents
- Union Treasurers
- Union Publishing Directors
- Publishing House Managers
- Publishing House Treasurers
- Union Home Health Education Service (HHES) Managers
- Union HHES Treasurers

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Evaluate and give guidelines for Publishing Ministries operations.
2. Review and recommend policies regarding literature evangelist's (LE's) benefits, assistant's salary, student LE's scholarships, price structure, etc.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Power to act.
2. Recommend to the Division such as Executive Committee.

113-17G PUBLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES - 2

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| 1 | 3. | Plan for division-wide publishing | 3. | Power to act. |
| 2 | | development in the three areas of | | |
| 3 | | distribution: full-time/part-time LE | | |
| 4 | | program; student LE program; church | | |
| 5 | | member involvement in sharing | | |
| 6 | | missionary literature. | | |
| 7 | | | | |
| 8 | 4. | Provide guidelines, support and | 4. | Recommend to the Division |
| 9 | | evaluation of book production and | | Executive Committee. |
| 10 | | distribution systems. | | |
| 11 | | | | |
| 12 | 5. | Receive reports from publishing houses | 5. | Power to act. |
| 13 | | and HHES. | | |
| 14 | | | | |

UNION ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

General Conference Publishing Ministries recommends that each union establish a Union Administrative Publishing Committee. This committee shall meet at least once a year to give administrative supervision to Publishing Ministries operations in accomplishing the mission of the Church and promote self-supporting standards for the Publishing Ministries program within the union's territory.

RECOMMENDED MEMBERS

- Union President, Chair
- Union Treasurer, Vice-chair
- Union Publishing Director, Secretary
- Union Secretary
- Union Department Directors, as specifically needed
- Conference Presidents
- Conference Treasurers
- Conference Publishing Directors
- Publishing House Manager
- Publishing House Treasurer
- Publishing House Sales Manager
- Union Home Health Education Service/Adventist Book Center (HHES/ABC) Manager
- Union HHES/ABC Treasurer

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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| 1. | Evaluate and give guidelines for Publishing Ministries operations. |
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AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

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| 1. | Power to act. |
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113-17G PUBLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES - 3

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| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | 2. | Review and recommend policies | 2. | Recommend to the Union Executive |
| 3 | | regarding literature evangelist's (LE's) | | Committee. |
| 4 | | benefits, assistant's salary, student LE's | | |
| 5 | | scholarships, price structure, etc. | | |
| 6 | | | | |
| 7 | 3. | Plan for union-wide publishing | 3. | Power to act. |
| 8 | | development in three areas of | | |
| 9 | | distribution: full-time/part-time | | |
| 10 | | LE program; student LE program; | | |
| 11 | | church member involvement in | | |
| 12 | | sharing missionary literature. | | |
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| 14 | 4. | Provide guidelines, support, and | 4. | Recommend to the Union Executive |
| 15 | | evaluation of book production and | | Committee. |
| 16 | | distribution systems. | | |
| 17 | | | | |
| 18 | 5. | Receive reports from Publishing | 5. | Power to act. |
| 19 | | Houses and HHES. | | |

115-17GS ZIMBABWE UNION CONFERENCE—REORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDED, To reorganize the Zimbabwe Union Conference in the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division into three union conferences, effective January 1, 2018, as follows:

1. The Zimbabwe Central Union Conference with constituency from Central Zimbabwe Conference and North-West Zimbabwe Conference, with headquarters in Gweru, Zimbabwe.
2. The Zimbabwe East Union Conference with constituency from East Zimbabwe Conference and North Zimbabwe Conference, with headquarters in Harare, Zimbabwe.
3. The Zimbabwe West Union Conference with constituency from South Zimbabwe Conference and West Zimbabwe Conference, with headquarters in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

General Conference Survey Commission Report

Zimbabwe Union Conference

September 7, 2017

Pursuant to the action taken by the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division during their Year-end Executive Committee on November 7, 2016:

16-075 ZIMBABWE UNION CONFERENCE – REALIGNMENT

VOTED to approve and pass on to General Conference the request of Zimbabwe Union Conference for the GC Survey Commission to assess the realignment of its territory into two Union Conferences and one Union Mission.

And pursuant to the action taken by the General Conference ADCOM on May 16, 2017:

ZIMBABWE UNION CONFERENCE SURVEY COMMISSION (ADCOM-A)—APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint a Zimbabwe Union Conference Survey Commission (ADCOM A), to study the readiness of the Zimbabwe Union Conference for territorial realignment,

On September 4-7, 2017 the GC Survey Commission, comprised of the following members, met in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe:

Members: Thomas L Lemon (GC Vice President) [Chair], Hensley M Mooroooven (GC Associate Secretary) [Secretary], Solomon Maphosa (SID President), Elie Weick-Dido (WAD President), Ezras Lakra (SUD President)

Advisors: Paminus Machamire (SID Vice President), Hopekings Ngomba (SID Treasurer), Gideon P Reyneke (SID Executive Secretary)

Invitees: Micah Choga (ZUC President), Enock Chifamba (ZUC Executive Secretary), Ndabezinhle Masuku (ZUC Treasurer), Shumba Goodson (SID Associate Treasurer)

Joining us via Skype/FaceTime was George Egwakhe (GC Associate Treasurer).

The Commission reviewed the document prepared by Zimbabwe Union Conference called *“Realignment Preparation Document.”*

After 123 years of the existence of the church in this territory, currently Zimbabwe Union Conference, comprising of six conferences, runs a total of 145 primary and secondary schools, 1 university, 2 dental clinics, an ADRA country office, an Adventist Book Center, an orphanage and 4,621 churches and companies. As of the second quarter 2017, the Union membership stands at 902 512, giving us a membership to population ratio of 1:17.

Following the survey, review and subsequent deliberations, the Commission presents its commendations and recommendations.

Commendations:

1. Excellent, well-researched documentation outlining the proposal for realigning Zimbabwe Union Conference into three Unions, reflecting a high degree of professionalism and analysis.
2. Intentionality of local administrations to reach out to unreached language and people groups.
3. Deliberate strategies of union and local administrations to retain and nurture newly baptized members.
4. Concrete steps taken to implement Adventist Church Management System (ACMS) country-wide thus ensuring both the accuracy of church membership records and the maintenance of the records through membership audit in its territory.
5. Willingness of local administration to be used by the Lord to navigate the church through the financial crunch and economic meltdown that the country has experienced since 2007, so that membership and leadership continue the mission of the church in the union without interruption.
6. Construction of a new safety vault to properly store the materials specified in the records retention schedule as provided by the General Conference Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research and to ensure the long-term preservation of vital documents for the whole of Zimbabwe through December 31, 2017.
7. Demonstration of financial stability and provisions for the new organizations to be able to meet their financial and missional obligations. (See attached document)

Recommendations:

1. That the current Zimbabwe Union Conference be reorganized into three unions. The current Zimbabwe Union Conference will become the Zimbabwe West Union Conference, and two new unions will be created. Zimbabwe will then be comprised of the following three unions, all to be effective January 1, 2018:
 - a. Zimbabwe Central Union Conference
 - b. Zimbabwe East Union Conference
 - c. Zimbabwe West Union Conference
2. That upon approval of this action by Annual Council, thought be given to establishing a time line to ensure that the above deadline is met.

The survey team wishes to express their thanks for the thorough work that was done by the Union in cooperation with the division in preparation for the site visit.

Thomas L Lemon, Chair
Hensley M Moorooven, Secretary

Proposed Zimbabwe Union Realignment Budgets

PROPOSED 2018 BUDGETS

	2016 ACTUAL	ZUC 2017 Budget	CZU 2018 BUDGET	WZU 2018 BUDGET	EZU 2018 BUDGET	Total 3 Unions
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Earned Operating Income

S13	Net Tithe	2,356,051.98	2,293,277.15	480,447.73	614,335.71	1,149,367.77	2,244,151.21
S14	Direct Operating Income/Donations/Other Income	469,944.67	389,654.60	142,843.78	123,209.95	154,542.23	420,595.96
S15	Investment Income	51,330.11	38,257.50	15,000.00	12,000.00	3,000.00	30,000.00
	Total Earned Operating Income	2,877,326.76	2,721,189.25	638,291.51	749,545.66	1,306,910.00	2,694,747.17

Operating Expenses

S16	Workers Salaries and Allowances	1,006,988.34	981,988.87	408,973.62	485,733.96	692,845.78	1,587,553.36
S17	Travel Expenses	171,957.00	179,100.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	135,000.00
S18	Administrative Expenses/Program Specific	1,263,510.31	397,180.00	75,400.00	83,600.00	127,100.00	286,100.00
S19	Other Operating Expenses	320,974.99	334,600.00	98,017.42	118,200.00	298,800.00	515,017.42
	Total Operating Expenses	2,763,430.64	1,892,868.87	627,391.04	732,533.96	1,163,745.78	2,523,670.78
	Increase (Decrease) Before Appropriations	113,896.12	828,320.38	10,900.47	17,011.70	143,164.22	171,076.39

Appropriations

S22	Appropriations received	605,351.79	213,017.31	111,867.89	111,867.89	111,867.89	335,603.66
S22	Appropriations made	(776,637.50)	(406,470.00)	(49,927.22)	(63,399.14)	(63,362.14)	(176,688.49)
	Appropriations retained	(171,285.71)	(193,452.69)	61,940.67	48,468.75	48,505.75	158,915.16
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	Net Operating Income	(57,389.59)	634,867.69	72,841.14	65,480.45	191,669.97	329,991.56

Realignment Proposed Budget Assumptions:

- 1 Budgeted Tithe Income at 95% of the 2016 Actual Tithe Income
- 2 Division Stewardship Appropriation at US\$24,000 per Union. The SID has agreed continuing giving this appropriation until 2020.
- 3 All Proposed salaries and allowances are based on the current Zimbabwe Union Conference with the exception of Home to Office Travel and Rent allowance that shall be determined by the geographical location of the each union conference.
- 4 The staffing for the new unions will be as follows: Current ZUC 44; CZU 15; WZU 19 and EZU 22.
- 5 Bursary Appropriation from the Division at \$12,800 per union
- 6 All budgeted figures are expressed in United States Dollars

Zimbabwe Union Conference Liquidity and Working Capital

Column1	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Liquidity	99%	107%	111%	102%	108%
Working Capital	110%	116%	154%	198%	146%

1 ChMan/223-16G/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO17AC to MAI-17AC(DIV)

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3 201-17G CHANGES/REVISIONS ONLY BY GENERAL CONFERENCE
4 SESSION (*CHURCH MANUAL*) - POLICY AMENDMENT
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6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC BA 15 10, Changes/Revisions Only by General Conference
7 Session (*Church Manual*), to read as follows:
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9 BA 15 10 Changes/Revisions Only by General Conference Session—The *Seventh-day*
10 *Adventist Church Manual* may be changed or revised only by the General Conference in session.
11 (See General Conference Report, No 8, p 197, June 14, 1946.) The content of the *Seventh-day*
12 *Adventist Church Manual* is presented in two formats, namely Chapters and Notes. The main
13 content of each Chapter is of worldwide value and applicable to every local church.
14 Acknowledging the need for some variations in the operations of local churches, additional
15 material which is explanatory in nature has been added as Notes at the end of some of the
16 Chapters and is intended to serve as guidance.
17

18 If revisions to the Notes of the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual* are requested and
19 are processed through the relevant constituent levels of the Church, the *Church Manual*
20 Committee will consider the requested revisions. If approved, the revisions will be acted upon by
21 the General Conference Executive Committee at the final Annual Council meeting of the
22 quinquennium so as to coordinate them with any changes to the main content of the *Seventh-day*
23 *Adventist Church Manual* that will be recommended to the next General Conference Session.
24 However, the General Conference Executive Committee may address changes to the Notes at
25 any Annual Council.
26

27 The *Church Manual* Committee shall be authorized to perform routine editorial tasks
28 which do not alter the meaning of the current text of the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*.
29 A report of the *Church Manual* Committee's editorial work shall be presented, through the
30 General Conference Administrative Committee, to the General Conference Executive Committee
31 at Annual Council. ~~its final Annual Council meeting of the quinquennium~~. In the event that the
32 Administrative Committee or the General Conference Executive Committee determines by a
33 one-third vote that such editorial work substantively alters the meaning of the current text, such
34 proposed changes will be decided by a General Conference Session.

