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OF THE

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October 6-12, 2022

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DAILY PROGRAM

Thursday, October 6

7:00 a.m.	Steering Committee*
7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	Dedicated Prayer Time**
8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Annual Council Opening
8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Devotional
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	LEAD Conference
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch***
2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Business Session

Friday, October 7

7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	Dedicated Prayer Time**
8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Devotional
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	LEAD Conference
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch***
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	LEAD Conference/Holy Communion Service

Sabbath, October 8

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	Dedicated Prayer Time**
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Sabbath School
10:35 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	Divine Service

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Sabbath, October 8 (contd)

12:05 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch***
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	LEAD Conference: Mission Alive

Sunday, October 9

7:00 a.m.	Steering Committee*
7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	Dedicated Prayer Time**
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Devotional
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Business Session
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch***
2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Business Session

Monday, October 10

7:00 a.m.	Steering Committee*
7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	Dedicated Prayer Time**
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9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Business Session
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch***
2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Business Session

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9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Business Session
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch***
2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Business Session

Wednesday, October 12

7:00 a.m.	Steering Committee*
7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	Dedicated Prayer Time**
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Devotional
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Business Session

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DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

Reach the World: I Will Go Be His Witness

Divine Service

Sabbath, October 8

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“Repairers of the Breach—God’s End-Time People”

Business Sessions

Sunday, October 9

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“Letting God Lead”

Monday, October 10

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“The Fruits of a Witness”

Tuesday, October 11

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“Messengers of God’s End-Time Movement”

Wednesday, October 12

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1. The agenda lists the items of business that are to be considered at the business meetings of the General Conference Executive Committee or its standing subcommittees.
2. If an agenda item has support material, you will find a number in brackets at the end of the agenda title line where the support material will be found.
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5. If a code number appears in the reference line, it shows that the item has been considered during a previous administrative year. An administrative year extends from the close of one Annual Council to the close of the next Annual Council.

GLOSSARY OF MOST FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS

AAIM	Adventist AIDS International Ministry
AC	Annual Council
ACM	Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries
ADCOM	Administrative Committee
ADRA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency
AIIAS	Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies
AM	Adventist Mission
APM	Adventist Possibility Ministries
ARMies	Adventist Review Ministries
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
CHUM	Chinese Union Mission
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

Acronyms (contd) - 2

GCS	General Conference Session
GRI	Geoscience Research Institute
HCI	Hope Channel International
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
MENAUM	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

Acronyms (contd) - 3

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
UUC	Ukrainian Union Conference
WAD	West-Central Africa Division
WHT	Ellen G White Estate, Inc.
WM	Women's Ministries
YOU	Youth Ministries

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ECK	314.	Children's Quarterlies Editor - Appointed Staff
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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-22AC

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3 133-22G STANDING COMMITTEES—ANNUAL COUNCIL - 2022

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5 RECOMMENDED, To approve the standing committees for the 2022 Annual Council, as
6 follows:

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8 NOMINATING

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10 Ted N C Wilson, Chair
11 Erton C Kohler, Secretary
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13 Members: Timothy H Aka, Harrington S Akombwa, Audrey E Andersson, Stanley E
14 Arco, Salomon G Assienin, Alison Awuku, Guillermo E Biaggi, Elias Brasil de Souza, Mario A
15 Brito, G Alexander Bryant, Roger O Caderma, Ramon J Canals, Williams S Costa Jr, Abner
16 De los Santos, Marlon de Souza Lopes, Emmanuel Dike, Paul H Douglas, Daniel Duda,
17 George O Egwakhe, Larry R Evans, Mark A Finley, Elie Henry, James M Howard,
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19 Vincent R Injety, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Joshua Soongi Kang, Yo Han Kim, Michael
20 Kruger, Elbert Kuhn, Jai Kumar, Ezras Lakra, Newton Langai, Thomas L Lemon, Andrea T
21 Luxton, Barna Magyarosi, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Richard E McEdward, Duane McKey, Samuel
22 Misiani, Musa Mitekaro, Hensley M Mooroooven, Aldo Munoz, Samuel Nazir, David Ndonji,
23 Hopkings K Ngomba, Samuel M Nkonya, Ivan H Omana, Pierre Omeler, Robert Osei-Bonsu,
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25 Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Kathryn L Proffitt, Vitali Rakovich, Olivier Rigaud, Luis
26 Rivera Maldonado, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan, Gerson P Santos, Artur A Stele,
27 Glenn C Townend, Maurice R Valentine, Ivan I Velgosha, J Raymond Wahlen II, James S
28 Winegardner
29

30 STEERING

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32 Ted N C Wilson, Chair
33 Hensley M Mooroooven, Secretary
34

35 Members: Timothy H Aka, Audrey E Andersson, Guillermo E Biaggi, Ramon J Canals,
36 Abner De los Santos, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, Larry R Evans,
37 Mark A Finley, James M Howard, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Elbert Kuhn, Thomas L
38 Lemon, German A Lust, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Todd R McFarland, Duane McKey, Daisy J F
39 Orion, Lissy Park, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Josue Pierre, Karen J Porter,
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41 Claude J Richli, Michael L Ryan, Saw Samuel, Gerson P Santos, Silvia Sicalo, Artur A
42 Stele, Richard T Stephenson, Maurice R Valentine, E Douglas Venn, J Raymond Wahlen II
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44 Invitee: Tamara K Boward.

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134-22G COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE—ANNUAL
COUNCIL - 2022

RECOMMENDED, To appoint the Compensation Review Committee for the 2022 Annual Council as follows:

MEMBERS

Henry, Elie, Chair

*Douglas, Paul H, Secretary

Division/Attached Union Presidents

Akombwa, Harrington S

Arco, Stanley E

Brito, Mario A

Bryant, G Alexander

Caderma, Roger O

Duda, Daniel

Jiao, Daniel Wang Xin

Kaminskiy, Mikhail F

Kim, Yo Han

Lakra, Ezras

McEdward, Richard E

Nosov, Stanislav V

Osei-Bonsu, Robert

Ruguri, Blasious M

Townend, Glenn C

Division Secretaries

Csizmadia, Robert C

Reyneke, Gideon P

Sessou, Selom K

Division Treasurers

Adap, Jacinto

Christian, Riches

Keet, J Francois

GC Institution President

Ketting-Weller, Ginger

Agencies/Services/Other

Nalin, Ronald

Union Presidents

Chuenjit, Somchai

Devadhas, Daniel

Dullinger, Werner K

Ntunzwenimana, Enock

Ostrovski, Moisei I

Sjolander, Robert

Udoh, Bassey E O

Pastors/Frontline Workers

Choi, Changhyun

Pereira Calvo, Jorge A

Laypersons

Bosev, Ventsislav N

Chapa Calderon, Grecia T

Hunsaker, Andi

Loeffler, Mileen

Morris, Gentry

Salnikov, Aleksei

Shin, Hyun Ho

General Conference Employees*

*Biaggi, Guillermo E (PRE)

*De los Santos, Abner (PRE)

*Kohler, Erton C (SEC)

*Lemon, Thomas L (PRE)

*Lust, German A (TRE)

*Moorooven, Hensley M (SEC)

*Porter, Karen J (SEC)

*Wahlen, J Raymond II (TRE)

*Wilson, Ted N C (PRE)

*The committee will meet in executive session without General Conference employees.

1 PRE/10AC/PRE/ADCOM to MRV-22AC

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3 138-22G GOD’S PROMISED GIFT: AN URGENT APPEAL FOR
4 REVIVAL, REFORMATION, DISCIPLESHIP, AND
5 EVANGELISM
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7 The following is a slightly updated version (August 2022 by Mark A Finley) of the
8 document, “God’s Promised Gift: An Urgent Appeal for Revival, Reformation, Discipleship, and
9 Evangelism,” voted by Annual Council on October 11, 2010.
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11 RECOMMENDED, To reaffirm the document “God’s Promised Gift: An Urgent Appeal for
12 Revival, Reformation, Discipleship, and Evangelism,” which reads as follows:
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14 GOD’S PROMISED GIFT: AN URGENT APPEAL
15 FOR REVIVAL, REFORMATION, DISCIPLESHIP, AND EVANGELISM
16

17 God has uniquely called the Seventh-day Adventist Church both to live and proclaim His
18 last-day message of love and truth to the world (Revelation 14:6-12). The challenge of reaching
19 the nearly eight billion people on planet Earth with His end-time message seems impossible. The
20 task is overwhelming. From a human perspective, the rapid fulfillment of Christ’s Great
21 Commission anytime soon appears unlikely (Matthew 28:19, 20).
22

23 The Church’s growth rate is simply not keeping pace with the world’s burgeoning
24 population. An honest evaluation of our current evangelistic impact on the world leads to the
25 conclusion that unless there is a dramatic change, we will not complete Heaven’s assignment in
26 this generation. Despite our best efforts, on our own, all our plans, strategies, and resources are
27 incapable of finishing God’s mission.
28

29 *Christ’s Promise to His New Testament Church*
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31 The challenge of taking the gospel to the world is not new. The disciples faced this
32 challenge in the first century. We face it in the twenty-first century. The New Testament Church
33 was seemingly confronted with an impossible task. But empowered by the Holy Spirit the
34 Church exploded in growth (Acts 2:41; 4:4; 6:7; 9:31). These early Christians shared their faith
35 everywhere (Acts 5:42).
36

37 The grace of God overflowed from their hearts to their families, friends, and work
38 associates. Just a few decades after the Crucifixion, the apostle Paul could report that the gospel
39 is “preached to every creature under heaven” (Colossians 1:23, NKJV). How was it possible for
40 an obscure group of relatively insignificant believers to impact the world in such a short amount
41 of time? How could so few Christians be used of God to change the world forever?
42

43 Christ’s Great Commission was accompanied by His great promise. The Savior
44 commanded His disciples “not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the
45 Father” (Acts 1:4). The Savior promised, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has

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1 come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,
2 and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NKJV).

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4 The love of Christ controlled every aspect of the disciples' lives and moved them to a
5 passionate commitment to His service (2 Corinthians 5:14). They sought God for the promised
6 power of the Holy Spirit and knelt before Him in heartfelt confession and earnest repentance.
7 They placed priority on seeking the fullness of Heaven's blessing. They set aside times for
8 prayer and searching the Scriptures. Their petty differences were swallowed up in their all-
9 consuming desire to share Christ's love with everyone they met. They were absorbed in reaching
10 the world with the gospel. Nothing was more important. They recognized that they were
11 powerless to accomplish the mission without the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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13 Describing the experience of the disciples, Ellen G. White wrote, "Putting away all
14 differences, all desire for the supremacy, they came close together in Christian fellowship. . .
15 Sadness filled their hearts as they thought of how many times they had grieved Him by their
16 slowness of comprehension, their failure to understand the lessons that, for their good, He was
17 trying to teach them. The disciples felt their spiritual need and cried to the Lord for the Holy
18 unction that was to fit them for the work of soul saving. They did not ask for a blessing for
19 themselves merely. They were weighted with the burden of the salvation of souls. They realized
20 that the gospel was to be carried to the world, and they claimed the power that Christ promised"
21 (AA 37).

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23 Christ fulfilled His promise. The Holy Spirit was poured out in Pentecostal power.
24 Thousands were converted in a day. The message of Christ's love impacted the world. In a short
25 time, the name of Jesus Christ was on the lips of men and women everywhere. "By the co-
26 operation of the divine Spirit, the apostles did a work that shook the world. To every nation was
27 the gospel carried in a single generation" (AA 593).

