

# Faithfulness to His **PROPHETS**

2018 - ANNUAL COUNCIL



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**2018 ANNUAL COUNCIL**

**PROGRAM & AGENDA  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Battle Creek, Michigan**

**October 11-17, 2018**

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THURSDAY PROGRAM

October 11, 2018

2:00-4:30 pm	Annual Council Check-In
6:00-8:30 pm	LEAD Conference
8:30-10:00 pm	Late Annual Council Check-In

FRIDAY PROGRAM

October 12, 2018

8:00-9:00 am	LEAD Conference Devotional
9:15 am-12:45 pm	LEAD Conference Break-out Sessions
9:30 am-12:00 pm	Late Annual Council Check-In
1:15-4:45 pm	LEAD Conference Break-out Sessions
7:00-8:30 pm	LEAD Conference Vespers

SABBATH PROGRAM

October 13, 2018

8:00-8:25 am	United Prayer Time (Battle Creek Tabernacle Annex Bldg)
8:30-9:50 am	Sabbath School
10:15 am-12:05 pm	Worship Service, Ted N C Wilson
2:30-4:45 pm	LEAD Conference Break-out Sessions
7:00-8:30 pm	Hope Channel Concert

## DAILY PROGRAM

### October 14, 2018

7:00-7:45 am	Steering Committee (Branson Ballroom #4)
7:15-7:45 am	United Prayer Time (Kellogg Arena – Prayer Room)
8:00-9:00 am	Devotional
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Prayer Room Hours (Kellogg Arena – Back of Main Meeting Room)
9:00 am-12:30 pm	Business Session

### LUNCH

2:00-5:30 pm	Business Session
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### October 15, 2018

6:30-7:55 am	Steering Committee/ADCOM (Branson Ballroom #4)
7:15-7:45 am	United Prayer Time (Kellogg Arena – Prayer Room)
8:00-9:00 am	Devotional
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Prayer Room Hours (Kellogg Arena – Back of Main Meeting Room)
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Business Session

### LUNCH

2:00-5:30 pm	Business Session
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October 16, 2018

7:00-7:45 am	Steering Committee (Branson Ballroom #4)
7:15-7:45 am	United Prayer Time (Kellogg Arena – Prayer Room)
8:00-9:00 am	Devotional
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Prayer Room Hours (Kellogg Arena – Back of Main Meeting Room)
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Business Session

## LUNCH

2:00-5:30 pm	Business Session
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October 17, 2018

7:00-7:45 am	Steering Committee (Branson Ballroom #4)
7:15-7:45 am	United Prayer Time (Kellogg Arena – Prayer Room)
8:00-9:00 am	Devotional
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Prayer Room Hours (Kellogg Arena – Back of Main Meeting Room)
9:00 am-1:00 pm	Business Session

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DEVOTIONAL TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

8:00 - 9:00 am

*Reach the World: Faithfulness to His Prophets*

Sunday, October 14

Denis Kaiser

*“Experiencing the Past –The Bible Way”*

Monday, October 15

Al Reece

*“Beware of Mission Drift”*

Tuesday, October 16

Merlin Burt

*“If They Could Speak”*

Wednesday, October 17

Mark A Finley

*“Speak, Lord, Your Servant Listens”*

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B U S I N E S S   M E E T I N G S

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Editor</u>
<u>Thursday, October 11</u>			
am	Ted N C Wilson	Gerson P Santos	Hensley M Moorooven
pm	Ted N C Wilson	G T Ng	Hensley M Moorooven
<u>Friday, October 12</u>			
am	Ted N C Wilson	John H Thomas	Hensley M Moorooven
pm	Ted N C Wilson Abner De los Santos	G Alexander Bryant	Hensley M Moorooven
<u>Sunday, October 14</u>			
am	Ted N C Wilson Guillermo E Biaggi	Gary D Krause	Hensley M Moorooven
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<u>Monday, October 15</u>			
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<u>Tuesday, October 16</u>			
am	Ted N C Wilson Artur A Steele	John H Thomas	Hensley M Moorooven
pm	Ted N C Wilson	Gary D Krause	Hensley M Moorooven
<u>Wednesday, October 17</u>			
am	Ted N C Wilson Geoffrey Mbwana	G Alexander Bryant	Hensley M Moorooven

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EXPLANATION OF CODING AND FORMAT

This explanation is to help you use the 2018 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
AIIAS	Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies
AM	Adventist Mission
AR	Adventist Review
ARM	Adventist Risk Management
ASTR	Archives, Statistics, and Research
AU	Andrews University
AUA	Adventist University of Africa
AVS	Adventist Volunteer Services
AWR	Adventist World Radio
BRI	Biblical Research Institute
CHM	Children's Ministries
COM	Communication
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

## Acronyms (contd) - 2

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
PRE	Presidential
PreC	Presidents' Council (General Conference and Division Presidents)
PREXAD	President's Executive Administrative Council
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

## Acronyms (contd) - 3

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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**GENERAL AGENDA**

TNCW	101.	Call to Order
GTN	102.	<b>Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church [28]</b>
GTN	103.	Adoption of Daily Program
GTN	104. 114-18G	<b>Standing Committees—Annual Council 2018 [29]</b>
TNCW	105.	Recognition of Service – Israel Leito
JRP	106.	Treasurer’s Report
GTN	107.	Secretary’s Report
MLR/HMM	108. 113-18G	<b>“Regard for and Practice of General Conference Session and General Conference Executive Committee Actions” * [31]</b>
		Executive Committee Actions Sunday, October 14, 2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Vote to be taken
TNCW	109.	“Who Are We and Why Are We Here?” Andy and Naomi Weaver
GTN	110.	World-Member Survey *
MLR	111.	Future Plans Working Group: World Church's Strategic Plans 2020-2025 *
GEB	112.	General Conference Publishing Ministries Report
GEB	113.	Mission Advance
GGM	114.	Ministerial Association Resources
GEB	115.	Communication Report

HMM	116.	<b>Policy Agenda * [22]</b>
JRP	117.	Integrity and Accountability – Ann Gibson *
ADS	118.	International Religious Liberty Association Constituency Meeting
GDK	119.	Global Mission Centers Report
TLL	120.	Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Report
GGM	121.	Mission to the Cities Division Data Reports
TLL	122.	General Conference Auditing Service Report
GEB	123.	Hope Channel Constituency Meeting
GGM	124.	Adventist Development and Relief Agency International Membership Meeting
GGM	125.	Mission to the Cities Division Data Reports
HMM	126.	Executive Committee Website
GEB	127.	Adventist World Radio Constituency Meeting/Total Member Involvement
GPS	128.	Nurture and Retention *
GGM	129.	Mission to the Cities Division Data Reports
ADS	130.	Adventist Health Systems – Terry Shaw
GPS	131.	Church Manual Agenda
HMM	132.	<b>Consent Agenda [24]</b>
MEPS	133.	Special Needs Ministries Report

MLR	134.	224-18G	<b>Mission Statement Amendment * [110]</b>
GGM	135.		Mission to the Cities Division Data Reports
TNCW	136.		Sabbath School/Personal Ministries New Resources *
TNCW	137.		<b>“The Reason for the Delay” and “Power for Finishing the Work” – Evangelism pp 694-701 [111]</b>

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HMM	202.	201-18Gb	<b>Membership/Constituency Meetings (Union of Churches Model Operating Policy) - Policy Amendment [37]</b>	D 19 05, Art VII
HMM	203.	201-18Gc	<b>Membership/Constituency Meetings (Local Mission Model Operating Policy) - Policy Amendment [39]</b>	D 25 05, Art VII
HMM	204.	207-18Ga	<b>Membership/Constituency Meetings (Union Conference Model Bylaws) - Policy Amendment [41]</b>	D 10 05, By Art II
HMM	205.	207-18Gb	<b>Membership/Constituency Meetings (Union of Churches Model Bylaws) - Policy Amendment [43]</b>	D 17 05, By Art II
HMM	206.	207-18Gc	<b>Membership/Constituency Meetings (Local Conference Model Bylaws) - Policy Amendment [45]</b>	D 20 05, By Art II
HMM	207.	208-18G	<b>Relationship of Church Members and Church Institutions to Labor Organizations - New Policy [47]</b>	FL 30
HMM	208.	210-18Ga	<b>Relationships (Union Conference Model Constitution) - Policy Amendment [49]</b>	D 10 05, Con Art III
HMM	209.	210-18Gb	<b>Relationships (Union Mission Model Operating Policy) - Policy Amendment [50]</b>	D 15 05, Art III
HMM	210.	210-18Gc	<b>Relationships (Union of Churches Model Constitution) - Policy Amendment [51]</b>	D 17 05, Con Art III
HMM	211.	210-18Gd	<b>Relationships (Union of Churches Model Operating Policy) - Policy Amendment [52]</b>	D 19 05, Art III
HMM	212.	210-18Ge	<b>Relationships (Local Conference Model Constitution) - Policy Amendment [53]</b>	D 20 05, Con Art III
HMM	213.	210-18Gf	<b>Relationships (Local Mission Model Operating Policy) - Policy Amendment [54]</b>	D 25 05, Art III

HMM	214.	212-18Ga	<b>Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary - Policy Amendment [55]</b>	L 20
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- KLP 608. 102-18Gb [Authorized Meetings 2019 \[101\]](#)
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- KLP 610. 102-18Gd [Authorized Meetings 2021 \[109\]](#)
- KLP 611. 102-18Ge [Authorized Meetings 2022 \[111\]](#)
- HMM 612. Committee Member Adjustments

Accrediting Association Of Seventh-Day Adventist Schools, Colleges, And Universities (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add Ryapolov, Ivan

Delete Tkachuk, Vladimir I

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

Add Baptiste, Philip P (NAD ASI Executive Secretary)  
Choi, Young Il (NSD)  
Henry, Elie (IAD)



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Delete	Allen, Kyle (NAD ASI Executive Secretary) Ferreira, Viriato E (EUD) Leito, Israel J (IAD) Oh, Sooho (NSD)
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### Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board (GCC-B)—Membership Adjustment

Add	Thorp, Brad
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Delete	Lemon, Robert E
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### Adventist World Publishing Board (GCC-B)—Membership Adjustment

Add	Thorp, Brad
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Delete	Lemon, Robert E
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### General Conference Administrative Committee (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add	Burdick, Brent B, Invitee Finley, Mark A, Invitee Lust, German A Moorooven, Hensley M, Secretary Ryan, Michael L, Invitee
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Delete	Iseminger, Myron A, Secretary Lamoreaux, Nancy A Moorooven, Hensley M, Member Pearman, Delbert B
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### General Conference Audit Committee (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add	Neal, Rodney
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Delete	Lang, Kevin J
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### General Conference Executive Committee (GCC)—Membership Adjustment

Add	Botti, Stanley, 40 Members At-Large - Laity Leito, Israel J, 40 Members At-Large - Employee/Retiree Lemon, Robert E, 40 Members At-Large -
Employee/Retiree	Moiloa, Mamello, Additional Pastor/Frontline (SID) Mihret, Esubalew, Additional Pastor/Frontline (ECD) Mutabuleno, Tito Abreu, Additional Pastor/Frontline (SID) Neal, Rodney, 40 Members At-Large - Employee/Retiree Pikeri, Rayla, Layperson (IAD) Zhou, Wei Jun, Layperson (NSD)
Delete	Chicanha, Jones Pinhao, Additional Pastor/Frontline (SID) Lucasius, Nilitsa, Layperson (IAD) Matshiyane, Mandla, Additional Pastor/Frontline (SID) Silva Filho, Thadeu de Jesus, 40 Members At-Large - Laity Tirkaso, Degife, Additional Pastor/Frontline (ECD)

### General Conference Mission Board (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add	Fowler-Kline, Fylvia Ingram-Hudgins, Sherri Moorooven, Hensley M, Secretary Whitsett, Gregory
Delete	Iseminger, Myron A, Secretary Lamoreaux, Nancy A Moorooven, Hensley M, Member

### General Conference, Southern Asia Division Committee (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Delete	Bergmann, Jason D, Invitee
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### International Board Of Education (GCC-B)—Membership Adjustment