1 PRE/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/PreC/SecC/TreC/GCDO17AC to MAI-17AC(DIV)

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3 214-17G PROCEDURES FOR REPLACEMENT OF DIVISION
4 OFFICERS - POLICY AMENDMENT

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6 RATIONALE: This amendment provides for cooperation between the General Conference and
7 the division in regards to the replacement of division officers.

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9 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC C 20, Procedures for Replacement of Division Officers, to
10 read as follows:

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12 C 20 Procedures for Replacement of Division Officers

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14 The following procedures shall be followed for filling vacancies which may occur in the
15 offices of division president, secretary, or treasurer/chief financial officer, between General
16 Conference Sessions:

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18 C 20 05 Division President—1. The division secretary shall serve as acting president of
19 the division until the new president is elected and assumes his responsibilities.

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21 2. Division presidents are vice presidents of the General Conference and are
22 normally elected by the General Conference in session and assigned at the time of their election
23 to preside over division territories (see Constitution, Article IX, Sec. 4.; Bylaws, Article III, Sec.
24 1. and 3.). Both the General Conference and the division concerned shall therefore be involved in
25 the election between sessions of a new division president. The division officers shall consult with
26 the General Conference executive officers, concerning mutually agreed upon potential
27 candidates for nomination.

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29 3. ~~In order to ensure division involvement, the~~ The full division executive committee
30 under the chair of the General Conference President, or his designee, acting as the nominating
31 committee, shall submit its recommendation for the new division president for consideration by
32 the General Conference Executive Committee.

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34 4. The General Conference Executive Committee shall normally elect the new
35 division president at the next scheduled Annual Council or Spring Meeting but may, in counsel
36 with the division, proceed with the election at a specifically called meeting of the General
37 Conference Executive Committee.

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39 5. In addition to the provisions of paragraph 3. above, if the division or the General
40 Conference chooses, a representation chosen by the division executive committee may be sent to
41 the meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee at which the new president will be
42 elected. Such representation should include the division secretary, the division treasurer/chief
43 financial officer, a suitable number of union presidents, and two members of the division
44 executive committee from other categories in the division.

214-17G PROCEDURES FOR REPLACEMENT OF DIVISION
OFFICERS - POLICY AMENDMENT - 2

1 C 20 10 Division Secretary or Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer —1. In order to ensure
2 division involvement, the nomination of a division secretary or treasurer/chief financial officer
3 shall take place during a full meeting of the division executive committee, under the chair of the
4 division president. ~~If it is not possible for the General Conference Secretary to be present when a~~
5 ~~new division secretary is to be chosen for nomination, or for the General Conference~~
6 ~~Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer to be present when a new division treasurer/chief financial~~
7 ~~officer is to be chosen for nomination, the division president shall be expected to consult with the~~
8 ~~appropriate General Conference officer prior to the division executive committee meeting~~
9 ~~concerning acceptable candidates for nomination. When a name has been chosen, the division~~
10 ~~executive committee shall submit its recommendation~~ The division officers shall consult with the
11 General Conference executive officers, concerning mutually agreed upon potential candidates for
12 nomination. When a name has been recommended, the division executive committee, acting as
13 the nominating committee, shall submit the name for the new division secretary or treasurer/chief
14 financial officer for consideration by the General Conference Executive Committee.

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16 2. It is by action of the General Conference Executive Committee that the election
17 takes place, in harmony with the constitutional provision. (See Bylaws, Article XIII, Sec. 1. a.)

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202-17Ga MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (UNION
MISSION MODEL OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment brings the notice requirements of this mission-level model operating policy in line with those given in the model bylaws of conference-level organizations.

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 15 05, Union Mission Operating Policy, Article VII, Membership/Constituency Meetings, to read as follows:

Article VII—Membership/Constituency Meetings

Sec. 1. Regular Meetings: This union mission shall hold regular quinquennial constituency meetings at such time and place as the executive committee shall designate. In the event that the executive committee fails to call a regular constituency meeting within the quinquennial period the _____ Division Executive Committee may give notice for such a meeting and designate the time and place. ~~Notice of the time and place for the meeting shall be given by written notice sent to the presidents of local conference and missions/fields at least thirty days before the date of the session. Notice of the time and place of the meeting of the delegates representing the members shall be given by~~

a. A notice printed in the official publication of the union mission at least four weeks before the date of the session, or

b. A method approved by the _____ Union Mission Executive Committee, provided all member units receive notice with sufficient time to select delegates.

c. A method approved by the _____ Division Executive Committee in the event of inaction or non-compliance by the _____ Union Mission Committee.

Sec. 2. Special Meeting - No change

Sec. 3. Chair and Secretary for Constituency Meetings: The president - No change

Sec. 4. Regular Meeting Business: The business of the regular - No change

Sec. 5. Quorum: At least _____ percent of the delegates - No change

Sec. 6. Proxy Voting: All delegates must be present in person at - No change

Sec. 7. Voting Rights of the Delegates: Each delegate appointed to - No change

202-17Ga MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (UNION
MISSION MODEL OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY
AMENDMENT - 2

1 **Sec. 8. Voting: The voting on matters of business shall normally be** - No change

2
3 **Sec. 9. Parliamentary Authority:** The parliamentary authority for - No change

4
5 **Sec. 10. Elections/Appointments and Term of Office** - No change

6
7 **Sec. 11. Election of Local Mission/Field Officers and Term of Office** - No change

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202-17Gb MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (UNION
OF CHURCHES MODEL OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment brings the notice requirements of this mission-level model operating policy in line with those given in the model bylaws of conference-level organizations.

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 19 05, Union of Churches Operating Policy, Article VII, Membership/Constituency Meetings, to read as follows:

Article VII—Membership/Constituency Meetings

Sec. 1. Regular Meetings: This union of churches shall hold regular quinquennial constituency meetings at such time and place as the executive committee shall designate. In the event that the union executive committee fails to call a regular constituency meeting within the quinquennial period, the _____ Division Executive Committee, or General Conference Executive Committee in the case of unions directly attached to the General Conference, may give notice for such a meeting and designate the time and place. ~~Notice of the time and place for the meeting shall be given by written notice sent to the member churches at least thirty days before the date of the session.~~ Notice of the time and place of the meeting of the delegates representing the members shall be given by

a. A notice printed in the official publication of the union of churches at least four weeks before the date of the session, or

b. A method approved by the _____ Union of Churches Executive Committee, provided all member units receive notice with sufficient time to select delegates.

c. A method approved by the _____ Division Executive Committee in the event of inaction or non-compliance by the _____ Union of Churches Committee.

Sec. 2. Special Meeting - No change

Sec. 3. Chair and Secretary for Constituency Meetings: The president - No change

Sec. 4. Regular Meeting Business: The business of the regular - No change

Sec. 5. Quorum: At least _____ percent of the delegates - No change

Sec. 6. Proxy Voting: All delegates must be present in person at - No change

Sec. 7. Voting Rights of the Delegates: Each delegate appointed to - No change

202-17Gb MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (UNION
OF CHURCHES MODEL OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY
AMENDMENT - 2

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Sec. 8. Voting: The voting on matters of business shall normally - No change

Sec. 9. Parliamentary Authority: The parliamentary authority for - No change

Sec. 10. Elections/Appointments and Term of Office - No change

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202-17Gc MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (LOCAL
MISSION MODEL OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment brings the notice requirements of this mission-level model operating policy in line with those given in the model bylaws of conference-level organizations.

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 25 05, Local Mission Operating Policy, Article VII, Membership/Constituency Meetings, to read as follows:

Article VII—Membership/Constituency Meetings

Sec. 1. Regular Meetings: This mission/field shall hold regular _____ (biennial, triennial, quadrennial, or quinquennial) constituency meetings at such time and place as the mission/field executive committee in counsel with the officers of the union mission/union conference shall designate. In the event that the executive committee fails to call a regular constituency meeting within the quinquennial period, the _____ Union Executive Committee may give notice for such a meeting and designate the time and place. ~~Notice of the time and place for the meeting shall be given by written notice and sent to the presidents of member churches at least thirty days before the date of the session.~~ Notice of the time and place of the meeting of the delegates representing the members shall be given by

a. A notice printed in the official publication of the mission at least four weeks before the date of the session, or

b. A method approved by the _____ Mission Executive Committee, provided all member units receive notice with sufficient time to select delegates.

c. A method approved by the _____ Division Executive Committee in the event of inaction or non-compliance by the _____ Mission Committee.

Sec. 2. Special Meeting - No change

Sec. 3. Chair and Secretary for Constituency Meetings - No change

Sec. 4. Regular Meeting Business: The business of the regular - No change

Sec. 5. Quorum: At least _____ percent of the delegates - No change

Sec. 6. Proxy Voting: All delegates must be present in person at - No change

Sec. 7. Voting Rights of the Delegates: Each delegate appointed - No change

Sec. 8. Voting: The voting on matters of business shall normally be - No change

202-17Gc MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (LOCAL
MISSION MODEL OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY
AMENDMENT - 2

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Sec. 9. Parliamentary Authority: The parliamentary authority for - No change

Sec. 10. Elections/Appointments and Term of Office - No change

1 SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO17AC to MAI-17AC(DIV)

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3 216-17G EMPLOYEES IN MINISTERIAL/PASTORAL ROLES -
4 POLICY AMENDMENT

5
6 RATIONALE: This change is due to the transfer of Christian Record Services, Inc. to the North
7 American Division.

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9 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC E 05 10, Employees in Ministerial/Pastoral Roles, to read as
10 follows:

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12 E 05 10 Employees in Ministerial/Pastoral Roles—1. a. Ministerial Credential - No
13 change

14
15 b. Ministerial License—Issued to ministerial - No change

16
17 2. a. Commissioned Minister Credential—Issued to the following unless they hold
18 ministerial credentials and except as provided in E 05 15; associates in pastoral care; Bible
19 instructors; General Conference, division, union, and local conference/mission treasurers/chief
20 financial officers and departmental directors including associate and assistant directors;
21 institutional chaplains; presidents and vice presidents of major institutions; and auditors (General
22 Conference director, associates, area and district directors). ~~directors); and field directors of the~~
23 ~~Christian Record Services, Inc.~~ These individuals should have significant experience in
24 denominational service (usually five years or more) and demonstrate proficiency in the
25 responsibilities assigned to them. It is recommended that an appropriate commissioning service
26 be conducted when an employee is granted a Commissioned Minister Credential.

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28 b. Commissioned Minister License—Where applicable, issued - No change

29
30 3. Licensed ministers are on the path toward ordination to the - No change

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3 217-17G EMPLOYEES (CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES—METHOD
4 OF ISSUING) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC E 10 80, Employees (Credentials and Licenses—Method of
7 Issuing), to read as follows:

8
9 E 10 80 Employees—Credentials/Licenses shall be ~~issued~~ issued, upon commencement
10 of employment, to denominational employees and to those under the supervision of
11 conferences/missions/regions/field stations or denominationally owned institutions.
12 Credentials/Licenses terminate at the time employment with the issuing organization, for any
13 reason, has ended. They shall expire when denominational employment is terminated. Divisions
14 are authorized to determine eligibility based on full-time or part-time employment. In special
15 cases a credential/license may be issued to a nondenominationally employed individual while
16 serving the Church under the supervision of a denominational organization; e.g., Adventist
17 Chaplaincy Ministries for a chaplain.

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3 213-17Ga MID-LEVEL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS - NEW POLICY

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5 RATIONALE: This new policy follows an action taken by the Accrediting Association of
6 Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities to authorize divisions to accredit
7 mid-level (worker) training institutions.

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9 RECOMMENDED, To adopt a new policy GC FE 15 07, Mid-Level Training Institutions, to
10 read as follows:

11
12 FE 15 07 Mid-Level Training Institutions—Seventh-day Adventist education also offers
13 education that goes beyond secondary level but is less than a Bachelor’s degree. This education
14 includes diploma teacher training, technical training in building and construction or other
15 professional trades, and non-collegiate hospital-based schools of nursing (FE 30 15). In the
16 context of the Church’s philosophy of education, mid-level institutions prepare individuals for
17 the world of work, civic and social responsibility, spiritual dedication, and economic
18 self-sufficiency.

