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PROGRAM & AGENDA

2019

SPRING MEETING

**OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

***Silver Spring, Maryland
April 9-10, 2019***

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Hensley M Mooroven, Undersecretary
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
April 2019

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General Conference Headquarters
Silver Spring, Maryland

DAILY PROGRAM

Monday, April 8

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. On-Site Check-In

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Steering Committee*

7:15 - 7:45 a.m. Prayer Time**

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Devotional

9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Business Session

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch/Committees

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Business Session

Wednesday, April 10

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Steering Committee*

7:15 - 7:45 a.m. Prayer Time**

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Devotional

9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Business Session

*Located in the Executive Dining Room

**Located in the Atrium by the painting of Jesus' Second Coming

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DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 9

End-time Error From Within

Clifford R Goldstein

Wednesday, April 10

Following Jesus Now

Clinton L Wahlen

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Editor</u>
<u>Tuesday, April 9</u>			
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Ted N C Wilson	Gerson P Santos	Hensley M Mooroven
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Ted N C Wilson	John H Thomas	Hensley M Mooroven
<u>Wednesday, April 10</u>			
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Ted N C Wilson	G Alexander Bryant	Hensley M Mooroven

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AGENDA & SUPPORT MATERIAL

Explanation of Coding and Format

This explanation is to help you use the 2019 Spring Meeting agenda and support material.

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

GLOSSARY OF MOST FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS

AAIM	Adventist AIDS International Ministry
AC	Annual Council
ACM	Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries
ADCOM	Administrative Committee
ADRA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency
AIAS	Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies
AM	Adventist Mission
AR	<i>Adventist Review</i>
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
HC	Hope Channel
HM	Health Ministries
HR	Human Resources
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
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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MEMBERS

- A Timothy H Aka, Viktor Alyeksyeyenko, Audrey E Andersson, Kingsley C Anonaba,
- B Rudy R Baloyo, Doug Batchelor, Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy, Guillermo E Biaggi, Gary T Blanchard, Marcos F Bomfim, Rodney G Brady, Elias Brasil de Souza, Mario A Brito, G Alexander Bryant, Harold E Butler,
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- D Abner De los Santos, Marlon de Souza Lopes, Kenneth A Denslow, Steve Dickman, Ganoune H Diop, Cheryl Doss, Jonathan M Duffy, Natasha Dysinger,
- E George O Egwakhe, Larry R Evans,
- F Mark A Finley, John Freedman,
- G L James Gibson, Pavel Goia, Clifford R Goldstein, Ricardo B Graham,
- H Jerome Habimana, Richard H Hart, Edward Heidinger, Kerry L Heinrich, Elie Henry, Dan Houghton,
- I Yutaka Inada,
- J Daniel R Jackson, Debbie Jackson, Nenad Jepuranovic, Leonard A Johnson, Mark A Johnson,
- K Raafat A Kamal, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Si Young Kim, G Earl Knight, William M Knott, Linda Mei Lin Koh, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Elbert Kuhn,
- L Ezras Lakra, Peter N Landless, Max W Langi, Israel J Leito, Robert E Lemon, Thomas L Lemon, German A Lust, Andrea T Luxton,
- M Barna Magyarosi, Fred M Manchur, Emmanuel S D Manu, Solomon Maphosa, Almir M Marroni, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Richard E McEdward, Duane McKey, Wilson Measapogu, Armando Miranda Sr, Larry R Moore, Hensley M Mooroooven, E Selvin Moorthy, Derek J Morris,
- N Rodney Neal, Neil Nedley, G T Ng, Hopekings K Ngomba, James R Nix, Don J Noble, Timothy E Northrop,
- O Willie Oliver, Daisy J Orion,

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- P Jerry N Page, Orville D Parchment, Ruth E Parish, Jan Paulsen, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Leslie N Pollard, Karen J Porter, Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Kathryn L Proffitt,
- R Maureen Raj, E Albert Reece, Gideon P Reyneke, Claude J Richli, Randall L Roberts, C Randolph Robinson, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan,
- S Saw Samuel, Gerson P Santos, Lawrence E Schalk, Benjamin D Schoun, Terry D Shaw, Ella S Simmons, Heather-Dawn K Small, Lionel H Smith, Ron C Smith, Artur A Steele,
- T John H Thomas, Brad Thorp, Gary F Thurber, Vladimir I Tkachuk, Joel D Tompkins, Glenn C Townend, David Trim,
- V Maurice Valentine, Filiberto M Verduzco-Avila,
- W J Raymond Wahlen II, Vincent Waln, Elie Weick-Dido, Dave Weigley, Ted N C Wilson,
- Y Lori T Yingling,
- Z Norbert G Zens, E Edward Zinke

INVITEES

- A Stephen R Apola, Jonas Arrais, Raquel C Arrais,
- B Aniel Barbe, John R Beckett, Gabriel Begle, Torben Bergland, Jeffrey O Brown, Nelu Burcea,
- C Lael O Caesar, Zeno L Charles-Marcel, Scot T Coppock, Robert Costa,
- D Kwabena Donkor, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, Korey J Dowling,
- E Dwain Esmond,
- F Carlos Fayard,
- G Daniel W Giang,
- H Allan R Handysides, Frank M Hasel, Gary L Hopkins, Helen Hopp Marshak, James Howard,
- J Craig R Jackson, Patricia S Jones,

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- K Richard D Kajiura, Anthony R Kent, Hudson E Kibuuka, Chantal Klingbeil, Gerald A Klingbeil, Michael Kruger, Ronald Kuhn, Markus Kutzschbach,
- L Mike M Lekic,
- M Imad Madanat, Julian Melgosa, Saustin S Mfunne, Hiskia I Missah, Pako E Mokgwane, Jiwan S Moon, Jiri Moskala, Ekkehardt F Mueller, Gideon M Mutero,
- N Samuel H Neves, Doyle R Nick,
- O Elaine Oliver, Oscar Osindo,
- P Janet R Page, Tricia Y Penniecook, Andres J Peralta, Timothy L Poirier,
- R Katia Reinert,
- S Jeff Scoggins, Greg Scott, Kent Sharpe, T Matthew Siliga, Michael Sokupa, Joel Swanson, Tibor Szilvasi,
- T John Wesley Taylor V, Jared Thurmon, Alberto R Timm, Homer W Trecartin,
- W Clinton L Wahlen, David R Williams, Lori E Williams, Michael Wixwat

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GENERAL AGENDA

TNCW	101.		Call to Order
GTN	102.		Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church [19]
GTN	103.		Adoption of Daily Program and Spring Meeting Procedures
GTN	104.	119-19G	Standing Committees—Spring Meeting - 2019 [20]
JRP	105.		Audited Financial Statement/Audit Opinion
JRP	106.		Auditor’s Report on Compliance with Policy
JRP	107.		Treasurer’s Report
JRW	108.	103-19G	Operating Expense Cap 2018 - Report [21]
GOE	109.	109-19G	Allowances—General Conference Session – 2020 [22]
TNCW	110.		General Conference Corporation Annual Members Meeting
GEB	111.		Adventist World Radio Constituency Meeting
TNCW	112.		“Who Are We and Why Are We Here?” Billy Andre*
ESS	113.		Ellen G White and Adventist Studies Post-Graduate Certificate Merlin Burt*
GGM	114.		Mission to the Cities
GEB	115.		Stewardship Ministries: Videos for Millennials*
GGM	116.		Mission to the Cities
GGM	117.	120-19G	Reconfiguring the Territory of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and Attaching the Chinese Union Mission to the General Conference

TNCW	118.		World Church Strategic Plans 2020-2025*
GGM	119.		Mission to the Cities
GTN	120.		Ellen G White Estate - EGW Writings Report*
GGM	121.		Mission to the Cities
MRL	122.	110-19Ga	Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) Model Division Constitution and Bylaws* [24]
MRL	123.	110-19Gb	Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) Model Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Motto* [35]
GEB	124.		Mission Advance
GEB	125.		<i>Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists</i> Report and Promotion Audrey Andersson and Gideon Reyneke*
GEB	126.		Hope Channel Constituency Meeting
GGM	127.		Mission to the Cities
HMM	128.		Consent Agenda [17]
TNCW	129.		Mission Book for 2020*
TNCW	130.		“The Sanctuary Truth” – Christ in His Sanctuary, pp 3-17 [53]

*To be included in the division mid-year agenda

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- KJP 605. 102-19Gc [Authorized Meetings 2021 \[49\]](#)
- KJP 606. 102-19Gd [Authorized Meetings 2022 \[51\]](#)
- HMM 607. Committee Membership Adjustments

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

Add Nielsen, Arne
Silva, Rubens

Delete Blackmer, Larry
Marco Alves, Antonio

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

Add Kuhn, Elbert, Secretary

Delete Thomas, John H, Secretary

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

Add Kuhn, Elbert
Robinson, C Randolph

Delete Evans, G Thomas

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

Add Nielsen, Arne

Delete Blackmer, Larry

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

Add Kuhn, Elbert
Robinson, C Randolph

Delete Evans, G Thomas

MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Our Mission—Make disciples of Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel of the Three Angels' Messages in preparation for His soon return (Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Rev 14:6-12).