Add	Henry, Elie Ryapolov, Ivan
Delete	Leito, Israel J

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Tkachuk, Vladimir  
International Health And Temperance Association Executive Council (GCC-S)—  
Membership Adjustment

Add            Bergland, Torben

Delete         Hardinge, Fred G

Strategic Planning And Budgeting Committee (GCC-S)—Membership  
Adjustment

Add            Lust, German A  
Moorooven, Hensley M, Associate Secretary

Delete         Iseminger, Myron A, Associate Secretary  
Lamoreaux, Nancy A  
Moorooven, Hensley M, Member  
Pearman, Delbert B

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

Add            Thorp, Brad

Delete         Lemon, Robert E

## MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-18AC

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3 114-18G STANDING COMMITTEES—ANNUAL COUNCIL - 2018

4  
5 RECOMMENDED, To approve the standing committees for the 2018 Annual Council, as  
6 follows:

7  
8 NOMINATING

9  
10 Ted N C Wilson, Chair  
11 G T Ng, Secretary  
12

13 Members: Alma L Aguirre, Kingsley C Anonaba, Delbert W Baker, Guillermo E Biaggi,  
14 Marcos F Bomfim, Mario Brito, Everett E Brown, Hesron R Byilingiro, Svetlana Colomiet,  
15 Alain G Coralie, Abner De los Santos, Marlon de Souza Lopes, Emmanuel Dike, Robert B  
16 Dulay, Larry R Evans, Mark A Finley, Richard H Hart, Elie Henry, Khrawbor Kharbteng,  
17 Chun Kwang Hwang, Daniel R Jackson, Mark A Johnson, Raafat A Kamal,  
18

19 Mikhail F Kaminsky, Si Young Kim, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Vladimir  
20 Krupskiy, Ezras Lakra, Thomas L Lemon, German A Lust, Andrea T Luxton, Solomon  
21 Maphosa, Romina L Masih, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Richard E McEdward, Duane McKey,  
22 Hensley M Mooroooven, Derek J Morris, Hopekings K Ngomba, James R Nix, Solomon O  
23 Omache, Daisy J F Orion, Mikulas Pavlik, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Karen J Porter,  
24

25 Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Bill Quispe Sanca, Irena S Rakamaric, Blasious M Ruguri,  
26 Michael L Ryan, Saw Samuel, Ella S Simmons, Samuel Sinyangwe, Heather-Dawn K Small,  
27 Daniel Staeheli, Artur A Steele, Glenn C Townend, J Raymond Wahlen II, Elie Weick-Dido.  
28

29 STEERING

30  
31 Ted N C Wilson, Chair  
32 Hensley M Mooroooven, Secretary  
33

34 Members: Timothy H Aka, Guillermo E Biaggi, G Alexander Bryant, Sheri Clemmer,  
35 Abner De los Santos, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, G Thomas Evans, Larry R  
36 Evans, Mark A Finley, Daniel R Jackson, Gary D Krause, Thomas L Lemon, German A Lust,  
37 Geoffrey G Mbwana, Duane McKey, G T Ng, Daisy J F Orion, Lissy Park, Magdiel E Perez  
38 Schulz, Karen J Porter, Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Claude J Richli, Michael L Ryan, Gerson P  
39 Santos, Silvia Sicalo, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Steele, John H Thomas, J Raymond Wahlen II.

1 PRE/ADCOM/TreC/SP&B18AC to JRP-18AC

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3 116-18G GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OFFERING - 2020

4  
5 RECOMMENDED, To designate the 2020 General Conference Session Offering for the One Year in  
6 Mission program. The thirteen divisions and Middle East and North Africa Union Mission will  
7 receive back two-thirds of the offering in proportion to the amounts received within their territory,  
8 and the remaining one-third plus the two Sabbath offerings at the General Conference Session and  
9 any direct donations that are received by the General Conference prior to final distribution of the  
10 funds, will be divided equally between the 14 entities. Detailed guidelines for the use of the funds  
11 will be prepared by General Conference Youth Ministries, with input from Presidential, Secretariat,  
12 and Treasury.

13  
14 Offering Purpose: One Year in Mission

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16 Worldwide Offering Dates: December 14, 2019  
17 July 11, 2020

18  
19 Sabbath Offerings at GC Session: June 27, 2020  
20 July 4, 2020

1 ADCOM/ADCOM/ADCOM/PreC/GCDO18AC to MLR-18AC(DIV)

2  
3 113-18G REGARD FOR AND PRACTICE OF GENERAL CONFERENCE  
4 SESSION AND GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE  
5 COMMITTEE ACTIONS  
6

7 A sacred trust exists between church members and their elected Church leaders. Unity and trust  
8 are strengthened as church members and organizational leaders commit to being led by the Spirit to  
9 regard and honor the constituted decisions made by fellow church members and leaders.  
10

11 “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”—Eph 4:3. “We are  
12 coming to a time when, more than ever before, we shall need to press together, to labor unitedly. . . . in  
13 unity there is strength.”—2SM 373, 374.  
14

15 Where regard for and practice of General Conference Session and General Conference Executive  
16 Committee actions have not been followed, these principles shall apply:  
17

18 1. Process for Reporting Perceived Non-Compliance—The Administrative Committee of  
19 any conference and/or union and/or division and/or the General Conference which identifies an entity  
20 they perceive to be non-compliant, shall report the matter in writing to the administrative level of the  
21 Church immediately above the perceived non-compliant entity, beginning with the administrative level  
22 of the Church closest to the matter. If any level of organization does not report an issue of non-  
23 compliance, it becomes the responsibility of the next higher organization.  
24

25 2. Organization Closest to the Matter—Planning for and ensuring compliance shall initially  
26 be the responsibility entrusted to the administrative level of the Church closest to the matter. This  
27 organization is responsible for notifying the entity perceived as non-compliant. With sound judgment  
28 and prayerful discernment, administrators may use existing General Conference working policies and  
29 guidelines as tools for resolving matters of non-compliance.  
30

31 3. Process for Addressing Perceived Non-Compliance—Administrators dealing with any  
32 matter of perceived non-compliance shall exercise Christian due process which will (a) include much  
33 prayer and dialogue, (b) provide a clearly written statement defining the perceived non-compliance, (c)  
34 upon receipt of the written statement, provide 60 days for the executive officers of the perceived non-  
35 compliant entity to provide evidence of compliance or a plan to achieve sustained compliance, (d) create  
36 a supportive atmosphere by which to achieve compliance and unity, and (e) provide a reasonable  
37 timeframe (30 days) to provide evidence of compliance or a plan to achieve sustained compliance.  
38

39 If, in the opinion of the executive officers of the conference and/or union and/or division and/or  
40 General Conference, compliance has been requested but has not been made evident or has not been  
41 sustainably achieved, the General Conference Administrative Committee may request the appropriate  
42 General Conference Compliance Review Committee\* to implement its terms of reference. The  
43 appropriate General Conference Compliance Review Committee\* shall evaluate the matter and (1) deem  
44 the perceived non-compliant issue to be resolved, (2) make recommendations to the appropriate  
45 Administrative Committee, and/or (3) consider and recommend to the General Conference  
46 Administrative Committee, General Conference officers, all division officers, and for final

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1 determination by the General Conference Executive Committee at Annual Council, that disciplinary  
2 measures be taken.

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4 If, in the opinion of a General Conference Compliance Review Committee,\* reasonable time has  
5 been given for discussion and review, the General Conference Compliance Review Committee\* may  
6 directly make recommendations to the appropriate Administrative Committee.

7  
8 4. Process for Appeal—An entity seeking to appeal a recommendation may do so in writing  
9 directly to the assigned General Conference Compliance Review Committee.\* The appeal process made  
10 by the non-compliant entity shall be considered part of the work of the General Conference Compliance  
11 Review Committee\* as defined by its terms of reference. The General Conference Compliance Review  
12 Committee\* shall respond in writing to the appeal made by the reporting organization, within 60 days of  
13 delivery of the final written appeal. If there is no satisfactory resolution following the appeal to the  
14 General Conference Compliance Review Committee,\* the entity may appeal the matter further directly  
15 in writing to the General Conference Administrative Committee.

16  
17 5. Process for Unresolved Matters—If a matter of non-compliance continues to be  
18 unresolved, the next higher level of Church organization is tasked with the responsibility to resolve the  
19 matter or facilitate the initiation of a process leading to consequences.

20  
21 6. Disciplinary Measures—In the event the due process referenced above does not bring  
22 about compliance and does not result in the reversal of the action taken by the non-compliant entity  
23 and/or the constituency-elected leader of that body (the union president, who serves as both the voice of  
24 the union constituency and the voice of the world Church and who is an *ex officio* member of the  
25 General Conference Executive Committee), the entity and its duly elected leader may be subject to the  
26 following disciplinary measures:

27  
28 a. Warned—By vote of simple majority of the General Conference Executive  
29 Committee, unions/unions of churches/organizations that have complied with General Conference  
30 Executive Committee and/or General Conference Session actions but have taken actions that are not in  
31 compliance with the practices of the Church as defined by the General Conference Constitution and  
32 Bylaws and/or the General Conference *Working Policy* may be “warned.” Being “warned” applies  
33 generally to a non-compliant entity and does not intend to identify individuals for further action or  
34 mention.

35  
36 b. Public Reprimand—By vote of simple majority of the General Conference  
37 Executive Committee, the president of such unions/unions of churches/organizations that have not  
38 complied with General Conference Executive Committee actions and/or General Conference Session  
39 actions, including *Working Policy*, which have been voted by the General Conference Executive  
40 Committee and/or General Conference Session, may be given a public reprimand. In the attendee listing  
41 contained in the agenda of each Spring Meeting and Annual Council of the General Conference



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COMMITTEE ACTIONS - 3

1 Executive Committee, the names of those individuals representing entities under reprimand will be  
2 denoted and will be mentioned at the opening session of the meeting.

3  
4 c. Placed on Removal for Cause and Subject to Policy Application—When non-  
5 compliance continues after public reprimand, the relevant General Conference Compliance Review  
6 Committee,\* by virtue of prior General Conference Executive Committee actions and/or General  
7 Conference Session actions, shall have authority to consider and recommend to the General Conference  
8 Administrative Committee, General Conference officers, all division officers, and the General  
9 Conference Executive Committee at Annual Council, for final determination and for the application of  
10 existing General Conference working policies and guidelines, such as removal of the representative  
11 member “for cause” by a two-thirds majority vote.—General Conference Bylaws Article XIII Sec. 1. c.  
12 and f., and GC B 95.

13  
14 In the event that entities that have been “warned” or their president “reprimanded” take actions  
15 that bring their entities into compliance with the practices of the Church as defined by the General  
16 Conference Constitution and Bylaws, the General Conference *Working Policy*, and voted actions of the  
17 General Conference Executive Committee and/or General Conference Session, the relevant General  
18 Conference Compliance Review Committee\* shall recommend to the General Conference  
19 Administrative Committee that these entities or president be reinstated to regular standing by the  
20 General Conference Executive Committee. In the event that entities that have been “warned” or  
21 “reprimanded” continue in non-compliance with voted actions of the General Conference Executive  
22 Committee and/or General Conference Session, the relevant General Conference Compliance Review  
23 Committee\* may recommend to the General Conference Administrative Committee to pursue other  
24 actions that may be available in the General Conference working policies and guidelines or the  
25 Constitution and Bylaws of the General Conference. If, after the organization closest to the matter has  
26 been unable to resolve a compliance issue and the General Conference Compliance Review Committee\*  
27 has recommended consequences, only the General Conference Executive Committee and/or the General  
28 Conference in session has authority to implement the recommendation.

29  
30 Presidents of conferences/missions whose union president has been “reprimanded” shall continue  
31 to exercise voice, as provided by the General Conference Bylaws, and the body will be notified that the  
32 invitee requesting voice is a constituent representative of a conference/mission of a union whose  
33 president has been “reprimanded” due to a matter of non-compliance.

34  
35 In instances where a union president has been removed from the membership of the committee  
36 “for cause,” other members of the General Conference Executive Committee from that union shall  
37 continue to exercise full privileges without mention of reprimand.