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3 213-17Gb EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OUTLINE -
4 POLICY AMENDMENT

5
6 RATIONALE: This amendment makes membership adjustments to both the International Board
7 of Ministerial and Theological Education and to the division Boards of Ministerial and
8 Theological Education. It also authorizes divisions to accredit mid-level (worker) training
9 institutions, following an action taken by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist
10 Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

11
12 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC FE 20, Educational Administration Outline, to read as
13 follows:

14
15 FE 20 Educational Administration Outline

16
17 FE 20 05 The Department of Education—Purpose—The General - No change

18
19 FE 20 10 Composition of College and University Boards—Subject to - No change

20
21 FE 20 15 General Conference International Board of Education - No change

22
23 FE 20 20 International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education—1. Purpose - No
24 change

25
26 2. Composition of the Board—a. The members of the International - No change

27
28 b. The International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education shall be
29 composed of the following members, at least six of whom shall be women:

30
31 ~~1-GC~~ *GC President or designee, Chair

32 *GC Vice President (advisor for education), Vice-chair

33 *GC Vice President (advisor for Ministerial Association), Vice-chair

34 *GC Department of Education Director, Secretary

35 *GC Ministerial Association Secretary, Associate Secretary

36 *GC Vice President (advisor for Biblical Research Institute) ~~Institute~~, ~~Vice-chair~~

37 *GC Secretary

38 *GC Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

39 *GC Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Director (or designee)

40 *GC Biblical Research Institute Director

41 Division Presidents

42 *GC Department of Education Associate Directors

43 *GC Ministerial Association Associate Representative

*See paragraph 4. for composition of Executive Committee.

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POLICY AMENDMENT - 2

- 1 *One full professor, who teaches in an accredited ministerial and religious formation
2 program
3 Two chairmen of undergraduate programs in ministerial and religious formation
4 Five presidents/deans ~~Presidents/Deans~~ of seminaries and universities offering
5 denominationally recognized doctoral programs in ministerial formation
6 Two deans of graduate programs in ministerial and religious formation
7 Three faculty, who teach in accredited ministerial and religion programs, at or above the
8 rank of associate professor ~~Four faculty from institutions offering programs in ministerial and~~
9 ~~religious formation~~
10 Six individuals experienced and active in ministerial formation (pastors, chaplains, Bible
11 instructors, etc)
12 Up to four additional members, as selected by the board
13 Invitee:
14 Office of General Counsel Representative
15
16 c. Board members shall hold office for five ~~years~~ years.
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18 d. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by the board for - No change
19
20 e. Each world division shall designate one consultant to the - No change
21
22 3. Meetings—The board shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at - No change
23
24 4. Executive Committee—The executive committee of the board shall - No change
25
26 5. Duties of the Board - No change
27
28 6. Accreditation—Seminaries, schools, and departments offering - No change
29
30 7. Handbook—The goals, objectives, standards, criteria, and - No change
31
32 8. The Secretary—Subject to the approval of the board, the secretary - No change
33
34 9. The Associate Secretary—Subject to the approval of the board - No change
35
36 10. Staff of the Board—The elected members of the - No change
37
38 11. Right of Appeal—Any action of the board involving a - No change
39
40 12. Changes and Amendments—Any changes or amendments to the - No change
41

213-17Gb EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OUTLINE -
POLICY AMENDMENT - 3

FE 20 25 Division Boards of Ministerial and Theological Education—1. Purpose - No change

2. Composition of the Division Boards—a. The members of each - No change

b. Each division Board of Ministerial and Theological Education shall be composed of the following members, at least three of whom shall be women:

Division President or designee, Chair
Division Vice President or Secretary, Vice-chair
Department of Education Director or Ministerial Association Secretary, Secretary
Ministerial Association Secretary or Department of Education
Director, Associate Secretary
Division Secretary
Division Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Director
Appropriate representation from union/conference leadership
Appropriate representation from faculty who teach in accredited ministerial and religion programs, of which at least four are at or above the rank of associate professor from
~~denominationally recognized institutions offering ministerial and theological education programs~~
Pastors and front-line denominational employees
Active laypersons
Up to two additional members, as selected by the board

c. Board members shall hold office for - No change

d. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by the division - No change

3. Meetings— The board shall hold regularly scheduled meetings - No change

4. Executive Committee—The board may appoint an executive - No change

5. Duties of the Board - No change

6. Alternative Procedures—Divisions wishing to operate - No change

7. Right of Appeal—Within 120 days of the division Board of - No change

FE 20 30 Committee on Seventh-day Adventist Health Professional Education - No change

213-17Gb EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OUTLINE -
POLICY AMENDMENT - 4

FE 20 35 Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities—1. Purpose—The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities is the denominational accrediting authority for all tertiary and graduate educational programs and institutions owned by Seventh-day Adventist Church entities. It also reviews and endorses the accreditation of secondary schools and mid-level training institutions owned by the Church, as recommended by the Commissions on Accreditation of the divisions (see FE 20 40). The Commission on Accreditation of each division is responsible for the denominational accreditation of primary schools owned by the Church in its territory. The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities and the Commissions on Accreditation evaluate the quality of the denominational institutions' programs and their implementation of the Seventh-day Adventist philosophy of education in order to foster the unity and mission of the Church. To be recognized as an official Seventh-day Adventist educational institution, each Seventh-day Adventist educational institution shall seek accreditation from the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities prior to the commencement of operations.

2. Composition of the Accrediting Association - No change
3. Staff—The director and the associate directors of the - No change
4. Procedure—The staff of the Accrediting Association - No change
5. Focused Evaluation Visit—In addition to the full evaluation - No change
6. Meetings - No change
7. Appeals—Any action of the Accrediting Association - No change
8. Reports—All denominationally operated secondary and - No change
9. Budget—The General Conference shall annually appropriate - No change

FE 20 40 Commissions on Accreditation—Each division shall have a Commission on Accreditation. The membership of these commissions shall be nominated by the division department of education, appointed by the division executive committee, and endorsed by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities. The director and associate directors of the General Conference Department of Education shall be ex officio members of all division commissions on accreditation. In the case of an entity attached directly to the General Conference, the Commission on Accreditation shall be appointed by the respective Oversight Committee or, in the absence of such an Oversight Committee, by the General Conference Administrative Committee.

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POLICY AMENDMENT - 5

1 The general functions and duties of the commissions shall include the following:

2
3 1. To establish guidelines for the denominational accreditation of ~~secondary~~
4 secondary schools, mid-level training institutions, and primary schools, pre-schools, and early
5 childhood education centers owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the
6 programs in their territory, including criteria and procedures for evaluation visits. These
7 guidelines, criteria, and procedures shall become operational once they have been reviewed and
8 approved by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and
9 Universities.

10
11 2. To appoint survey, evaluation, and inspection - No change
12

13 3. To forward to the executive secretary of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-
14 day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities the names of the secondary schools and
15 mid-level training institutions recommended by the Commission on Accreditation for
16 (re)accreditation, along with the respective accreditation terms.
17

18 4. To periodically reevaluate the quality and effectiveness of - No change
19

20 5. To utilize the “AAA” or “Adventist Accrediting Association” name - No change
21

22 FE 20 45 Nondenominational Accreditation - No change
23

24 FE 20 50 Affiliation Procedures—When an affiliation between - No change
25

26 FE 20 55 Division Board of Education - No change
27

28 FE 20 60 The Union Board of Education - No change
29

30 FE 20 65 Home and Parent Education—The promoting and fostering - No change

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3 203-17G AREAS OF EMPHASIS (FAMILY MINISTRIES—
4 DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES) - POLICY AMENDMENT
5

6 RATIONALE: This amendment updates the areas that Family Ministries wants to highlight as
7 part of their leadership and resource development.
8

9 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC FF 15, Areas of Emphasis (Family Ministries—
10 Departmental Policies), to read as follows:
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12 FF 15 Areas of Emphasis
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14 Family Ministries seeks to widen the Church's understanding of families beyond a mere
15 collection of individuals to see the family as an intricate, dynamic system of relationships. The
16 focus of Family Ministries is upon growing emotionally healthy relationships—beginning with
17 the pastor's family and expanding outward to touch ever-enlarging circles. Thus this ministry
18 concerns itself primarily with relational dynamics rather than the needs of individuals per se. The
19 basic target areas of emphasis for the Family Ministries Department are premarital guidance,
20 strengthening marriage, parent education, and general family relationship education with
21 attention also given to the unique relational needs of extended families, single parents,
22 stepfamilies, and singles. The development of relational skills fostered by Family Ministries
23 empowers young people, singles, and families and enriches relationships both within the home
24 and within the church, the household of faith. The overarching ministry objective to enable the
25 family as a discipling center pervades all of the departmental activities and is expressed as well
26 in a unique approach to evangelism which brings together both an understanding of the disciple-
27 making process and an understanding of families and how they function.
28

29 The curriculum framework upon which leadership and resource development are based
30 includes ten major areas: biblical and theological foundations for Family Ministries; family as
31 the center for evangelism; families in society; marriage and family dynamics; interpersonal
32 relationships; parent education and guidance; human growth and development; human sexuality;
33 family resource management; and family ministries implementation and professional ethics.
34 ~~eleven major areas: theological foundations, family and mission, families in society, marriage~~
35 ~~and family dynamics, interpersonal relationships, parent education and guidance, human growth~~
36 ~~and development, human sexuality, family ethics, family resource management, and family~~
37 ~~ministries programs and implementation.~~
38

39 FF 15 05 Methodologies—Three broad categories define the methodologies - No change

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3 220-17G THE MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL TRAINING -
4 POLICY AMENDMENT

5
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC L, The Ministry and Ministerial Training, which reads as
7 follows:

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9 L THE MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL TRAINING

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11 L 05 Ministerial Training

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13 L 05 05 General Provisions—The educational requirement for entrance into the ministry
14 shall be completion of the Ministerial Training Course as prescribed by the division Board of
15 Ministerial and Theological Education within the outcomes established by the *Handbook of*
16 *Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial and Theological Education*, ~~division committee~~. Candidates
17 for the ministry who, because of age or unusual circumstances, have not completed the
18 Ministerial Training Course as prescribed by the *Handbook of Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial*
19 *and Theological Education* ~~division~~ and who are considered for employment as ministers, shall
20 be referred for consideration to the respective union committee for careful study and
21 implementation of applicable division policy in such circumstances.

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23 L 10 Ministerial Internship

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25 L 10 05 Purpose of Plan—The Ministerial Internship is intended to provide ongoing,
26 supervised, practical, ministerial training and offer a period of time for the intern to give
27 evidence of effectiveness in gospel ministry. ~~stimulate interest in the work of the gospel minister~~
28 ~~and to coordinate the work of the union and local conferences/missions/fields in selecting,~~
29 ~~training, and placing recruits for evangelistic service.~~

30
31 L 10 10 Definition of Term “Ministerial Internship”—“Ministerial Internship” is a
32 probationary period of supervised, practical instructional training and professional development
33 in ministry, which normally occurs after prescribed theological or religious education and before
34 the issuing of the ministerial credential. ~~as here used designates a period of service spent in~~
35 ~~practical ministerial training, to be entered upon after the completion of the prescribed~~
36 ~~Ministerial Training Course, this training period to be served under supervision in a local~~
37 ~~conference/mission/field, at a limited wage, for the purpose of proving the divine call to the~~
38 ~~ministry.~~

39
40 L 15 Ministerial Internship—Procedures

41
42 L 15 05 Length of Internship—The length of the Ministerial Internship shall be two years
43 except in those cases where advanced training is included by division committee action. The
44 intern shall be appointed for twelve months of full-time service, ~~and~~ and, if judged to have done
45 successful work during that ~~period he/she~~ period, the intern shall be appointed for a second
46 period of twelve months.

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POLICY AMENDMENT - 2

L 15 10 Number of Internships—The number of internships to be granted - No change

L 15 15 Wages of Interns—In harmony with the internship principle, the salary rate shall be on the basis of a limited wage as given in the wage scale. ~~It is recommended that on~~ On completion of the internship ~~period~~ period, it is recommended that the employee shall be placed at or near the maximum for licensed ministers.

L 15 20 Rent Subsidies—When ministerial interns are placed in cities - No change

L 15 25 Financial Plan—The plan is designed to assist the local - No change

L 15 30 Licensure—Ministerial interns shall receive appropriate denominational licensure, in harmony with division policy, licensure (ministerial, commissioned minister, or missionary license in harmony with division policy) when they begin their field experience.

L 15 35 Service Record—In considering eligibility for retirement benefits, the service record shall begin when the intern begins ~~his~~ service in the field.