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-19SM
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3 119-19G STANDING COMMITTEES—SPRING MEETING - 2019
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5 RECOMMENDED, To approve the standing committees for the 2019 Spring Meeting, as
6 follows:

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8 NOMINATING

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

13 Members: Timothy H Aka, Viktor Alyeksyeyenko, Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy,
14 Guillermo E Biaggi, Gary T Blanchard, Rodney G Brady, Elias Brasil de Souza, Mario Brito,
15 Abner De los Santos, George O Egwakhe, Larry R Evans, Mark A Finley, Stephen R Guptill,
16 Elie Henry, Daniel R Jackson, Raafat A Kamal, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Si Young Kim, Erton C
17 Kohler, Elbert Kuhn, Ezras Lakra, Max W Langi, Thomas L Lemon, Andrea T Luxton,
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19 Barna Magyarosi, Solomon Maphosa, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Duane McKey, Hensley M
20 Mooroooven, Timothy E Northrop, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Leslie N Pollard, Juan R
21 Prestol-Puesan, Maureen Raj, E Albert Reece, Claude J Richli, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L
22 Ryan, Saw Samuel, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Stele, Brad Thorp, Glenn C Townend, J Raymond
23 Wahlen II, Vincent Waln, Elie Weick-Dido
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25 STEERING

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27 Ted N C Wilson, Chair
28 Hensley M Mooroooven, Secretary
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30 Members: Timothy H Aka, Guillermo E Biaggi, G Alexander Bryant, Sheri Clemmer,
31 Abner De los Santos, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, Larry R Evans, Mark A Finley,
32 Daniel R Jackson, Gary D Krause, Elbert Kuhn, Thomas L Lemon, German A Lust, Geoffrey G
33 Mbwana, Duane McKey, G T Ng, Daisy J F Orion, Lissy Park, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Karen J
34 Porter, Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Claude J Richli, C Randolph Robinson, Michael L Ryan,
35 Gerson P Santos, Silvia Sicalo, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Stele, John H Thomas, J Raymond
36 Wahlen II.

1 TRE/SP&B19SM to JRW-19SM

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3 103-19G OPERATING EXPENSE CAP 2018 - REPORT

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

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9 RECOMMENDED, To accept the report for the Operating Expense Cap 2018, as follows:

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Operating Expense Cap 2018

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13 2018 total titheUSD 2,529,993,538

14 Cap budget for 2018 (2% of 2016 total tithe).....47,355,163

15 Actual Operating Expense in 201843,333,572

16 Amount under the budgeted expense cap in 20184,021,591

17 Actual operating expense cap (2% of 2018 total tithe).....50,599,871

18 Amount under actual operating expense cap in 20187,266,299

19 Actual Operating Expense as a percentage of cap 85.64%

1 TRE/ADCOM/117-18G to GOE-19SM(DIV)

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3 109-19G ALLOWANCES—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2020

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5 RECOMMENDED, To approve allowances for the 2020 General Conference Session, as
6 follows:

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ALLOWANCES—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2020

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Category	Per Diem	Air Fare (Economy Class) Short- Term Travel Insurance	Meal Tickets (Applicable to GC Delegates/ GCC Members, Special Guests, Technical Staff, and Spouses of Above.)	Taxi or Bus Airport/Hotel Round Trip	Mileage/Parking⁶
GENERAL CONFERENCE					
Delegate/GC Committee Members	USD 50.00*	Yes	1 Lunch ² 1 Dinner ³	Actual airport/ hotel/airport ⁵	USD 0.42** Parking Actual ⁵
Special Guests (as provided under the 15% provision and the 300 approved by the GC Administrative Committee)	USD 50.00*	Yes	1 Lunch ² 1 Dinner ³	Actual airport/ hotel/airport ⁵	USD 0.42** Parking Actual ⁵
Technical Staff	USD 50.00*	Yes	1 Lunch ² 1 Dinner ³	Actual airport/ hotel/airport ⁵	USD 0.42** Parking Actual ⁵
Spouse of Delegate, Special Guest, or Technical Staff not on official GC business	No ⁴	No ⁴	1 Lunch ² 1 Dinner ³	No ⁴	No ⁴
DIVISIONS					
Delegates from division	USD 50.00*	As arranged by division	As arranged by division	As arranged by division	As arranged by division

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DIVISIONS contd					
Spouse of delegate or special guest from divisions	As arranged by division	As arranged by division	As arranged by division	As arranged by division	As arranged by division
GENERAL CONFERENCE: OTHERS					
Non-delegate GC staff authorized to attend at least one week of session, not assigned regular duties, arranged as vacation time, provided they are full time employees and have at least 2 years of denominational service.			All-inclusive cash allowance of USD 500.00 if accompanied by spouse and/or dependent children. USD 350.00 if unaccompanied by spouse or spouse is serving as technical or exhibit staff.		
International Service Employee Appointees, those on Annual Leave or Personnel Return (while on PR salary) authorized to attend at least one week of session.			All-inclusive cash allowance of USD 500.00 if accompanied by spouse and/or dependent children. USD 350.00 if unaccompanied by spouse (paid by IPRS).		

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¹ Allowances are maximum allowances. Some denominational organizations may provide less.

² Daily lunch meals will be provided.

³ Dinner meals will be provided on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, and Fridays and Sabbaths.

⁴ Only if entitled to Spouse Travel Allowance.

⁵ Receipt required.

⁶ A maximum of USD 550.00 for round-trip mileage (USD 0.42/mile) and parking in Indianapolis will be reimbursed. Parking receipts are required. No rental car expense will be reimbursed. If two or more technical staff are driving in the same car, the General Conference will reimburse expenses up to a maximum of USD 1,000.00.

*Or equivalent approved per diem for 2020.

**Or equivalent approved mileage for 2020.

No allowances will be granted to children attending the Session.

All General Conference traveling staff will follow regular travel policy for reporting charges to their travel budget.

1 ASICoordCom/PreC/128-12G/116-13G/ASICoordCom/118-18Ga/GCDO19SM to MLR-
2 19SM(DIV)

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4 110-19Ga ADVENTIST-LAYMEN’S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES
5 (ASI) MODEL DIVISION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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7 RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Adventist-Laymen’s Service and Industries (ASI) Model
8 Division Constitution and Bylaws, which read as follows:

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10 ADVENTIST-LAYMEN’S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES (ASI)
11 MODEL DIVISION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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13 ARTICLE 1—Name

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15 1.1. The name of the organization shall be: _____ (The letters ASI
16 shall appear as part of the name of the organization.) Within this document, the letters “ASI” or
17 “Association” shall identify the organization. The English letters ASI constitute a uniform
18 branding mechanism even if this Constitution and Bylaws are rendered in a different language of
19 choice, in which case an English language version shall be available for review and
20 harmonization at the General Conference level.

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22 ARTICLE 2—Guidelines for Supporting Ministries

23
24 2.1. Independent Adventist member-owned organizations will operate in harmony
25 with guidelines established by the _____ Division in order to become a
26 supporting ministry in that Division/Union.

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28 ARTICLE 3—Objectives

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30 The objectives of the Association shall be:

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32 3.1. To encourage and promote the development and operation of institutions and
33 enterprises owned or operated by Seventh-day Adventist laymen throughout the
34 _____ Division that have as their primary purpose the spread of the Gospel as
35 believed and taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church (Church) and memorialized in the 28
36 Fundamental Beliefs voted by the General Conference in open session.

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38 3.2. To encourage Seventh-day Adventist church members in privately-owned
39 enterprises of various types to unite their efforts with denominationally operated enterprises in
40 the furtherance and extension of the gospel in their immediate communities and to the ends of
41 the earth, according to their abilities and opportunities.

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43 3.3. To ensure lay-operated institutions and enterprises to commit themselves to work
44 in full and complete harmony with the standards and objectives of the Seventh-day Adventist
45 denomination and to maintain harmonious relationships with conference and church
46 administrations, ministers, church members, and the people of their communities, and to serve as

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(ASI) MODEL DIVISION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS - 2

1 a liaison between ASI members and Church representatives to engender mutual agreement and
2 understanding

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4 3.4. To provide, through an exchange of information, coordination of objectives, and
5 the inspiration of Christian fellowship, the means by which members of the Association can
6 become more effective in their work.

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8 3.5. To assist with mission projects supportive of the Seventh-day Adventist Church,
9 through counsel, promotions and funding.

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11 3.6. To promote an environment of brotherhood and common service across Division
12 lines in an end time reality where ASI laymen from any Division may support the work of the
13 organized Seventh-day Adventist Church in any Division or field within the world Church.