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29 *Christ's Promise to His End-Time Church*

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31 The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in the early rain was only a prelude of
32 what is to come. God has promised to pour out His Holy Spirit in abundance in the last days
33 (Joel 2:23; Zechariah 10:1). The earth will be "illuminated with his glory" (Revelation 18:1). The
34 work of God on earth will be finished rapidly (Matthew 24:14; Romans 9:28). The Church will
35 experience a spiritual revival and the fullness of the Holy Spirit's power like never before in its
36 history. Speaking of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Peter gives us this assurance:
37 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord
38 our God will call" (Acts 2:39, NKJV). Ellen G White adds, "Before the final visitation of God's
39 judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of
40 primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God
41 will be poured out upon his children. At that time many will separate themselves from those

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1 churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and his Word. Many, both
2 of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be
3 proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming" (GC 464).

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5 Hundreds of thousands of people will accept God's last-day message through the
6 teaching and preaching of His Word. Prayer, Bible study, and witness are all elements of true
7 revival. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit will intensify as the end approaches. "Near the
8 close of earth's harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church
9 for the coming of the Son of Man" (FLB 333). "By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the
10 warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders
11 will follow the believers" (GC 612).

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13 There is nothing more important than knowing Jesus, studying His Word, understanding
14 His truth, and seeking His promise for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power for
15 the fulfilling of the gospel commission. God's last-day prophet to the remnant wrote in words too
16 plain to be misunderstood, "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent
17 of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work" (1SM 121).

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19 *If a genuine spiritual revival is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs, should we*
20 *not as leaders place priority on seeking Heaven's promised blessing with all our hearts?*

21
22 When we seek Jesus, He fills us with His presence and power through the gift of the Holy
23 Spirit. We long to know Him better. The Holy Spirit reawakens the dormant spiritual faculties of
24 the soul. There is nothing we desire more than to have a deep and life-changing relationship with
25 Jesus. The revived heart experiences a vital connection to Jesus through prayer and the Word.
26 Reformation is the corresponding change that comes in our lives as the result of revival.

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28 "A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit.
29 Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a
30 quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation
31 signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will
32 not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit.
33 Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend"
34 (1SM 128). Reformation does not manifest itself in a self-righteous attitude that condemns
35 others. It is the transformation of character that reveals the fruits of the Spirit in the life
36 (Galatians 5:22-24). Obedience to God's will is the evidence of all true revival. Our Lord longs
37 for a revived people whose lives reflect the loveliness of His character. There is nothing that
38 Jesus desires more than a people who are passionate about personally knowing His love and
39 sharing that love with others.

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1 *Commitment and Appeal*
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3 As leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we give thanks to God for His
4 faithfulness and abundant blessings to His Church since its inception. The rapid worldwide
5 expansion of His Church in both its membership and institutions is nothing short of miraculous.
6 In recent years we have seen the rapid growth of the church in a number of countries. Although
7 we praise Him for marvelously working to fulfill His purposes through His Church and thank
8 Him for the godly leaders who have guided His people in the past, we humbly acknowledge that
9 because of our human frailties even our best efforts are tainted by sin and in need of cleansing
10 through the grace of Christ. We recognize that we have not always placed priority on seeking
11 God through prayer and His Word for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power. We
12 humbly confess that in our personal lives, our administrative practices, and committee meetings
13 we too often have labored in our own strength. Too often God's mission of saving a lost world
14 has not taken first place in our hearts. At times in our busyness doing good things, we have
15 neglected the most important thing—knowing Him and sharing His end-time message of eternal
16 truth with others. Too often petty jealousies, ambitions, and fractured personal relationships have
17 crowded out our longing for revival and reformation and caused us to labor in our human
18 strength rather than in His divine power.
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20 We accept the clear instruction of our Lord that “the lapse of time has wrought no change
21 in Christ's parting promise to send the Holy Spirit as His representative. It is not because of any
22 restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men. If the
23 fulfillment of the promise is not seen as it might be, it is because the promise is not appreciated
24 as it should be. If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit” (AA 50).
25

26 We are confident that all heaven is waiting to pour out the Holy Spirit in infinite power
27 for the finishing of God's work on earth. We acknowledge that the coming of Jesus has been
28 delayed and that our Lord longed to come decades ago. We sense Christ calling us to a deeper
29 relationship with Him in prayer and Bible study and a more passionate commitment to share His
30 last- day message with the world. We rejoice that “it is the privilege of every Christian, not only
31 to look for, but to hasten the coming of the Saviour” (AA 600).
32

33 Therefore, as representatives of the world church and on behalf of our entire membership,
34 we commit ourselves:
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36 1. To personally place priority on seeking God for spiritual revival and the
37 outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power in our own lives, families, and ministries.
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39 2. To individually set aside significant amounts of time daily to fellowship with
40 Christ through prayer and the study of God's Word.
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1 3. We desire willing hearts so that nothing in our lives hinders the fullness of the
2 Holy Spirit's power.

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4 4. To encourage the ministries of the Church to spend time praying, studying God's
5 Word, and seeking God's heart to understand His plans for His Church.

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7 5. To encourage each of our church organizations to set aside time for
8 administrators, pastors, healthcare workers, publishing house workers, educators, students, and
9 all employees to seek Jesus and the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit together through a
10 study of God's Word and prayer.

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12 6. To use every available media outlet, conference, and workshop to appeal to
13 church members to seek a deeper relationship with Jesus for the promised revival and
14 reformation.

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16 7. To urgently appeal to and invite our entire church membership to join us in
17 opening our hearts to the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit, which will transform our lives,
18 our families, organizations, and communities.

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20 8. To earnestly appeal to each church member to use their God-given gifts of the
21 Spirit in Total Member Involvement (TMI) to reach lost people. We recognize that the Holy
22 Spirit will not be poured out in its fulness on inactivity, so we encourage every member to
23 become actively involved in service for the Master.

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25 We especially recognize that God is going to use children and youth in this last mighty
26 revival and encourage each one of our young people to participate in seeking God for spiritual
27 revival in their own lives and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to share their faith with others.

28
29 We appeal to each church member to unite with church leaders and millions of other
30 Seventh-day Adventists seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus, the outpouring of the Holy
31 Spirit, and the completion of Christ's mission on earth. This is an urgent call to circle the globe
32 with earnest intercession. This is a call to total commitment to Jesus and to experience the life-
33 changing power of the Holy Spirit that our Lord is longing to give now.

34
35 We believe that the purpose of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power is to
36 finish Christ's mission on earth so He can come quickly. Recognizing that our Lord will only
37 pour out His Spirit in its fullness on a Church that has a passion for lost people, we determine to
38 place and maintain revival, reformation, discipleship, and evangelism at the top of all our church
39 business agendas. More than anything else we long for Jesus to come.

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1 We urge every church administrator, departmental leader, institutional worker, health
2 worker, literature evangelist, chaplain, educator, pastor, and church member to join us in making
3 revival, reformation, discipleship, and evangelism the most important and urgent priorities of our
4 personal lives and our areas of ministry. We are confident that as we seek Him together, God
5 will pour out His Holy Spirit in abundant measure, the work of God on earth will be finished,
6 and Jesus will come. With the aged apostle John on the Isle of Patmos we cry out, “Even so,
7 come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20, NKJV).

SPRING MEETING

April 12 and 13, 2022

SPRING MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 12, 2022, 7:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Jorge I Aguero, Kyoshin Ahn, Timothy H Aka, Viktor Alyeksyeyenko, Osei Amo-Mensah, Audrey E Andersson, Kingsley C Anonaba, Stephen R Apola, Stanley E Arco, Valère Guillaume Assembe Minyono, Salomon G Assienin, Jorge R Atalido, Stepan Avakov, Rudy R Baloyo, Abel Anak J Bana, Aniel Barbe, Lamec Barishinga, Annette Barlow, Doug Batchelor, Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy, Benjamin Belmonte, Torben Bergland, Guillermo E Biaggi,

Yotam Bindosano, Gary T Blanchard, Marcos Bomfim, Lev Bondarchuk, Ventsislav N Bosev, Lesleigh A E Bower, Alijofran Brandao, Elias Brasil de Souza, Eglan Brooks, Jeffrey O Brown, G Alexander Bryant, Viachaslau Buchneu, Nelu Burcea, Christine Burt, Harold E Butler, Hesron R Byilingiro, Lael O Caesar, Ramon J Canals, Pierre Caporal Sr, Dennis R Carlson, Dario M Caviglione, Mario E Ceballos, David Celis, Zeno L Charles-Marcel, Ian Chiinya,

Alfredo J Chilundo, Somchai Chuenjit, Lowell C Cooper, Scot T Coppock, Alain G Coralie, Williams S Costa Jr, Hery Daunes, Ruben De Abreu, Jose A De Gracia, Abner De los Santos, Marlon de Souza Lopes, Kenneth A Denslow, Emmanuel Dike, Ganoune H Diop, Adjeoda K Djossou, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, Robert B Dulay, Natasha Dysinger, Jose E Dzul Trejo, Carpin Eddy-Michel, George O Egwakhe, Dwain N Esmond, Larry R Evans,

Stanley B Fernandes, Mark A Finley, Robert S Folkenberg Jr, John Freedman, Ever G Garcia Arroyo, Milen R Georgiev, Pavel Goia, Dragan Grujicic, Olivier M Guth, Jerome Habimana, Isaiah Hai, Peter Chidlappa Halemane, Steve Haley, Yohanna U Harry, Richard H Hart, Frank M Hasel, Edward Heidinger, Aimo S Helminen, Elie Henry, James M Howard, Richard A Howell, Andi Hunsaker, Yutaka Inada, Ryszard Jankowski, Nenad Jepuranovic,

A Terry Johnson, Leonard A Johnson, Mark A Johnson, Benjamin Jones, Richard D Kajiura, Robyn W Kajiura, Walt Kalkan, Raafat A Kamal, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Joshua Soongi Kang, Maveni Kaufononga, J Francois Keet, Anthony R Kent, Peter Kerr, Ginger

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Ketting-Weller, Hudson E Kibuuka, Si Young Kim, Chantal Klingbeil, Gerald A Klingbeil, William M Knott, Linda Mei Lin Koh, Erton C Kohler, Shurman R Kook, Peter Koolik,

Michael S Koroma, Gary D Krause, Michael Kruger, Vladimir Krupskyi, Elbert Kuhn, Ronald Kuhn, Kwame B Kwanin, Soo Il Kwon, Ezras Lakra, Peter N Landless, Newton Langai, Max W Langi, Stéphane Le Guilcher, Ilie Leahu, Cleri Leao, Israel J Leito, Robert E Lemon, Thomas L Lemon, Mauricio P Lima, Mileen Loeffler, Antonio Lopes Amorim, German A Lust, Jerry Lutz, Andrea T Luxton, Justine Lwanga, Imad Madanat, Barna Magyarosi, Samuel Makori,

Denny F Mamuli, Fred M Manchur, Emmanuel S D Manu, Solomon Maphosa, Ricardo Marin, Almir M Marroni, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Richard E McEdward, Wilson Measapogu, Chip Meekma Jr, Julian Melgosa, Milton A Mesa, David Miller, Armando Miranda Sr, Hiskia I Missah, Drago Mojzes, Pako E Mokgwane, Daniel Montalvan, Hensley M Mooroooven, E Selvin Moorthy, Derek J Morris, Jiri Moskala, Thabo Moyo, Vanny M Munyumbwe, Godfrey Musara,

Rodia M M Musonda, Gideon M Mutero, Ronald Nalin, Ignacio Navarro Perez, Aurel Neatu, Samuel H Neves, Bradford C Newton, G T Ng, Hopekings K Ngomba, Doyle R Nick, Nana Kofi Nimako, Alvaro Niño, David V Njock, Stanislav V Nosov, Thomas T Ocran, Tamas Z Ocsai, Elaine Oliver, Willie Oliver, Ivan H Omana, Pierre Omeler, Daisy J F Orion, Oscar Osindo, Moisei I Ostrovski, Oyeleke A Owolabi, Michael K A Owusu, Manuel Pacheco,