L 15 40 Conference/Mission/Field Responsibility—1. Conferences/Missions/Fields shall assume obligation for direct supervision in training ministerial interns, giving them opportunity for actual development in a broad range of pastoral activities including evangelism, church planting, discipling, training, pastoral care, preaching, and teaching—following Christ’s method (see Ministry of Healing p 143). ~~speaking and bearing responsibilities.~~

2. Local conferences/missions/fields shall place ministerial interns in the conference/mission/field where there is prospect for well-rounded professional development in all the aspects of pastoral ministry as outlined above. ~~phases of the ministry—evangelistic, pastoral, teaching (i.e., personal and group instruction), and various departmental activities.~~

It is essential that the intern, as a busy pastor, learns how to have a dynamic, growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Ongoing nurture of self and family, modeling the highest standards of professional and ministerial ethics, and demonstrating emotional stability, maturity, and balanced judgment are vital areas for intern development.

a. Evangelism—During Evangelistic—For some months during the internship period, preferably at the outset, opportunity should be given the intern for ongoing association with one or more experienced evangelists ~~where by observation and participation he can receive inspiration, where, by observation and participation, the intern can be inspired, and study the principles and techniques of successful soul winning, particularly leading a person to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. winning.~~

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POLICY AMENDMENT - 3

b. Discipling, Training, and Motivating—A key role of the pastor is the training and coaching of church members in assessing the community and developing ministries that are effective, contextualized, and relevant. Therefore, it is essential that the intern receive supervised training and practical experience in making disciples and coaching church members for ministry activities, and leading churches in becoming healthy, growing faith and worship communities.

~~b. c.~~ Pastoral Care—Internship is an ongoing Pastoral—The training shall include some months in association with a church pastor of experience who is able to effectively train and supervise the intern. experience, either in a sizable church or in a district. During this time he the intern shall be given opportunity to observe and participate with the pastor in the a broad range of pastoral duties. numerous duties involved in caring for the flock.

d. Preaching—Internship provides opportunity to develop skills in preaching and teaching, through the spoken word and personal life, an experiential understanding of the gospel in the context of the Three Angels' Messages (Rev 14:6-12), including the dynamics of conversion, relationship with Christ, and the transforming and equipping power of the Holy Spirit.

~~e. e.~~ Teaching—In the development of a pastor, opportunity shall be given to teach, giving Bible studies to enable a person to become a disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. man who is “apt to teach,” opportunity shall be given the intern for participation in teaching individuals in home evangelism and in groups such as community Bible schools, pictured truth meetings, and evangelistic Bible and baptismal classes.

~~d.~~ Promotional—For a few weeks during the internship period the intern shall be given opportunity to develop qualities of leadership and organization under the supervision of the conference/mission/field departmental directors/secretaries in programs such as youth camps, Ingathering promotion, and educational conventions.

3. The intern shall be given opportunity, preferably during the final year of internship, to be fully responsible for an evangelistic series, including preaching. During the period of his/her internship and preferably in his/her final year opportunity shall be given him/her to lead out in an evangelistic effort for which he/she shall be held personally responsible.

4. In accepting an intern for ministerial work, it is understood that the employing organization intends to continue the individual as a regular employee. conference/ mission/field intends to continue the individual as a regular employee. A report is to be furnished to the division committee at the close of the first and of the second year's service stating either that the intern gives promise of development in ministerial lines or that he/she has failed to make good and is recommended to be dropped.

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1 a. A brief report on the progress of interns shall be furnished to the
2 employing organization and union committee twice in the first year of internship and at the
3 conclusion of the second year.

4
5 b. When the employing organization and union receive the report at the close
6 of the first and second year of internship, they shall assess the progress of the intern and
7 recommend continued employment, termination, or prescribe supplementary training where
8 deficiencies can be remedied.

9
10 L 15 45 Qualifications of Candidates—1. Eligibility to these internships shall include:

11
12 a. A living Christian experience.

13
14 b. An active concern for the salvation of those in their local community, as
15 well as unevangelized people and unreached groups far from home.

16
17 ~~b. c.~~ Completion of the prescribed Ministerial Training Course.

18
19 ~~e. d.~~ Recommendation from the faculty of the academic institution from which
20 the intern graduated. ~~school attended as to religious attitude and experience, studiousness, and~~
21 ~~industry.~~

22
23 ~~d.~~ ~~Literary qualifications such as to dignify the sacred calling of the ministry~~
24 ~~and at the same time provide adequate general educational background to compare favorably~~
25 ~~with attainments in other professions.~~

26
27 e. Recommendations by the local and union conference/mission/field
28 committees for acceptance by the division committee.

29
30 f. Reasonable practical experience with comprehensive health ministry.
31 ~~experience, including if possible, medical training, or a useful trade.~~

32
33 ~~g.~~ ~~Adaptability and willingness to work.~~

34
35 ~~h. g.~~ Aptitude for public speaking. ~~speaking and labor.~~

36
37 h. A sense of divine calling to the gospel ministry as evidenced by work
38 ethic and integrity with time usage.

39
40 ~~i.~~ ~~Reasonable health and freedom from serious physical handicaps or speech~~
41 ~~impediment.~~

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1 j. i. Three months or 350 hours of experience as a literature evangelist.
2 (Exceptions should be allowed only after careful study of the individual case and should be very
3 few.)
4

5 2. The Ministerial Internship Plan ~~shall~~ should not include ~~men~~ those whose years of
6 experience or service in other lines of denominational work qualify them to enter the ministry
7 with a reasonable assurance of success. Following entry into ministry, in exceptional
8 circumstances, if an individual within this category is not attaining the anticipated success, an
9 appropriate period of supervised training should be provided. ~~success, and for whom such a~~
10 ~~period of training is impractical.~~
11

12 3. ~~The primary aim is to secure individuals with a focus on a lifetime career in~~
13 ~~ministry. Individuals who have not completed their preparatory training and who knowingly plan~~
14 ~~to return to school for further work shall not be eligible for internship; only those qualify who~~
15 ~~have finished their preparatory work and present themselves as candidates for continuous~~
16 ~~service.~~
17

18 L 15 50 Appointment of Interns—1. A conference/mission/field intending to employ a
19 ministerial intern shall secure recommendations from college/university from which the student
20 graduated. The application shall be passed to the division in the regular way through the local
21 and union conference/mission in which the applicant is to work. ~~Interns—1. Candidates for the~~
22 ~~ministry desiring to make application for ministerial internships shall complete application~~
23 ~~blanks during the last year of the ministerial training program and submit them to the school~~
24 ~~faculty for endorsement. If this application is accepted by both the local and union~~
25 ~~conferences/missions in which the applicant is to labor, the union conference/mission shall~~
26 ~~submit it to the division for final approval.~~
27

28 2. ~~A conference/mission/field intending to employ a ministerial intern shall secure~~
29 ~~recommendations from the last college/university attended by the student. The application shall~~
30 ~~be passed to the division in the regular way through the local and union conference/mission in~~
31 ~~which the applicant is to work.~~
32

33 3. 2. The action of the division committee becomes authorization for employment of
34 the ministerial intern and payment of each contributing organization's part of the salary, in
35 harmony with the beginning date as determined by the division committee.
36

37 4. ~~Inasmuch as ministerial interns are appointed by the division committee on~~
38 ~~recommendation of the local and union conference/mission committees, an intern shall be~~
39 ~~dropped only by the same procedure; that is, by the division committee, on recommendation of~~
40 ~~the local and union conference/mission committees.~~
41

42 L 15 55 Calling of Ministerial Interns—Only in exceptional cases shall - No change

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L 20 Seventh-day Adventist Theological and Religious Education ~~Seminary~~

1. The purpose of ~~the Seventh-day Adventist Theological~~ Seventh-day Adventist theological and religious education is to provide, in harmony with the educational principles of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, professional education for the gospel ministry and opportunity for such graduate study and research as will contribute to the advancement of sound scholarship in the fields of Bible and religious history.

~~To this end the Seminary offers courses in the various fields of theological study leading to the Master of Divinity degree. These courses are given in six departments—Old Testament, New Testament, Theology and Christian Philosophy, Church History, Christian Ministry, and World Mission.~~

The general plan is that candidates pursue advanced theological or religious education; ~~young people take the full Master of Divinity curriculum;~~ although it is recognized that God does call men and women from various professions or vocations into the work of the ministry. This curriculum is open to those who have earned a ~~Bachelor of Arts or comparable~~ Bachelor's degree, preferably with a concentration in religion or theology, and who are recommended as candidates for the ministry.

2. It is recommended that conferences/missions/fields, ~~sanitariums,~~ health institutions, schools, and publishing houses make provision for giving employees the privilege of ~~attending this school~~ pursuing advanced theological or religious education in order to enlarge their knowledge of Bible and religious history and the great truths of this last-day message; and that they keep in mind the following factors when selecting those who shall have the privilege of ~~attending the Seminary:~~ pursuing advanced theological or religious education:

- a. The need and possibility of self-improvement,
- b. Qualifications for advanced study,
- c. Prospects of future service in the cause,
- d. The special needs of individuals to prepare for designated lines of work.

Conferences/missions/fields and institutions should take a favorable attitude toward employees who desire to attend and who are able to meet their own expenses and who in the judgment of the committee or board would profit by such attendance, giving them leave of absence with the understanding that they will return to their duties when the designated schoolwork is completed.

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L 25 Licensed Minister—Role and Status

L 25 05 Responsibility and Authority—The responsibility and authority - No change

L 25 10 Delegating Ministerial Functions—The following shall be required in all divisions as a basis for delegating ministerial functions to a licensed minister:

1. He shall have completed the prescribed ministerial training program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as defined by the Handbook of Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial and Theological Education. ~~division committee for its territory.~~ Any exceptions shall be approved by local and union committees within guidelines established by the division committee.

2. He shall hold a current ministerial license.

3. He shall have been appointed by the conference/mission/field executive committee to a ministerial or pastoral responsibility.

4. He shall have been elected as a church elder in the churches, or ~~named~~ appointed as elder by the conference/mission executive committee for in the companies to which he is assigned.

5. He shall have been ordained as local church elder.

L 25 15 Authorizing Ministerial Functions—The conference/mission/field - No change

L 25 20 Review of Development—The licensed minister's leadership - No change

L 25 25 Withdrawing Authorization—The licensed minister's authorization - No change

L 25 30 Ordination—The licensed minister is ordinarily ordained to the gospel ministry after he has satisfactorily fulfilled a period of pastoral/evangelistic service during which time he has given evidence of his call to the ministry. The spiritual rite of ordination constitutes the official recognition by the Seventh-day Adventist Church of his divine call to the ministry as a life commitment, and is ~~his~~ the Church's endorsement to serve as a minister of the gospel in any part of the world.

L 30 Ministers from Other Denominations

1. When ministers from other denominations become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and desire to become Seventh-day Adventist ministers, they shall, before becoming involved in a formal study program, be expected to give evidence of their stability in

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1 the message and of their aptitude as candidates for the Seventh-day Adventist ministry by being
2 active in a local church. Upon recommendation of the local conference/mission/field committee
3 and approval by the union committee, they may participate full time in church activities in
4 cooperation with and under the direction of the local pastor for a minimum of six months. An
5 additional six months may be granted if after careful review by the local conference/mission/
6 field committee it is deemed necessary. Great care should be given to the selection of the pastors
7 under whose direction they will work so that they may be assured of the most sympathetic
8 attention possible during this difficult transition period. Where recommended by the local
9 conference/mission/field and approved by the union committee, a subsistence allowance may be
10 given to them during this period, the amount and source of funds to be in harmony with the
11 division policy.

12
13 2. When ministers from other denominations have met the conditions outlined in
14 paragraph 1. above, and have given evidence of their stability in the message and aptitude as
15 candidates for the Seventh-day Adventist ministry, the local and union conferences/missions
16 where they are located, in cooperation with the division, shall develop a plan by which they may
17 attend ~~one of our colleges/universities or the Theological Seminary~~ a Seventh-day Adventist
18 institution that provides theological or religious education for a minimum of two semesters ~~or~~
19 ~~three quarters~~ so as to prepare themselves for service in the Seventh-day Adventist ministry. Any
20 allowances given will be in harmony ~~with and shared on the basis outlined by~~ with, and shared
21 on the basis outlined by, the division policy.

22
23 3. The eligibility of such ministers for financial support as outlined - No change
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25 4. Application for approval of financial support as outlined in paragraphs 1. and 2.
26 above shall be made on a comprehensive application form provided by the division, and
27 submitted by the local and union conferences/missions with their endorsement and acceptance of
28 responsibility.