38  
39 Entities desiring reconsideration of a General Conference Executive Committee and/or General  
40 Conference Session action, may seek recourse through processes already provided for in the General  
41 Conference *Working Policy*. The process of seeking recourse and the “Regard for and Practice of

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1 General Conference Session and General Conference Executive Committee Actions” shall run  
2 concurrently.  
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4 As circumstances warrant, this process may be used as a model by other levels of Church  
5 organization.\*\*  
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\*As per General Conference Administrative Committee actions July 17, 2018 and August 14, 2018.

9 \*\* When considering compliance matters, local churches should refer to the process described in the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*.

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GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

201-18Ga 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, or

c. A method approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ Division Executive  
Committee, in the event of inaction or failure to call a constituency meeting by the  
Union Mission Executive 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

201-18Ga 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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GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

201-18Gb 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, or

c. A method approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ Division Executive  
Committee, in the event of inaction or failure to call a constituency meeting by the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Union of Churches Executive 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

201-18Gb MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (UNION  
OF CHURCHES MODEL OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY  
AMENDMENT - 2

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

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

4  
5       **Sec. 9. Parliamentary Authority:** The parliamentary authority for - No change

6  
7       **Sec. 10. Elections/Appointments and Term of Office** - No change

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GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

201-18Gc 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 quinquennial  
(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/field at  
least four weeks before the date of the session, or

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

c. A method approved by the Union Executive  
Committee, in the event of inaction or failure to call a constituency meeting by the  
Mission/Field Executive 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

201-18Gc MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (LOCAL  
MISSION MODEL OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY  
AMENDMENT - 2

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

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

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



1 PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

2  
3 207-18Ga MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (UNION  
4 CONFERENCE MODEL BYLAWS) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RATIONALE: This amendment brings the notice requirements of this conference-level model  
7 bylaws in line with the wording suggested for the model operating policies of mission-level  
8 organizations.

9  
10 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 10 05, Union Conference Model Constitution and Bylaws,  
11 Bylaws, Article II, Membership/Constituency Meetings, to read as follows:

12  
13 **Article II—Membership/Constituency Meetings**

14  
15 **Sec. 1. Regular Meeting: This union conference shall hold a regular** quinquennial  
16 **constituency meeting at such time and place as the executive committee of the union**  
17 **conference shall designate. In the event that the union executive committee fails to call a**  
18 **regular constituency meeting within the quinquennial period, the \_\_\_\_\_ Division**  
19 **Executive Committee may give notice for such a meeting and designate the time and place.**  
20 Notice of the time and place of the meeting of the delegates representing the members shall be  
21 given ~~by~~ by:

22  
23 a. A notice printed in the official publication of the union conference at least  
24 four weeks before the date of the session, or

25  
26 b. A method approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ Union Conference Executive  
27 Committee, provided all member units receive notice with sufficient time to select delegates.

28  
29 c. A method approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ Division Executive ~~Committee~~  
30 Committee in the event of inaction or non-compliance failure to call a constituency meeting  
31 by the \_\_\_\_\_ Union Executive Committee.

32  
33 **Sec. 2. Special Meeting - No change**

34  
35 **Sec. 3. Chair and Secretary for Constituency Meetings - No change**

36  
37 **Sec. 4. Regular Meeting Business: The business of the regular - No change**

38  
39 **Sec. 5. Quorum: At least \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the delegates - No change**

40  
41 **Sec. 6. Proxy Voting: All delegates must be present in person at - No change**

42  
43 **Sec. 7. Voting Rights of the Delegates: Each delegate appointed - No change**

44  
45 **Sec. 8. Voting: The voting on matters of business shall normally be - No change**  
46

207-18Ga MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (UNION  
CONFERENCE MODEL BYLAWS) - POLICY  
AMENDMENT - 2

- 1       **Sec. 9. Parliamentary Authority: The parliamentary authority** - No change
- 2
- 3       **Sec. 10. Election/Appointment and Term of Office** - No change
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- 5       **Sec. 11. Election of Local Mission/Field Officers and Term of Office** - No change

1 PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

2  
3 207-18Gb MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (UNION OF  
4 CHURCHES MODEL BYLAWS) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RATIONALE: This amendment brings the notice requirements of this conference-level model  
7 bylaws in line with the wording suggested for the model operating policies of mission-level  
8 organizations.

9  
10 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 17 05, Union of Churches Model Constitution and  
11 Bylaws, Bylaws, Article II, Membership/Constituency Meetings, to read as follows:

12  
13 **Article II—Membership/Constituency Meetings**

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15 **Sec. 1. Regular Meeting:** This union of churches shall hold a regular quinquennial  
16 constituency meeting at such time and place as the executive committee of the union of  
17 churches shall designate. In the event that the union executive committee fails to call a  
18 regular constituency meeting within the quinquennial period, the \_\_\_\_\_ Division  
19 Executive Committee, or General Conference Executive Committee in the case of unions  
20 directly attached to the General Conference, may give notice for such a meeting and  
21 designate the time and place. Notice of the time and place of the meeting of the delegates  
22 representing the members shall be given by by:

23  
24 a. A notice printed in the official publication of the union of churches at least  
25 four weeks before the date of the session, or

26  
27 b. A method approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ Union of Churches Executive  
28 Committee, provided all member units receive notice with sufficient time to select delegates.

29  
30 c. A method approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ Division Executive Committee  
31 Committee in the event of inaction or non-compliance failure to call a constituency meeting  
32 by the \_\_\_\_\_ Union of Churches Executive Committee.

33  
34 **Sec. 2. Special Meeting** - No change

35  
36 **Sec. 3. Chair and Secretary for Constituency Meetings** - No change

37  
38 **Sec. 4. Regular Meeting Business: The business of the regular** - No change

39  
40 **Sec. 5. Quorum:** At least \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the delegates - No change

41  
42 **Sec. 6. Proxy Voting: All delegates must be present at** - No change

43  
44 **Sec. 7. Voting Rights of the Delegates:** Each delegate appointed - No change

45  
46 **Sec. 8. Voting: The voting on matters of business shall normally be** - No change

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CHURCHES MODEL BYLAWS) - POLICY AMENDMENT - 2

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

**Sec. 10. Election/Appointment and Term of Office** - No change

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207-18Gc MEMBERSHIP/CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS (LOCAL  
CONFERENCE MODEL BYLAWS) - POLICY AMENDMENT

**RATIONALE:** This amendment brings the notice requirements of this conference-level model bylaws in line with the wording suggested for the model operating policies of mission-level organizations.

**RECOMMENDED,** To amend GC D 20 05, Local Conference Model Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article II, Membership/Constituency Meetings, to read as follows:

**Article II—Membership/Constituency Meetings**

**Sec. 1. Regular Meeting:** This conference shall hold a regular \_\_\_\_\_ (biennial, triennial, quadrennial, or quinquennial) **constituency meeting at such time and place as the executive committee of the 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 of the meeting of the delegates representing the members shall be given ~~by~~ by:

a. A notice printed in the official publication of the \_\_\_\_\_ Union Mission/Union Conference at least four weeks before the date of the session, or

b. A method approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ Conference Executive Committee, provided all member units receive notice with sufficient time to select delegates, or

c. A method approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Executive Committee** **Committee in the event of inaction or non-compliance failure to call a constituency meeting by the \_\_\_\_\_ Conference Executive 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** - 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

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CONFERENCE MODEL BYLAWS) - POLICY  
AMENDMENT - 2

- 1        **Sec. 9. Parliamentary Authority: The parliamentary authority** - No change
- 2
- 3        **Sec. 10. Election/Appointment and Term of Office** - No change

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208-18G RELATIONSHIP OF CHURCH MEMBERS AND CHURCH  
INSTITUTIONS TO LABOR ORGANIZATIONS - NEW  
POLICY

RECOMMENDED, To adopt a new policy, FL 30, Relationship of Church Members and  
Church Institutions to Labor Organizations, which reads as follows:

FL 30 Relationship of Church Members and  
Church Institutions to Labor Organizations

FL 30 05 Biblical Background—1. a. For more than a century, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has taught its members and instructed administrators of its Church institutions that the Bible clearly instructs that Christ is to be Lord of the life of every church member and Church institution, and that He is to be the ultimate authority to Whom they will submit their decisions and relationships (Acts 2:36; 5:29; Col 3:23, 24). The Church has historically taught that its members and institutions dare not violate their individual or corporate consciences by supporting organizations, policies, or activities incompatible with the principles set forth in Scripture (Isa 8:12, 13; 2 Cor 6:14-18).

b. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is aware that unjust activities on the part of some employers and the exploitation of employees created a climate for strong labor unions. Exploitation is condemned in Scripture. “Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. . . . Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.” (James 5:1, 4 NIV) Jesus made His position clear when He said, “And the King will answer and say unto them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’” (Matt 25:40, NKJV) However, Jesus never used confrontational methods such as economic or physical pressure. Labor organizations may appear to have good motives, but Christians cannot unite with those who sometimes follow Christ and only sometimes trust His methods.

FL 30 10 Historical Position—1. Based on the biblical principles described in FL 30 05 (and many other sources), the Seventh-day Adventist Church hereby confirms its long-standing teaching that church members should, and institutions must, remain free and independent from organizations which might violate a member’s conscience or interfere with the fulfillment of the mission of the Church, through its institutions, as follows:

a. Seventh-day Adventist church members are following the historic teaching of the Church when they refuse to join or financially support labor unions or similar organizations.

b. Seventh-day Adventist institutions are following the historic teaching of the Church when they refuse to recognize labor unions as bargaining units or to enter into contractual negotiations with them or similar organizations. Institutions and administrators on all

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INSTITUTIONS TO LABOR ORGANIZATIONS - NEW  
POLICY - 2

1 levels shall seek counsel from their division department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty  
2 and division administration if confronted with requests to recognize a labor union as a bargaining  
3 unit or enter into contractual negotiations with such organizations.  
4

5 2. The Seventh-day Adventist Church does not engage in political or economic  
6 activities that seek to destroy labor movements. However, the Church will exercise its lawful  
7 right to protect itself and its institutions from involvement with labor unions, just as it endeavors  
8 to protect the rights of conscience of members who faithfully practice the teaching of the Church  
9 in this regard.  
10

11 3. Through sermons, personal counseling, Church publications, and other media,  
12 Church and institutional administrators as well as pastors should inform Seventh-day Adventist  
13 church members and institutional employees of the Bible principles and the historic teachings on  
14 which the Church's position is based.  
15

16 FL 30 15 Employee Dispute Resolutions—Seventh-day Adventist employers and  
17 employees are urged to employ the methods of Christ in the workplace and in every place.  
18 Disputes should be resolved peacefully in a way that will not create adversarial relationships.  
19 Working agreements may provide for the use of neutral and objective third parties in dispute  
20 resolution efforts. Employers and employees are to remember that Christ went above and beyond  
21 what was required and taught that we should love our enemies (Matt 5:41, 44).  
22

23 FL 30 20 Union Membership—Seventh-day Adventist employees in secular workplaces  
24 are to follow the dictates of their consciences in matters of labor union membership. They are to  
25 avoid unchristian activities and avoid blanket or blind support of partisan political campaigns.  
26 Where union membership is required for employment in a given industry or position, and the  
27 member elects to remain in said position, he or she should minimize participation, serve in  
28 humanitarian projects, and request that his or her union dues be applied to a charitable  
29 organization.