Janet R Page, Jerry N Page, Pete Palmer, Danielo Palomares, Orville D Parchment, Stefano Paris, Jan Paulsen, Andres J Peralta, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Sandra Pinto, Timothy L Poirier, Karen J Porter, Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Kathryn L Proffitt, Paulino Puello, Vivienne L Quarrie, Gluder Quispe, Mariusz J Radosh, Justine T Ramas, Orlando Ramirez, Adan H E Ramos Lagos, Robert Rasolonomenjanahary, Edgar J Redondo Ramirez, Katia Reinert,

Gideon P Reyneke, Claude J Richli, Olivier Rigaud, Luis Rivera Maldonado, C Randolph Robinson, Maria Rodriguez Acosta, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan, Richard A Sabuin, Velino A Salazar, Saw Samuel, Abraham Sandoval, Gerson P Santos, Jeff Scoggins, Roy Abner D T Secoya, Yovan Selvamony, Bahiru W Shalemo, Mykola Shpylchuk, Michael B Sikuri, T Matthew Siliga, Ella S Simmons, Vijay Pal Singh, Samuel Sinyangwe, Sugih Sitorus,

Robert Sjolander, Heather-Dawn K Small, Michael Sokupa, Florence M S Sombie, David Spencer, Artur A Steele, Joel Swanson, Chizu Takahashi, Dias Tandavala Alfredo, Gary F Thurber, Vladimir I Tkachuk, Kern P Tobias, Joel D Tompkins, Glenn C Townend, Eddie Tupai, Filiberto M Verduzco-Avila, Chinta J Victor, Teixeira M Vinte, Franck Voltaire, Clinton L Wahlen, J Raymond Wahlen II, Vincent Waln, Xiaorui Wang, Elie Weick, Dave Weigley,

Jorge L Wiebusch Martins, Lori E Williams, Ted N C Wilson, James S Winegardner,
William L Winston, Jennifer Woods, Melinda Worden, Lori T Yingling, E Edward Zinke,
Dmytro V Zubkov

Prayer was offered by Mikhail F Kaminskiy, President of the Euro-Asia Division.

DEVOTIONAL

The devotional message entitled “I Will Go in Faith: The Healing at Capernaum” was presented by Orathai Chureson, Director of Children’s Ministries for the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.

Prayer was offered by Orathai Chureson.

CALL TO ORDER

Erton C Kohler, Secretary of the General Conference, read Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 2. b., which states the constitutional provisions for convening the Spring Meeting.

“Sec. 2. b. A meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee, known as the Spring Meeting, shall be held annually for the purpose of receiving the audited financial reports of the General Conference and for transacting regular Executive Committee business as provided for in the General Conference Working Policy relating to Spring Meetings.”

A letter of invitation dated February 10, 2022, was sent to General Conference Executive Committee members and invitees to attend the 2022 Spring Meeting to be held via Zoom video conferencing.

Altogether, approximately 465 members and invitees have been notified. They are made up of 345 General Conference Executive Committee members and 120 invitees. The names are

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listed on pages 13-16 of your program. Of these, approximately 185 members are in attendance this morning.

General Conference Bylaws, Article XIII, Sec. 4., states: “Any fifteen members of the General Conference Executive Committee, including an officer of the General Conference, shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee for the disposition of routine items, and shall be empowered to transact business that is in harmony with the general plans outlined by the Executive Committee. A quorum of forty members is required for the disposition of nonroutine items such as major financial decisions, the dismissal of elected and appointed employees, and the election of presidents of divisions and of general vice presidents.”

Erton C Kohler indicated to the Chair that because more than 40 attendees were present, the delegates were eagerly awaiting the call to order of the first business meeting of the 2022 Spring Meeting.

Having met all the requirements to hold a Spring Meeting of the General Conference, Ted N C Wilson then declared the 2022 Spring Meeting open for transacting the business of the Church as outlined in the agenda.

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The Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was read by Erton C Kohler, Secretary of the General Conference.

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DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To adopt the daily program of the 2022 Spring Meeting, as follows:

DAILY PROGRAM

Monday, April 11

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Steering Committ
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Tuesday, April 12

7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.	Devotional
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7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Business Session
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12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Dedicated Prayer Time
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2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Steering Committee
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Wednesday, April 13

7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.	Devotional
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7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Business Session
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12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Dedicated Prayer Time
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SEC/ADCOM/22SM to HMM

129-22G STANDING COMMITTEES—SPRING MEETING - 2022

VOTED, To approve the standing committees for the 2022 Spring Meeting as follows:

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NOMINATING

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Erton C Kohler, Secretary

Members: Tadesse Adugna, Viktor Alyeksyeyenko, Stanley E Arco, Salomon G Assienin, Jorge R Atalido, Stepan Avakov, Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy, Guillermo E Biaggi, Alijofran Brandao, Mario A Brito, G Alexander Bryant, Merlin D Burt, Bhupal R Chandanshive, John S Chaparro, Alfredo J Chilundo, Carlos Craig, Abner De los Santos, Robert K de Raad, Paul H Douglas, Larry R Evans, Mark A Finley, Richard H Hart, Elie Henry, Andi Hunsaker,

Yutaka Inada, Vincent R Injety, Raafat A Kamal, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, J Francois Keet, Si Young Kim, Soo Il Kwon, Ezras Lakra, Max W Langi, Cleri Leao, Stephane Le Guilcher, Thomas L Lemon, German A Lust, Andrea T Luxton, Justine Lwanga, Barna Magyarosi, Solomon Maphosa, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Duane McKey, Hensley M Mooroooven, Ronald Nalin, Daisy J F Orion, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Claude J Richli, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan,

Saw Samuel, Gerson P Santos, Roy Abner D T Secoya, Ella S Simmons, Heather-Dawn K Small, Artur A Steele, Glenn C Townend, J Raymond Wahlen, Xiaorui Wang, Elie Weick.

STEERING

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Hensley M Mooroooven, Secretary

Members: Kyoshin Ahn, Timothy H Aka, Guillermo E Biaggi, G Alexander Bryant, Abner De los Santos, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, Larry R Evans, Mark A Finley, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Elbert Kuhn, Thomas L Lemon, German A Lust, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Duane McKey, Daisy J F Orion, Lissy Park, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Karen J Porter, Claude J Richli, C Randolph Robinson, Michael L Ryan,

Gerson P Santos, Silvia Sicalo, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Steele, J Raymond Wahlen II.

Invitee: Tamara K Boward.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

VOTED, To adopt the agenda as listed in the agenda materials.

ELECTIONBUDDY VOTING SOFTWARE

A quick overview of the ElectionBuddy voting software was provided along with a calibration practice vote.

TRE/AudCom/22SM to PHD

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021

Jeffrey L Straus of Maner Costerisan, PC, read the auditor's opinion for the combined financial statements and for the unitized funds.

VOTED, To accept the independent auditor's reports on the audited Combined Financial Statements of the General Conference for the period ending December 31, 2021, and the auditor's opinions including those of the following unitized funds, as presented:

- Money Fund
- Capital Preservation Fund
- Total Return Bond Fund
- Tactical Fund
- Bond Fund
- NAD Corporate Bond Fund
- Income Fund
- Private Equity Fund
- Global Opportunities Fund
- Large Cap Fund
- Small Cap Fund
- International Fund
- Emerging Markets Fund
- Large Cap Index Fund
- Small Cap Index Fund
- International Index Fund
- Emerging Markets Index Fund
- Opportunistic Liability Driven Investment Fund

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TRE/AudCom/22SM to PHD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
WITH POLICY

VOTED, To accept the independent auditor’s Policy Compliance Report for the period ending December 31, 2021, as attached to these minutes.

TRE/AudCom/22SM to PHD

GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Emmanuel Asiedu, Secretary of the General Conference Audit Committee, presented the General Conference Audit Committee Report.

VOTED, To accept the General Conference Audit Committee Report.

TRE/SP&B20SM/20SM/SP&B21SM/21SM/103-21G/SP&B22SM/22SM to JRW

103-22G OPERATING EXPENSE CAP 2021 - REPORT

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

VOTED, To accept the report for the Operating Expense Cap 2021, as follows:

Operating Expense Cap 2021

2021 total tithe	USD 2,657,210,126
Cap budget for 2021 (2% of 2020 projected tithe)	42,500,000
Actual Operating Expense in 2021	38,957,546
Amount under the budgeted expense cap in 2021	3,542,454
Actual operating expense cap (2% of 2021 total tithe)	53,144,203
Amount under actual operating expense cap in 2021	14,186,657
Actual Operating Expense as a percentage of cap	73.31%

TRE/22SM to JRW

OPERATING FUND AND EXTRAORDINARY TITHE FUND

VOTED, To accept the Operating Fund and Extraordinary Tithe financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2021, as attached to these minutes.

TRE/22SM to JRW

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM AMOUNTS OF AVAILABLE WORKING CAPITAL AND LIQUID ASSETS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE OPERATING FUND

VOTED, 1. To set the recommended minimum available Working Capital for the General Conference Operating Fund at twelve months of core expenses.

2. To set the recommended minimum available Liquid Assets for the General Conference Operating Fund at nine months of core expenses.

Prayer was offered by Jan Paulsen, retired President of the General Conference.

TRE/22SM to PHD

TREASURER'S REPORT

VOTED, To record receipt of the Treasurer's Report, as attached to the official copy of the minutes.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION MEMBERS' MEETING

At 9:52 a.m., the General Conference Corporation members' meeting was convened, after which the business session of the General Conference Executive Committee reconvened.

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GCASBd/22SM to HMM

LEAL, GUILLERMO, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF QUALITY
MANAGEMENT, GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDITING
SERVICE—ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Guillermo Leal as Associate Director of Quality Management for
General Conference Auditing Service.

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SecC/GCDO19AC/19AC/201-19GS/SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/PreC/SecC/TreC/GCDO20AC/
SEC/ADCOM(Steering)/20AC/201-20GSa/201-21GSa/22GCS(Special)/Con&By/ADCOM/
Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO22SM/22SM to HMM-22GCS

202-22GSa GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS - CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment accomplishes the following:

1. Allows the General Conference Executive Committee to review and extend the postponement of General Conference Sessions and determine the timing for a subsequent Session after a postponement.
2. Emphasizes the security of voting practices.
3. Provides an approval process for the minutes of the General Conference Session.
4. Defines the parliamentary authority of General Conference Sessions.

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

ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Sec. 1. The General Conference shall hold quinquennial sessions at such time and place as the General Conference Executive Committee shall designate and announce by a notice published in the *Adventist Review* or *Adventist World* or other publications voted by the General Conference Executive Committee in three consecutive months beginning at least four months before the date for the opening of the Session. In case special world conditions make it imperative to postpone the calling of the Session, the General Conference Executive Committee,

in regular or special council, shall have authority to make such postponement, not to exceed ~~two~~ one year. This postponement may be reviewed and extended by the General Conference Executive Committee as world conditions necessitate, giving notice to all constituent organizations. In the event that the General Conference Executive Committee exercises its authority to postpone a Session, it shall also have the authority to set the subsequent regular Session at such time and place as it shall see fit, not to exceed five calendar years from the date of the postponed Session.