29
30 a. In considering the application, the administrators shall give attention to
31 each minister's educational and service records, and likelihood of being able to render acceptable
32 service in the Seventh-day Adventist ministry. In case there is any question about the applicant's
33 ability to profit by a period of study, the division will consult with the ~~school~~ institution
34 concerned.

35
36 b. When division assistance is expected, such a minister shall in no case
37 enter into a study program until financial arrangements have been ~~fully worked out and~~ formally
38 approved by the division.

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40 5. Upon completion of their study program, ministers who have - No change
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6. Ordained or unordained ministers from other denominations who become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and continue in the ministry may be issued ministerial licenses or commissioned minister licenses after they have completed their period of study and ~~orientation~~ preparation and have entered upon regular employment in any conference/mission/field or institution. Ordained men received thus into denominational work shall be ordained to the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church prior to being issued ministerial credentials.

7. Honorary/Emeritus Ministerial Credentials may be - No change

L 35 Qualifications for Ordination to the Ministry

L 35 05 Vital Concern of Church—The setting apart of men for the - No change

L 35 10 Scriptural Counsel—The mind of the Lord concerning the - No change

L 35 15 Spirit of Prophecy Counsel—“A man can have no greater honor - No change

L 35 20 Examination of Candidates—This counsel lays a definite obligation on the leaders in charge of an ordination service. They should plan for the examination of candidates in such a way as to make this important procedure not simply perfunctory but a true evaluation of the candidate’s fitness. Sufficient time for careful evaluation should be made available, particularly in cases where a number of candidates are to be examined. Wherever possible, ~~possible~~ the candidate should plan to have his wife present for the examination, realizing that ordination affects not only the individual but the entire family.

L 35 25 Service Before Ordination—Undue haste has sometimes been apparent in recommending candidates for ordination. On the other hand, there has also been undue delay, extending as long as twenty years and more. Both these attitudes are wrong. Although no employee should be hurried into ordination, it is just as important that when a man is ready to be thus set apart, the service should not be unduly delayed. Embarrassment has been brought to employees at times because of being unable to perform certain important ministerial responsibilities. However, the fact that a licensed minister has spent four, five, or even eight years in the field is of itself no guarantee that he is ready for ordination. One with less ability for evangelistic preaching or less aptitude for other lines of ministerial and pastoral work than some others will naturally take longer to develop. Indeed, some may never qualify for ordination. Those who do not reveal particular ministerial talent and aptitude ~~for definite public leadership~~ should be encouraged to pursue alternative vocations, ~~develop as personal soul winners,~~ recognizing that their call is to some other work less distinctly ministerial.

L 35 30 Fostering Growth—Conference/Mission/Field presidents - No change

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1 L 35 35 Licentiate—When a conference/mission/field gives ~~a young man~~ an individual a
2 ministerial license it should be recognized as a pledge on the part of the conference leadership to
3 foster that employee's growth. And when a man accepts a ministerial license he should regard it
4 as a pledge ~~on his part~~ to render the utmost service possible. ~~of which he is capable~~. Such a
5 license, however, is not a commitment on the part of a conference that ultimate ordination is
6 assured. It merely provides the opportunity for the licentiate to prove his calling. Although all
7 cannot have the same conditions under which to develop into mature ministers, a man who is
8 called of God will reveal his calling by his whole manner of life and the burden he carries for
9 those who are still in the prison house of sin. In some circumstances it is difficult to provide
10 conditions under which public evangelism as such can be carried out, but he who is called of the
11 Lord will be able to give proof of his calling and of his aptness for the ministry as a lifework.

12
13 In some areas of the world field educational facilities are somewhat limited. If that is the
14 case, it will naturally take longer for a minister to develop his readiness for ordination.
15 Therefore, in consideration of all the varied conditions, it is impossible to specify any definite
16 length of time for the professional development and spiritual growth of the licentiate. The fact
17 that a licensed minister is assigned to international service should not of itself delay his
18 ordination beyond the time it would have ordinarily taken place. His service record should be
19 passed along to the new field to facilitate development and appropriate evaluation. ~~and his~~
20 ~~development receive proper evaluation~~. In suitable cases a licensed minister who is approaching
21 ordination at the time of his international service call may be ordained prior to departure.

22
23 L 35 40 ~~Soul Winning as Proof~~ Effective Soul Winning as Evidence of Calling—
24 Ordination of men who have not given clear evidence of their call as effective soul winners
25 ~~soul saving ministers~~ must be avoided. It will always be true that some men, having been trained
26 for lines of work other than the ministry, in time will give proof of their divine call to this sacred
27 work, and the church, recognizing this proof, will feel called to set them apart by ordination. But
28 such cases are exceptions. A man holding a responsible position in the organized work is not, by
29 virtue of his position alone, qualified for ordination. ~~Because a man holds a responsible position~~
30 ~~in the organized work, he is not by this fact alone eligible for ordination~~.

31
32 L 35 45 Nonministerial Employees—There are certain lines of work in the denomination
33 that are not regarded as strictly ministerial but which provide experience for some ministerial
34 development. For example, college/university presidents or academy principals with young
35 people under their care bear the responsibility not only of their academic training but also
36 spiritual welfare. Therefore, in a sense, presidents and principals may serve as pastors, and in
37 association with Bible teachers, they perform pastoral functions. However, the call to that
38 responsibility is not of itself a basis for ordination. No man's position per se should influence a
39 committee to set him apart to the holy work of the ministry unless and until he gives proof of his
40 aptitude and spiritual maturity and has exhibited the conviction that God has called him to the
41 ministry as a lifework. ~~For example, a college/university president or an academy principal with~~
42 ~~young people under his care bears the responsibility not only of their academic training but also~~

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1 of their spiritual welfare. Therefore, in a sense, he is their pastor, and in association with the
2 Bible teacher is doing actual ministerial work. However, his call to that responsibility is not of
3 itself a basis for ordination. No man's position per se should influence a committee to set him
4 apart to the holy work of the ministry unless and until he gives definite proof of his aptitude and
5 spiritual maturity and has in his own soul the conviction that God has called him to the ministry
6 as a lifework.

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8 Employees in other capacities—such as editors, institutional leaders, conference/mission/
9 field secretary-treasurers/chief financial officers, departmental directors, ~~secretaries~~ secretaries,
10 and denominationally employed physicians/dentists—may also come to the place in their service
11 where ordination is appropriate; however, the divine call to the ministry must be clear before the
12 church separates them to the gospel ministry. Such employees—as all candidates for ministerial
13 credentials—must have the personal conviction that God has called them to the ministry, give
14 evidence of the ministerial call and gift, and be known widely for their piety and ability as
15 effective soul winners before their ordination is recommended.

16
17 L 35 50 Not a Reward—Ordination must never become simply a reward for faithful
18 service or be considered an opportunity to add title and prestige to an employee. Neither is it an
19 honor to be sought by the individual, family members, or friends on behalf of the employee.
20 ~~individual or his family or friends on his behalf.~~ Such attitudes and tactics seriously minimize the
21 sacredness of the ministry in the eyes of the church.

22
23 L 35 55 Ministry a Calling—The ministry is not merely a profession; it is a calling. It is
24 not for a period of time until some other more attractive occupation beckons, ~~beckons a man~~, but
25 it is a lifework. Having put his hand to the plow, he is not free to look backward except at the
26 peril of his soul. The apostle Paul, like the prophets of old, felt himself “in bonds” (Col 4:3), and
27 cried out, “Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel” (1 Cor 9:16). A man ordained to the
28 sacred work of the ministry should feel the same responsibility as the apostle of ~~old, and the old.~~
29 The conference/mission/field that employs him should feel the responsibility to see that he is free
30 to do his God-appointed work.

31
32 The simple record of the ordination of the apostles is impressive: “And he goeth up into a
33 mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained
34 twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach” (Mark 3:13,
35 14). The first office of a man ordained to the ministry is that he should be *with* God. Only then is
36 he qualified to go forth to men to preach the Word of God. A man who is thus consecrated and
37 who enjoys constant communion with his Lord rejoices in the privilege of rendering complete
38 service, refusing to be entangled in business for personal gain and other things of this world in
39 order that, by the grace of God, he may give complete devotion to the cause he loves. Even when
40 he reaches his retirement years he should feel the call of God to the same standard of life as he
41 did in his most active years, “that the ministry be not blamed” (2 Cor 6:3). (See also A 15 15.)

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L 40 Ordained to World Church - No change

L 45 Procedure in Authorizing Ordination

L 45 05 Authorization—Ordination to the ministry is the setting apart of the employee to a sacred calling, not for one local field alone but for the world Church and therefore needs to be done with wide counsel. The following plan is the proper procedure, except in special cases where serious delay would result:

1. It is the responsibility of the conference leaders to adequately prepare candidates for ordination. Normally, the process for ordination of a pastor should occur within four to six years after he commences employment as an intern.

~~1.~~ 2. The administration concerned shall arrange for a preliminary - No change

3. A ministerial committee should be established to provide appropriate evaluation, examination of the candidate, and final recommendation to the executive committee. This committee should be composed in large part of ordained ministers. This committee may also be drawn from ordained representatives of conferences/missions/fields/institutions/unions/divisions/General Conference who may be available at the time. Where it is deemed advisable by the conference/mission/field executive committee, one or more laypersons may be selected to participate.

~~2.~~ 4. The matter of ordination is then taken under careful consideration - No change

~~3.~~ 5. After favorable consideration the local conference committee - No change

~~4.~~ 6. The division and its institutional boards will submit names - No change

L 45 10 Ordination Ceremony—Time and Place—The time and place - No change

L 45 15 Ordination in Local Missions/Fields - No change

L 50 Examination of Candidates for Ordination

Before any ordination is carried out, there shall be careful, unhurried, and prayerful examination of the candidates as to their fitness for the work of the ministry by the ministerial committee. The results of their labor as licentiates should be reviewed, and the examination should cover the great fundamental facts of the gospel. Before the Church sets a man apart by ordination he should have given satisfactory evidence of the following personal qualities, knowledge, commitment, and skills:

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1 1. Personal qualities:

2
3 a. *An Experience of Conversion* lived out in a transformed and whole-hearted
4 following of Christ, a humble rejoicing in the forgiveness and love of God, and a life of
5 obedience, witness and consecration of the total being through the Holy Spirit's power.

6
7 b. *An Adventist Identity* grounded in a biblically-informed worldview and
8 centered in a clear biblically-based understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the framework
9 of the story of the great controversy from Eden lost to Eden soon to be restored. Such an identity
10 will be evident in personal life, service, and mission.

11
12 c. *An Active Love for People*, flowing out of the unconditional love of God,
13 and resulting in a life of respect, compassion, service, and witness to others, regardless of age,
14 gender, ethnicity, religion, nationality, personality, or socio-economic status. An important
15 aspect of this love is the care and faithfulness given to one's own family and exemplified by
16 one's family.

17
18 d. *Emotional, Spiritual and Social Stability and Maturity* grounded in the
19 health of one's mind, body and spirit, and evidenced in humility, balanced judgment, personal
20 conduct, integrity and professional ethics guided by Biblical principles, and personal financial
21 stewardship in tithes and offerings.

22
23 e. *A Sense of Divine Calling to Lifelong Gospel Ministry*, affirmed by the
24 Church, and resulting in a passion to save the lost which orients one's life for diligent service and
25 mission in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14.

26
27 2. Knowledgeable of and committed to:

28
29 a. *God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit*—as Creator and Redeemer and as the
30 initiator of the personal and primary relationship with Him around which one's life and ministry
31 unfolds.

32
33 b. *God's Word* as the essential authoritative source and guide for gospel
34 teaching, life, and ministry.

35
36 c. *The Message and Fellowship of the Seventh-day Adventist Church*
37 expressed in the Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs, and borne out in the thoughtful
38 support of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its institutions worldwide.

39
40 d. *Participation in God's Redemptive Mission* of reconciling the world to
41 Himself, by embodying and proclaiming the saving gospel of Jesus Christ through the cultivation
42 of the fruits and the gifts of the Spirit.

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e. Church Principles as voted in the Church Manual.