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3 210-18Ga RELATIONSHIPS (UNION CONFERENCE MODEL  
4 CONSTITUTION) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 10 05, Union Conference Model Constitution and Bylaws,  
7 Constitution, Article III, Relationships, to read as follows:

8  
9 **Article III—Relationships**

10  
11 **The \_\_\_\_\_ Union Conference is a member unit of the global Seventh-day**  
12 **Adventist Church and is located in the territory of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division of the General**  
13 **Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The purposes, policies, and procedures of this union**  
14 **conference shall be in harmony with the working ~~policies~~ policies, voted actions, and**  
15 **procedures of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division and the General Conference of Seventh-day**  
16 **Adventists. This union conference shall pursue the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist**  
17 **Church in harmony with the Fundamental Beliefs, programs, and initiatives adopted and**  
18 **approved by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its quinquennial**  
19 **sessions.**

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2  
3 210-18Gb RELATIONSHIPS (UNION MISSION MODEL  
4 OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 15 05, Union Mission Model Operating Policy, Article III,  
7 Relationships, to read as follows:

8  
9 **Article III—Relationships**

10  
11 **The \_\_\_\_\_ Union Mission is a member unit of the global Seventh-day**  
12 **Adventist Church and is located in the territory of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division of the General**  
13 **Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The purposes, policies, and procedures of this union**  
14 **mission shall be in harmony with the working ~~policies~~ policies, voted actions, and**  
15 **procedures of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division and the General Conference of Seventh-day**  
16 **Adventists. This union mission shall pursue the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist**  
17 **Church in harmony with the Fundamental Beliefs, programs, and initiatives adopted and**  
18 **approved by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its quinquennial**  
19 **sessions.**

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2  
3 210-18Gc RELATIONSHIPS (UNION OF CHURCHES MODEL  
4 CONSTITUTION) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 17 05, Union of Churches Model Constitution and  
7 Bylaws, Constitution, Article III, Relationships, to read as follows:

8  
9 **Article III—Relationships**

10  
11 The \_\_\_\_\_ Union of Churches is a member unit of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division of  
12 the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The purposes, policies, and procedures  
13 of this union of churches shall be in harmony with the working ~~polieies~~ policies, voted  
14 actions, and procedures of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division and the General Conference of  
15 Seventh-day Adventists. This union of churches shall pursue the mission of the Seventh-day  
16 Adventist Church in harmony with the Fundamental Beliefs, programs, and initiatives  
17 adopted and approved by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its  
18 quinquennial sessions.

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2  
3 210-18Gd RELATIONSHIPS (UNION OF CHURCHES MODEL  
4 OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 19 05, Union of Churches Model Operating Policy,  
7 Article III, Relationships, to read as follows:

8  
9 **Article III—Relationships**

10  
11 **The \_\_\_\_\_ Union of Churches is a member unit of the global Seventh-day**  
12 **Adventist Church and is located in the territory of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division of the General**  
13 **Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The purposes, policies, and procedures of this union**  
14 **of churches shall be in harmony with the working ~~policies~~ policies, voted actions, and**  
15 **procedures of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division and the General Conference of Seventh-day**  
16 **Adventists. This union of churches shall pursue the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist**  
17 **Church in harmony with the Fundamental Beliefs, programs, and initiatives adopted and**  
18 **approved by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its quinquennial**  
19 **sessions.**

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3 210-18Ge RELATIONSHIPS (LOCAL CONFERENCE MODEL  
4 CONSTITUTION) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 20 05, Local Conference Model Constitution and Bylaws,  
7 Constitution, Article III, Relationships, to read as follows:

8  
9 **Article III—Relationships**

10  
11 **The \_\_\_\_\_ Conference is a member unit of the \_\_\_\_\_ Union**  
12 **Conference/Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and is located in the territory of**  
13 **the \_\_\_\_\_ Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The**  
14 **purposes, policies, and procedures of this conference shall be in harmony with the working**  
15 **~~policies~~ policies, voted actions, and procedures of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division and the General**  
16 **Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This conference shall pursue the mission of the**  
17 **Church in harmony with the Fundamental Beliefs, programs, and initiatives adopted and**  
18 **approved by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its quinquennial**  
19 **sessions.**

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2  
3 210-18Gf RELATIONSHIPS (LOCAL MISSION MODEL  
4 OPERATING POLICY) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC D 25 05, Local Mission Model Operating Policy, Article III,  
7 Relationships, to read as follows:

8  
9 **Article III—Relationships**

10  
11 **The \_\_\_\_\_ Mission/Field is a member unit of the \_\_\_\_\_ Union and is**  
12 **located in the territory of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division of the General Conference of**  
13 **Seventh-day Adventists. The purposes, policies, and procedures of this mission/field shall**  
14 **be in harmony with the working ~~policies~~ policies, voted actions, and procedures of the**  
15 **\_\_\_\_\_ Division and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This**  
16 **mission/field shall pursue the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in harmony**  
17 **with the Fundamental Beliefs, programs, and initiatives adopted and approved by the**  
18 **General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its quinquennial sessions.**

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2  
3 212-18Ga SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST THEOLOGICAL  
4 SEMINARY - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend L 20, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, to read as  
7 follows:

8  
9 L 20 Ministerial and Theological Education

10  
11 The purpose of Seventh-day Adventist ministerial and theological education is to provide,  
12 in harmony with the educational principles of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination,  
13 professional education for the gospel ministry and opportunity for such graduate study and  
14 research as will contribute to the advancement of theological unity and sound scholarship in the  
15 fields of Bible and religious history. The General Conference supports theological seminaries at  
16 Andrews University, the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, and the Adventist  
17 University of Africa, in support of such advanced studies and leadership development.

18  
19 1. Entry-Level Ministerial Degree—It is expected that ministers hired by Church  
20 entities will hold a ministerial degree from a Seventh-day Adventist institution accredited by the  
21 Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities, although  
22 it is recognized that God does call men and women from various professions or vocations into  
23 the work of the ministry. Whatever the name of the entry-level qualification, the graduate should  
24 demonstrate proficiency in the basic outcomes listed in L 50. In addition to these core outcomes,  
25 each division is encouraged to identify further outcomes for their region(s), and to shape the  
26 education process to reach these outcomes. Special emphasis must be given to Seventh-day  
27 Adventist distinctive teachings and lifestyle, integrating theoretic and practical aspects of  
28 theological education so that pastors excel as equippers and trainers of their church members.

29  
30 2. Advanced Ministerial Degree—It is recommended that conferences/missions/  
31 fields, healthcare institutions, publishing houses, and schools make provision for giving  
32 employees the privilege of formal, advanced ministerial education in light of the individual's  
33 aptitude for and promise of future service as needed by the Church and its institutions.

34  
35 Specialized professional degrees focus on the practice of ministry and can be taken to the  
36 master or doctoral level. Such degrees include pastoral ministry, church growth, missions,  
37 chaplaincy, family ministry, youth ministry, and leadership and administration. There are also  
38 advanced academic degrees which focus on areas like biblical studies, archaeology, theology,  
39 history, or religious education.

40  
41 Conferences/missions/fields and institutions should take a favorable attitude toward  
42 employees who desire to attend and who are able to meet their own expenses and who in the  
43 judgment of the committee or board would profit by such attendance, giving them a leave of  
44 absence with the understanding that they will return to their duties when the designated  
45 schoolwork is completed.

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SEMINARY - POLICY AMENDMENT - 2

~~L 20 Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary~~

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

8  
9 ~~To this end the Seminary offers courses in the various fields of theological study leading~~  
10 ~~to the Master of Divinity degree. These courses are given in six departments—Old Testament,~~  
11 ~~New Testament, Theology and Christian Philosophy, Church History, Christian Ministry, and~~  
12 ~~World Mission.~~

13  
14 ~~The general plan is that young people take the full Master of Divinity curriculum,~~  
15 ~~although it is recognized that God does call men and women from various professions or~~  
16 ~~vocations into the work of the ministry. This curriculum is open to those who have earned a~~  
17 ~~Bachelor of Arts or comparable degree, preferably with a concentration in religion or theology,~~  
18 ~~and who are recommended as candidates for the ministry.~~

19  
20 2. ~~It is recommended that conferences/missions/fields, sanitariums, schools, and~~  
21 ~~publishing houses make provision for giving employees the privilege of attending this school in~~  
22 ~~order to enlarge their knowledge of Bible and religious history and the great truths of this~~  
23 ~~last-day message; and that they keep in mind the following factors when selecting those who~~  
24 ~~shall have the privilege of attending the Seminary:~~

- 25  
26 a. ~~The need and possibility of self-improvement,~~  
27  
28 b. ~~Qualifications for advanced study,~~  
29  
30 c. ~~Prospects of future service in the cause,~~  
31  
32 d. ~~The special needs of individuals to prepare for designated lines of work.~~  
33 ~~Conferences/missions/fields and institutions should take a favorable attitude toward employees~~  
34 ~~who desire to attend and who are able to meet their own expenses and who in the judgment of~~  
35 ~~the committee or board would profit by such attendance, giving them leave of absence with the~~  
36 ~~understanding that they will return to their duties when the designated schoolwork is completed.~~



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3 212-18Gb QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDINATION TO THE  
4 MINISTRY - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend L 35, Qualifications for Ordination to the Ministry, to read as  
7 follows:

8  
9 L 35 Qualifications for Ordination to the Ministry

10  
11 L 35 05 Vital Concern of Church—The setting apart of men for the sacred - No change

12  
13 L 35 10 Scriptural Counsel—The mind of the Lord concerning the - No change

14  
15 L 35 15 Spirit of Prophecy Counsel—“A man can have no greater honor - No change

16  
17 L 35 20 Examination of Candidates for Ordination—~~This Candidates—This~~ counsel lays  
18 a definite obligation on the leaders in charge of an ordination service. They should plan for the  
19 examination of candidates for ordination in such a way as to make this important procedure not  
20 simply perfunctory but a true evaluation of the candidate’s fitness. Sufficient time for careful  
21 evaluation should be made available, particularly in cases where a number of candidates are to be  
22 examined. Wherever possible, the candidate should plan to have his wife present for the  
23 examination, realizing that ordination affects not only the individual but the entire family.

24  
25 L 35 23 Examination of Candidates for Commissioning—The same qualifications and  
26 standards of examination outlined in L 50 shall apply to candidates for commissioning,  
27 notwithstanding the variances of authority between a commissioned and ordained minister.

28  
29 L 35 25 Service Before Ordination—Undue haste has sometimes been - No change

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

32  
33 L 35 35 Licentiate—When a conference/mission/field gives an - No change

34  
35 L 35 40 Effective Soul Winning as Evidence of Calling—Ordination of men - No change

36  
37 L 35 45 Nonministerial Employees—There are certain lines of work in the - No change

38  
39 L 35 50 Not a Reward—Ordination must never become simply - No change

40  
41 L 35 55 Ministry a Calling—The ministry is not merely - No change

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212-18Gc EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION -  
POLICY AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED, To amend L 50, Examination of Candidates for Ordination, to read as follows:

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~~ ordination, he should have given satisfactory evidence of the ~~following~~ personal qualities, knowledge, commitment, and ~~skills~~: skills outlined below. The same qualifications and standards of examination outlined in L 50 shall apply to a candidate for commissioning, notwithstanding the variances of authority between a commissioned and ordained minister:

1. Personal qualities:

- a. An Experience of Conversion lived out in a transformed - No change
- b. An Adventist Identity grounded in a biblically-informed - No change
- c. An Active Love for ~~People~~, People flowing out of the unconditional love of God, and resulting in a life of respect, compassion, service, and witness to others, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, nationality, personality, or socio-economic status. An important aspect of this love is the exemplary care and faithfulness given to one's own family and living a virtuous life.
- d. Emotional, ~~Spiritual~~ Spiritual, and Social Stability and Maturity grounded in the health of one's mind, body and spirit, and evidenced in humility, balanced judgment, personal conduct, integrity and professional ethics guided by Biblical principles, and personal financial stewardship in tithes and offerings.
- e. A Sense of Divine Calling to Lifelong Gospel Ministry, affirmed by the Church, and resulting in a passion to save the lost which orients one's life for diligent service and mission in the context of the ~~three angels' messages~~ Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14.