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15 3.7. To seek and accept guidance from the _____ Division and the
16 General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists ASI Coordinating Committee, and sister ASI
17 organizations around the world on standards, objectives, and methods of lay ministry.

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19 ARTICLE 4—Membership Requirements

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21 4.0. Membership in the _____ Division ASI is available to any
22 Seventh-day Adventist church member in regular standing who owns/operates a business or a
23 non-profit, tax-exempt (or equivalent) ministry (charity) or provides a professional service and
24 has been accepted by the Division/Union as a supporting ministry. Church membership and ASI
25 chapter membership must be in the _____ Division and _____
26 Union. Leaders of the business, ministry or professional service must have been members in
27 regular standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for at least two years, and the organization
28 must have been in operation for at least one year, with the equivalent of two full-time workers.
29 Ministries become “supporting” ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church when they
30 approve and adhere to the “Guidelines for Supporting Ministries” as developed by the
31 _____ Division. In order to avoid confusion, member organizations will use
32 name designations that do not include the words: Seventh-day Adventist, SDA, or Adventist.
33 Because ASI is a service for church members who are not employed by the Church (lay people),
34 its members do not receive any salary from any Seventh-day Adventist Church-operated
35 organization. ASI membership may be in one of the following categories:

36
37 4.1. ORGANIZATIONAL membership is the primary type of ASI membership. ASI’s
38 major emphasis is to encourage supporting ministries and those with the entrepreneurial spirit of
39 business operations to work together, cooperatively, with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in
40 its mission and ministry. Payment of Organizational membership dues is required.
41 Organizational membership has the following characteristics:
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(ASI) MODEL DIVISION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS - 3

1 4.1a. Organizational members will have the equivalent of at least two full-time
2 employees in an organization that is owned or controlled by Seventh-day Adventist lay persons.
3 The two qualifying employees may include the owner, applicant, volunteers, and any contract or
4 employed workers.

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6 4.1b. Continued Organizational membership is contingent upon the current
7 owner and/or CEO conducting the business of the organization in harmony with Seventh-day
8 Adventist principles and personally remaining in regular standing with the Seventh-day
9 Adventist Church.

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11 4.1c. The Organization must have been in operation for at least one full year at
12 the time application for ASI membership is submitted.

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14 4.1d. Membership will be in the name of the organization.

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16 4.1e. The organizational documents of Organizational Supporting Ministry
17 members will, as far as possible, reflect support for the message and mission of the Seventh-day
18 Adventist Church; provide that all officers and directors be members in regular standing of the
19 Seventh-day Adventist Church; and provide that upon dissolution of the organization, the
20 remaining assets go to another qualified charity organization owned or controlled by
21 Seventh-day Adventists (Church or lay people).

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23 4.2. PERSONAL membership is available to any Seventh-day Adventist owner,
24 surviving spouse, or CEO of an organization that held Organizational membership under
25 Article 4.1 for five (5) years or more, who sells the business or leaves the organization. Payment
26 of Personal membership dues is required.

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28 4.3. HONORARY membership may be granted to a person who has uniquely served
29 ASI, and is based on his or her individual contribution to the organization. The person will be
30 selected for recognition and Honorary membership by the ASI Board. No payment of
31 membership dues is required.

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33 4.4. APPOINTED membership is held by an individual who has been appointed by a
34 Conference or Union within the _____ Division to serve as its ASI
35 representative. Appointed membership is also held by individuals who have been appointed by
36 the _____ Division to serve as its representatives on the ASI Board. No
37 payment of membership dues is required.

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39 4.5. ASSOCIATE membership [consider whether this class of membership should be
40 eliminated. This class of membership has been difficult to manage due to ambiguous
41 qualifications for membership, and the inclination of some applicants to seek lower-cost
42 membership dues and ease of application requirements compared to requirements for

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1 organizational membership] is available to any Seventh-day Adventist layperson in regular
2 standing with his/her church membership, who holds an executive, professional, or management
3 level of responsibility (other than a denominational employee), who does not qualify for another
4 category of membership but shares in the goals and purposes of ASI. Associate members are not
5 eligible to vote at ASI business meetings or to hold office. Examples of a qualifying applicant
6 would be: an emergency room physician who is not in private practice; an attorney who is a
7 member of a law firm but is not in the self-employed practice of law; a management-level
8 corporate employee who has substantial supervisory responsibility; or a person who sits on for-
9 profit boards of directors.

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11 ARTICLE 5—Voting Eligibility

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13 5.0 Member Delegates who are eligible to vote at regular or specially called ASI
14 business meetings for the purpose of election of officers or other business as may come before
15 them, will include the following:

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17 5.0a. Delegates-at-large:

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19 1) ASI Board members

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21 2) Appointed members

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23 5.0b. Organizational member delegates shall be qualified as follows: One
24 delegate for each member organization, plus one delegate for the first six (6) Seventh-day
25 Adventist employees of the member organization, with one additional delegate for each
26 additional ten (10) Seventh-day Adventist employees or major fraction of ten. In no event shall
27 an organization have more than five voting delegates.

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29 5.0c. Personal members

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31 5.0d. Honorary members

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33 5.1. Delegates must be present to vote.

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35 5.2. Associate members are not eligible to vote.

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1 ARTICLE 6—Membership Application Processing

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6.0. An Application for Membership form shall be completed in writing, providing satisfactory information and evidence of qualifications for membership, and sent to the _____ Division ASI office, together with payment covering the first year’s membership dues.

6.1. Upon receipt of the membership application and the pastor’s recommendation, the _____ Division ASI office will contact the applicant’s Conference and Union ASI secretaries for their recommendations. A completed application will consist of the application, payment for the first year’s member dues, the pastor’s recommendation, Conference and Union ASI secretaries’ recommendations, and approval of the additional documents required for Organizational non-profit membership. Pastoral recommendations will be sent to the ASI office by the pastor. In the event that the pastor, Conference or Union ASI Secretary fails or refuses to forward his/her recommendation in a timely manner, an application may be considered without such recommendation.

6.2. Copies of completed applications will be forwarded by the _____ Division ASI office to the Division’s ASI Executive Officers for review and approval. A membership application must be approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at a meeting or by a unanimously affirmative vote of the Executive Officers. If, in the course of a vote, any Executive Officer disapproves an application, he/she shall advise the Secretary-Treasurer in writing of the reason for such disapproval within fourteen (14) days; otherwise his/her vote shall be deemed affirmative. Applications that are not approved for membership by the Executive Officers shall be reviewed by the ASI Board at its next meeting.

ARTICLE 7—Termination of Membership

7.1. Membership shall be terminated by any one of the following: (1) written request of the member; (2) removal from Seventh-day Adventist Church regular membership status; (3) default in payment of annual dues; (4) failure by a Non-Profit member to comply with the “Guidelines for Supporting Ministries” (after the member has received notice of non-compliance and has refused to correct any such non-compliance); or (5) a two-thirds vote of the Board members present at any meeting.

7.2. A member, having been terminated from membership according to paragraph 6.1 but desiring to be reinstated, shall make a request to the Board for reinstatement, whereupon the committee shall reevaluate all available information pertaining the termination and reinstatement. If the problems relative to ASI membership eligibility have been corrected, the member may be restored to membership by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present.

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1 7.3. A terminated member may reapply for membership by following the procedure
2 listed in Article 6.

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4 ARTICLE 8—Meetings

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6 8.1. Regular business sessions of the Association shall be held [Note: prior to 1977,
7 ASI business meetings for elections were held every four years] every two years in connection
8 with the annual convention. Written notice of a meeting, including a description of the business
9 to be conducted, the time and the location, shall be published in a regular publication of the
10 _____ Division and mailed to members at least four (4) weeks prior to the date
11 of the business session. Such notice may also be sent electronically.

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13 8.2. A quorum shall consist of those present at a duly called business meeting.

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15 8.3. A special business meeting of the Association may be called by the Board at any
16 time, provided the purpose of the special session is stated in the call, and a written notice of such
17 meeting is given at least four (4) weeks prior to the date of the special session.

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19 8.4. The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists’ (GC) Rules of Order shall be
20 followed at all business meetings.

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22 ARTICLE 9—Selection of Committees

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24 9.1. At each biennial session of the Association, a Large Committee selected from the
25 delegates present shall nominate twelve (12) [number will vary by the number of Union ASI
26 Chapters functioning within the _____ Division] members of a Nominating
27 Committee, a Bylaws Committee, and other committees as voted by the session. Nominations
28 shall be made and voted upon by delegates at the session.

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30 9.1a. The Large Committee shall be composed of: One delegate from each
31 Organizational member present; one Personal member delegate for each five Personal members
32 present or major fraction thereof (selected by a caucus of Personal members); and one delegate-
33 at-large [delegates-at-large include members of the ASI Board and Church-appointed ASI
34 representatives] for each five delegates-at-large present or major fraction thereof (selected by a
35 caucus of the delegates-at-large).