3. Skilled in:

a. Studying and Interpreting Scripture in order to discern God's message.

b. Imparting a Thorough and Practical Understanding of the Eternal Gospel and the hope of salvation, by preaching, teaching, healing and discipling in a way that is grounded in biblical prophecy and the expectation of the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

c. Discipling Individuals into a Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ by nurturing, training, and mentoring into active membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

d. Leading Churches in Becoming Healthy, Growing Faith and Worship Communities through effective servant leadership that models and nurtures love and respect for every individual, cares for the diverse families and groups within the community, and manages resources wisely in order to offer joyful and honoring lives and witness for God.

e. Training and Involving Members in God's Mission by helping them recognize God's call and gifting in their lives for particular areas of service, and by fostering the development of these gifts for ministry in the Church and in the community according to the model of Jesus.

1. ~~Before any ordination is carried out, there shall be careful, unhurried, and prayerful examination of the candidates as to their fitness for the work of the ministry. The results of their labor as licentiates should be reviewed, and the examination should cover the great fundamental facts of the gospel. Before the church sets a man apart by ordination he should have given satisfactory evidence of:~~

a. ~~A call to the ministry as a lifework,~~

b. ~~A belief in and knowledge of the Scriptures,~~

c. ~~An acquaintance with and full acceptance of the vital truths we believe we are called to proclaim to the world,~~

d. ~~An experience in various kinds of ministerial responsibility,~~

e. ~~Entire consecration of body, soul, and spirit,~~

f. ~~Spiritual stability,~~

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2 g. Social maturity,
3
4 h. An aptness as a teacher of truth,
5
6 i. An ability to lead souls from sin into holiness,
7
8 j. Fruitage in souls won to Christ,
9
10 k. A cooperative attitude and confidence in the organization and functioning
11 of the church,
12
13 l. A life of consistent exemplary Christian conduct,
14
15 m. An exemplary family,
16
17 n. Being a model steward in tithe and offerings,
18
19 o. An understanding of and adherence to church principles as set forth in the
20 *Church Manual*.

21
22 2. The examination of candidates for ordination is conducted by ordained ministers.
23 ~~Ordained representatives of conferences/missions/ fields/institutions/unions/divisions/General~~
24 ~~Conference, who are present, may be invited to assist in the examination. Where it is deemed~~
25 ~~advisable by the conference/mission/field executive committee, one or more laypersons may be~~
26 ~~selected to participate.~~

27
28 L 55 Ordination Service - No change

29
30 L 60 Safeguarding Credentials—The Integrity of the Ministry

31
32 L 60 05 Union Responsibility—The union and local - No change

33
34 L 60 10 Integrity of the Ministry—In any case where the integrity or - No change

35
36 L 60 15 Integrity of Organizational Officers—In the event the integrity or - No change

37
38 L 60 20 Reasons for Discipline of Ministers—Discipline shall be - No change

39
40 L 60 25 Steps in Discipline of Ministers—When discipline must be administered in the
41 case of a minister, four aspects of the minister's relationship to the Church may be affected:
42 his/her credential/license, his ordination, his/her church ~~membership~~ and membership, or his/her

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denominational employment. The discipline and corresponding procedure for administering such discipline in relation to each of these aspects is as follows:

1. Credential/License—The credential/license of a minister ~~who experiences a moral fall or apostatizes~~ shall be withdrawn ~~permanently~~ immediately by his/her employing committee, at the time his/her employment with the organization is ended for any of the reasons listed in L 60 20 above. ~~after consultation with the next higher organization. His/Her credential/license may also be withdrawn in the case of dissidence as defined in L 60 20, paragraph 3. above, after consultation with the next higher organization, but such withdrawal shall be reviewed by the committee after a stipulated period/periods which shall be determined at the time of withdrawal.~~

2. Ordination—a. A minister who experiences a moral fall or apostatizes has made void his ordination. This changed relationship shall be recognized and recorded by his employing organization with the approval of the respective union committee (or respective General Conference or division committee in the case of a General Conference or division employee or General Conference/division institutional employee). ~~(General Conference or Division Committee in the case of a General Conference/division institution).~~ He shall be ineligible for future employment as a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

b. The ordination of a minister may also be revoked for any of the other reasons listed in L 60 20 above.

~~b. c.~~ A licensed minister who experiences a moral fall or apostatizes shall be ineligible for future ordination or employment as a Seventh-day Adventist minister, and if disciplined for any of the other reasons listed in L 60 20 above, may be ineligible for future ordination or employment as a Seventh-day Adventist minister. ~~minister.~~

3. Church Membership—The organization which has withdrawn a credential/license ~~permanently~~ for any of the reasons listed in L 60 20 above, and, in the case of an ordained minister has voted or recorded the voiding of his ordination, shall inform the local church of which the offending minister is a member. It shall be the duty of the local church to administer discipline as provided for in the *Church Manual* in the section “Reasons for Discipline.” ~~Which Members Shall Be Disciplined.”~~

4. Denominational Employment—It is recognized that a minister who has experienced a moral ~~fall or has apostatized~~ fall, has apostatized, or has been disciplined for any other reason listed in L 60 20 above, has access to the mercy and pardoning grace of God and may desire to return to the Church. Such an individual must be assured of the love and goodwill of his/her fellow believers. However, for the sake of the good name of the Church and the maintaining of moral standards, he/she must plan to devote his/her life to employment other than that of the gospel ministry, the teaching ministry, or denominational leadership.

220-17G THE MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL TRAINING -
POLICY AMENDMENT - 17

- 1
- 2 L 60 30 Counseling and Career Guidance—Where practical the organization - No change
- 3
- 4 L 60 35 Rebaptism—A minister who has been disfellowshipped from the - No change

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219-17G PREREQUISITES (DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM) -
POLICY AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC U 15 05, Prerequisites (Doctor of Ministry Program), to read as follows:

U 15 05 Prerequisites—An employee sponsored by his employing organization to study for the Doctor of Ministry degree at Andrews University shall:

1. ~~Ordained—Be an ordained~~ Ordained/Commissioned—Be an ordained or commissioned minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

2. Degree—Have a Master of Divinity or Bachelor of Divinity degree - No change

3. Evaluation—Have made satisfactory progress in his past ministry - No change

4. Employment—Have served as an employee of the sponsoring - No change

5. Pastoral Experience—Have served a minimum of four years in - No change

6. Doctoral Degrees—Have no other doctoral degree and not be near - No change

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209-17GS GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS - CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution
Article V—General Conference Sessions, to read as follows:

ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Sec. 1. The General Conference shall hold quinquennial Sessions - No change

Sec. 2. The General Conference Executive Committee may call - No change

Sec. 3. At least one-third of the total delegates authorized hereinafter - No change

Sec. 4. The election of officers and the voting on all matters of business - No change

Sec. 5. The delegates to a General Conference Session shall be designated - No change

Sec. 6. Regular delegates shall represent the General Conference's - No change

Sec. 7. Regular delegates shall be allotted on the following - No change

Sec. 8. Delegates at large shall represent the General - No change

Sec. 9. Division administrations shall consult with unions to ensure - No change

Sec. 10. Credentials to sessions shall be issued by the - No change

Sec. 11. Calculations for all delegate allotments, as provided - No change

Sec. 12. Parliamentary Authority: The parliamentary authority pertaining to all rules and
procedures for General Conference Session not covered by its constitution and bylaws shall be
based on the *General Conference Rules of Order*.

1 SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO17AC to MAI-17AC+20GCS

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3 210GSE ELECTION - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS EDITORIAL
4 AMENDMENT

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6 RECOMMENDED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution,
7 Article VI—Election, to read as follows:

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9 ARTICLE VI—ELECTION

10
11 Sec. 1. The following shall be elected at each regular session - No change

12
13 Sec. 2. The following shall be approved by vote of the General Conference Executive
14 Committee at a subsequent meeting, following recommendations from the divisions:

15
16 Other persons to serve as members of the General Conference Executive Committee as
17 provided for in Article VIII, Sec. 1. b.

1 SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO17AC to MAI-17AC+20GCS

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3 212-17GS GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
4 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

5
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws,
7 Article XIII—General Conference Executive Committee, to read as follows:
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9 ARTICLE XIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

10
11 Sec. 1. a. During the intervals between Sessions of the General - No change

12
13 b. The General Conference Executive Committee shall - No change

14
15 c. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have power to elect
16 or remove, for cause, officers, directors, and associate directors of departments/associations/
17 services and committee members, and to fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in
18 its offices, boards, committees, or agents due to death, resignation, or other reasons. The phrase
19 “for cause,” when used in connection with removal from an elected or appointed position, or
20 from membership on the General Conference Executive Committee, shall include but not be
21 limited to 1) incompetence; 2) persistent failure to cooperate with duly constituted authority in
22 substantive matters and with relevant employment and denominational policies; 3) actions which
23 may be the subject of discipline under the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*; ~~or~~ 4) failure to
24 maintain regular standing as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist ~~Church~~. Church; 5) theft or
25 embezzlement; or 6) conviction of or guilty plea for a crime.

26
27 d. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change

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29 e. The removal from office by the General Conference - No change

30
31 f. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change

32
33 Sec. 2. a. A meeting of the General Conference Executive - No change

34
35 b. A meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee - No change

36
37 Sec. 3. A majority of the full membership of the General Conference - No change

38
39 Sec. 4. Any fifteen members of the General Conference Executive - No change

40
41 Sec. 5. All meetings of the General Conference Executive Committee - No change

42
43 Sec. 6. Meetings of the General Conference Executive Committee - No change

44
45 Sec. 7. Local conference/mission/field presidents shall be invited - No change

212-17GS GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT - 2

- 1 Sec. 8. Notice as to time, place, and any other requirements - No change

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GCDO16AC/16AC/ADCOM/101-16Gh/GCDO17SM/17SM/ADCOM/GCDO17AC to ESS-
17AC(DIV)

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

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

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January</u>			
7	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
11-21	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
14	#Health Ministries	---	Divisions
21	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
28			
<u>February</u>			
4	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-SSPM
11-18	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
18			
25			
<u>March</u>			
4	Women's Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
11	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
18-25	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
18	Global Children's Day	---	GC-CHM
18	Global Youth Day	---	GC-YOU
25	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
<u>April</u>			
1	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
1	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
	Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		
8	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's	---	GC-SSPM
	Day)		
8	Mission Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
15-21	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions

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

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

101-17Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2017 - 2

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1			
2	<u>April</u> contd		
3	15	World Impact Day—for Distribution ---	Divisions
4		of Missionary Book	
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 ---	GC-COM
11		Communication Channels	
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 ---	GC-CHM
15		at Risk	
16			
17	<u>June</u>		
18	3	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study: ---	GC-SSPM
19		Sabbath School and	
20		Correspondence Courses	
21	10	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day ---	GC-WM
22	17	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other ---	GC-SSPM
23		Members and Reclaiming	
24	17	Adventist Church World ---	
25		Refugee Day	
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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#Divisions to prepare materials

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101-17Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2017 - 3

			<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	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
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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101-17Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2018

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

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January</u>			
6	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
10-20	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
13	#Health Ministries	---	Divisions
20	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
27			
<u>February</u>			
3	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-SSPM
10-17	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
17			
24			
<u>March</u>			
4	Women's Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
10	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
17-24	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
17	Global Children's Day	---	GC-CHM
17	Global Youth Day	---	GC-YOU
24	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
31			
<u>April</u>			
7	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	R&RCom
7	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
	Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		
14	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's Day)	---	GC-SSPM

*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

#Divisions to prepare materials

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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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#Divisions to prepare materials

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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	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
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 .			

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

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

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

*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

#Divisions to prepare materials

Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at
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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:</i> Using ---	GC-COM
10		Communication Channels	
11	11	<i>Reach the World:</i> In the Community #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:</i> Bible Study: ---	GC-SSPM
18		Sabbath School and	
19		Correspondence Courses	
20	8	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day ---	GC-WM
21	15	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other ---	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:</i> Media Ministry ---	GC-COM
32	27	Children's Sabbath ---	GC-CHM

*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

#Divisions to prepare materials

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

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	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
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 .			

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

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

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

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

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

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	GC-SSPM
19		Correspondence Courses	
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 ---	
25		Refugee Day	
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			

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#Divisions to prepare materials

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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	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
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 .			

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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			
12	https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days .			