2. Knowledgeable of and committed to:

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

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POLICY AMENDMENT - 2

- 1                   b.       God's Word as the essential authoritative source and - No change  
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3                   c.       The Message, Organization, and Fellowship of the - No change  
4  
5                   d.       Participation in God's Redemptive Mission of reconciling - No change  
6  
7                   e.       Church Principles as voted in the - No change  
8  
9       3.       Skilled in:  
10  
11                  a.       Studying and Faithfully Interpreting Scripture in order - No change  
12  
13                  b.       Imparting a Thorough and Practical Understanding of the - No change  
14  
15                  c.       Leading People to Christ in Baptism and Discipling - No change  
16  
17                  d.       Leading Churches in Becoming Healthy, Growing Faith and Worship  
18 Communities through effective servant leadership that model and nurture love and respect for  
19 every individual, care for the diverse families and groups within the community of believers, and  
20 manage resources wisely in order to offer joyful and honoring lives and witness for God. ~~models~~  
21 ~~and nurtures love and respect for every individual, cares for the diverse families and groups~~  
22 ~~within the community of believers, and manages resources wisely in order to offer joyful and~~  
23 ~~honoring lives and witness for God.~~  
24  
25                  e.       Training and Involving Members in God's Mission - No change

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2  
3 213-18G ADVENTIST CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES—  
4 DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC FA, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries—Departmental  
7 Policies, to read as follows:

8  
9 FA ADVENTIST CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES—DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES

10  
11 FA 05 Purpose - No change

12  
13 FA 10 Desired Outcome - No change

14  
15 FA 15 Services and Resources

16  
17 FA 15 05 Functions—General Conference Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM)  
18 performs essential services and provides the following key resources for the world field:

- 19  
20 1. Strategic planning for ACM concerns and interests;  
21  
22 2. Standards and policies for Adventist chaplaincies;  
23  
24 3. Ecclesiastical endorsement of chaplains employed by General Conference  
25 institutions, professional board certification of all Seventh-day Adventist chaplains; ~~chaplains,~~  
26 ~~and accreditation of training centers and programs for chaplains;~~  
27  
28 4. Accreditation of chaplain training centers and chaplain programs;  
29  
30 ~~4. 5.~~ Accountability of chaplains and integration with the denomination;  
31  
32 ~~5. 6.~~ Resources and training for chaplaincy ministries;  
33  
34 ~~6. 7.~~ Consultation and liaison activities; and  
35  
36 ~~7. 8.~~ Advocacy of chaplaincy, professional publications, and educational materials.

37  
38 FA 15 10 Training Programs—Standards for chaplains are determined - No change

39  
40 FA 20 Operations - No change

41  
42 FA 25 Employment of Adventist Chaplains - No change

43  
44 FA 30 Ecclesiastical Endorsement - No change  
45

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DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES - POLICY AMENDMENT - 2

FA 35 Accreditation and Certification

FA 35 05 Definitions—Accreditation verifies that a specified - No change

FA 35 10 Programs for Certification [Repealed Annual Council 2016]

FA 35 14 Adventist Chaplaincy Institute—Adventist Chaplaincy - No change

FA 35 15 Certification Board of Professional Adventist Chaplaincies [Repealed Annual Council 2013]

FA 35 20 Governance—Adventist Chaplaincy Institute (ACI) is a - No change

FA 35 25 Functions—Throughout the world, a wide variety - No change

FA 35 30 Certification Board of Adventist Chaplaincies—The General Conference Certification Board of Adventist Chaplaincies (CBAC) is a subcommittee of the Adventist Chaplaincy Institute (ACI) and serves as the certifying agency for division chaplaincy programs and training, and performs the following functions:

1. Conducts periodic evaluations of ecclesiastical endorsement - No change
2. Reviews professional chaplaincy training programs to ensure they - No change
3. Accredits Adventist Clinical Pastoral Education Centers and recommends for Board Certification candidates to the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) Committee. ~~for adherence to standards.~~
4. Certifies that other specialty training programs are meeting - No change

The CBAC gives the denomination professional standing that meets or exceeds worldwide norms of professionalism, educational training, and ethical code. It oversees, approves, and certifies that denominational chaplaincy and training programs operate to standards, and that an Adventist chaplain who has satisfactorily completed required training for a specialized field of chaplaincy demonstrates professional excellence as a chaplain.

The director of General Conference Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM), or his/her designee, serves on the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (AAA) and the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education (IBMTE) to review curriculum and programs that are designed to train students for chaplaincy. Through CBAC, ACM reviews division ecclesiastical endorsement program standards and chaplaincy training programs.

213-18G ADVENTIST CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES—  
DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES - POLICY AMENDMENT - 3

FA 40 Adventist Ministry to College and University Students (AMiCUS)  
[Repealed Annual Council 2016]

FA 45 World/National Service Organization - No change

FA 45 10 Functions [Repealed Annual Council 2016]

FA 50 Adventist Ministry to College and University Students (AMiCUS) - No change

FA 55 Public Campus Ministries

FA 55 05 Objectives—Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries collaborates - No change

FA 55 10 Responsibilities—The AMiCUS Committee provides overall - No change

FA 55 15 Role of the World Divisions—Each world division shall assign - No change

FA 55 20 Role of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries—Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries  
focuses on three primary tasks as its part in supporting students:

1. Endorsing Adventist campus chaplains;
2. Providing professional development training for campus chaplains; and
3. Developing materials to support their chaplains' ministry.

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214-18G ALTERNATIVES IN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES -  
POLICY AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC B 10 28, Alternatives in Organizational Structures, to read as follows:

B 10 28 Alternatives in Organizational Structure—Denominational structure in one geographic area may illustrate one model while organization in an adjacent territory may reflect another of the available models. The following range of organizational models for denominational structures may coexist within a division territory:

1. Four Constituency-based Units Model—This model has four - No change

2. Complementary Staffing Model—This model retains the four constituency-based units of organization. It is different from the four constituency-based units model in that the staffing pattern at the local administrative unit ~~mission/conference~~ does not parallel that of the union. ~~union mission/conference~~. Each organization in this model has a multiple officer leadership team (typically three officers). Department directors may be located at either or both the local administrative unit ~~mission/conference~~ and the union. ~~union mission/conference~~. However, a department director at the local administrative unit ~~mission/conference~~ may not have a full-time counterpart at the union. Similarly, the union department director may not have a counterpart at the local administrative unit. ~~mission/conference~~. The department staffing pattern at both local and union organizations serves to complement (complete rather than duplicate) the range of services required in the territory.

3. Shared Administration and/or Administrative Services Model—This model introduces differentiation from the four constituency-based units model in the staffing of administration. At the local administrative unit ~~mission/conference~~ there may be only one full-time officer, the president. The union treasurer/chief financial officer may serve simultaneously as the local administrative unit ~~mission/conference~~ treasurer/chief financial officer in such situations. Unless someone is elected to serve as the secretary this role may be assigned by election to either the president or the treasurer/chief financial officer. Department staffing in this model may be configured as in paragraph 2. above. The result is that the local administrative unit ~~mission/conference~~ has fewer employees in administration since officers of the union ~~mission/conference~~ also hold administrative assignments in the local administrative unit ~~mission/conference~~ and/or care for certain administrative services.

4. Three Constituency-based Units Model—This model has three - No change

5. Three Constituency-based Units Model with Delegated Roles to - No change

6. Special Alternative Organizations—The General Conference - No change

1 HR/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

2  
3 215-18G EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL - NEW POLICY

4  
5 RECOMMENDED, To adopt a new policy GC E 03, Employment of Personnel, to read as  
6 follows:

7  
8 E 03 Employment of Personnel

9  
10 In the employment of persons in every capacity, whether in an office environment,  
11 institution, or otherwise, great diligence shall be used to employ only persons who are members  
12 of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in regular standing, in harmony with division working  
13 policy and consistent with national, state, or provincial laws; who exert a positive influence  
14 along spiritual lines for building up the work; and who adhere to Church standards and principles  
15 in all facets of their lives.



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## 216-18G VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS - POLICY AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC E 75, Vacations and Holidays, to read as follows:

### E 75 Vacations and Holidays

Denominational employers should develop guidelines for determining vacations and holidays, for regular full-time employees, that are in harmony with division working policy and consistent with national, state, or provincial laws.

### ~~E 75 Vacations and Holidays~~

~~E 75 05 Basis for Vacations—Annual vacation with pay is provided for regular full-time denominational employees on the following basis:~~

<del>During first seven year period</del>	<del>2 weeks</del>
<del>During next eight year period</del>	<del>3 weeks</del>
<del>After fifteen years of service</del>	<del>4 weeks</del>

~~E 75 10 Calculation of Vacation on Accrual Basis—1. Annual vacation for office employees and others who are paid on the basis of regular hours, may be calculated by larger institutions and other organizations which so elect, on the following basis:~~

	<del>Vacation time per year of full-time service</del>	<del>Vacation time accrual per month of full-time service</del>
<del>During first seven year period</del>	<del>2 weeks</del>	<del>6<math>\frac{2}{3}</math> hrs</del>
<del>During next eight year period</del>	<del>3 weeks</del>	<del>10 hrs</del>
<del>After fifteen years of service</del>	<del>4 weeks</del>	<del>13<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hrs</del>

~~2. The accrual chart in No. 1 above is based on a 40-hour work week. Any decrease in length of the normal work week will necessitate an adjustment in accrued time.~~

~~3. Full-time service for vacation accrual purposes includes days worked, approved sick time, holidays and vacation days.~~

~~E 75 15 Records—Denominational employers will keep the necessary records for vacation accrual and vacations taken.~~

~~E 75 20 Vacations—Annual vacation should generally be taken in the year for which it is due. It is the responsibility of the employee to arrange his/her vacation as outlined in E 75 35; Use of Vacation Time. Unused vacation time may accumulate from year to year, but not more~~

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1 ~~than four weeks of vacation time may be taken in any one calendar year. However, at the time of~~  
2 ~~retirement unused vacation time to which the employee was entitled during the previous calendar~~  
3 ~~year and the year of retirement may be granted.~~

4  
5 ~~E 75 25 Transfers—When an employee is transferred from one denominational~~  
6 ~~organization to another, accrued vacation time of up to six weeks may be transferred to the new~~  
7 ~~employing organization with the necessary payment made by the former to the new employer or~~  
8 ~~may be paid out in cash, depending on the policy of the division.~~

9  
10 ~~E 75 30 Separation—In the event of separation from denominational employment,~~  
11 ~~accrued vacation time of not more than four weeks will be included in the settlement.~~

12  
13 ~~E 75 35 Use of Vacation Time—Vacation time accumulated for an employee may be~~  
14 ~~used at such time or times during the year as requested by the employee, approved by the~~  
15 ~~supervisor, and authorized by the properly designated authority.~~

16  
17 ~~E 75 40 Vacation Requests—A request for vacation should be made in advance except in~~  
18 ~~an emergency when it is not known beforehand by the employee that leave will be needed. An~~  
19 ~~absence under such circumstances should be reported immediately to the supervisor.~~

20  
21 ~~E 75 45 Holidays—Paid holidays and office closings are at individual employers'~~  
22 ~~discretion and are generally influenced by the respective organization's needs, climatic~~  
23 ~~conditions, as well as national and local laws. Each division is responsible for regulating holiday~~  
24 ~~and vacation policy in its own territory.~~

1 IPRS/SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

2  
3 217-18G SITUATIONS INVOLVING DUAL CITIZENSHIP - POLICY  
4 DELETION

5  
6 RATIONALE: This policy has been duplicated in the International Service Employee *Working*  
7 *Policy*, 100.38, Situations Involving Dual Citizenship. Since it applies only to international  
8 service employees, it is being deleted from General Conference *Working Policy*.

9  
10 RECOMMENDED, To delete GC E 15 25, Situations Involving Dual Citizenship, which reads  
11 as follows:

12  
13 E 15 25 Situations Involving Dual Citizenship—In cases where a potential  
14 appointee/employee has dual citizenship, with one of the countries of citizenship being the  
15 proposed host division country, he/she may be appointed to that host division country as an  
16 international service employee only if the immigration laws of the host division country allow  
17 him/her to enter, for employment purposes, as a citizen of another country and the appointment  
18 is on that basis. Any unusual cases that do not fall within these parameters shall be considered on  
19 a case-by-case basis.

1 SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

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3 218-18G RECORDING AND PRESERVING EMPLOYEES' SERVICE  
4 RECORDS - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC E 70, Recording and Preserving Employees' Service  
7 Records, to read as follows:

8  
9 E 70 Recording and Preserving Employees' Service Records

10  
11 E 70 05 Service Records—The purpose of the service record for - No change

12  
13 E 70 10 Definition of Employee—All individuals receiving remuneration from  
14 denominational organization payrolls ~~are for the purpose of the E 70 policy~~ are, for the purpose  
15 of the E 70 policy, considered employees.