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

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

Sec. 4. Generally, regular or specially called General Conference Sessions are to be held in person and onsite. However, when requested by the General Conference Executive Committee, delegates may participate by means of an electronic conference or similar communications by which all persons participating can hear each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person and attendance at such a meeting. Votes cast remotely shall have the same validity as if the delegates met and voted onsite

Sec. 5. The election to any office enumerated in Article VI, Sec. 1. and all other voting shall be as defined by the *General Conference Rules of Order*. Voting electronically or by secret ballot must be in a manner that ensures the highest integrity, privacy, and confidentiality, as verified by General Conference Secretariat and General Conference Auditing Service, in consultation with the General Conference's legal counsel.

Sec. 6. Minutes of the General Conference Session shall be approved at the first Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee following a regular or special session.

~~Sec. 5.~~ Sec. 7. The delegates to a General Conference Session shall be - No change

~~Sec. 6.~~ Sec. 8. Regular delegates shall represent the General Conference's - No change

~~Sec. 7.~~ Sec. 9. Regular delegates shall be allotted on the following - No change

~~Sec. 8.~~ Sec. 10. Delegates at large shall represent the General - No change

~~Sec. 9.~~ Sec. 11. Division administrations shall consult with unions to ensure - No change

~~Sec. 10.~~ Sec. 12. Credentials to sessions shall be issued by the - No change

~~Sec. 11.~~ Sec. 13. Calculations for all delegate allotments, as provided - No change

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Sec. 14. Parliamentary Authority: The parliamentary authority pertaining to all rules and procedures for General Conference Sessions not covered by its constitution and bylaws shall be based on the *General Conference Rules of Order*.

ESD/ADCOM/22SM to KJP

131-22G UKRAINIAN UNION CONFERENCE TEMPORARY
ATTACHMENT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, Current geopolitical matters are causing administrative and mission challenges for the Ukrainian Union Conference and the Euro-Asia Division; and

WHEREAS, The temporary nature of this recommendation does not imply a permanent territorial adjustment, which would normally be done at an Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee (Bylaws, Article I, Sec. 2. and B 10 20, paragraph 2.); it was

VOTED, 1. To temporarily attach the Ukrainian Union Conference, effective April 12, 2022, to the General Conference. This attachment will be regularly reviewed to determine the best way forward for organizational and mission advancement, and until other more comprehensive arrangements can be made.

2. To request the General Conference Administrative Committee to appoint a Ukrainian Union Conference Oversight Committee (ADCOM-A) and its terms of reference as the consultative body connecting the Ukrainian Union Conference with the General Conference (see Appendix).

APPENDIX

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Function in place of a division executive committee for the Ukrainian Union Conference wherever one is called for in General Conference *Working Policy*.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Power to act.

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| 2. Approve calls for workers from organizations outside the Ukrainian Union Conference. | 2. Power to act and pass on to General Conference Mission Personnel Processing Committee (MPPC) (GCMB-S) |
| 3. Approve calls for Ukrainian Union Conference nationals returning. | 3. Power to act and pass on to General Conference Mission Personnel Processing Committee (MPPC) (GCMB-S) |
| 4. Provide counsel and oversight to the Ukrainian Union Conference on the establishment of employee remuneration policies, including retirement plan(s) in the Ukrainian Union Conference territory. | 4. Power to act. |
| 5. Issue credentials and licenses to Officers of the Ukrainian Union Conference. | 5. Power to act. |
| 6. Approve adjustments of conference/mission boundaries and upgrading of organizations. | 6. Power to act. |
| 7. Recommend to the General Conference Executive Committee the names of laypersons from the Ukrainian Union Conference territory to serve on the General Conference Executive Committee. | 7. Power to act. |
| 8. Coordinate distribution of funds/budgets provided by the General Conference. | 8. Power to act (see Note below). |
| 9. Provide reports and information, as requested, to General Conference administration and the Executive Committee. | 9. Power to act. |

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10. Conduct a periodic review of the temporary attachment to the General Conference to determine the best way forward for organizational and mission advancement.

10. Power to act.

MEMBERS

STELE, ARTUR, Chair
Porter, Karen J, Secretary
Wahlen, J Raymond II, Treasurer
Iannella, Gabriella, Recording Secretary

Beardsley-Hardy, Lisa M
Biaggi, Guillermo E
Burdick, Brent B
Krause, Gary D
Kruger, Michael
Landless, Peter N
Lemon, Thomas L

McKey, Duane
Moorooven, Hensley M
Morris, Derek J
Osindo, Oscar
Perez Schulz, Magdiel E
Winegardner, James S

EX OFFICIO

Wilson, Ted N C, General Conference President
Kohler, Erton C, General Conference Secretary
Douglas, Paul H, General Conference Treasurer

Nosov, Stanislav V, Ukrainian Union Conference President
Velechuk, Volodymyr S, Ukrainian Union Conference Secretary
Bezkravnyi, Hennadii N, Ukrainian Union Conference Treasurer

LEGAL ADVISOR

Doukmetzian, Karnik

NOTE

The Ukrainian Union Conference Oversight Committee assumes the financial responsibilities normally borne by the appropriate division committee and negotiates arrangements with the General Conference treasurers to have adequate and continuous funding available for distribution at Committee discretion. The sources of such funding are from tithe and

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other funds normally routed via the division to the General Conference, in addition to budgets which may be granted by General Conference committees.

Prayer was offered by Florence M S Sombie, Layperson from the West-Central Africa Division and Joshua Soongi Kang, President of the Korean Union Conference in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

The meeting concluded with a dedicated prayer time led by Jerry N Page, Secretary of the Ministerial Association.

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Karen J Porter, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroooven, Editorial Secretary
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

SPRING MEETING OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 13, 2022, 7:00 a.m.

Ted N C Wilson, Chair, called to order the second session of the 2022 Spring Meeting.

Prayer was offered by Sandra Pinto, Frontline Denominational Employee from the South Colombian Union Conference in the Inter-American Division.

DEVOTIONAL

The devotional message entitled “The Tax Booth” was presented by Michael L Ryan, Assistant to the President of the General Conference.

UKRAINIAN UNION CONFERENCE—CLARIFICATION

Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference, clarified that the assignment of oversight of the Ukrainian Union Conference by the General Conference is temporary until other more comprehensive arrangements can be made. A review will take place in the future to determine the best arrangement to integrate the Ukrainian Union Conference into another setting.

NURTURING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES: THE ARMOR OF GOD

Linda Mei Lin Koh, Director of Children’s Ministries, introduced the “Armor of God” app for children. In the app, children can follow a family through different situations. It also includes games, puzzles, coloring, memory verses, stickers, music, and word searches to engage the children.

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BACK TO THE ALTAR PROJECT

Dwain N Esmond, Associate Director of the Ellen G White Estate, showed a PowerPoint presentation sharing statistics on how powerful social media is. Increased screen time negatively affects the mind. It can replace time one should be spending with God. Every department was encouraged to develop resources for families to learn how to handle social media in a healthy way.

HOPE CHANNEL INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Derek J Morris, President of Hope Channel International, introduced a video sharing how Hope Channel is expanding with new programing and developing long-term strategies to expand Hope Channel's coverage. During COVID-19, the number of viewers of Hope Channel increased.

MISSION RESET AND MATRIX

Erton C Kohler, Secretary of the General Conference, introduced a video which shared the recommendation of the Mission Board to prioritize the use of primary Code 1 international service employee budgets to unreached people groups and unentered areas. Stories were told of early missionaries who went to start new work in areas where there was no presence, some at their own expense. There needs to be a stronger focus on reaching the areas that have not yet heard about Jesus. The spirit of sacrifice needs to be revived to invest resources in reaching the unentered areas of the world.

GLOBAL MISSION CENTER FOR SOUTH ASIAN RELIGIONS RESOURCES

A video was shown sharing the various resources available from the Center for South Asian Religions.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY GLOBAL CAMPUS REPORT

Richard H Hart, President of Loma Linda University Health, shared how Adventist Health International is working to bring several hospitals up to higher standards and to establish training centers for national physicians. The first two campuses where this training took place

were Malamulo Adventist Hospital in Malawi and Bere Adventist Hospital in Tchad. Future training sites include hospitals in Haiti, Nepal, and China.

ADVENTIST YOUTH AROUND THE WORLD

Gary T Blanchard, Director of Youth Ministries, indicated that our young people are doing great things through social media. He presented a video showing what young people did on Global Youth Day and continue to do in the different divisions around the world.

2022 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION UPDATE

George O Egwakhe, Associate Treasurer of the General Conference, reported that the General Conference Session will take place in St Louis on June 6-11, 2022. This will be the first hybrid Session ever. The entire program will be live streamed on the General Conference Session website.

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101-22Gd CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD 2022

VOTED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2022, to read as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January</u>			
1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
5-15	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
8	#Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV

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#Divisions to prepare materials

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		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January</u> contd			
15	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
22			
29			
<u>February</u>			
5	<i>Reach the World:</i> Personal Outreach ---		GC-SSPM
12-19	Christian Home and Marriage Week ---		GC-FM
19			
26			
<u>March</u>			
5	Women's Day of Prayer ---		GC-WM
12	Adventist World Radio Adventist World Radio*		GC-AWR
19-26	Youth Week of Prayer ---		GC-YOU
19	Global Youth Day/Global Children's --- Day		GC-YOU/CHM
26	#Christian Education ---		Divisions
<u>April</u>			
2	Quarterly Day of Prayer ---		R&RCom
2	#Youth Spiritual Commitment --- Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		Divisions
9	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's Day)		GC-SSPM
9	Hope Channel International Hope Channel International*		GC-HCI
16-22	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week		Divisions
16	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book		Divisions
23	Possibility Ministries Day		GC-APM
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		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>May</u>			
7-28	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
7	<i>Reach the World:</i> Using Communication Channels	---	GC-COM
14	<i>Reach the World:</i> In the Community	#Disaster/Famine Relief*	GC-PM/DIV
21	Global Adventurer's Day		GC-YOU
28	World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk		GC-CHM
<u>June</u>			
4	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study: Sabbath School and Correspondence Courses		GC-SSPM
11	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day		GC-WM
18	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other Members and Reclaiming		GC-SSPM
18	Adventist Church World Refugee Day		ADRA
25	World Public Campus Ministries Day		GC-YOU
<u>July</u>			
2	Quarterly Day of Prayer		R&RCom
9	Missions Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
16	<i>Reach the World:</i> Media Ministry		GC-COM
23	Children's Sabbath		GC-CHM
30			
<u>August</u>			
6	#Global Mission Evangelism		Divisions
13	<i>Reach the World:</i> Church Planting		GC-AM
20	Education Day		GC-EDU
27	enditnow Day		GC-WM
27	#Lay Evangelism		Divisions

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	<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>September</u>		
3	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)	Divisions
4-10	Family Togetherness Week of Prayer	GC-FM
10	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	GC-FM
10	Mission Promotion	GC-AM
17	Pathfinder Day	GC-YOU
24	#Sabbath School Guest Day	Divisions
<u>October</u>		
1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
1	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription Promotion	GC-ARMies
8	Pastor Appreciation Day	GC-MIN
15	Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Heritage	GC-WHT
22	Creation Sabbath	Faith&ScCou
29		
<u>November</u>		
5-12	Week of Prayer	GC-ARMies
12-18	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults	GC-YOU
12		
19	World Orphans-Vulnerable Children Day	GC-AM
26	HIV/AIDS Awareness	GC-APM
		GC-AAIM

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<u>December</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
3	#Stewardship	Divisions
10	#Health Emphasis	GC-HM/DIV
17		
24		
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14	#Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
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15	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book ---	Divisions
22	Possibility Ministries Day ---	GC-APM
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<u>June</u>			
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10	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	---	GC-WM
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26	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
<u>September</u>			
2	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
3-9	Family Togetherness Week of Prayer	---	GC-FM
9	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	---	GC-FM
9	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM