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37 9.1b. After the selection of the Large Committee, its members shall meet to
38 caucus in groups with the respective ASI chapter members present to select members of the
39 Nominating Committee [see also Article 11.2] as follows: Each Union ASI Chapter shall select
40 one member to serve on the Nominating Committee, for a total of [number will vary, depending
41 on the number of functioning ASI Union Chapters within the Division] ____ (#) members of the
42 Nominating Committee. Efforts should be made to encourage an appropriate gender, geographic,

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1 and ethnic mix in balancing ASI committees, boards, and offices. The _____
2 Division president or his designee shall chair both the Large Committee and Nominating
3 Committee.

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5 9.2. Committees for the session shall be elected as may be necessary to conduct
6 business that shall come before the session.

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8 ARTICLE 10—Officers

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10 10.1. Officers of the Association shall be: a President, a General Vice President, a Vice
11 President for Finance, a Vice President for Membership, a Vice President for Communication,
12 and [number may vary as needed] _____ (#) other Vice Presidents and a Secretary-Treasurer.

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14 10.2. Officers of the Association shall be elected by members at the regularly scheduled
15 business meeting. Officers shall take office at the close of the convention at which they have
16 been elected and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and take office.

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18 10.2a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the
19 Board. The General Vice President shall act for the President in the event of the absence of the
20 President. In the event of the resignation or incapacity of the President to serve, the General Vice
21 President shall serve in the office of the President until the time of the next regular business
22 session.

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24 10.2b. The _____ Division ASI Secretary-Treasurer shall
25 promote the objectives and activities of the Association, shall keep written records of all
26 meetings and financial activities of the organization and Board, shall have custody of all records
27 of all meetings of the organization and Board, and shall have custody of all the records of the
28 Association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify members of all regular and special business
29 sessions and meetings and perform such duties as may come within the scope of his authority.

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31 10.2c. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Association
32 and shall render an audited report to the membership in business session.

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34 10.2d. Unless otherwise requested by the membership in business session or the
35 Board, all officers of the Association shall carry those responsibilities normally associated with
36 their respective offices.

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38 10.3. Officers of the Association (and the President of ASI Missions Inc. [delete if the
39 _____ Division does not have an organization similar to ASI Missions Inc,
40 which is subsidiary to the Division ASI organization] shall constitute the Executive Committee
41 and shall have authority to conduct the business of the Association between meetings of the
42 Board.

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ARTICLE 11—Elections

11.1. All officers in the Board shall be elected at each biennial business session of the Association.

11.2. The Nominating Committee shall be selected by the Large Committee (see Article 9.) at the biennial business session. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the most recent three (3) past presidents (with all remaining past presidents as invitees), together with ____ (#) additional members selected as follows: three (3) to be appointed by the _____ Division Administrative Committee and [depending on the number of ASI Union Chapters within the Division]) _____ (#) to be nominated by the Large Committee and elected by members of the Association who are present. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be the Division president or his designee. The Nominating Committee’s first item of business shall be the selection of the secretary of the Nominating Committee. The second item of business shall be the nomination of the Association president, who shall be a lay Organizational member, whose name shall be taken immediately to the delegates for a vote. Once elected, the president-elect shall sit with the Nominating Committee to provide counsel and input, but without a vote.

11.3. The procedure for nomination and election of officers and members of the Board shall be as follows:

11.3a. The Nominating Committee shall nominate ASI officers as follows: a President, a General Vice President, ____ (#) other Vice Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer nominee shall be recommended to the _____ Division Administrative Leadership for its approval.

11.3b. The nominating committee shall nominate members for the ASI Board as provided in Article 12.1. The nominating committee shall consider ethnic, gender, and geographic balance in its recommendations. Names of nominees shall be submitted to the delegates in session, and the election/confirmation to respective offices shall be by a majority vote of the registered delegates present.

11.4. Vacancies in offices occurring between regular business sessions or vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the ASI Board.

11.5. Vacancies occurring on the Board from among those members appointed by the _____ Division shall be filled by appointees of the _____ Division.

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1 ARTICLE 12—ASI Board

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12.1. There shall be a Board to administer the affairs of the Association. The Board shall consist of members as follows: the ASI President, Secretary-Treasurer, General Vice President, Vice President for Finance and any additional ASI officers as needed (appointed by the ASI Board); each Union ASI Chapter president, six administrative church employees (appointed by the Division Administrative Committee), two Conference Presidents, the immediate past president of ASI and other members to maintain a target Board ratio of 50/50 lay members to church employees.

12.1a. During the phase-in of a Division ASI Chapter, the Board ratios of lay members to church employees may be out of compliance with Article 12.1.

12.2. The Board shall meet at least once a year for the purpose of reviewing the affairs of the Association and transacting such business as may come before it.

12.3. Meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the ranking officer of the Association; such officer shall serve as chairperson.

12.4. A quorum of the Board shall consist of one-half of the Board, plus one.

12.5. The Board shall be responsible for the _____ Division ASI’s annual convention.

ARTICLE 13—Dues and Financial Records

13.1. Annual membership dues shall be voted by action of the Board and ratified by members at the next business session.

13.2. Financial accounts of the Association are subject to audit by General Conference Auditing Service or equivalent Divisional auditing protocol.

ARTICLE 14—Chapters

14.1. As part of the _____ Division ASI (about which this document is primarily concerned), provision is hereby authorized for the establishment of Union-wide, Conference, or local area Chapters where five (5) or more ASI members reside. Local chapters may be established to maintain ASI fellowship and cooperative outreach where such is feasible.

14.2. Each Union Conference shall constitute an ASI Chapter. Where geography or membership makes it necessary, a Union Chapter may be divided (as voted by the ASI Board and ratified by the Association in business session).

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14.3. Union Chapter officers shall be elected by delegates to Chapter sessions for terms of office not exceeding two (2) years. Chapter officers may vary according to each Union, but the duties of Chapter officers shall be generally similar in all applicable respects to the duties of comparable officers of _____ Division ASI. The officers shall be a President, Vice President and/or Vice Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the executive committee of that Union. The chair of the Chapter nominating committee shall be the Division ASI President or Secretary-Treasurer or the Secretary-Treasurer of the ASI Chapter or his/her nominee.

14.3a. Chapters, insofar as possible, should have a slate of officers and committees that parallel the officers and committees established by the Association.

14.4. The board of any Chapter shall include all officers, plus additional members as deemed necessary (to include representatives of Organizational members or Conference/Union personnel).

14.5. Chapters may assess membership dues in addition to those assessed by the Association. However, membership in Union ASI Chapters will be based upon ASI membership in the _____ Division ASI.

14.6. Chapters shall adopt constitutions embracing provisions compatible with the purpose of the Association as set out in this Constitution and Bylaws, and shall conduct themselves accordingly. Each Chapter shall provide the Association with a copy of its constitution.

ARTICLE 15—Working Relationships

15.1. The Association shall work in close counsel with the _____ Division, Union, and Conference administrations through their respective ASI secretary-treasurers. The purpose is to foster and encourage the work of ASI member organizations and to assist in membership growth and purpose.

ARTICLE 16—Dissolution of the Association

16.1. In the event that the _____ Division _____ ASI organization (the Association) is dissolved and ceases operation, the assets of the organization shall become the property of the _____ Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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1 ARTICLE 17—Amendments

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3 17.1. Changes in, or amendments to, the Association Constitution and Bylaws may be
4 made by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting at any regular business session
5 or any business session, provided the members are advised of the nature and subject of the
6 changes or amendments to be considered when they are notified of the session.

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2 19SM(DIV)

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4 110-19Gb ADVENTIST-LAYMEN’S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES
5 (ASI) MODEL MISSION STATEMENT, VISION STATEMENT,
6 AND MOTTO

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8 RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) Model
9 Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Motto, which read as follows:

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11 Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI)

12 Model Mission Statement

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14 Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI)—The organization of Seventh-day
15 Adventist laypersons involved in professions, industry, education, and/or services, exists to
16 provide challenge, nurture, and experience in Sharing Christ in the marketplace as well as to
17 support the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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19 Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI)

20 Model Vision Statement

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22 Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) and its members will be known for
23 their unswerving honesty in business principles and practices, unflagging participation in the
24 various ministries of the Church, unwavering positivity toward Church leadership, unhesitating
25 provision for the needs of others, and untiring focus on the Christ they represent in the
26 marketplace.