16  
17 E 70 15 Responsibility for Service Records—Responsibility for keeping the service  
18 records is as follows:

19  
20 1. International Service Employees—Assistant Secretary, General Conference  
21 Secretariat (Service Records Office). ~~Employees—General Conference Secretariat.~~

22  
23 2. General Conference Staff—Director of General Conference Human Resources.  
24 ~~Resources for headquarters staff.~~

25  
26 3. Division Staff—Division Secretary. ~~(including division personnel and~~  
27 ~~international service employees)—Secretary.~~

28  
29 4. Union or Local Conference/Mission/Field Staff—Union or Local  
30 Conference/Mission/Field Secretary. ~~Conference/Mission/Field—Secretary.~~

31  
32 5. Primary (Elementary) and Secondary Church School ~~Teachers—Local Staff—~~  
33 Local Conference/Mission/Field Secretary.

34  
35 6. Secondary School (Academy) Staff—Principal of Secondary School.  
36 ~~(Academy)—Principal.~~

37  
38 7. College and University Staff—President/Personnel Director of College and  
39 University. ~~University—President/Personnel Director.~~

40  
41 8. Health Care Institution Employees—Administrator/Manager Human Resources  
42 Director of Health Care Institution. ~~Institution—Administrator/Manager or Personnel Director.~~

43  
44 9. Publishing House Employees—President/Manager or Human Resources Director  
45 of Publishing House. ~~House—President/Manager or Personnel Director.~~

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RECORDS - POLICY AMENDMENT - 2

10. ~~Other institutions~~ institution employees not included above—Chief  
Administrative Officer/Human Resources Director of the institution. ~~Officer/Personnel Director.~~

E 70 20 Service Record Formats—Each denominational organization shall maintain service records for all its employees in either manual or digital format. Each division shall maintain a service record system, meeting the needs of the employers within the division and reflecting as much as possible the standard service record approved by General Conference Secretariat.

~~The content and design of the standard service record form is specified by the General Conference.~~ Divisions designing their own form shall follow the format of the General Conference service record form as much as possible. ~~form.~~ All digital service record printouts shall follow the standard format as authorized by General Conference Secretariat. Personal information deemed non-essential according to national and/or local laws(s) shall be excluded from the service record.

1. Information to be Recorded—The following information - No change

2. Annual Service Entries Report—The individual authorized to - No change

~~3. Annual Service Corrections Report—The human resources director of the organization shall prepare by January 31 of each year a report of all corrections made to the service records during the preceding year. Each page of this report shall be hand signed and dated by two officers, one of whom shall be the officer responsible for service records, except in the case of permanently bound printouts, which need only be hand signed and dated on the last page. In harmony with the provisions of BA 70, Retention and Safeguarding of Records, this report shall be stored in the organization's records center in a secure and permanent file.~~

4. 3. Copy to the Employee—Each employee shall be given a copy - No change

~~5. Annual Schedule for Transmissions—Each organization shall submit service record additions and corrections to the division secretariat as scheduled.~~

E 70 25 Sensitive Information—Subject to country laws and regulations, personal data such as race, gender, national origin, ethnic origin, and age, if collected, shall not be made available to personnel making hiring or promotion decisions.

~~E 70 25 Sensitive Information—All data that is of a sensitive nature such as race, gender, disability, national origin, ethnic origin, and age shall not be made available to personnel making hiring or promotion decisions. This information shall be available for statistical purposes only.~~

E 70 30 Preserving and Transferring Service Records - No change

218-18G RECORDING AND PRESERVING EMPLOYEES' SERVICE  
RECORDS - POLICY AMENDMENT - 3

1  
2 E 70 35 Supporting Documentation for Service Records—1. Regular Denominational  
3 Employees—a. Compensation Review ~~Sheets—the Sheets—~~The complete compensation review  
4 spreadsheet of all employees' time, salary, and expense shall be filed with the official office  
5 copy of the executive committee minutes of the employing organization (see S 34 10). Where  
6 records are maintained electronically, the board/executive committee shall be assured by  
7 administration that accurate records are maintained and remuneration is consistent with voted  
8 policies.

9  
10 b. Recording of Employment—All employment shall - No change

11  
12 2. Literature Evangelists—a. Annual Summaries—~~The summaries—~~The  
13 conference/mission/field publishing director shall file a copy of the annual literature evangelist  
14 summary with the conference/mission/field secretary. This annual summary shall include the  
15 name, number of weekly reports, total hours, and sales for the year for each literature evangelist.  
16 This annual summary shall become a part of the permanent records of the  
17 conference/mission/field.

18  
19 b. Copies of Summaries to Union/Division—Copies of the local - No change

20  
21 3. Chaplains—The division Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries - No change

22  
23 E 70 40 Auditing of Service Records—Auditors shall audit service records - No change

1 TRE/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/TreC/GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

2  
3 219-18Ga FINANCIAL MATTERS (HOPE CHANNEL AND HOPE  
4 CHANNEL, INC) - NEW POLICY

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To adopt a new policy GC HD 25, Financial Matters (Hope Channel and  
7 Hope Channel, Inc), to read as follows:

8  
9 HD 25 Financial Matters

10  
11 HD 25 05 Financial System—Hope Channel, Inc maintains its own full financial  
12 accounting system as a separate entity. Hope Channel, Inc has a cooperation agreement with the  
13 General Conference for the provision of facilities and specified services including human  
14 resource and payroll.

15  
16 HD 25 10 Sources of Funding—Hope Channel, Inc is funded through appropriations  
17 from the General Conference, an annual world offering\* (see HD 30, T 05 20, and V 40 55), a  
18 percentage of any combined mission offerings (i.e. Combined Offering Plan, Personal Giving  
19 Plan, etc), other donor designated offerings, private donations from individuals and foundations,  
20 and philanthropic planned giving instruments.

21  
22 HD 25 15 Accountability for Funding—Hope Channel, Inc funds shall be accounted for  
23 at the corporation offices located in the General Conference building in conformity with United  
24 States of America accounting principles generally accepted by the Seventh-day Adventist  
25 denomination. The Audit Committee with its membership selected in harmony with S 34 05 shall  
26 be appointed by the Board.

1 TRE/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/TreC/GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

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3 219-18Gb HOPE CHANNEL, INC ANNUAL WORLD OFFERING -  
4 NEW POLICY

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To adopt a new policy GC HD 30, Hope Channel, Inc Annual World  
7 Offering, to read as follows:

8  
9 HD 30 Hope Channel, Inc Annual World Offering

10  
11 HD 30 05 Annual Offering—An offering known as the Hope Channel, Inc offering shall  
12 be received annually throughout the world field on a date approved by the General Conference  
13 Executive Committee/respective division committees. The date shall be included in the General  
14 Conference Calendar of Offerings Weekly Appeal. Divisions that follow the combined offering  
15 plan covering world mission offerings shall include Hope Channel, Inc in that plan. This offering  
16 and any other offerings designated for Hope Channel, Inc shall be processed according to  
17 V 40 55.



1 TRE/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/TreC/GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

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3 219-18Gc HOPE CHANNEL, INC OFFERING - NEW POLICY

4  
5 RECOMMENDED, To adopt a new policy GC V 40 55, Hope Channel, Inc Offering, to read as  
6 follows:

7  
8 V 40 55 Hope Channel Offering, Inc—Hope Channel, Inc is an institution of the General  
9 Conference established to be the coordinating entity of the global evangelistic television network  
10 of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with a mission to offer God’s good news for a better life  
11 today and for eternity. Its annual offering is used to fund production of global television  
12 programming and distribution.

1 TRE/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/TreC/GCDO18AC to HMM-18AC(DIV)

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3 219-18Gd TITHES AND OFFERINGS (FINANCIAL SUPPORT,  
4 DIVISION FINANCIAL POLICIES) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC T 05 20, Tithes and Offerings (Financial Support, Division  
7 Financial Policies), to read as follows:

- 8  
9 T 05 20 Tithes and Offerings—1. Tithe—Frequent appeals shall be made - No change  
10  
11 2. Offerings—In addition to the tithe, free-will offerings are essential - No change  
12  
13 3. Giving Guide—For systematic giving a second 10 percent of income - No change  
14  
15 4. Areas of Need—The church does not tell members how much to - No change  
16  
17 5. Mission Offerings—Sabbath School mission offerings include the - No change  
18  
19 6. World Offerings—General Conference offerings include the regular worldwide  
20 offerings, such as Disaster and Famine Relief, World Mission, Annual Sacrifice, Adventist  
21 World Radio, Hope Channel, and such other offerings as are emphasized worldwide by the  
22 General Conference.  
23  
24 7. Conference/Mission/Field Development—Local - No change  
25  
26 8. Church Funds—Local church funds include offerings for church - No change  
27  
28 9. General Conference Funds—All Sabbath School and other - No change

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219-18Ge DESCRIPTION (CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS WEEKLY  
APPEAL) - POLICY AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC V 40 05, Description (Calendar of Offerings Weekly  
Appeal), to read as follows:

V 40 05 Description—The Calendar of Offerings Weekly Appeal is the traditional offering plan in use by the ~~church~~ Church over the years. Sabbath School and other offerings are given for mission purposes and special appeals are made during the divine service according to a yearly calendar of offerings voted by the General Conference. It is the basis on which the two simplified offering plans, Combined Offerings Plan (V 35) and Personal Giving Plan (V 45) are based.

Under the Calendar of Offerings Weekly Appeal offering plan, the offerings for each Sabbath during the year are allocated as follows:

1. Local Church—Twenty-four Sabbaths (two per month) are - No change
2. Conference/Mission/Field/Union of Churches—Twelve Sabbaths - No change
3. Division—Six Sabbaths per year are designated for division - No change
4. General Conference—Six Sabbaths per year are designated for General Conference offerings which include:

- a. Disaster and Famine Relief
- b. Adventist World Radio
- c. Hope Channel
- ~~e. d.~~ Annual Week of Sacrifice
- ~~d. e.~~ World Mission ~~Budget—Three Budget—Two~~ offerings which include support for the Unusual Opportunities Fund and for the mission program of the Church. One or more of the weeks may be used for the General Conference Session Offering in the year preceding and the year of a Session.

5. Local Church and/or Union and/or Division—Each year has four - No change

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223-18G FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE -  
POLICY AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC S 34 15, Financial Statement Review Committee, to read as follows:

S 34 15 Financial Statement Review Committee—The General Conference, divisions, and unions shall each establish a subcommittee known as a financial statement review committee in order to be fully informed about the financial health of their respective subsidiary and affiliated organizations. This committee shall meet at least annually and discharge the functions as outlined in the charter provided to promote proactive responses to adverse financial trends. These meetings may be held in person or via conference call where such facilities are available and if considered appropriate.

1. Composition—The financial statement review committee should be - No change

2. Charter (Terms of Reference)—The following represents the expected responsibilities of a financial statement review committee to be fulfilled each year. This charter should represent a working document that guides in managing the agenda of the committee.

a. Review audited or unaudited financial statements from subsidiary and affiliated organizations.

b. Identify adverse financial trends and discuss with the management team of that organization.

c. Evaluate the working capital and liquidity status of each organization and discuss with the management team plans to achieve and maintain recommended levels when deficiencies are noted.

d. Review auditor's Policy Compliance Report and Audit Communication Letter for reported policy non-compliance with core financial policies (see S 90) and discuss with management team their plans to achieve compliance.

e. Review auditor's Audit Communication Letter for reported internal control deficiencies and other financial matters and discuss with management team their plans for corrective action.

~~f.~~ f. Submit minutes of meeting to the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the next higher organization to provide awareness of significant issues. In the case of the General Conference, those minutes should be provided to the General Conference officers.