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<u>September</u> contd			
16	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
23	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
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21	Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Heritage	---	GC-WHT
28	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
<u>November</u>			
4-11	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
11-17	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults	---	GC-YOU
11		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
18	World Orphans-Vulnerable Children Day	---	GC-APM
25	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
<u>December</u>			
2	#Stewardship	---	Divisions
9	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
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*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan
 #Divisions to prepare materials

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

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102-22Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2022

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2022</u>			
12-13	Tue	Spring Meeting	Online Meeting
18-May 7	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Istanbul TURKEY
18-19	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
20-21	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Online Meeting
<u>May 2022</u>			
12(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
18-19	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
23-24	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
26	Thu	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>June 2022</u>			
6-11	Mon	General Conference Session	St Louis MO
20-26	Mon	IWM Re-entry (Family & Teen)	Berrien Springs MI
<u>July 2022</u>			
11-30	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Berrien Springs MI
28(pm)	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Online Meeting
<u>August 2022</u>			
3-4	Wed	Geoscience Research Institute Committee	Online Meeting
8-9	Mon	Youth Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
10-11	Wed	Education World Advisory	Online Meeting
15-Sep 3	Mon	General Conference Mission Institute	Istanbul TURKEY
15-16	Mon	Adventist Possibility Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
15-16	Mon	Publishing Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>August 2022 contd</u>			
17-18	Wed	Secretariat World Advisory	Online Meeting
22-23	Mon	Ministerial Association World Advisory	Online Meeting
22-23	Mon	Public Affairs & Religious Liberty World Advisory	Online Meeting
23-24	Tue	Adventist Mission World Advisory	Online Meeting
29-30	Mon	Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
29-30	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
31-Sep 1	Wed	Planned Giving & Trust Services World Advisory	Online Meeting
<u>September 2022</u>			
5-6	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
7-8	Wed	Sabbath School/Personal Min World Advisory	Online Meeting
7-8	Wed	Archives, Statistics, and Research World Advisory	Online Meeting
12-15	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
12-13	Mon	Family Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
13-14	Tue	Adventist Volunteer Service World Advisory	Online Meeting
14-15	Wed	Communication World Advisory	Online Meeting
15(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Online Meeting
16(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Online Meeting
18(am)	Sun	ADRA International Board	Online Meeting
18(am)	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Online Meeting
19-20	Mon	Health Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
19(am)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Online Meeting
20(am)	Tue	ASI Coordinating Committee	Online Meeting
20(am)	Tue	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
21-22	Wed	Stewardship Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
22(am)	Thu	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
22(am)	Thu	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
25(am)	Sun	Adventist World Radio Board	Online Meeting
25(am)	Sun	Hope Channel International Board	Online Meeting
25(pm)	Sun	AIAS Board	Online Meeting
25(pm)	Sun	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Online Meeting
26(am)	Mon	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
27(am)	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Online Meeting
28(am)	Wed	Church Manual Committee	Online Meeting
29(am)	Thu	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Online Meeting
29(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Online Meeting
29(pm)	Thu	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Online Meeting

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2022</u>			
3(am)	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD/Hybrid
3(am)	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD/Hybrid
3(am)	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD/Hybrid
4(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD/Hybrid
4(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD/Hybrid
5(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD/Hybrid
6(eve)-7	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD/Hybrid
6(eve)-12	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD/Hybrid
11(pm)	Tue	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Tue	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Tue	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
13(pm)	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Online Meeting
17-18	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
19-20	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
21(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Board Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
23	Sun	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
23(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
24(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2022</u>			
30(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>December 2022</u>			
1(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
12-13	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA

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102-22Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2023

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2023</u>			
6-7	Fri	White Estate Board Consultation	Kent Island MD
23-Feb 11	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai THAILAND
31-Feb 2	Tue	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Online Meeting
<u>February 2023</u>			
6-7	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Online Meeting
8-9	Wed	World Church Leadership Council	
24-26	Fri	Loma Linda University Board Retreat	Loma Linda CA
27-28	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2023</u>			
1	Wed	GRI Operating Committee	Loma Linda CA
5(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
6	Mon	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
6(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
7(am)	Tue	Andrews University Board of Trustees	Berrien Springs MI
7(pm)	Tue	Andrews University Membership	Berrien Springs MI
20-23	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
23(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Online Meeting
<u>April 2023</u>			
3(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
3	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
3	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
3	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
4-5	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	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
5(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
6(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)	Sun	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
9	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Mon	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>April 2023 contd</u>			
10(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
11-12	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
13(am)	Thu	Loma Linda University Health Constituency Mtg	Loma Linda CA
13(pm)	Thu	Loma Linda University Health Organizing Boards	Loma Linda CA
17-May 6	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
17-18	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
19-20	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
<u>May 2023</u>			
9-11	Tue	Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Congress	Online Meeting
11-13	Thu	Intl Leadership Conf for CHM, WM, and FM	Online Meeting
22-23	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
31(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
<u>June 2023</u>			
1(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
5-8	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
19-25	Mon	IWM Re-entry (Family & Teen)	Berrien Springs MI
21-28	Wed	BRI Fifth International Bible Conference	
<u>July 2023</u>			
10-29	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Berrien Springs MI
21-27	Fri	FPWG Strategic Planning Retreat	
<u>August 2023</u>			
28-29	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2023</u>			
4-5	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Spring MI
5-10	Tue	Global Youth Leadership Congress	Online Meeting
11-14	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
25-26	Mon	Planning Session: Future of the Remnant Church	Silver Spring MD
27	Wed	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
27	Wed	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
27	Wed	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
28(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
28(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>September 2023 contd</u>			
29(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 2023</u>			
1	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
2(eve)	Mon	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Mon	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Tue	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
3(pm)	Tue	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
3(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
3(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed	Silver Spring MD
4-5	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Wed	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
5-11	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
5-6	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Thu	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Thu	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Thu	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
16-17	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
18-19	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2023</u>			
29(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
30(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
<u>December 2023</u>			
11-12	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA

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102-22Gc AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2024

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2024</u>			
22-Feb 10	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai THAILAND
<u>February 2024</u>			
5-6	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Online Meeting
7-8	Wed	World Church Leadership Council	Online Meeting
23-25	Fri	Loma Linda University Board Retreat	<hr/> Loma Linda CA
26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	
<u>March 2024</u>			
18-21	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2024</u>			
1(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
1	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
1	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
1	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
2-3	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
2(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
2(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed	Silver Spring MD
3(pm)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
3(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	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	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Mon	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2024</u> contd			
8(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
9-10	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
15-May 4	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	<hr/> Online Meeting
15-16	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	
<u>May 2024</u>			
20-21	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
29(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Burlington VT
30(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Laurel MD
<u>June 2024</u>			
3-6	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
17-23	Mon	IWM Re-entry (Family & Teen)	Berrien Springs MI
<u>July 2024</u>			
8-27	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Berrien Springs MI
<u>August 2024</u>			
26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2024</u>			
2-3	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Online Meeting
16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 2024</u>			
2	Wed	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
2	Wed	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
2	Wed	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
3(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
6	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Mon	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Mon	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Tue	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Tue	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2024 contd</u>			
8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed	Silver Spring MD
9-10	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Wed	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
10-11	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
10-16	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Thu	Institute for Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Thu	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Thu	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI

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4(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
9-10	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA

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ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES (GCC-S)—
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (AAA) (GCC-S), as follows:

Add	Kohler, Erton C, Ex Officio Mbyirukira, James, College/Univ Dean/Dept Chair of Education Mergal, Bienvenido (SSD)
Delete	Domingo, Lawrence (SSD)

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ADVENTIST-LAYMEN’S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES (ASI)
COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) Coordinating Committee (ASICoordCom) (GCC-S), as follows:

Add	Hunsaker, Andi Nainggolan, Rexon
Delete	Grabiner, Steve Perez, Roy

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ADVENTIST REVIEW MINISTRIES PUBLISHING BOARD (GCC-B)—
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board (ARMiesBd) (GCC-B), as follows:

Add	Kohler, Erton C
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ADVENTIST WORLD PUBLISHING BOARD (GCC-B)—
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the *Adventist World* Publishing Board (AWPubBd) (GCC-B), as follows:

Add	Kohler, Erton C
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GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
(GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S), as follows:

Add Kohler, Erton C

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GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Audit Committee (AudCom) (GCC-S), as follows:

Add Kohler, Erton C, Invitee

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GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(GCC)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Executive Committee (GCC), as follows:

Add Avakov, Stepan, Layperson (ESD)
Martinez, Jorge, Additional Pastor/Frontline (IAD)
Rakovich, Vitali, Layperson (ESD)
Salnikov, Aleksei, Layperson (ESD)
Shpylchuk, Mykola, Pastor (ESD)
Worden, Melinda, 40 Members At-Large (Employee/Retiree)
Wright, Trevor, 40 Members At-Large (Employee/Retiree)

Delete Chaparro, John S, Additional Pastor/Frontline (IAD)
Chuzhevskaya, Lyudmila, Layperson (ESD)
Colomiet, Svetlana, Layperson (ESD)

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Dvoriachek, Oleg, Layperson (ESD)
Ganko, Aleksandr, Pastor (ESD)
Heinrich, Kerry, 40 Members At-Large (Employee/Retiree)

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GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD (GCC-B)—MEMBERSHIP
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Mission Board (GCMB) (GCC-B), as follows:

Add Kohler, Erton C, Vice-chair

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INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION (GCC-B)—MEMBERSHIP
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the International Board of Education (IBE) (GCC-B), as follows:

Add Kohler, Erton C, Ex Officio
Mergal, Bienvenido (SSD)

Delete Domingo, Lawrence (SSD)

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INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AND THEOLOGICAL
EDUCATION (GCC-B)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education (IBMTE) (GCC-B), as follows:

Add Favero, Evandro C
Li, Angela

Delete Siqueira, Reinaldo
 Terreros, Marcos

LAST DAY EVENTS READING

Excerpts from *Last Day Events*, Chapter 12, pp 172-182, entitled “The Shaking” were read aloud by Vivienne L Quarrie, Frontline Denominational Employee from the Jamaica Union Conference in the Inter-American Division; Robert B Dulay, Pastor from the North Philippine Union Conference in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division; Annette Barlow, Layperson from the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference in the South Pacific Division; Edward Tupai, President of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference in the South Pacific Division; Melinda Worden, Vice President for Operations of the Review and Herald Publishing Association; and Bradford C Newton, President of the Pacific Union Conference in the North American Division.

Prayer was offered by Robyn W Kajiura, Director of General Conference Auditing Service, and Aurel Neatu, President of the Romanian Union Conference of the Inter-European Division.

The meeting concluded with a dedicated prayer time led by Pavel Goia, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association.