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28 Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI)

29 Model Motto

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31 Sharing Christ in the Marketplace

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2 SP&B18AC/18AC/101-18Gc/SP&B19SM to JRW-19SM(DIV)
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4 101-19Gb CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2019
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6 RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2019, which reads as follows:
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8 January
9 5 Outreach/Church Budget
10 12 Division
11 19 Church Budget
12 26 Conference/Union
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14 February
15 2 Outreach/Church Budget
16 9 Division
17 16 Church Budget
18 23 Conference/Union
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20 March
21 2 Outreach/Church Budget
22 9*+ Adventist World Radio
23 16 Church Budget
24 23 Conference/Union
25 30 Church Budget
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27 April
28 6 Outreach/Church Budget
29 13*+ World Mission Budget
30 20 Church Budget
31 27 Conference/Union
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33 May
34 4 Outreach/Church Budget
35 11*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)
36 18 Church Budget
37 25 Conference/Union
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39 June
40 1 Outreach/Church Budget
41 8 Division
42 15 Church Budget
43 22 Conference/Union
44 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
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7	<u>August</u>	
8	3	Outreach/Church Budget
9	10	Division
10	17	Church Budget
11	24	Conference/Union
12	31	Church Budget
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14	<u>September</u>	
15	7	Outreach/Church Budget
16	14*+	World Mission Budget (Unusual Opportunities)
17	21	Church Budget
18	28	Conference/Union
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20	<u>October</u>	
21	5	Outreach/Church Budget
22	12	Division
23	19	Church Budget
24	26	Conference/Union
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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
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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
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101-19Gb 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
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7	Total	52
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9	*Program provided by the General Conference	
10	+Worldwide offering	

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2 SP&B18AC/18AC/101-18Gd/SP&B19SM to JRW-19SM(DIV)
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4 101-19Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2020
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6 RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2020, which reads as follows:
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8 January
9 4 Outreach/Church Budget
10 11 Division
11 18 Church Budget
12 25 Conference/Union
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14 February
15 1 Outreach/Church Budget
16 8 Division
17 15 Church Budget
18 22 Conference/Union
19 29 Church Budget
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21 March
22 7 Outreach/Church Budget
23 14*+ Adventist World Radio
24 21 Church Budget
25 28 Conference/Union
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27 April
28 4 Outreach/Church Budget
29 11*+ World Mission Budget
30 18 Church Budget
31 25 Conference/Union
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33 May
34 2 Outreach/Church Budget
35 9*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)
36 16 Church Budget
37 23 Conference/Union
38 30 Church Budget
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40 June
41 6 Outreach/Church Budget
42 13 Division
43 20 Church Budget
44 27 Conference/Union (Offering received at GC Session will be for One Year in
45 Mission)
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101-19Gc 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
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8	<u>August</u>	
9	1	Outreach/Church Budget
10	8	Division
11	15	Church Budget
12	22	Conference/Union
13	29	Church Budget
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15	<u>September</u>	
16	5	Outreach/Church Budget
17	12*+	World Mission Budget (Unusual Opportunities)
18	19	Church Budget
19	26	Conference/Union
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21	<u>October</u>	
22	3	Outreach/Church Budget
23	10	Division
24	17	Church Budget
25	24	Conference/Union
26	31	Church Budget
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28	<u>November</u>	
29	7	Outreach/Church Budget
30	14*+	Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)
31	21	Church Budget
32	28	Conference/Union
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34	<u>December</u>	
35	5	Outreach/Church Budget
36	12	Division
37	19	Church Budget
38	26	Conference/Union
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101-19Gc 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
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7	Total	52
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9	*Program provided by the General Conference	
10	+Worldwide offering	

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 3 ADCOM/GCDO17AC/17AC/ADCOM/102-17Gc/ADCOM/GCDO18SM/18SM/ADCOM/
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 6 102-19Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2019
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8 RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2019, with the
 9 understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration
 10 of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2019</u>			
4(eve)	Thu	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Silver Spring MD
5-7	Fri	Nurture and Retention Summit	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
7	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Sun	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
9-10	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
11-12	Thu	World Conference on Non-Combatants	Washington, DC
11-12	Thu	<u>SDA Church & Military-Related Service Conf</u>	<u>Washington, DC</u>
15 May 4	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	_____
15-May 4	Mon	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Vravrona Attica GREECE</u>
15-16	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
17-18	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
23-24	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
<u>May 2019</u>			
7	Tue	AIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
7(pm)	Tue	<u>AIAS Constituency Meeting</u>	<u>Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES</u>
8(am)	Wed	<u>AIAS Board Committee</u>	<u>Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES</u>
9(am)	Thu	<u>AIAS Board Meeting</u>	<u>Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES</u>
20-21	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
29(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
30(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>June 2019</u>			
3-6	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Mon	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Wed	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
7-13	Fri	<u>World Publishing Houses Workshop</u>	<u>ISRAEL</u>

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1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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3	<u>June 2019</u> contd			
4	9(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
5	10	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
6	17-23	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	_____
7	<u>17-23</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
8	<u>26-Jul 8</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Secretariat Administrative Study Tour</u>	<u>_____</u>
9	28-Jul 7	Fri	Secretariat Division Experience	_____
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11	<u>July 2019</u>			
12	8-27	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	_____
13	<u>8-27</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
14	9-13	Tue	Third Global Conference on Lifestyle & Health	Loma Linda CA
15	14	Sun	Deaf and Special Needs Ministries Enrichment	Loma Linda CA
16				
17	<u>August 2019</u>			
18	17	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
19	26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
20				
21	<u>September 2019</u>			
22	2-3	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
23	16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
24	19(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
25	19(pm)	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
26	29-Oct 3	Sun	SSPM Regional Convocations	Prague CZECH REPUBLIC
27	<u>29-Oct 3</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>GC SSPM Regional Convocation—Europe</u>	<u>Prague CZECH REPUBLIC</u>
28				
29	<u>October 2019</u>			
30	1	Tue	Presidential Advisory	Silver Spring MD
31	2(am)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
32	3	Thu	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
33	3	Thu	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
34	3	Thu	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
35	6	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
36	7(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
37	7(am)	Mon	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
38	7(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
39	7(pm)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
40	7(eve)	Mon	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
41	8(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
42	8(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
43	8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD

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3	<u>October 2019</u> contd			
4	8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
5	9(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
6	9(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
7	9(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
8	9(pm)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
9	9(eve)-10	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
10	10(am)	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
11	10(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
12	10(pm)	Thu	AIIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
13	10(eve)-11(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
14	10(eve)-16	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
15	18-20	Fri	175th Anniversary of 1844	Whitehall NY
16	21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
17	23-24	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
18	25(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
19	27	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
20	27(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
21	28	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
22				
23	<u>November 2019</u>			
24				
25	<u>December 2019</u>			
26	4-7	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	
27	4(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
28	5(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
29	9-10	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

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 3 ADCOM/GCDO17AC/17AC/102-17Gd/ADCOM/GCDO18SM/18SM/GCDO18AC/18AC/
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<u>January 2020</u>			
14	Tue	Executive Officers Meeting	_____
14	Tue	Executive Officers Meeting	Cancun, Mexico
15-18	Wed	PREXAD with Division Presidents	_____
15-18	Wed	PREXAD with Division Presidents	Cancun, Mexico
20-Feb-8	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	_____
20-Feb 8	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai THAILAND
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
23-26	Sun	Americas SSPM Regional Convocation	Cancun MEXICO
23-26	Sun	GC SSPM Regional Convocation—Americas	Cancun MEXICO
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

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1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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3	<u>April 2020</u> contd			
4	7(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
5	8(pm)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
6	8(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
7	9(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
8	9(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
9	10(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
10	12	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
11	12(eve)	Sun	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
12	13(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
13	13(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
14	13(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
15	13(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
16	14-15	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
17	20-May 9	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
18	20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
19	22-23	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
20	27-29	Mon	Hope Channel Network Leadership Conference	Bucharest ROMANIA
21	<u>28-30</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Hope Channel Network Leadership Conference</u>	<u>Bucharest ROMANIA</u>
22	28-29	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
23				
24	<u>May 2020</u>			
25	5	Tue	AIIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
26	<u>5(pm)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>AIIAS Constituency Meeting</u>	<u>Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES</u>
27	<u>6(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>AIIAS Board Committee</u>	<u>Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES</u>
28	<u>7(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>AIIAS Board Meeting</u>	<u>Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES</u>
29	18-19	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
30	27(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
31	28(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
32				
33	<u>June 2020</u>			
34	1-4	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
35	4(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
36	7(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
37	8	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
38	15-21	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	=====
39	<u>15-21</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
40	22-24	Mon	Adventist Chaplains World Conference	Indianapolis IN
41	25-Jul 4	Thu	General Conference Session	Indianapolis IN
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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
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3	<u>July 2020</u>			
4	13-Aug 1	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
5	<u>13-Aug 1</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
6	22	Wed	AUA Executive Committee	Nairobi KENYA
7				
8	<u>August 2020</u>			
9	17-Sep 5	Mon	General Conference Mission Institute	
10	24-25	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA
11				
12	<u>September 2020</u>			
13	7-8	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
14	14-17	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
15	17(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
16	29	Tue	Presidential Advisory	Silver Spring MD
17	30(am)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
18				
19	<u>October 2020</u>			
20	1	Thu	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
21	1	Thu	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
22	1	Thu	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
23	4	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
24	5(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
25	5(am)	Mon	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
26	5(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
27	5(eve)	Mon	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
28	6(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
29	6(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
30	6(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
31	6(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
32	7(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
33	7(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
34	7(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
35	7(pm)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
36	7(pm)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
37	7(eve)-8	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
38	8(am)	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
39	8(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
40	8(pm)	Thu	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
41	8(eve)-9(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
42	8(eve)-14	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
43	15-19	Thu	Global Healthcare Conference	Loma Linda CA