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 GCDO16SM/16SM/ADCOM/GCDO16AC/16AC/ADCOM/102-16Gb/ADCOM/
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102-17Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2017

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2017</u>			
5-6(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
5-11	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Sun	AIHAS Board	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>9(eve)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
12-17	Thu	500th Anniversary of Protestant Reformation	Berrien Springs MI
16-17	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
18-19	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
20(eve)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
22	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
22(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
23	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2017</u>			
<u>28(pm)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Adventist Risk Management Board Committees</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>29(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Adventist Risk Management Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
29(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
<u>30(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Adventist Risk Management Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>December 2017</u>			
6-9	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	_____
<u>6-9</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Global Mission Center Directors Meeting</u>	<u>Istanbul TURKEY</u>
11-12	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

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102-17Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2018

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2018</u>			
4-6	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board Consultation	
8(am)	Mon	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
16	Tue	Executive Officers Meeting	Cancun MEXICO
17-20	Wed	PREXAD with Division Presidents	Cancun MEXICO
24-27	Wed	Cross Cultural Workshop (GCLC)	MARYLAND
29-Feb 1	Mon	Educ LEAD Summit for NSD, SSD, SPD, and SUD	THAILAND
<u>February 2018</u>			
6-8	Tue	Global Leadership Summit	PORTUGAL
12-Mar 3	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
12-13	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Collegedale TN
14	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
20-22	Mon	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
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
13-15	Tue	Global Mission Ctr for East Asian Religions Conf	Bangkok THAILAND
19-22	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
22(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
26-29	Mon	World Literature Ministry Coordinating Board	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
3(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD

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1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2				
3	<u>April 2018</u>	contd		
4	3(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
5	4(pm)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
6	4(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
7	5(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
8	5(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
9	6(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
10	8	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
11	8(eve)	Sun	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
12	<u>8(eve)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
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	15-22	Sun	World Bible Corresp School Consultation Mtg	ISRAEL
19	16-May 5	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
20	16-17	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
21	18-19	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
22	<u>22-29</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>World Bible Corresp School Consultation Mtg</u>	<u>ISRAEL</u>
23	24-25	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
24	<u>30</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>AIAS Board Meeting</u>	<u>Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES</u>
25				
26	<u>May 2018</u>			
27	21-22	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
28	30(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Burlington VT
29	31(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Burlington VT
30				
31	<u>June 2018</u>			
32	3(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
33	4-7	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
34	4	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
35	7(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
36	11-21	Mon	BRI International Bible Conference	Rome ITALY
37	18-24	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	
38	29-Jul 8	Fri	Secretariat Division Experience	
39				
40	<u>July 2018</u>			
41	9-28	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
42	18	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
43	19-26	Thu	Future Plans Wrkg Grp Strategic Planning Retreat	UNITED STATES

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

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
2				
3	<u>October 2018</u> contd			
4	22-23	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
5	24-25	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
6	26(eve)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
7	28	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
8	28(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
9	29	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
10				
11	<u>November 2018</u>			
12	28(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
13	29(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
14				
15	<u>December 2018</u>			
16	5-8	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	
17	10-11	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

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

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1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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	<u>7(eve)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
9	8(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
10	8(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
11	8(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
12	8(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
13	9-10	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
14	<u>11-12</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>World Conference on Non-Combatants</u>	<u>Washington, DC</u>
15	15-May 4	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
16	15-16	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
17	17-18	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
18	23-24	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
19				
20	<u>May 2019</u>			
21	<u>7</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>AIAS Board Meeting</u>	<u>Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES</u>
22	20-21	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
23	29(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
24	30(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
25				
26	<u>June 2019</u>			
27	3-6	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
28	6(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
29	9(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
30	10	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
31	17-23	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	
32	28-Jul 7	Fri	Secretariat Division Experience	
33				
34	<u>July 2019</u>			
35	8-27	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
36	9-13	Tue	Third Global Conference on Lifestyle & Health	
37	17	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
38				
39	<u>August 2019</u>			
40	26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
41				
42	<u>September 2019</u>			
43	9-10	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI

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1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2				
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	<u>7(eve)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
20	8(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
21	8(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
22	8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
23	8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
24	9(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
25	9(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
26	9(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
27	9(pm)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
28	9(eve)-10	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
29	10(am)	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
30	10(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
31	10(pm)	Thu	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
32	10(eve)-11(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
33	10(eve)-16	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
34	18-20	Fri	175th Anniversary of 1844	Whitehall NY
35	21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
36	23-24	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
37	25(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
38	27	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
39	27(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
40	28	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
41				
42	<u>November 2019</u>			
43				

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>December 2019</u>			
4-7	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	
4(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
9-10	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2020</u>			
9(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
14	Tue	Executive Officers Meeting	CUBA
15-18	Wed	PREXAD with Division Presidents	CUBA
20-Feb 8	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
28-30	Tue	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>February 2020</u>			
4-6	Tue	Global Leadership Summit	Johannesburg SOUTH AFRICA
10-11	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Collegedale TN
23(pm)	Sun	Loma Linda University Board Education	Loma Linda CA
24-25	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
26	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
27	<u>Thu</u>	<u>AUA Executive Committee</u>	<u>Nairobi KENYA</u>
<u>March 2020</u>			
1(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
2	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
2(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
3	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
23-26	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
26(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2020</u>			
6	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
6(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
7-8(am)	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2020</u> contd			
9(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
12	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
12(eve)	Sun	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
12(eve)	Sun	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
13(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
13(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
13(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
13(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
14-15	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
20-May 9	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
22-23	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
28-29	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
<u>May 2020</u>			
5	Tue	AIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
18-19	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
27(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
28(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>June 2020</u>			
1-4	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
8	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
15-21	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	
22-24	Mon	Adventist Chaplains World Conference	Indianapolis IN
25-Jul 4	Thu	General Conference Session	Indianapolis IN
<u>July 2020</u>			
13-Aug 1	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
22	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
<u>August 2020</u>			
17-Sep 5	Mon	General Conference Mission Institute	
24-25	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2020</u>			
7-8	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>September 2020</u> contd			
14-17	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
17(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
29	Tue	Presidential Advisory	Silver Spring MD
30(am)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
30(pm)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 2020</u>			
1	Thu	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
1	Thu	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
1	Thu	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
4	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Mon	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
5(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
5(eve)	Mon	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
6(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)-8	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Thu	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)-9(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)-14	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
15-19	Thu	Global Healthcare Conference	Loma Linda CA
19-20	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
21-22	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
23(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
25	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
25(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
26	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2020</u>			

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>December 2020</u>			
2(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
9-12	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	
14-15	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

“God’s Last Day Church”

Last Day Events, Chapter 4, pp 43-62

God's People Keep His Commandments

God has a church on earth who are lifting up the downtrodden law, and presenting to the world the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world....

There is but one church in the world who are at the present time standing in the breach and making up the hedge, building up the old waste places....

Let all be careful not to make an outcry against the only people who are fulfilling the description given of the remnant people, who keep the commandments of God and have faith in Jesus.... God has a distinct people, a church on earth, second to none, but superior to all in their facilities to teach the truth, to vindicate the law of God.... My brother, if you are teaching that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is Babylon, you are wrong.—[Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 50, 58, 59 \(1893\)](#).

They Have the Testimony of Jesus

As the end draws near and the work of giving the last warning to the world extends, it becomes more important for those who accept present truth to have a clear understanding of the nature and influence of the testimonies, which God in His providence has linked with the work of the third angel's message from its very rise.—[Testimonies for the Church 5:654 \(1889\)](#).

Men may get up scheme after scheme and the enemy will seek to seduce souls from the truth, but all who believe that the Lord has spoken through Sister White and has given her a message will be safe from the many delusions that will come in these last days.—[Selected Messages 3:83, 84 \(1906\)](#).

There will be those who will claim to have visions. When God gives you clear evidence that the vision is from Him, you may accept it, but do not accept it on any other evidence, for people are going to be led more and more astray in foreign countries and in America.—[Selected Messages 2:72 \(1905\)](#).

Their “Landmark” Biblical Doctrines

The passing of the time in 1844 was a period of great events, opening to our astonished eyes the cleansing of the sanctuary transpiring in heaven, and having decided relation to God's people upon the earth, [also] the first and second angels' messages and the third, unfurling the banner on which was inscribed, “The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” One of the landmarks under this message was the temple of God, seen by His truth-loving people in heaven, and the ark containing the law of God. The light of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment flashed its strong rays in the pathway of the transgressors of God's law. The nonimmortality of the wicked is an old landmark. I can call to mind nothing more that can come under the head of the old landmarks.—[Counsels to Writers and Editors, 30, 31 \(1889\)](#).

The Distinctive Mission of Seventh-day Adventists

The Lord has made us the depositaries of His law; He has committed to us sacred and eternal truth, which is to be given to others in faithful warnings, reproofs, and encouragement.—[Testimonies for the Church 5:381 \(1885\)](#).

Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut them out from the quarry of the world and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them His representatives and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world.—[Testimonies for the Church 7:138 \(1902\)](#). In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.—[Testimonies for the Church 9:19 \(1909\)](#).

Reasons Why the Seventh-day Adventist Church Was Organized

As our numbers increased it was evident that without some form of organization there would be great confusion, and the work would not be carried forward successfully. To provide for the support of the ministry, for carrying the work in new fields, for protecting both the churches and the ministry from unworthy members, for holding church property, for the publication of the truth through the press, and for many other objects, organization was indispensable....

Light was given by His Spirit that there must be order and thorough discipline in the church—that organization was essential. System and order are manifest in all the works of God throughout the universe. Order is the law of heaven, and it should be the law of God's people on the earth.—[Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 26 \(1902\)](#).

Organization Will Always Be Essential

Unless the churches are so organized that they can carry out and enforce order, they have nothing to hope for in the future.—[Testimonies For The Church 1:270 \(1862\)](#).

Oh, how Satan would rejoice if he could succeed in his efforts to get in among this people and disorganize the work at a time when thorough organization is essential and will be the greatest power to keep out spurious uprisings and to refute claims not endorsed by the Word of God! We want to hold the lines evenly, that there shall be no breaking down of the system of organization and order that has been built up by wise, careful labor. License must not be given to disorderly elements that desire to control the work at this time.

Some have advanced the thought that, as we near the close of time, every child of God will act independently of any religious organization. But I have been instructed by the Lord that in this work there is no such thing as every man's being independent.—[Testimonies for the Church 9:257, 258 \(1909\)](#).

As we near the final crisis, instead of feeling that there is less need of order and harmony of action, we should be more systematic than heretofore.—[Selected Messages 3:26 \(1892\)](#).

The Special Authority of God's Church

God has invested His church with special authority and power which no one can be justified in disregarding and despising, for in so doing he despises the voice of God.—[Testimonies for the Church 3:417 \(1875\)](#).

God has bestowed the highest power under heaven upon His church. It is the voice of God in His united people in church capacity which is to be respected.—[Testimonies for the Church 3:451 \(1875\)](#).

A Time of Spiritual Weakness and Blindness

I was confirmed in all I had stated in Minneapolis, that a reformation must go through the churches. Reforms must be made, for spiritual weakness and blindness were upon the people who had been blessed with great light and precious opportunities and privileges. As reformers they had come out of the denominational churches, but they now act a part similar to that which the churches acted. We hoped that there would not be the necessity for another coming out. While we will endeavor to keep the “unity of the Spirit” in the bonds of peace, we will not with pen or voice cease to protest against bigotry.—[The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials, 356, 357 \(1889\)](#).

Of those who boast of their light and yet fail to walk in it Christ says, “But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you. And thou, Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light], which art exalted unto heaven [in point of privilege], shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works which have been done in thee had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.”—[The Review and Herald, August 1, 1893](#).

The church is in the Laodicean state. The presence of God is not in her midst.—[Notebook Leaflets 1:99 \(1898\)](#).

Abuse of Power at Church Headquarters

The General Conference is itself becoming corrupted with wrong sentiments and principles....

Men have taken unfair advantage of those whom they supposed to be under their jurisdiction. They were determined to bring the individuals to their terms; they would rule or ruin....

The high-handed power that has been developed, as though position has made men gods, makes me afraid, and ought to cause fear. It is a curse wherever and by whomsoever it is exercised.—[Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 359-361 \(1895\)](#).

There are altogether too many weighty responsibilities given to a few men, and some do not make God their Counselor. What do these men know of the necessities of the work in foreign countries? How can they know how to decide the questions which come to them asking for information? It would require three months for those in foreign countries to receive a response to their questions, even if there was no delay in writing.—[Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 321 \(1896\)](#).

Those living in distant countries will not do that which their judgment tells them is right unless they first send for permission to Battle Creek. Before they will advance they await Yes or No from that place.—[Special Testimonies, Series A 9:32 \(1896\)](#).