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Gerson P Santos, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroooven, Editorial Secretary
Joanne Stango, Recording Secretary

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 9, 2022, 7:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted N C Wilson (Ch), Hensley M Mooroooven (Sec), Jacinto Adap, Harrington S Akombwa, Viktor Alyeksyeyenko, Audrey E Andersson, Stanley E Arco, Valère Guillaume Assembe Minyono, Stepan Avakov, Alison Awuku, Abel Anak J Bana, Annette Barlow, Robin Basyal, Yotam Bindosano, Geremew Biru, Lev Bondarchuk, Elias Brasil de Souza, Mario A Brito, Harold E Butler, Roger O Caderma, Gerardo Cajobe, Carlos Cardoso Pinheiro,

Dennis R Carlson, Pedro M Casia Lacan, David Celis, Riches Christian, Somchai Chuenjit, Robert Csizmadia, Markus M Dangana, Marlon de Souza Lopes, Emmanuel Dike, Adjeoda K Djossou, Daniel Duda, George O Egwakhe, Mark A Finley, John Freedman, Milen R Georgiev, Pavel Goia, Jorge Gomez Ramirez, David Gutierrez Limachi, Walmer Guzman, Isaiah Hai, Yohanna U Harry, Edward Heidinger, Elie Henry, Matthew Herel, James M Howard,

Vincent R Injety, Daniel Wang Xin Jiao, Leonard A Johnson, Joshua Soongi Kang, Ivo Käsk, J Francois Keet, Won Sang Kim, Yo Han Kim, William M Knott, Peter Koolik, Michael S Koroma, Michael Kruger, Vladimir Krupskyi, Elbert Kuhn, Newton Langai, Myun Ju Lee, Mileen Loeffler, German A Lust, Wendell W Mandolang, Ricardo Marin, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Richard E McEdward, Duane McKey, Musa Mitekaro, Greg Morikone, Derek J Morris,

Robert S Muhune, Ronald Nalin, Tommy Namitondo, Aurel Neatu, G T Ng, Hopekings K Ngomba, Stanislav V Nosov, Enock Ntunzwenimana, Thomas T Ocran, Tamas Z Ocsai, Isaiah M G Ok, Ivan H Omana, Robert Osei-Bonsu, Oscar Osindo, Oyeleke A Owolabi, Manuel Pacheco, Orville D Parchment, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Josue Pierre, Gonzalo L Pita, Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Kathryn L Proffitt, Justine T Ramas, Adan H E Ramos Lagos, Niklas Rantanen,

Robert Rasolonomenjanahary, Edgar J Redondo Ramirez, E Albert Reece, Norman Restrepo, Gideon P Reyneke, Olivier Rigaud, Luis Rivera Maldonado, Randy Roberts, Blasious M Ruguri, Selom K Sessou, Michael B Sikuri, Vijay Pal Singh, Robert Sjolander, Florence M S Sombie, Frieda Souhuwat-Tomasoa, Artur A Steele, Chizu Takahashi, Etwell Tapera, Vladimir I Tkachuk, Kern P Tobias, Joel D Tompkins, Glenn C Townend, David Trim, Eddie Tupai,

Bassey E O Udoh, Maurice R Valentine, Filiberto M Verduzco-Avila, Chinta John Victor, Teixeira M Vinte, J Raymond Wahlen II, Vincent Waln, James S Winegardner, Melinda Worden, Trevor Wright, Hiroshi Yamaji, Lori T Yingling, Norbert G Zens

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Stephen R Apola, Daniel K Bediako, Torben Bergland, Jeffrey O Brown, Nelu Burcea, Mildred F Castillo, Larry R Evans, Nilde Itin, Robyn W Kajiura, Justin Kim, Ronald Kuhn, Imad Madanat, Samuel H Neves, Steven G Rose, Jeff Scoggins, Tibor Szilvasi, Alberto R Timm, Clinton L Wahlen, Lori E Williams, Jennifer Woods

LEGAL ADVISOR: Karnik Doukmetzian

The following meeting was attended by video conference. Those indicated as present are those who participated online.

DEVOTIONAL: Ted N C Wilson

PRAYER: Mario A Brito

Prayer was requested for Ukraine, Russia, Eastern Europe, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and China.

EOM/GCDO/ADCOM/GCC to GGM

PLANS FOR THE 2025 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

Due to the General Conference Executive Committee action taken on March 19, 2020, (GCC 20-7) the General Conference administration, in consultation with division and attached field officers, reviewed the configuration of the postponed 2020 General Conference Session when it convened in 2022, and is making the following recommendations regarding the 2025 General Conference Session.

VOTED, To adopt the following plans for the 2025 General Conference Session:

1. That the initial dates of July 3-12, 2025, be kept for the 2025 General Conference Session to take place in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Further refinement in the actual scheduling for the beginning of the Session relative to registration, beginning Session protocols, caucuses, Nominating Committee functioning, spiritual/mission presentations, etc, will be considered and recommended by the appropriate bodies and committees to the 2022 Annual Council.

2. That the 2025 General Conference Session be held as an on-site event. A hybrid event will only be considered if there are world conditions such as a global public health issue that would preclude an on-site event.

3. That a limited number of special guests be invited to the 2025 General Conference Session.

4. That both the exhibits/booths and ancillary meetings be reintroduced to the 2025 General Conference Session.

BRI/ADCOM/GCC to HMM

TIMM, ALBERTO R, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, BIBLICAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTE—APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint Alberto R Timm as Associate Director of the Biblical Research Institute (110%).

EOM/ADCOM/GCC to HMM

40 MEMBERS AT-LARGE—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE (GCC)—APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint the following individuals to the General Conference Executive Committee in the category of 40 Members At-Large (see Con. Art VIII, Sec 1. b.):

20 Denominational Retirees and Current Employees

1. Cardoso Pinheiro, Carlos (South American Division District Pastor)
2. Finley, Mark A (Assistant to the General Conference President)
3. Forde, Terry (Adventist Healthcare President)
4. Kim, Si Young (Retired Northern Asia-Pacific Division President)
5. Maphosa, Solomon (Retired Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division President)
6. Meekma, Chip Jr (Andrews University Vice President)
7. Neal, Rodney (Loma Linda University Health Vice President)
8. Ng, G T (Retired General Conference Secretary)
9. Osindo, Oscar (Institute of World Mission Director)
10. Parchment, Orville D (Former Assistant to the General Conference President)
11. Prestol-Puesan, Juan R (Retired General Conference Treasurer)
12. Ryan, Michael L (Assistant to the General Conference President)
13. Simmons, Ella S (Retired General Conference Vice President)

14. Worden, Melinda (Review and Herald Publishing Association Vice President)
15. Wright, Trevor (Loma Linda University Health Hospitals CEO)
16. Yingling, Lori T (General Conference Human Resources Director)
17. *To be named*
18. *To be named*
19. *To be named*
20. *To be named*

20 Laity Including Young Adults

1. Batchelor, Doug (Supporting Ministry, North American Division)
2. Butler, Harold E (Layperson, North American Division)
3. Clark, Harriet (Layperson, North American Division)
4. Dickman, Steve (Layperson, North American Division)
5. Houghton, Dan (Layperson, North American Division)
6. Huong, Alistair (Layperson, North American Division)
7. Hunsaker, Andi (Layperson, North American Division)
8. Koolik, Peter (Layperson, General Conference)
9. Mills, Phil (Layperson, North American Division)
10. Morikone, Greg (Layperson, North American Division)
11. Nedley, Neil (Layperson, North American Division)
12. Pita, Gonzalo L (Layperson, North American Division)
13. Proffitt, Kathryn L (Layperson, North American Division)
14. Reece, E Albert (Layperson, North American Division)
15. Restrepo, Norbert (Layperson, North American Division)
16. Wendt, Sherrie (Layperson, North American Division)
17. *To be named*
18. *To be named*
19. *To be named*
20. *To be named*

PRAYER: Peter Koolik

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Hensley M Mooroven, Secretary
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Function as the denominational educational accrediting authority for all tertiary and graduate educational programs and institutions owned and operated by Seventh-day Adventist entities that are listed in the *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook*, issue certificates of accreditation and report on institutional accreditation status.
2. Establish, monitor and revise accreditation standards and criteria for review and publish them in *The Handbook on Accreditation* to assist institutions and evaluation committees in accomplishing the purposes of denominational accreditation.
3. Review, endorse and issue certificates of accreditation upon the recommendation of a Division Commission on Accreditation for secondary schools and mid-level institutions owned by Seventh-day Adventist entities that are listed in the *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook*.
4. Evaluate the quality of the denominational institutions' programs and their implementation of the Seventh-day Adventist philosophy of education through reports and site visits in order to foster the unity and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Power to act.
2. Power to act.
3. Power to act.
4. Power to act.

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| 5. Receive institutional and accreditation site visit reports and determine the term of accreditation awarded. | 5. Power to act. |
| 6. Assist the International Board of Education and/or the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education in appointing evaluators and/or site visit teams to conduct evaluations of substantive change or evaluate proposals for new tertiary programs or institutions. | 6. Power to recommend. |
| 7. Receive and record proposals and site visit reports for substantive change and proposed new tertiary programs and institutions upon the review and recommendation of the International Board of Education and/or the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education. | 7. Power to act. |
| 8. Endorse the membership of each Division Commission on Accreditation, nominated by the division department of education and appointed by the division executive committee. In the case of an entity attached directly to the General Conference, the Commission on Accreditation shall be appointed by the respective Oversight Committee or, in the absence of such an Oversight Committee, by the General Conference Administrative Committee. | 8. Power to act. |

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| 9. Review and approve the guidelines, criteria and procedures used by each Division Commission on Accreditation for the denominational accreditation of mid-level institutions, secondary schools, and primary schools, pre- schools, and early childhood education centers owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including criteria and procedures for evaluation visits. | 9. Power to act. |
| 10. Hear written appeals of any action of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities involving a specific institution within 90 days of notification of such action, following the procedure outlined in <i>The Handbook of Accreditation</i> . | 10. Power to act. |

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<i>To be named</i>	Northern Asia-Pacific Division
<i>To be named</i>	Trans-European Division
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Thurber, Gary, Union College	College/University Board Chair
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Young, Robert, Southern Adventist University	College/University Academic VP/Dean
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Lozano, Raul, Linda Vista University	
Paraschiv, Roxana, Adventus University	
Caesar, Lena, Loyola Univ of Maryland	At least two individuals engaged in education not employed by the denomination.
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Perez Schulz, Magdiel E
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CHUM Director of Education
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Bietz, Gordon
Quispe, Socrates

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SAD Assoc Dir for Higher Educ attending as
items related to SAD are on the agenda.

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Adventist Risk Management Representative

Gandia, Ruben

Office of General Counsel Representative

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3 145-22G BACK TO THE ALTAR: AN INSIDE-OUT REVOLUTION

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5 RECOMMENDED, To approve the creation and implementation of the Back to the Altar
6 initiative to encourage the daily, habitual practice of morning and evening worship in the lives of
7 Seventh-day Adventist individuals and families for personal revival, reformation, and outreach.
8 Back to the Altar seeks to safeguard the spiritual lives of members and others from the negative
9 effects of digital media by promoting good digital hygiene and sharing healthy ways to use
10 media for fellowship and evangelism.

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12 BACK TO THE ALTAR: AN INSIDE-OUT REVOLUTION
13 A DAILY PLACE FOR GOD IN EVERY HEART AND HOME
14 2022-2027

15 A GLOBAL INITIATIVE OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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17 BIBLICAL GUIDANCE

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19 *“One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight”*
20 *(Exod 29:39).*

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22 *“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in*
23 *spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.” (John 4:23)*

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25 *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much*
26 *fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)*

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28 *“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit*
29 *of our lips, giving thanks to His name” (Heb 13:15).*

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31 *“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to*
32 *preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with*
33 *a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and*
34 *worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.’” (Rev 14:6-7)*

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36 OVERVIEW

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38 In the powerful biblical narrative of Elijah’s triumph on Mt. Carmel, a wonderful, hidden
39 gem is often overlooked in our rush to see the fire fall and the sacrifice consumed. First Kings
40 18:36 says that it was “at the time of the evening sacrifice” that Elijah prayed for the fire to fall
41 from heaven, that God might demonstrate He was Israel’s God—the only true and living God. It
42 is a telling fact that Elijah waited until the time of the evening sacrifice—allowing the prophets
43 of Baal to wail all day while mutilating themselves—to rebuild Israel’s broken altar and seek
44 God’s favor again.