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
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3	<u>October 2020</u> contd			
4	19-20	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
5	21-22	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
6	23(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
7	25	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
8	25(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
9	26	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
10				
11	<u>November 2020</u>			
12				
13	<u>December 2020</u>			
14	2(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
15	3(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
16	9-12	Wed	Global Mission Center Directors Meeting	
17	14-15	Mon	Loma Linda University Board and Committees	Loma Linda CA

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 9 DATE DAY MEETING LOCATION

10
 11 January 2021

12
 13 February 2021

14 22-23 Mon Loma Linda University Board and Committees Loma Linda CA

15
 16 March 2021

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 18 April 2021

19 5 Mon Presidents Council Silver Spring MD

20 5 Mon Secretaries Council Silver Spring MD

21 5 Mon Treasurers Council Silver Spring MD

22 5(am) Mon IBE Programs Review Committee Silver Spring MD

23 6-7 Tue Global Mission Issues Committee Silver Spring MD

24 6(eve) Tue International Board of Education Silver Spring MD

25 6(eve) Tue International Board of Min & Theol Ed Silver Spring MD

26 7 Wed Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll & Univ Silver Spring MD

27 7(pm) Wed ADRA International Board Silver Spring MD

28 8(am) Thu GC & Division Officers Silver Spring MD

29 8(pm) Thu Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee Silver Spring MD

30 9(am) Fri Division Officer Interviews Silver Spring MD

31 11 Sun Division Officer Interviews Silver Spring MD

32 11(eve) Sun Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board Silver Spring MD

33 12(am) Mon General Conference Mission Board Silver Spring MD

34 12(pm) Mon Adventist World Radio Board Silver Spring MD

35 12(pm) Mon ASI Coordinating Committee Silver Spring MD

36 12(pm) Mon IRLA Board Silver Spring MD

37 12(eve) Mon Hope Channel, Inc Board Silver Spring MD

38 13-14 Tue Spring Meeting Silver Spring MD

39 15(am) Thu Loma Linda University Constituency Meeting Loma Linda CA

40 15(pm) Thu Loma Linda University Organizing Boards Loma Linda CA

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 42 May 2021

43 24-25 Mon Loma Linda University Board and Committees Loma Linda CA

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 45 June 2021

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>July 2021</u>			
<u>August 2021</u>			
<u>30-31</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Board and Committees</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
<u>September 2021</u>			
28	Tue	Presidential Advisory	Silver Spring MD
29	Wed	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
29	Wed	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
29	Wed	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
30(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
30(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 2021</u>			
1(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
3	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Mon	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
4(eve)	Mon	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Tue	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Tue	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
5(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
5(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed	Silver Spring MD
6-7	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
6(am)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll & Univ	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Thu	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Thu	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Thu	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)-8	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)-13	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>November 2021</u>			
<u>December 2021</u>			
<u>13-14</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Board and Committees</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>

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9 DATE DAY MEETING LOCATION

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11 January 2022

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13 February 2022

14 25-27 Fri Loma Linda University Board Retreat Loma Linda CA

15 28-Mar 1 Mon Loma Linda University Board and Committees Loma Linda CA

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17 March 2022

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19 April 2022

20 4 Mon Presidents Council Silver Spring MD

21 4 Mon Secretaries Council Silver Spring MD

22 4 Mon Treasurers Council Silver Spring MD

23 4(am) Mon IBE Programs Review Committee Silver Spring MD

24 5-6 Tue Global Mission Issues Committee Silver Spring MD

25 5(eve) Tue International Board of Education Silver Spring MD

26 5(eve) Tue International Board of Min & Theol Ed Silver Spring MD

27 6(pm) Wed ADRA International Board Silver Spring MD

28 6(eve) Wed Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll & Univ Silver Spring MD

29 7(am) Thu GC & Division Officers Silver Spring MD

30 7(pm) Thu Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee Silver Spring MD

31 8(am) Fri Division Officer Interviews Silver Spring MD

32 10 Sun Division Officer Interviews Silver Spring MD

33 10(eve) Sun Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board Silver Spring MD

34 11(am) Mon General Conference Mission Board Silver Spring MD

35 11(pm) Mon Adventist World Radio Board Silver Spring MD

36 11(pm) Mon ASI Coordinating Committee Silver Spring MD

37 11(pm) Mon IRLA Board Silver Spring MD

38 11(eve) Mon Hope Channel, Inc Board Silver Spring MD

39 12-13 Tue Spring Meeting Silver Spring MD

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41 May 2022

42 11-14 Wed Intl Leadership Conf for CHM, WM and FM Bangkok THAILAND

43 23-24 Mon Loma Linda University Board and Committees Loma Linda CA

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45 June 2022

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<u>July 2022</u>			
<u>August 2022</u>			
<u>29-30</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Board and Committees</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
<u>September 2022</u>			
27	Tue	Presidential Advisory	Silver Spring MD
28	Wed	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
28	Wed	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
28	Wed	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
29(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
29(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
30(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 2022</u>			
2	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Mon	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
3(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
3(eve)	Mon	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Tue	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Tue	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
4(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
4(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed	Silver Spring MD
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5(am)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
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6(pm)	Thu	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)-7	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)-12	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>November 2022</u>			
<u>December 2022</u>			
<u>12-13</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Board and Committees</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>

The Sanctuary Truth

Christ in His Sanctuary, pp 3-17

An Introduction*

Writing of what must be accomplished by the emerging Seventh-day Adventist Church before the Lord shall come, Ellen G. White in 1883 said:

“The minds of believers were to be directed to the heavenly sanctuary, where Christ had entered to make atonement for His people.”—Selected Messages, 1:67.

In a crisis in 1906, in which certain of the basic teachings of Seventh-day Adventists were threatened, she wrote:

“The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith.”—Evangelism, 221.

The End of the 2300 Days

Among the prophecies forming the foundation of the advent awakening of the 1830’s and the early 1840’s was the prophecy of Daniel 8:14: “Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Ellen White, who passed through the experience, explains concerning the application of this prophecy:

“In common with the rest of the Christian world, Adventists then held that the earth, or some portion of it, was the sanctuary. They understood that the cleansing of the sanctuary was the purification of the earth by the fires of the last great day, and that this would take place at the second advent. Hence the conclusion that Christ would return to the earth in 1844.”—The Great Controversy, 409.

This prophetic period came to its close on October 22, 1844. The disappointment to those who expected to meet their Lord on that day was great. Hiram Edson, a careful Bible student in mid-New York State, describes what took place among the company of believers of which he was a part:

“Our expectations were raised high, and thus we looked for our coming Lord until the clock tolled twelve at midnight. The day had then passed, and our disappointment had become a certainty. Our fondest hopes and expectations were blasted, and such a spirit of weeping came over us as I never experienced before. It seemed that the loss of all earthly friends could have been no comparison. We wept and wept, till the day dawn....

“I mused in my heart, saying: ‘My advent experience has been the brightest of all my Christian experience.... Has the Bible proved a failure? Is there no God, no heaven, no golden city, no Paradise? Is all this but a cunningly devised fable? Is there no reality to our fondest hopes and expectations?’...

“I began to feel there might be light and help for us in our distress. I said to some of the brethren: ‘Let us go to the barn.’ We entered the granary, shut the doors about us, and bowed before the Lord. We prayed earnestly, for we felt our necessity. We continued in earnest prayer until the witness of the Spirit was given that our prayers were accepted, and that light should be given—our disappointment explained, made clear and satisfactory.

“After breakfast I said to one of my brethren, ‘Let us go and see and encourage some of our brethren.’ We started, and while passing through a large field, I was stopped about midway of the field. Heaven seemed open to my view, and I saw distinctly and clearly that instead of our High Priest coming out of the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary to this earth on the tenth

day of the seventh month, at the end of the 2300 days, He, for the first time, entered on that day into the second apartment of that sanctuary, and that He had a work to perform in the most holy place before coming to the earth; that He came to the marriage, or in other words, to the Ancient of Days, to receive a kingdom, dominion, and glory; and that we must wait for His return from the wedding. And my mind was directed to the tenth chapter of Revelation, where I could see the vision had spoken and did not lie.”—Unpublished manuscript published in part in *The Review and Herald*, June 23, 1921.