It is not wise to choose one man as president of the General Conference. The work of the General Conference has extended, and some things have been made unnecessarily complicated. A want of discernment has been shown. There should be a division of the field, or some other plan should be devised to change the present order of things.—[Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 342 \(1896\)](#).

Unwise Leaders Do Not Speak for God

The voice from Battle Creek, which has been regarded as authority in counseling how the work should be done, is no longer the voice of God.—[Manuscript Releases 17:185 \(1896\)](#).

It has been some years since I have considered the General Conference as the voice of God.—[Manuscript Releases 17:216 \(1898\)](#).

That these men should stand in a sacred place, to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be—that is past.—[The General Conference Bulletin, April 3, 1901](#), p. 25.

A New Denomination Not Needed

You will take passages in the *Testimonies* that speak of the close of probation, of the shaking among God's people, and you will talk of a coming out from this people of a purer, holier people that will arise. Now all this pleases the enemy.... Should many accept the views you advance, and talk and act upon them, we would see one of the greatest fanatical excitements that has ever been witnessed among Seventh-day Adventists. This is what Satan wants.—[Selected Messages 1:179 \(1890\)](#).

The Lord has not given you a message to call the Seventh-day Adventists Babylon, and to call the people of God to come out of her. All the reasons you may present cannot have weight with me on this subject, because the Lord has given me decided light that is opposed to such a message....

I know that the Lord loves His church. It is not to be disorganized or broken up into independent atoms. There is not the least consistency in this; there is not the least evidence that such a thing will be.—[Selected Messages 2:63, 68, 69 \(1893\)](#).

I tell you, my brethren, the Lord has an organized body through whom He will work.... When anyone is drawing apart from the organized body of God's commandment-keeping people, when he begins to weigh the church in his human scales and begins to pronounce judgment against them, then you may know that God is not leading him. He is on the wrong track.—[Selected Messages 3:17, 18 \(1893\)](#).

God Will Set Everything in Order

There is no need to doubt, to be fearful that the work will not succeed. God is at the head of the work, and He will set everything in order. If matters need adjusting at the head of the work God will attend to that, and work to right every wrong. Let us have faith that God is going to carry the noble ship which bears the people of God safely into port.—[Selected Messages 2:390 \(1892\)](#).

Has God no living church? He has a church, but it is the church militant, not the church triumphant. We are sorry that there are defective members, that there are tares amid the wheat.... Although there are evils existing in the church, and will be until the end of the world, the church in these last days is to be the light of the world that is polluted and demoralized by sin. The church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be reprov'd, warned, and counseled, is the only object upon earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme regard.—[Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 45, 49 \(1893\)](#).

The bulwarks of Satan will never triumph. Victory will attend the third angel's message. As the Captain of the Lord's host tore down the walls of Jericho, so will the Lord's commandment-keeping people triumph, and all opposing elements be defeated.—[Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 410 \(1898\)](#).

Distribution of Responsibility Urged

What we want now is a reorganization. We want to begin at the foundation, and to build upon a different principle....

Here are men who are standing at the head of our various institutions, of the educational interests, and of the conferences in different localities and in different States. All these are to stand as representative men, to have a voice in molding and fashioning the plans that shall be carried out. There are to be more than one or two or three men to consider the whole vast field. The work is great, and there is no one human mind that can plan for the work which needs to be done....

Now I want to say, God has not put any kingly power in our ranks to control this or that branch of the work. The work has been greatly restricted by the efforts to control it in every line.... There must be a renovation, a reorganization; a power and strength must be brought into the committees that are necessary.” —[The General Conference Bulletin, April 3, 1901](#), pp. 25, 26.

New Conferences must be formed. It was in the order of God that the Union conference was organized in Australasia.... It is not necessary to send thousands of miles to Battle Creek for advice, and then have to wait weeks for an answer. Those who are right on the ground are to decide what shall be done.—[The General Conference Bulletin, April 5, 1901](#), pp. 69, 70.

The 1901 General Conference Session Responds

Who do you suppose has been among us since this Conference began? Who has kept away the objectionable features that generally appear in such a meeting? Who has walked up and down the aisles of this Tabernacle? The God of heaven and His angels. And they did not come here to tear you in pieces, but to give you right and peaceable minds. They have been among us to work the works of God, to keep back the powers of darkness, that the work God designed should be done should not be hindered. The angels of God have been working among us....

I was never more astonished in my life than at the turn things have taken at this meeting. This is not our work. God has brought it about. Instruction regarding this was presented to me, but until the sum was worked out at this meeting I could not comprehend this instruction. God's angels have been walking up and down in this congregation. I want every one of you to remember this, and I want you to remember also that God has said that He will heal the wounds of His people.—[The General Conference Bulletin, April 25, 1901](#), pp. 463, 464.

During the General Conference the Lord wrought mightily for His people. Every time I think of that meeting, a sweet solemnity comes over me, and sends a glow of gratitude to my soul. We have seen the stately steppings of the Lord our Redeemer. We praise His holy name, for He has brought deliverance to His people.—[The Review and Herald, November 26, 1901](#).

It has been a necessity to organize union conferences, that the General Conference shall not exercise dictation over all the separate conferences. The power vested in the Conference is not to be centered in one man, or two men, or six men; there is to be a council of men over the separate divisions.—Manuscript 26, 1903 (April 3).

Confidence in SDA Organization Reaffirmed

We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization, for this would mean apostasy from the truth.—[Selected Messages 2:390 \(1905\)](#).

I am instructed to say to Seventh-day Adventists the world over, God has called us as a people to be a peculiar treasure unto Himself. He has appointed that His church on earth shall stand perfectly united in the Spirit and counsel of the Lord of hosts to the end of time.—[Selected Messages 2:397 \(1908\)](#).

At times, when a small group of men entrusted with the general management of the work have, in the name of the General Conference, sought to carry out unwise plans to restrict God's work, I have said that I could no longer regard the voice of the General Conference, represented by these few men, as the voice of God. But this is not saying that the decisions of a General Conference composed of an assembly of duly appointed, representative men from all parts of the field should not be respected.

God has ordained that the representatives of His church from all parts of the earth, when assembled in a General Conference, shall have authority. The error that some are in danger of committing is in giving to the mind and judgment of one man, or of a small group of men, the full measure of authority and influence that God has invested in His church in the judgment and voice of the General Conference assembled to plan for the prosperity and advancement of His work.—[Testimonies for the Church 9:260, 261 \(1909\)](#).

God has invested His church with special authority and power which no one can be justified in disregarding and despising, for he who does this despises the voice of God.—[The Acts of the Apostles, 164 \(1911\)](#).

I am encouraged and blessed as I realize that the God of Israel is still guiding His people and that He will continue to be with them, even to the end.—[Selected Messages 2:406 \(1913\)](#).

A Statement by W. C. White

I told her how Mother regarded the experience of the remnant church, and of her positive teaching that God would not permit this denomination to so fully apostatize that there would be the coming out of another church.—W. C. White to E. E. Andross, May 23, 1915, White Estate Correspondence File.

Spiritual Revival Still Needed

One day at noon I was writing of the work that might have been done at the last [1901] General Conference if the men in positions of trust had followed the will and way of God. Those who have had great light have not walked in the light. The meeting was closed, and the break was not made. Men did not humble themselves before the Lord as they should have done, and the Holy Spirit was not imparted.

I had written thus far when I lost consciousness, and I seemed to be witnessing a scene in Battle Creek.

We were assembled in the auditorium of the Tabernacle. Prayer was offered, a hymn was sung, and prayer was again offered. Most earnest supplication was made to God. The meeting was marked by the presence of the Holy Spirit....

No one seemed to be too proud to make heartfelt confession, and those who led in this work were the ones who had influence, but had not before had courage to confess their sins.

There was rejoicing such as never before had been heard in the Tabernacle. Then I awoke from my unconsciousness, and for a while could not think where I was. My pen was still in my hand. The words were spoken to me: "*This might have been*. All this the Lord was waiting to do for His people. All heaven was waiting to be gracious." I thought of where we might have been had thorough work been done at the last General Conference.—[Testimonies for the Church 8:104-106 \(January 5, 1903\)](#).

I have been deeply impressed by scenes that have recently passed before me in the night season. There seemed to be a great movement—a work of revival—going forward in many

places. Our people were moving into line, responding to God's call.—[Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 515 \(1913\)](#).

The Patience of God With His People

The church has failed, sadly failed, to meet the expectations of her Redeemer, and yet the Lord does not withdraw Himself from His people. He bears with them still, not because of any goodness found in them, but that His name may not be dishonored before the enemies of truth and righteousness, that the satanic agencies may not triumph in the destruction of God's people. He has borne long with their waywardness, unbelief and folly. With wonderful forbearance and compassion He has disciplined them. If they will heed His instruction He will cleanse away their perverse tendencies, saving them with an everlasting salvation and making them eternal monuments of the power of His grace.—[The Signs of the Times, November 13, 1901](#).

We should remember that the church, enfeebled and defective though it be, is the only object on earth on which Christ bestows His supreme regard. He is constantly watching it with solicitude, and is strengthening it by His Holy Spirit.—[Selected Messages 2:396 \(1902\)](#).

God Works With Those Who Are Faithful to Him

The Lord Jesus will always have a chosen people to serve Him. When the Jewish people rejected Christ, the Prince of life, He took from them the kingdom of God and gave it unto the Gentiles. God will continue to work on this principle with every branch of His work.

When a church proves unfaithful to the word of the Lord, whatever their position may be, however high and sacred their calling, the Lord can no longer work with them. Others are then chosen to bear important responsibilities. But, if these in turn do not purify their lives from every wrong action, if they do not establish pure and holy principles in all their borders, then the Lord will grievously afflict and humble them and, unless they repent, will remove them from their place and make them a reproach.—[Manuscript Releases 14:102 \(1903\)](#).

Judged by the Light Bestowed

In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed. She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence: "Found wanting." By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged....

Solemn admonitions of warning, manifest in the destruction of dearly cherished facilities for service, say to us: "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works" ([Revelation 2:5](#))....

Unless the church, which is now being leavened with her own backsliding, shall repent and be converted, she will eat of the fruit of her own doing, until she shall abhor herself. When she resists the evil and chooses the good, when she seeks God with all humility and reaches her high calling in Christ, standing on the platform of eternal truth and by faith laying hold upon the attainments prepared for her, she will be healed. She will appear in her God-given simplicity and purity, separate from earthly entanglements, showing that the truth has made her free indeed. Then her members will indeed be the chosen of God, His representatives.—[Testimonies for the Church 8:247-251 \(April 21, 1903\)](#).

Israel's History a Warning to Us

In these last days God's people will be exposed to the very same dangers as were ancient Israel. Those who will not receive the warnings that God gives will fall into the same perils as did ancient Israel and come short of entering into rest through unbelief. Ancient Israel suffered calamities on account of their unsanctified hearts and unsubmitted wills. Their final rejection as a nation was a result of their own unbelief, self-confidence, impenitence, blindness of mind, and hardness of heart. In their history we have a danger signal lifted before us.

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.... For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end” ([Hebrews 3:12, 14](#)).—Letter 30, 1895.

The Church Militant Is Imperfect

The church militant is not the church triumphant, and earth is not heaven. The church is composed of erring, imperfect men and women, who are but learners in the school of Christ, to be trained, disciplined, educated, for this life and for the future, immortal life.—[The Signs of the Times, January 4, 1883](#).

Some people seem to think that upon entering the church they will have their expectations fulfilled, and meet only with those who are pure and perfect. They are zealous in their faith, and when they see faults in church members, they say, “We left the world in order to have no association with evil characters, but the evil is here also;” and they ask, as did the servants in the parable, “From whence then hath it tares?” But we need not be thus disappointed, for the Lord has not warranted us in coming to the conclusion that the church is perfect; and all our zeal will not be successful in making the church militant as pure as the church triumphant.—[Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 47 \(1893\)](#).

The Church Triumphant Will Be Faithful and Christlike

The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant.—[Evangelism, 707 \(1892\)](#).

The life of Christ was a life charged with a divine message of the love of God, and He longed intensely to impart this love to others in rich measure. Compassion beamed from His countenance, and His conduct was characterized by grace, humility, truth, and love. Every member of His church militant must manifest the same qualities, if he would join the church triumphant.—[Fundamentals of Christian Education, 179 \(1891\)](#).