TRE/SP&B15SM/15SM/101-15Gi/SP&B16AC/16AC/101-16Ga/101-17Ga/SP&B18AC to  
JRW-18AC(Div)

101-18Ga CALENDAR OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH  
OFFERINGS—WORLD 2019-2024

RECOMMENDED, To record the Calendar of Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings—World 2019-  
2024, which reads as follows:

			<u>Proj Selection Deadline</u>	<u>Visit to Division</u>
2019				
	First Quarter	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division	Mar 2017	Jun 2017
	Second Quarter	South American Division	Jun 2017	Sep 2017
	Third Quarter	South Pacific Division	Sep 2017	Dec 2017
	Fourth Quarter	East-Central Africa Division	Dec 2017	Mar 2018
2020				
	First Quarter	Inter-European Division	Mar 2018	Jun 2018
	Second Quarter	Trans-European Division	Jun 2018	Sep 2018
	Third Quarter	West-Central Africa Division	Sep 2018	Dec 2018
	Fourth Quarter	Southern Asia Division	Dec 2018	Mar 2019
2021				
	First Quarter	Euro-Asia Division	Mar 2019	Jun 2019
	Second Quarter	Inter-American Division	Jun 2019	Sep 2019
	Third Quarter	North American Division	Sep 2019	Dec 2019
	Fourth Quarter	Northern Asia-Pacific Division	Dec 2019	Mar 2020
2022				
	First Quarter	Southern Asia-Pacific Division	Mar 2020	Jun 2020
	Second Quarter	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division	Jun 2020	Sep 2020
	Third Quarter	South American Division	Sep 2020	Dec 2020
	Fourth Quarter	South Pacific Division	Dec 2020	Mar 2021
2023				
	First Quarter	East-Central Africa Division	Mar 2021	Jun 2021
	Second Quarter	Inter-European Division	Jun 2021	Sep 2021
	Third Quarter	Trans-European Division	Sep 2021	Dec 2021
	Fourth Quarter	West-Central Africa Division	Dec 2021	Mar 2022
2024				
	First Quarter	Southern Asia Division	Mar 2022	Jun 2022
	Second Quarter	Euro-Asia Division	Jun 2022	Sep 2022
	Third Quarter	Inter-American Division	Sep 2022	Dec 2022
	Fourth Quarter	North American Division	Dec 2022	Mar 2023

101-18Ga CALENDAR OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH  
OFFERINGS—WORLD 2019-2024 - 2

1	Distribution summary among divisions from 2019 through 2024:	
2		
3	East-Central Africa	2
4	Euro-Asia	2
5	Inter-American	2
6	Inter-European	2
7	North American	2
8	Northern Asia-Pacific	1
9	South American	2
10	South Pacific	2
11	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean	2
12	Southern Asia	2
13	Southern Asia-Pacific	1
14	Trans-European	2
15	West-Central Africa	2

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101-18Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2019

RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2019, which reads as follows:

January

5 Outreach/Church Budget  
12 Division  
19 Church Budget  
26 Conference/Union

February

2 Outreach/Church Budget  
9 Division  
16 Church Budget  
23 Conference/Union

March

2 Outreach/Church Budget  
9\*+ Adventist World Radio  
16 Church Budget  
23 Conference/Union  
30 Church Budget

April

6 Outreach/Church Budget  
13\*+ Hope Channel, Inc  
20 Church Budget  
27 Conference/Union

May

4 Outreach/Church Budget  
11\*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)  
18 Church Budget  
25 Conference/Union

June

1 Outreach/Church Budget  
8 Division  
15 Church Budget  
22 Conference/Union  
29 Church Budget

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1	<u>July</u>	
2	6	Outreach/Church Budget
3	13*+	World Mission Budget
4	20	Church Budget
5	27	Conference/Union
6		
7	<u>August</u>	
8	3	Outreach/Church Budget
9	10	Division
10	17	Church Budget
11	24	Conference/Union
12	31	Church Budget
13		
14	<u>September</u>	
15	7	Outreach/Church Budget
16	14*+	World Mission Budget (Unusual Opportunities)
17	21	Church Budget
18	28	Conference/Union
19		
20	<u>October</u>	
21	5	Outreach/Church Budget
22	12	Division
23	19	Church Budget
24	26	Conference/Union
25		
26	<u>November</u>	
27	2	Outreach/Church Budget
28	9*+	Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)
29	16	Church Budget
30	23	Conference/Union
31	30	Church Budget
32		
33	<u>December</u>	
34	7	Outreach/Church Budget
35	14	GC Session Offering: One Year in Mission
36	21	Church Budget
37	28	Conference/Union
38		



101-18Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2019 - 3

1	<u>Summary of Offerings</u>	
2	General Conference	6
3	Division	6
4	Conference/Union	12
5	Church	28
6		
7	Total	52
8		
9	*Program provided by the General Conference	
10	+Worldwide offering	

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101-18Gd CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2020

RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2020, which reads as follows:

January

4 Outreach/Church Budget  
11 Division  
18 Church Budget  
25 Conference/Union

February

1 Outreach/Church Budget  
8 Division  
15 Church Budget  
22 Conference/Union  
29 Church Budget

March

7 Outreach/Church Budget  
14\*+ Adventist World Radio  
21 Church Budget  
28 Conference/Union

April

4 Outreach/Church Budget  
11\*+ Hope Channel, Inc  
18 Church Budget  
25 Conference/Union

May

2 Outreach/Church Budget  
9\*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)  
16 Church Budget  
23 Conference/Union  
30 Church Budget

June

6 Outreach/Church Budget  
13 Division  
20 Church Budget  
27 Conference/Union (Offering received at GC Session will be for One Year in Mission)

101-18Gd CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2020 - 2

1	<u>July</u>	
2	4	Outreach/Church Budget (Offering received at GC Session will be for One Year
3		in Mission)
4	11*+	GC Session Offering: One Year in Mission
5	18	Church Budget
6	25	Conference/Union
7		
8	<u>August</u>	
9	1	Outreach/Church Budget
10	8	Division
11	15	Church Budget
12	22	Conference/Union
13	29	Church Budget
14		
15	<u>September</u>	
16	5	Outreach/Church Budget
17	12*+	World Mission Budget (Unusual Opportunities)
18	19	Church Budget
19	26	Conference/Union
20		
21	<u>October</u>	
22	3	Outreach/Church Budget
23	10	Division
24	17	Church Budget
25	24	Conference/Union
26	31	Church Budget
27		
28	<u>November</u>	
29	7	Outreach/Church Budget
30	14*+	Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)
31	21	Church Budget
32	28	Conference/Union
33		
34	<u>December</u>	
35	5	Outreach/Church Budget
36	12	Division
37	19	Church Budget
38	26	Conference/Union
39		

101-18Gd CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2020 - 3

1	<u>Summary of Offerings</u>	
2	General Conference	6
3	Division	6
4	Conference/Union	12
5	Church	28
6		
7	Total	52
8		
9	*Program provided by the General Conference	
10	+Worldwide offering	

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GCDO17SM/17SM/ADCOM/GCDO17AC/17AC/ADCOM/101-17Gg/GCDO18SM/18SM/  
ADCOM/GCDO18AC to ESS-18AC(DIV)

101-18Ge 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

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

101-18Ge CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—  
WORLD 2018 - 2

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>April</u> contd			
3	14	Hope Channel, Inc	Hope Channel, Inc*	GC-HC
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

\*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>.

101-18Ge 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	10-16	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
33		Young Adults		
34	10		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
35	17	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-SNM
36		Children Day		
37				
38	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
39	#Divisions to prepare materials			
40				
41	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
42	<a href="https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days">https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days</a> .			

101-18Ge CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—  
WORLD 2018 - 4

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1			
2	<u>November</u> contd		
3	24 HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
4			
5	<u>December</u>		
6	1 #Stewardship	---	Divisions
7	8 #Health Emphasis	---	Divisions
8	15		
9	22		
10	29		
11			
12	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan		
13	#Divisions to prepare materials		
14			
15	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at		
16	<a href="https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days">https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days</a> .		



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GCDO17AC/17AC/ADCOM/101-17Gh/GCDO18SM/18SM/ADCOM/GCDO18AC to ESS-  
18AC(DIV)

101-18Gf 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	Hope Channel, Inc	Hope Channel, Inc*	GC-HC
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  
<https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days>.

101-18Gf 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

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#Divisions to prepare materials

Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at  
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101-18Gf 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	9-15	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
32		Young Adults		
33	9		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
34	16	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-SNM
35		Children Day		
36				
37	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
38	#Divisions to prepare materials			
39				
40	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
41	<a href="https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days">https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days</a> .			

101-18Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—  
WORLD 2019 - 4

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>November</u>	contd		
3	23			
4	30	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
5				
6	<u>December</u>			
7	7	#Stewardship	---	Divisions
8	14	#Health Emphasis	---	Divisions
9	21			
10	28			
11				
12	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
13	#Divisions to prepare materials			
14				
15	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
16	<a href="https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days">https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days</a> .			

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GCDO17AC/17AC/ADCOM/101-17Gi/GCDO18SM/18SM/ADCOM/GCDO18AC to ESS-  
18AC(DIV)

101-18Gg 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	Hope Channel, Inc	Hope Channel, Inc*	GC-HC

\*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>.

101-18Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—  
WORLD 2020 - 2

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

101-18Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—  
WORLD 2020 - 3

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

101-18Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—  
WORLD 2020 - 4

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1			
2	<u>November</u> contd		
3	14	Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
4	21	World Orphans-Vulnerable	GC-SNM
5		Children Day	
6	28	HIV/AIDS Awareness	GC-AAIM
7			
8	<u>December</u>		
9	5	#Stewardship	Divisions
10	12	#Health Emphasis	Divisions
11	19		
12	26		
13			
14	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan		
15	#Divisions to prepare materials		
16			
17	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at		
18	<a href="https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days">https://www.adventist.org/en/information/special-days</a> .		



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ADCOM/GCDO16SM/16SM/ADCOM/GCDO16AC/16AC/ADCOM/102-16Gc/ADCOM/  
GCDO17SM/17SM/ADCOM/GCDO17AC/17AC/ADCOM/102-17Gb/ADCOM/  
GCDO18SM/18SM/ADCOM/GCDO18AC to KJP-18AC(DIV)

102-18Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2018

RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2018, with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

October 2018

11(eve)-12(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Battle Creek MI
11(eve)-17	Thu	Annual Council	Battle Creek MI
17-21	Wed	Ctr for S Asian Religions Mission Strategy Adv	Bali INDONESIA
18-22	Thu	Global Healthcare Conference	Loma Linda CA
22-23	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
24-25	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
26(eve)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
28	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
28(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
29	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI

November 2018

28(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
29(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD

December 2018

5-8	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	
10-11	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

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ADCOM/GCDO16SM/16SM/ADCOM/GCDO16AC/16AC/102-16Gd/GCDO17SM/17SM/  
ADCOM/GCDO17AC/17AC/ADCOM/102-17Gc/ADCOM/GCDO18SM/18SM/ADCOM/  
GCDO18AC to KJP-18AC(DIV)

# 102-18Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2019

RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2019, with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2019</u>			
8	Tue	<u>GC Executive Officers Meeting</u>	<u>Cancun MEXICO</u>
9-12	Wed	<u>PREXAD</u>	<u>Cancun MEXICO</u>
15	Tue	<del>GC Executive Officers Meeting</del>	<del>Maya Riviera MEXICO</del>
16-20	Wed	<u>PREXAD</u>	<u>Maya Riviera MEXICO</u>
20-24	Sun	<u>SSPM Regional Convocations</u>	<u>Johannesburg SOUTH AFRICA</u>
21-Feb 9	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
29-31	Tue	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>February 2019</u>			
1-11	Fri	Global Leadership Summit	Kingston JAMAICA
4-5	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Collegedale TN
13	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
17	Sun	<del>Membership Software Advisory Committee</del>	<del>JORDAN</del>
20-24	Wed	<del>GAIN Conference</del>	<del>JORDAN</del>
22-28	Fri	<u>GAIN Conference</u>	<u>JORDAN</u>
22-25	Fri	Loma Linda Board of Trustees/Directors Retreat	Loma Linda CA
25-28	Mon	Hope Channel Network Leadership Conference	JORDAN
25(pm)-26	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
25(pm)	Mon	<u>Membership Software Advisory Committee</u>	<u>JORDAN</u>
<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
18(pm)	Mon	<u>Ellen G White Estate Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
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