There followed a careful investigation of the scriptures that touched on this subject—particularly those in Hebrews—by Hiram Edson and two close associates, Dr. F. B. Hahn, a physician, and O. R. L. Crosier, a teacher. The result of this joint study was written up by Crosier and was published, first in *The Day Dawn*, a paper of limited circulation, and then in rewritten and enlarged form in a special issue of the *Day-Star*, on February 7, 1846. This was a more widely read Adventist journal, published at Cincinnati, Ohio. Through this medium it reached a number of the disappointed Advent believers. The rather lengthy presentation, well supported by Scripture, brought hope and courage to their hearts as it clearly showed that the sanctuary to be cleansed at the end of the 2300 days is in heaven, and not on earth, as they had believed earlier.

Ellen G. White, in a statement written on April 21, 1847, declared in endorsement of the Crosier article on the sanctuary question:

“The Lord showed me in vision, more than one year ago, that Brother Crosier had the true light, on the cleansing of the sanctuary, etc.; and that it was His will, that Brother Crosier should write out the view which he gave us in the *Day-Star Extra*, February 7, 1846. I feel fully authorized by the Lord, to recommend that *Extra*, to every saint.”—*A Word to the Little Flock*, 12.

At a later time she wrote of the rapid development of doctrinal understanding which followed the disappointment:

“The passing of the time in 1844 was a period of great events, opening to our astonished eyes the cleansing of the sanctuary transpiring in heaven, and having decided relation to God’s people upon the earth.” Manuscript 13, 1889, published in *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 30.

A Truth Established by the Witness of the Holy Spirit

The visions given to Ellen White, while not running ahead of Bible study, confirmed the soundness of the position that an important phase of Christ’s ministry in the heavenly sanctuary was entered upon on October 22, 1844. Gradually the breadth and depth of the subject opened before the Advent believers. Looking back on the experience in later years, she recalled their study and the manifest evidences of God’s guiding hand:

“Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce,* Elder [Hiram] Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, ‘We can do nothing more,’ the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ,

His mission, and His priesthood. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the City of God, was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me.

“During this whole time I could not understand the reasoning of the brethren. My mind was locked, as it were, and I could not comprehend the meaning of the scriptures we were studying. This was one of the greatest sorrows of my life. I was in this condition of mind until all the principal points of our faith were made clear to our minds, in harmony with the Word of God. The brethren knew that when not in vision, I could not understand these matters, and they accepted as light direct from heaven the revelations given .”—Selected Messages, 1:206, 207.

The realization that Christ had entered the most holy place in the heavenly sanctuary to begin His closing ministry in our behalf, typified in the sanctuary service observed by Israel of old, solemnized the hearts of our pioneer Adventists. The truths were so clear, so grand, so vital, that it was difficult to sense that upon them rested the responsibility of imparting this light to others. Ellen White wrote of the certainty of their position:

“We are to be established in the faith, in the light of the truth given us in our early experience. At that time one error after another pressed in upon us; ministers and doctors brought in new doctrines. We would search the Scriptures with much prayer, and the Holy Spirit would bring the truth to our minds. Sometimes whole nights would be devoted to searching the Scriptures, and earnestly asking God for guidance. Companies of devoted men and women assembled for this purpose. The power of God would come upon me, and I was enabled clearly to define what is truth and what is error.

“As the points of our faith were thus established, our feet were placed upon a solid foundation. We accepted the truth point by point, under the demonstration of the Holy Spirit. I would be taken off in vision, and explanations would be given me. I was given illustrations of heavenly things, and of the sanctuary, so that we were placed where light was shining on us in clear, distinct rays.

“I know that the sanctuary question stands in righteousness and truth, just as we have held it for so many years.”—Gospel Workers, 302, 303.

The pioneers of the movement saw the sanctuary truth as basic to the whole structure of Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. James White, in 1850, republished the essential portions of the first presentation of the subject by O. R. L. Crosier, and commented:

“The subject of the sanctuary should be carefully examined, as it lies at the foundation of our faith and hope.”—The Advent Review (special combined number).

The Sanctuary and the Sabbath

It was in the setting of a view of the heavenly sanctuary that the Sabbath truth was confirmed in the vision given to Ellen White on April 3, 1847, at the Howland home in Topsham, Maine. Of this she writes:

“We felt an unusual spirit of prayer. And as we prayed the Holy Ghost fell upon us. We were very happy. Soon I was lost to earthly things and was wrapped in a vision of God’s glory. I saw an angel flying swiftly to me. He quickly carried me from the earth to the Holy City. In the city I saw a temple, which I entered. I passed through a door before I came to the first veil. This veil was raised, and I passed into the holy place. Here I saw the altar of incense, the candlestick with seven lamps, and the table on which was the shewbread. After viewing the glory of the holy, Jesus raised the second veil and I passed into the holy of holies.

“In the holiest I saw an ark; on the top and sides of it was purest gold. On each end of the ark was a lovely cherub, with its wings spread out over it. Their faces were turned toward each other, and they looked downward. Between the angels was a golden censer. Above the ark, where the angels stood, was an exceeding bright glory, that appeared like a throne where God dwelt. Jesus stood by the ark, and as the saints’ prayers came up to Him, the incense in the censer would smoke, and He would offer up their prayers with the smoke of the incense to His Father. In the ark was the golden pot of manna, Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tables of stone which folded together like a book. Jesus opened them, and I saw the Ten Commandments written on them with the finger of God. On one table were four, and on the other six. The four on the first table shone brighter than the other six. But the fourth, the Sabbath commandment, shone above them all; for the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honor of God’s holy name. The holy Sabbath looked glorious—a halo of glory was all around it. I saw that the Sabbath commandment was not nailed to the cross. If it was, the other nine commandments were; and we are at liberty to break them all, as well as to break the fourth. I saw that God had not changed the Sabbath, for He never changes.”—Early Writings, 32, 33.

The Sanctuary Truth Under Fire

While there were those who saw clearly the binding claims of God’s law and began to observe the Seventh-day Sabbath as set forth in the law of God, they encountered strong opposition. Of this and the reasons for it, Ellen White explains:

“Many and earnest were the efforts made to overthrow their faith. None could fail to see that if the earthly sanctuary was a figure or pattern of the heavenly, the law deposited in the ark on earth was an exact transcript of the law in the ark in heaven; and that an acceptance of the truth concerning the heavenly sanctuary involved an acknowledgment of the claims of God’s law, and the obligation of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. Here was the secret of the bitter and determined opposition to the harmonious exposition of the Scriptures that revealed the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary.”—The Great Controversy, 435.

It is little wonder that those in subsequent years defecting from the Seventh-day Adventist Church should make the sanctuary truth a point of opposition. It was so with Elders Snook and Brinkerhof, conference officers in Iowa, who withdrew in the middle 1860’s, and with D. M. Canright, an influential minister, who left the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1887 to become a bitter enemy and critic. Nor is it strange that the pantheistic views at the turn of the century, espoused and advocated by both medical and ministerial workers, should strike directly at this fundamental doctrine. It was in this setting that Ellen White in warning words wrote on November 20, 1905:

“To those medical missionaries and ministers who have been drinking in the scientific sophistries and bewitching fables against which you have been warned, I would say, Your souls are in peril. The world must know where you are standing and where Seventh-day Adventists are standing. God calls for all who have accepted these soul-destroying delusions no longer to halt between two opinions. If the Lord be God, follow Him.

“Satan, with all his host is on the battlefield. Christ’s soldiers are now to rally round the bloodstained banner of Emmanuel. In the name of the Lord, leave the black banner of the prince of darkness, and take your position with the Prince of heaven.

“‘He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.’ Read your Bibles. From higher ground, under the instruction given me of God, I present these things before you. The time is near when the deceptive powers of satanic agencies will be fully developed. On one side is Christ, who has

been given all power in heaven and earth. On the other side is Satan, continually exercising his power to allure, to deceive with strong, spiritualistic sophistries, to remove God out of the place that He should occupy in the minds of men.

“Satan is striving continually to bring in fanciful suppositions in regard to the sanctuary, degrading the wonderful representations of God and the ministry of Christ for our salvation into something that suits the carnal mind. He removes its presiding power from the hearts of believers, and supplies its place with fantastic theories invented to make void the truths of the atonement, and destroy our confidence in the doctrines which we have held sacred since the third angel’s message was first given. Thus he would rob us of our faith in the very message that has made us a separate people, and has given character and power to our work.”—Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, pp. 16, 17.

It was in the setting of this pantheistic crisis that Ellen White, attending the General Conference session of 1905, declared in words significant to us today:

“In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years?”—Counsels to Writers and Editors, 53.

The pantheistic views, so earnestly advocated by some, Ellen White declared, would “do away with God” (Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, p. 16) and invalidate the sanctuary truth.