1 This was no coincidence. Morning and evening worship experiences were to be the
 2 spiritual bookends of Israelite life. It was God who had instituted this twice daily worship
 3 experience to develop a devotional cadence in the lives of His people, as Exodus 29:39 makes
 4 clear: “One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.”
 5 In a very real sense, Elijah was not just calling the nation—individuals and families—back to the
 6 altar of true worship; He was calling the nation back to the altar of regular, daily, systematic
 7 worship of the true God! Israel’s corporate worship altar was broken, but Israel’s personal and
 8 family altars were broken long before.

9 10 *We Have a Problem*

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 12 It is the conviction of the Back to the Altar (BTTA) committee that the Seventh-day
 13 Adventist Church is facing a similar crisis in the area of personal and family worship. Too many
 14 of our altars are neglected, broken, or non-existent. A 2018 worldwide survey of Seventh-day
 15 Adventists found that only 34 percent of Adventist homes are engaging in regular morning and
 16 evening worship, and only 52 percent of church members have any personal devotions at all.¹
 17 Can a church with an end-time message centered in worship—the Three Angels’ Messages of
 18 Revelation 14:6-12—deliver such a solemn message if its members are not faithfully engaged in
 19 personal and family worship? In other words, can we proclaim effectively what many do not
 20 practice daily?

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 22 On the critical importance of devotional time spent with God, Ellen G White wrote the
 23 following: “There is nothing more needed in the work of God than the practical results of
 24 communion with God.”² She writes in another place that “no words can properly set forth the
 25 blessedness of genuine worship.”³ Authentic worship experiences should neither be fragmentary
 26 nor intermittent, especially in the Adventist family: “Like the patriarchs of old, those who
 27 profess to love God should erect an altar to the Lord wherever they pitch their tent. . . . Fathers
 28 and mothers should often lift up their hearts to God in humble supplication for themselves and
 29 their children. Let the father, as priest of the household, lay upon the altar of God the morning
 30 and evening sacrifice, while the wife and children unite in prayer and praise. In such a household
 31 Jesus will love to tarry.”⁴

32 33 *Our Most Urgent Need*

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 35 The restoration of personal and family worship among Seventh-day Adventists is the
 36 most pressing need of our time but doing so will require much prayer and effort. Today we face
 37 the challenge of technologies that, while providing some efficiencies, benefits, and
 38 conveniences, increasingly occupy our time while altering our minds. Widespread addiction to

¹ The Global Church Member Survey. Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, (Silver Springs, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 2018), p. 14.

² Ellen G. White. Testimonies for the Church, vol 6, (Mountainview, CA: Pacific Press Pub. Assn., 1909), p. 47.

³ Ellen G. White. Testimonies for the Church, vol 9, (Mountainview, CA: Pacific Press Pub. Assn., 1909), p. 143.

⁴ Ellen G. White. Child Guidance, (Washington, DC: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1954), p. 518.

1 devices and media, especially social media, has left too many of us anxious, irritable, lonely,
2 stressed, depressed, sleepless, and unhappy with our station in life.

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4 Ironically, personal and family worship has the opposite effect. It calms our minds,
5 decreases loneliness, reduces stress, increases peace, fulfills our emotional needs, and teaches us
6 contentment. The Back to the Altar initiative seeks to educate members and others about the
7 negative effects of tech/media addiction and its impact on the spiritual life and well-being. The
8 goal is also to share best practices for safeguarding mental, physical, social, emotional, and
9 spiritual health in order to empower our walk with God and fuel or evangelistic efforts for Him.

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11 Now more than ever, God is calling Seventh-day Adventist individuals and families back
12 to His heart—back to consistent times of refreshing in His presence. It is for this reason that the
13 Seventh-day Adventist Church is launching the Back to the Altar initiative, a movement to
14 encourage daily personal worship in the life of every Seventh-day Adventist for revival,
15 reformation, and outreach. By 2027, we hope to see at least 70 percent of Adventist members
16 engaged in daily morning and evening worship. If we rebuild our broken altars, we will fully
17 reflect God’s image and be empowered to finish His work in preparation for the soon return of
18 Jesus.

19 20 RATIONALE

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22 During the previous quinquennium, we have witnessed the immense blessing to the
23 Seventh-day Adventist Church of such initiatives as Total Member Involvement (TMI), The
24 *Great Controversy* global distribution project, the revitalized Three Angels’ Messages
25 proclamation, and the current I WILL GO Strategic Plan. All of these wonderful programs would
26 be much more effective if the devotional lives of members were faithful and consistent. We
27 cannot take for granted that members are growing spiritually through personal and family
28 worship experiences, and many departments of our Church have been working tirelessly on this
29 issue. We thank God for them. We also wish to express sincere gratitude to General Conference
30 Family Ministries for robust and ongoing efforts to encourage individual and family worship
31 among Seventh-day Adventist members. We believe this issue to be of such critical importance
32 that it must become a priority for all entities of the Church through a sustained, coordinated
33 emphasis.

34
35 The BTTA initiative seeks to support and fulfill the following fundamental affirmation of
36 the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for spiritual
37 growth noted in the I WILL GO Strategic Plan:

Fundamental Belief 11: Growing in Christ

By His death on the cross Jesus triumphed over the forces of evil. He who subjugated the demonic spirits during His earthly ministry has broken their power and made certain their ultimate doom. Jesus' victory gives us victory over the evil forces that still seek to control us, as we walk with Him in peace, joy, and assurance of His love. Now the Holy Spirit dwells within us and empowers us. Continually committed to Jesus as our Savior and Lord, we are set free from the burden of our past deeds. No longer do we live in the darkness, fear of evil powers, ignorance, and meaninglessness of our former way of life. *In this new freedom in Jesus, we are called to grow into the likeness of His character, communing with Him daily in prayer, feeding on His Word, meditating on it and on His providence, singing His praises, gathering together for worship, and participating in the mission of the Church (emphasis added).* We are also called to follow Christ's example by compassionately ministering to the physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of humanity. As we give ourselves in loving service to those around us and in witnessing to His salvation, His constant presence with us through the Spirit transforms every moment and every task into a spiritual experience. (1 Chr 29:11; Ps. 1:1, 2; 23:4; 77:11, 12; Matt 20:25-28; 25:31-46; Luke 10:17-20; John 20:21; Rom 8:38, 39; 2 Cor 3:17, 18; Gal. 5:22-25; Eph 5:19, 20; 6:12-18; Phil 3:7-14; Col 1:13, 14; 2:6, 14, 15; 1 Thess 5:16-18, 23; Heb 10:25; James 1:27; 2 Peter 2:9; 3:18; 1 John 4:4.)

I WILL GO Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Spiritual Growth

KPI 5.1

Significant increase in the number of church members *regularly praying, studying the Bible, reading the writings of Ellen G White*, and engaging in other *personal devotions*.

Responsible for Implementation: Adult Bible Study Guides; Archives, Statistics, and Research; Ellen G White Estate; Family Ministries; Ministerial Association; and Sabbath School and Personal Ministries.

KPI 6.4

Significant increase in the number of church *members regularly engaging in family worships*.

Responsible for Implementation: Family Ministries; Women's Ministries; Youth Ministries; and Children's Ministries.

KPI 7.3

Increased *ethical and responsible use of media platforms* by students and all other individuals.

Responsible for Implementation: Children’s Ministries; Communication; Education; Family Ministries; and Youth Ministries.

BACK TO THE ALTAR INITIATIVE GOALS

1. Seventh-day Adventist Members—Individuals and Families

a. *Initiative Goal: 70 percent of Adventist individuals and families engaging in morning and evening worship daily by 2027.* This is the prayer goal for the initiative. BTTA efforts will primarily target Adventist singles and families of all types (i.e. nuclear families, blended families, foster families, single-parent led families, grandparent-led families, etc). The initiative will also seek to reach people everywhere, calling them to a daily devotional walk with God and careful stewardship of their mind, “the capital of the body.” We believe this foundational spiritual orientation is critical for personal transformation and evangelism.

b. *Educate church members and others on the effects of media and technology on the human brain and share best practices for protecting the mind and safeguarding the spiritual life.* Studies show that today’s media-saturated society is having a devastating effect on the human brain. Not only does media occupy much of our time, but uninformed usage is degrading our capacity to know, experience, and worship God. As Ellen White presciently stated many years ago, “It is the mind that worships God and allies us to heavenly beings.” It is absolutely essential that the Seventh-day Adventist Church make a concerted effort to educate members and others on this critical issue, and this will be a central focus of the BTTA initiative.

2. Church Leaders (leaders at all levels of the Church and affiliated para-church entities):

a. *Encourage leaders serving in all areas and entities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to engage in personal and family devotions each morning and evening.* We must care about the spiritual lives of God’s leaders and that of their families and loved ones. We believe it is nonnegotiable that Church leaders show by example that they are committed to building and maintaining their personal and family altars.

b. *Encourage Church leaders to share openly about their personal devotional walk with God—where they are in their altar experience with God and how God is leading, developing, and transforming them.* We believe such sharing will have a galvanizing impact on members and others. The BTTA initiative will seek to create opportunities for this

1 kind of sharing so that leaders are seen as people in relationship with God and not simply
2 persons doing ministry for God.

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4 3. Back to the Altar for the World

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6 a. *Present what the Seventh-day Adventist Church is doing through the BTTA*
7 *initiative to religious and secular media around the world to invite others to join the movement.*
8 The Revival and Reformation Committee has requested that the BTTA initiative look for
9 opportunities to share what it develops with the world at large. We want people everywhere to
10 benefit from this initiative and be drawn closer to Jesus Christ through a consistent, vibrant
11 devotional experience.

12
13 b. *Share BTTA resources and content through social media to encourage*
14 *daily worship and healthy uses of all forms of media and technology.* It will be important that a
15 specific suite of resources be developed specifically for those we hope to reach through social
16 media with this essential message.

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18 4. Music

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20 a. *Share the role of music and praise in personal worship.* One of the
21 important goals of BTTA is to encourage musical praise and expression in personal devotions
22 and family worship.

23
24 b. *Highlight the importance of gratitude in worship, expressed through music*
25 *and other means of worship.* Thankfulness is essential to worship. The heart that worships God
26 acknowledges His love and goodness in good times and in trial. BTTA wishes to encourage this
27 spirit of gratitude through music and more in personal and family worship.

28
29 5. Resource Creation (All resources will be Adventist Possibility Ministries-
30 compatible). These are some of the resources that BTTA hopes to create and promote to
31 encourage the practice of regular, daily devotions with God.

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33 a. *Adventist Home, Child Guidance Video Series:* The objective of this
34 resource project is to capture principles from these excellent volumes and show how they may be
35 applied in today's 21st Century family. Special emphasis will be given to Ellen White's counsel
36 regarding the home circle and worship altar.

37
38 b. *Individual/Family Worship Spots:* These multi-media spots will be
39 designed to give individuals and families worship ideas to develop and strengthen devotional life
40 in the home. These spots will show the many ways in which worship can be simple and
41 meaningful, participatory, and enjoyable. We hope that these worship "teasers" will capture the
42 rich diversity of personal worship experiences for individuals and families. These ideas will be
43 captured in a Worship Ideas Database, an online clearinghouse of devotional tips for individuals

1 and families. Many entities of the Church have developed resources for this purpose. We hope to
2 aggregate them in an easily searchable database for online visitors and seekers.

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4 c. *Global Family Worship Night*: Each year General Conference Family
5 Ministries conducts the Family Togetherness Week of Prayer. We hope to partner with Family
6 Ministries to hold a global family worship experience on one night during this life-changing
7 week. We wish to invite all Adventist individuals and families to the altar on that night. The
8 Olivers, our current Family Ministries directors, have expressed support for this idea, and we
9 thank them for their ongoing support of the BTTA initiative.