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1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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3	<u>April 2019</u> contd			
4	1	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
5	1(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
6	2-3(am)	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
7	2(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
8	2(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
9	3(pm)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
10	3(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
11	4(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
12	4(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
13	<u>5-7</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Nurture and Retention Summit</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
14	5(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
15	7	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
16	7(eve)	Sun	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
17	8(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
18	8(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
19	8(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
20	8(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
21	9-10	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
22	11-12	Thu	World Conference on Non-Combatants	Washington, DC
23	15-May 4	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
24	15-16	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
25	17-18	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
26	23-24	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
27				
28	<u>May 2019</u>			
29	7	Tue	AIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
30	20-21	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
31	29(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
32	30(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
33				
34	<u>June 2019</u>			
35	3-6	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
36	<u>3(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Ellen G White Estate Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
37	<u>5(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>General Conference Leadership Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
38	<del>6(am)</del>	<del>Thu</del>	<del>General Conference Leadership Council</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
39	9(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
40	10	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
41	17-23	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	
42	28-Jul 7	Fri	Secretariat Division Experience	
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>July 2019</u>			
8-27	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
9-13	Tue	Third Global Conference on Lifestyle & Health	Loma Linda CA
14	Sun	Deaf and Special Needs Ministries Enrichment	Loma Linda CA
17	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
<u>August 2019</u>			
26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2019</u>			
2-3	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
19(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>19(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Ellen G White Estate Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>29-Oct 3</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>SSPM Regional Convocations</u>	<u>Prague CZECH REPUBLIC</u>
<u>October 2019</u>			
1	Tue	Presidential Advisory	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
<del>2(pm)</del>	<del>Wed</del>	<del>Hope Channel, Inc Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
3	Thu	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
3	Thu	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
3	Thu	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Mon	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
<u>7(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Hope Channel, Inc Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
7(eve)	Mon	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)-10	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Thu	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
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3	<u>October 2019</u> contd			
4	10(eve)-11(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
5	10(eve)-16	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
6	18-20	Fri	175th Anniversary of 1844	Whitehall NY
7	21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
8	23-24	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
9	25(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
10	27	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
11	27(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
12	28	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
13				
14	<u>November 2019</u>			
15				
16	<u>December 2019</u>			
17	4-7	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	
18	4(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
19	5(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
20	9-10	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

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RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2020, with the  
understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration  
of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2020</u>			
<del>14</del>	<del>Tue</del>	<del>Executive Officers Meeting</del>	<del>CUBA</del>
<del>14</del>	<del>Tue</del>	<del>Executive Officers Meeting</del>	<del>CUBA</del>
<del>15-18</del>	<del>Wed</del>	<del>PREXAD with Division Presidents</del>	<del>CUBA</del>
<del>15-18</del>	<del>Wed</del>	<del>PREXAD with Division Presidents</del>	<del>CUBA</del>
20-Feb 8	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
28-30	Tue	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>February 2020</u>			
3-4	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Collegedale TN
4-6	Tue	Global Leadership Summit	Johannesburg SOUTH AFRICA
23(pm)	Sun	Loma Linda University Board Education	Loma Linda CA
24-25	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
27	Thu	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
<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

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2020</u> contd			
8(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
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	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

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>September 2020</u>			
7-8	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
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	<del>Hope Channel, Inc Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
<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	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
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	<u>Hope Channel, Inc Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
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

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2021</u>			
<u>February 2021</u>			
<u>March 2021</u>			
<u>April 2021</u>			
<u>5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Presidents Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Secretaries Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Treasurers Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6-7</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Global Mission Issues Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ADRA International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>8(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>8(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>9(am)</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Division Officer Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Division Officer Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>11(eve)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>12(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>12(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>12(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>ASI Coordinating Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>12(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IRLA Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>12(eve)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Hope Channel, Inc Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>13-14</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Spring Meeting</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>May 2021</u>			
<u>June 2021</u>			
<u>July 2021</u>			
<u>August 2021</u>			

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>September 2021</u>			
<u>28</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Presidential Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Presidents Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Secretaries Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Treasurers Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>30(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>30(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>October 2021</u>			
<u>1(am)</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Division Officer Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Division Officer Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Church Manual Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Division Officer Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4(eve)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>ADRA International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(pm)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6-7</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>General Conference Auditing Service Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Hope Channel, Inc Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>IRLA Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Adventist University of Africa Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>AIAS Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>ASI Coordinating Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(eve)-8</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>LEAD Conference</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(eve)-13</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Annual Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>November 2021</u>			
<u>December 2021</u>			

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RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2022, with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2022</u>			
<u>February 2022</u>			
<u>March 2022</u>			
<u>April 2022</u>			
<u>4</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Presidents Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Secretaries Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Treasurers Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5-6</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Global Mission Issues Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ADRA International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(eve)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>8(am)</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Division Officer Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Division Officer Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>10(eve)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>11(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>11(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>11(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>ASI Coordinating Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>11(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IRLA Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>11(eve)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Hope Channel, Inc Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>12-13</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Spring Meeting</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>May 2022</u>			
<u>11-14</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Intl Leadership Conf for CHM, WM and FM</u>	<u>Bangkok THAILAND</u>
<u>June 2022</u>			
<u>July 2022</u>			
<u>August 2022</u>			

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>September 2022</u>			
<u>27</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Presidential Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Presidents Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Secretaries Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Treasurers Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>29(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>29(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>30(am)</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Division Officer Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>October 2022</u>			
<u>2</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Division Officer Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>3(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Church Manual Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>3(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>3(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Division Officer Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>3(eve)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>ADRA International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4(pm)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>4(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5-6</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>General Conference Auditing Service Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Hope Channel, Inc Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>IRLA Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Adventist University of Africa Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>AIAS Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>ASI Coordinating Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(eve)-7</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>LEAD Conference</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(eve)-12</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Annual Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>November 2022</u>			
<u>December 2022</u>			

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3 224-18G MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY  
4 ADVENTIST CHURCH - POLICY AMENDMENT

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6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC A 05, Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist  
7 Church, which reads as follows:

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11 A 05 05 Our Mission—Make disciples of Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses  
12 and proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel of the Three Angels' Messages in preparation  
13 for His soon return (Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Rev 14:6-12). ~~Mission—The mission of the~~  
14 ~~Seventh-day Adventist Church is to call all people to become disciples of Jesus Christ, to~~  
15 ~~proclaim the everlasting gospel embraced by the three angels' messages (Revelation 14:6-12),~~  
16 ~~and to prepare the world for Christ's soon return.~~

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18 A 05 10 Our Method—Guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit, Seventh-day Adventists  
19 pursue this mission through Christ-like living, communicating, discipling, teaching, healing, and  
20 serving.

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22 A 05 15 Our Vision—In harmony with Bible revelation, Seventh-day Adventists see as  
23 the climax of God's plan the restoration of all His creation to full harmony with His perfect will  
24 and righteousness.

## **“The Reason For The Delay”**

### ***Evangelism, Chapter 20 pp 694-697***

**Deferred in Mercy**—The long night of gloom is trying, but the morning is deferred in mercy, because if the Master should come, so many would be found unready. God’s unwillingness to have His people perish, has been the reason of so long delay.—2T 194 (1868).

**The Work Might Have Been Done**—Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God.—6T 450 (1900).

I know that if the people of God had preserved a living connection with Him, if they had obeyed His Word, they would today be in the heavenly Canaan.—GCB, March 30, 1903.

**Satan Has Stolen a March on Us**—If every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us.—9T 29 (1909).

**No Failure of God’s Promises**—The angels of God in their messages to men represent time as very short. Thus it has always been presented to me. It is true that time has continued longer than we expected in the early days of this message. Our Saviour did not appear as soon as we hoped. But has the Word of the Lord failed? Never! It should be remembered that the promises and the threatenings of God are alike conditional.

God had committed to His people a work to be accomplished on earth. The third angel’s message was to be given, the minds of believers were to be directed to the heavenly sanctuary, where Christ had entered to make atonement for His people. The Sabbath reform was to be carried forward. The breach in the law of God must be made up. The message must be proclaimed with a loud voice, that all the inhabitants of earth might receive the warning. The people of God must purify their souls through obedience to the truth, and be prepared to stand without fault before Him at His coming.

Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward. But in the period of doubt and uncertainty that followed the disappointment, many of the advent believers yielded their faith.... Thus the work was hindered, and the world was left in darkness. Had the whole Adventist body united upon the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, how widely different would have been our history!

It was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be thus delayed. God did not design that His people, Israel, should wander forty years in the wilderness. He promised to lead them directly to the land of Canaan, and establish them there a holy, healthy, happy people. But those

to whom it was first preached, went not in “because of unbelief.” Their hearts were filled with murmuring, rebellion, and hatred, and He could not fulfill His covenant with them.

For forty years did unbelief, murmuring, and rebellion shut out ancient Israel from the land of Canaan. The same sins have delayed the entrance of modern Israel into the heavenly Canaan. In neither case were the promises of God at fault. It is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord’s professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years.—Ms 4, 1883.

**Charge It Not to God**—We may have to remain here in this world because of insubordination many more years, as did the children of Israel; but for Christ’s sake, His people should not add sin to sin by charging God with the consequence of their own wrong course of action.—Lt 184, 1901.

**We May Hasten the Day**—By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord’s return.— DA 633 (1898).

It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain.—8T 22, 23 (1904).

**When the Message Is Finished**—It [the coming of the Lord] will not tarry past the time that the message is borne to all nations, tongues, and peoples. Shall we who claim to be students of prophecy forget that God’s forbearance to the wicked is a part of the vast and merciful plan by which He is seeking to compass the salvation of souls?—RH, June 18, 1901.

## **“Power For Finishing The Work”**

*Evangelism, Chapter 20 pp 697-701*

**Why Many Have Failed in Soul Winning**—Many present the doctrines and theories of our faith; but their presentation is as salt without savor; for the Holy Spirit is not working through their faithless ministry. They have not opened the heart to receive the grace of Christ; they know not the operation of the Spirit; they are as meal without leaven; for there is no working principle in all their labor, and they fail to win souls to Christ. They do not appropriate the righteousness of Christ; it is a robe unworn by them, a fullness unknown, a fountain untouched.—RH, November 29, 1892.

**Need of Intensity to Impress Unbelievers**—We need greater earnestness in the cause of Christ. The solemn message of truth should be given with an intensity that would impress unbelievers that God is working with our efforts, that the Most High is our living source of strength.—ST, December 9, 1886.



When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us.—RH, June 30, 1903.

**With the Zeal of the Apostles**—Zeal for the glory of God moved the disciples to bear witness to the truth with mighty power. Should not this zeal fire our hearts with a longing to tell the story of redeeming love, of Christ and Him crucified? Should not the power of God be even more mightily revealed today than in the time of the apostles?—ST, February 17, 1914.

**The Source of Their Power**—After Christ's ascension, the disciples were gathered together in one place to make humble supplication to God. And after ten days of heart searching and self-examination, the way was prepared for the Holy Spirit to enter the cleansed, consecrated soul temples. Every heart was filled with the Spirit, as though God desired to show His people that it was His prerogative to bless them with the choicest of heaven's blessings.... The sword of the Spirit flashed right and left. Newly edged with power, it pierced even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow. The idolatry that had been mingled with the worship of the people was overthrown. New territory was added to the kingdom of God. Places that had been barren and desolate sounded forth His praises.—RH, June 10, 1902.

**They Felt the Burden of Souls**—Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. And the testimony borne of them after the Spirit had been given is the same. Mark the word: "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul." The Spirit of Him who died that sinners might live, animated the entire congregation of believers.

The disciples did not ask for a blessing for themselves. They were weighted with the burden of souls. The gospel was to be carried to the ends of the earth, and they claimed the endowment of power that Christ had promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day.—ST, February 17, 1914

**An Awakened Church**—When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God.—RH, July 21, 1896.

**Earth Enlightened**—I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's Word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world.—9T 28, 29 (1909).

Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence.—9T 126 (1909).

**Through Humble Instruments**—As the time comes for it [the message of the third angel] to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of Spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power,—all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these.—GC 606 (1888).

**Multitudes Will Join the Armies of the Lord**—Many ... will be seen hurrying hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to bring the light to others. The truth, the Word of God, is as a fire in their bones, filling them with a burning desire to enlighten those who sit in darkness. Many, even among the uneducated, now proclaim the words of the Lord. Children are impelled by the Spirit to go forth and declare the message from heaven. The Spirit is poured out upon all who will yield to its promptings, and, casting off all man's machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit's power. Multitudes will receive the faith and join the armies of the Lord.—RH, July 23, 1895.

**Thousands of Voices Sound Warning**—Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.

The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side.—GC 612 (1888).

The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future; but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it.—RH, March 19, 1895.

**The Latter Rain**—Let Christians ... ask in faith for the promised blessing, and it will come. The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the former rain, and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant.—ST, February 17, 1914.