At about the same time one of our ministers, whom we will identify as “Elder G,” espoused the view that when Christ went back to heaven after his ministry on earth, He went into the presence of God, and that where God is, must be the most holy place, therefore on October 22, 1844, there was no entering into the most holy place in the heavenly sanctuary as we believed and taught. These two concepts, both of which struck at the doctrine of the sanctuary as we held it, led Ellen White several times to refer to the soundness and integrity of this point of faith. In 1904 she wrote:

“They (the children of God) will not, by their words and acts, lead anyone to doubt in regard to the distinct personality of God, or in regard to the sanctuary and its ministry.

“We all need to keep the subject of the sanctuary in mind. God forbid that the clatter of words coming from human lips should lessen the belief of our people in the truth that there is a sanctuary in heaven, and that a pattern of this sanctuary was once built on this earth. God desires His people to become familiar with this pattern, keeping ever before their minds the heavenly sanctuary, where God is all and in all. We must keep our minds braced by prayer and a study of God’s Word, that we may grasp these truths.”—E. G. White Letter 233, 1904.

Points Sustained Only by Misused Scriptures

Writing particularly of “Elder G’s” work in undermining confidence in the sanctuary truth in 1905, Ellen White pointed out the unsoundness of his use of Scripture evidence and the dependability of our understanding of the sanctuary truth. This is what she said:

“I have been pleading with the Lord for strength and wisdom to reproduce the writings of the witnesses who were confirmed in the faith and in the early history of the message. After the passing of the time in 1844 they received the light and walked in the light, and when the men claiming to have new light would come in with their wonderful messages regarding various points of Scripture, we had, through the moving of the Holy Spirit, testimonies right to the point,

which cut off the influence of such messages as Elder G has been devoting his time to presenting. This poor man has been working decidedly against the truth that the Holy Spirit has confirmed.

“When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No after suppositions contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light, which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat, and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And the standard-bearers who have fallen in death are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time.

“We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith. They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years. And while the Scriptures are God’s Word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake. He who makes such an application knows not the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God.

“Elder G’s proofs are not reliable. If received, they would destroy the faith of God’s people in the truth that has made us what we are.

“We must be decided on this subject; for the points that he is trying to prove by Scripture, are not sound. They do not prove that the past experience of God’s people was a fallacy. We had the truth; we were directed by the angels of God. It was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the presentation of the, sanctuary question was given. It is eloquence for everyone to keep silent in regard to the features of our faith in which they acted no part. God never contradicts Himself. Scripture proofs are misapplied if forced to testify to that which is not true. Another and still another will arise and bring in supposedly great light, and make their assertions. But we stand by the old landmarks.”—Selected Messages, 1:160-162.

The Reality of the Heavenly Sanctuary Affirmed

Repeatedly we find in the Ellen G. White writings statements on the reality of the heavenly sanctuary, its furnishings, and its ministry. One such was penned in the 1880’s as she described the experience of the Advent believers following the disappointment:

“In their investigation they learned, that the earthly sanctuary, built by Moses at the command of God, according to the pattern shown him in the mount, was ‘a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices;’ that its two holy places were ‘patterns of things in the heavens;’ that Christ, our great High Priest, is ‘a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.’...

“The sanctuary in heaven, in which Jesus ministers in our behalf, is the great original, of which the sanctuary built by Moses was a copy....

“The matchless splendor of the earthly tabernacle reflected to human vision the glories of that heavenly temple where Christ our forerunner ministers for us before the throne of God.

“As the sanctuary on earth had two apartments, the holy and the most holy, so there are two holy places in the sanctuary in heaven. And the ark containing the law of God, the altar of incense, and other instruments of service found in the sanctuary below, have also their counterpart in the sanctuary above. In holy vision the apostle John was permitted to enter heaven, and he there beheld the candlestick and the altar of incense, and as ‘the temple of God was opened,’ he beheld also ‘the ark of His testament.’ [Revelation 4:5; 8:3; 11:19.]

“Those who were seeking for the truth found indisputable proof of the existence of a sanctuary in heaven. Moses made the earthly sanctuary after a pattern which was shown him. Paul declares that that pattern was the true sanctuary which is in heaven. John testifies that he saw it in heaven.”—Spirit of Prophecy, 4:260, 261.

Earlier she had written with emphasis on the furniture:

“I was also shown a sanctuary upon the earth containing two apartments. It resembled the one in heaven, and I was told that it was a figure of the heavenly. The furniture of the first apartment of the earthly sanctuary was like that in the first apartment of the heavenly. The veil was lifted, and I looked into the holy of holies, and saw that the furniture was the same as in the most holy place in the heavenly sanctuary.”—Early Writings, 252, 253.

The Ark and the Law in the Heavenly Sanctuary

On different occasions she spoke and wrote of the ark in the most holy place in the heavenly sanctuary. One such statement was made in a sermon preached in Torero, Sweden, in 1886.

“I warn you, Do not place your influence against God’s commandments. That law is just as Jehovah wrote it in the temple of heaven. Man may trample upon its copy here below, but the original is kept in the ark of God in heaven; and on the cover of this ark, right above that law, is the mercy seat. Jesus stands right there before that ark to mediate for man.”—Ellen G. White Comments, The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 1:1109.

And in 1903 she again wrote of the reality of the heavenly sanctuary:

“I could say much regarding the sanctuary; the ark containing the law of God; the cover of the ark, which is the mercy seat; the angels at either end of the ark; and other things connected with the heavenly sanctuary and with the great day of atonement. I could say much regarding the mysteries of heaven; but my lips are closed. I have no inclination to try to describe them.”—Ellen G. White Letter 253, 1903.

Last-Day Delusions Will Involve Vital Truth

It is clear that our adversary, Satan, will try to unsettle the faith of God’s people in the doctrine of the sanctuary in these “latter days.” Ellen White wrote:

“The Saviour foretold that in the latter days false prophets would appear, and draw away disciples after them; and also that those who in this time of peril should stand faithful to the truth that is specified in the book of Revelation, would have to meet doctrinal errors so specious that, if it were possible, the very elect would be deceived.

“God would have every true sentiment prevail. Satan can skillfully play the game of life with many souls, and he acts in a most underhanded, deceptive manner to spoil the faith of the people of God and to discourage them. ... He works today as he worked in heaven—to divide the people of God in the very last stage of this earth’s history. He seeks to create dissension, and to arouse contention and discussion, and to remove if possible the old landmarks of truth committed to God’s people. He tries to make it appear as if the Lord contradicts Himself.

“It is when Satan appears as an angel of light, that he takes souls in his snare, deceiving them. Men who pretend to have been taught of God, will adopt fallacious theories, and in their teaching will so adorn these fallacies as to bring in Satanic delusions. Thus Satan will be introduced as an angel of light, and will have opportunity to present his pleasing fables.

“These false prophets will have to be met. They will make an effort to deceive many, by leading them to accept false theories. Many scriptures will be misapplied in such a way that deceptive theories will apparently be based upon the words that God has spoken. Precious truth will be appropriated to substantiate and establish error. These false prophets, who claim to be taught of God, will take beautiful scriptures that have been given to adorn the truth, and will use them as a robe of righteousness to cover false and dangerous theories. And even some of those who in times past the Lord has honored, will depart so far from the truth as to advocate misleading theories regarding many phases of truth, including the sanctuary question.”—Manuscript 11, 1906. (Emphasis supplied.)

A few weeks later she added these words on the importance of a correct understanding of this truth:

“I know that the sanctuary question stands in righteousness and truth, just as we have held it for so many years. It is the enemy that leads minds off on sidetracks. He is pleased when those who know the truth become engrossed in collecting scriptures to pile around erroneous theories, which have no foundation in truth. The scriptures thus used are misapplied; they were not given to substantiate error, but to strengthen truth.”—Gospel Workers, 303.

With Eyes Fixed on the Sanctuary

At no time are we to lose sight of the important work being done in our behalf in the sanctuary in heaven. We are admonished:

“As a people, we should be earnest students of prophecy; we should not rest until we become intelligent in regard to the subject of the sanctuary, which is brought out in the visions of Daniel and John. This subject sheds great light on our present position and work, and gives us unmistakable proof that God has led us in our past experience. It explains our disappointment in 1844, showing us that the sanctuary to be cleansed was not the earth, as we had supposed, but that Christ then entered into the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, and is there performing the closing work of His priestly office, in fulfillment of the words of the angel to the prophet Daniel, ‘Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.’

“Our faith in reference to the messages of the first, second, and third angels was correct. The great waymarks we have passed are immovable. Although the hosts of hell may try to tear them from their foundation, and triumph in the thought that they have succeeded, yet they do not succeed. These pillars of truth stand firm as the eternal hills, unmoved by all the efforts of men combined with those of Satan and his host. We can learn much, and should be constantly searching the Scriptures to see if these things are so. God’s people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where the final ministration of our great High Priest in the work of the judgment is going forward,—where He is interceding for His people.”—Evangelism, 222, 223.