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11 d. *Back to the Altar Book*: This resource will set forth the call to rebuild our
12 altars and outline the steps by which an individual or family can go about doing so.

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14 e. *Back to the Altar Weekly Podcast*: This weekly podcast will feature stories
15 of people of all backgrounds and ethnicities living in devotion with God. The objective of this
16 resource is to share stories of people's personal walk with God to encourage the devotional life
17 of others. Additionally, true revival and reformation always seeks ministry opportunities to share
18 how God is working in one's life. The weekly podcast will show how personal worship can
19 become the fuel for evangelism in new and dynamic ways.

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21 f. *Together Family Worship Curriculum*: This resource aims to give families
22 a tool that will help them worship together for the period of a year. The content will be
23 developed so that families with toddlers, teens, young adults, or a mix of all, can travel through
24 Scripture together and grow closer as a family. Specific content will be developed for each age-
25 group so that learning is age-appropriate for shared discussion and spiritual discovery.

26
27 g. *"Worship Now" App for Individuals*: We want to explore a collaboration
28 with the forthcoming young adult devotional app from the Ellen G White Estate to see how we
29 might use this resource to encourage personal daily worship. The White Estate App has received
30 excellent reviews from youth and young adults who have had occasion to see it.

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32 h. *Individual/Family "Digital Hygiene" Media Guide*: This resource will
33 share best practices for the use of smart devices, social media, and personal technology in
34 general. The objective is to help families protect their hearts and minds so that they can remain
35 healthy, open channels with whom the Holy Spirit can dwell and empower.

36
37 i. *Back to the Altar—Family Revival Conference*: We can educate and
38 provide resources indefinitely, but there's nothing that can replace an actual personal and
39 corporate experience in the Word and in prayer. Thus, the goal of Back to the Altar—Family
40 Revival Conference is to put actual feet on the messages that we have been sharing through all
41 our resource channels. We will launch a 3-4 day Revival Conference for leaders, laity, and their
42 families to experience personal revival through increased emphasis on private and corporate
43 prayer; vibrant time in the Word with practical study and application; engaging family worship

activities; and a revitalized focus on the “I Will Go” mission and witness. This conference would be created so that it can be used as a model/template that can be duplicated worldwide.

j. *Back to the Altar—Leadership Training:* We would provide sermons, tools, Power Points, and training materials for leaders to implement BTTA across their divisions, unions, conferences, churches, and territories.

Note: These are some of the core resources that we believe will be needed for the BTTA initiative to be effective. Other resources will no doubt be needed as the initiative develops and unfolds.

BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR BACK TO THE ALTAR

A God who Seeks Relationship with Us:

“And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’” (Gen 3:8-9)

Living in Relationship With Me Is Worship:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deut 6:4-9)

Make a Place for Me:

“And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them” (Exod 25:8).

Meet Me in Morning and Evening:

“One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.” (Exod 29:39)

Praise Me Every Morning and Evening:

The Levites were to “to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at evening.” (1 Chr 23:30)

1 *Follow the Example of My Son:*

2
3 “Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and
4 departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.” (Mark 1:35)

5
6 “However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes
7 came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. So He Himself often
8 withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.” (Luke 5:15-16)

9
10 *Jesus Worshipped First—Being Precedes Doing:*

11
12 “Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and
13 continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself;
14 and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles.” (Luke 6:12-13)

15
16 *God is Looking for Worshipers:*

17
18 “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in
19 spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.” (John 4:23)

20
21 *The Indispensable Gift Given in Worship:*

22
23 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much
24 fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

25
26 *Worship Continually:*

27
28 “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit
29 of our lips, giving thanks to His name.” (Heb 13:15)

30
31 *Preach the Gospel “and Worship Him”:*

32
33 “Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to
34 preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with
35 a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; *and*
36 *worship Him* who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” (Rev 14:6-7)

37
38 *A Renewed Mind is Essential:*

39
40 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a
41 living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be
42 conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove
43 what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom 12:1-2)

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Let it Be:

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5).

Guard the Heart and Mind:

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life” (Prov 4:23).

No Evil Thing:

“I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.” (Ps 103:3)

Further Biblical Support:

1 Chr 29:11; Ps 1:1, 2; 23:4; 77:11, 12; Matt 20:25-28; 25:31-46; Luke 10:17-20; John 20:21; Rom 8:38, 39; 2 Cor 3:17, 18; Gal 5:22-25; Eph 5:19, 20; 6:12-18; Phil 3:7-14; Col 1:13, 14; 2:6, 14, 15; 1 Thess 5:16-18, 23; Heb 10:25; James 1:27; 2 Peter 2:9; 3:18; 1 John 4:4.

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Live at the Altar:

“Give yourselves to prayer. *Live at the altar*. Strengthen your purposes by the promises of God.”—1T 169

The Importance of the Devotional Life

“God should be the highest object of our thoughts. Meditating upon him, and pleading with him, elevates the soul and quickens the affections. A neglect of meditation and prayer will surely result in a declension in religious interests. Then will be seen carelessness and slothfulness. Religion is not merely an emotion, a feeling. It is a principle that is interwoven with all the daily duties and transactions of life. Nothing will be entertained, no business engaged in, that will prevent the accompaniment of this principle. To retain pure and undefiled religion it is necessary to be workers, persevering in effort. We must do something ourselves. No one else can do our work. None but ourselves can work out our salvation with fear and trembling. This is the very work which the Lord has left for us to do....

“Decided perseverance in a course of righteousness, disciplining the mind by religious exercises to love, devotion, and heavenly things, will bring the greatest amount of happiness.

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1 If we make God our trust, we have it in our power to control the mind in these things. Through
2 continued exercise, it will become strong to battle with internal foes, and to subdue self, until
3 there is a complete transformation, and the passions, appetites, and will are brought into perfect
4 subjection. Then there will be daily piety at home and abroad, and when we engage in labor for
5 souls, a power will attend our efforts. The humble Christian will have seasons of devotion which
6 are not spasmodic, fitful, or superstitious, but calm and tranquil, deep, constant, and earnest. The
7 love of God, the practice of holiness, will be pleasant when there is a perfect surrender to
8 God....”—GW 106

9
10 *Picture of A Life Lived at the Altar:*

11
12 “The Majesty of heaven, while engaged in his earthly ministry, prayed much to his
13 Father. He was frequently bowed all night in prayer. His spirit was often sorrowful as he felt the
14 powers of the darkness of this world, and he left the busy city and the noisy throng, to seek a
15 retired place to make his intercessions. The Mount of Olives was the favorite resort of the Son of
16 God for his devotions. Frequently after the multitude had left him for the retirement of the night,
17 he rested not, though weary with the labors of the day. In the Gospel of John we read, ‘And
18 every man went unto his own house. Jesus went unto the Mount of Olives.’ [John 7:53; 8:1.]
19 While the city was hushed in silence, and the disciples had returned to their homes to obtain
20 refreshment in sleep, Jesus slept not. His divine pleadings were ascending to his Father from the
21 Mount of Olives that his disciples might be kept from the evil influences which they would daily
22 encounter in the world, and that his own soul might be strengthened and braced for the duties and
23 trials of the coming day. All night, while his followers were sleeping, was their divine Teacher
24 praying. The dew and frost of night fell upon his head bowed in prayer. His example is left for
25 his followers.”—GW 106

26
27 *The Fruit of Communion with God:*

28
29 “Communion with God will ennoble the character and the life. Men will take knowledge
30 of us, as of the first disciples, that we have been with Jesus. This will impart to the worker a
31 power that nothing else can give. Of this power he must not allow himself to be deprived. We
32 must live a twofold life—a life of thought and action, of silent prayer and earnest work.”—MH
33 512

34
35 *The Joy of Personal Worship*

36
37 “It should be a pleasure to worship the Lord . . . He desires that those who come to
38 worship Him shall carry away with them precious thoughts of His care and love, that they may
39 be cheered in all the employments of daily life, that they may have grace to deal honestly and
40 faithfully in all things.”—SC 103

41
42 *Vital Connection to God Our Only Defense*

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1
2 “The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His
3 righteousness. Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the
4 unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many
5 bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with
6 God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome.
7 Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of
8 the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end.”—DA 324

9
10 *In the School of the Holy Spirit*

11
12 “There is not an impulse of our nature, not a faculty of the mind or an inclination of the
13 heart, but needs to be, moment by moment, under the control of the Spirit of God.”—PP 421

14
15 “The Spirit illumines our darkness, informs our ignorance, and helps us in our manifold
16 necessities. But the mind must be constantly going out after God. If worldliness is allowed to
17 come in, if we have no desire to pray, no desire to commune with Him who is the source of
18 strength and wisdom, the Spirit will not abide with us.”—OHC 154

19
20 *Prayer and Effort, Effort and Prayer:*

21
22 “Prayer and effort, effort and prayer, will be the business of your life. You must pray as
23 though the efficiency and praise were all due to God, and labour as though duty were all your
24 own.”—4T 538

25
26 *Not Safe Without Prayer*

27
28 “No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer” (GC 530), but “He who does
29 nothing but pray will soon cease to pray.”—SC 101

30
31 *Nothing More Needed*

32
33 “There is nothing more needed in the work than the practical results of communion with
34 God.”—6T 47

35
36 *Deep Blessedness of Worship*

37
38 “The evil of formal worship cannot be too strongly depicted, but no words can properly
39 set forth the deep blessedness of genuine worship.”—9T 143

40
41 *God Notices Families that Worship:*

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1 “The Lord has a special interest in the families of His children here below. Angels offer
2 the smoke of the fragrant incense for the praying saints. Then in every family let prayer ascend to
3 heaven both at morning and at the cool sunset hour, in our behalf presenting before God the
4 Saviour’s merits. Morning and evening the heavenly universe takes notice of every praying
5 household.”—Ms 19, 1900

6
7 *Parents Lead in Worship:*

8
9 “Like the patriarchs of old, those who profess to love God should erect an altar to the
10 Lord wherever they pitch their tent.... Fathers and mothers should often lift up their hearts to God
11 in humble supplication for themselves and their children. Let the father, as priest of the
12 household, lay upon the altar of God the morning and evening sacrifice, while the wife and
13 children unite in prayer and praise. In such a household Jesus will love to tarry.”—CG 518

14
15 *Danger of the Neglected Family Altar:*

16
17 “If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now.
18 Infidelity and skepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the
19 soul, and rebellion against God breaks out in the life. Enslaved by sin, the moral powers are
20 under the tyranny of Satan. The soul is made the sport of his temptations; and unless some
21 mighty arm is stretched out to rescue him, man goes where the archrebel leads the way”—CG
22 517

23
24 *Let Not Circumstances Interrupt:*

25
26 “Family worship should not be governed by circumstances. You are not to pray
27 occasionally, and when you have a large day’s work, neglect it. In thus doing you lead your
28 children to look upon prayer as of no special consequence. Prayer means very much to the
29 children of God, and thank offerings should come up before God morning and evening. Says the
30 Psalmist, ‘O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
31 salvation.’”—Ms 12, 1898

32
33 *No Empty Formal Worship:*

34
35 “Formal Prayer Is Not Acceptable—In many cases the morning and evening worship is
36 little more than a mere form, a dull, monotonous repetition of set phrases in which the spirit of
37 gratitude or the sense of need finds no expression. The Lord accepts not such service. But the
38 petitions of a humble heart and contrite spirit He will not despise. The opening of our hearts to
39 our heavenly Father, the acknowledgment of our entire dependence, the expression of our wants,
40 the homage of grateful love—this is true prayer.”—CG 518

41
42 *Worship Should be an Engaging Experience:*

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1
2 “The father, who is the priest of his household, should conduct the morning and evening
3 worship. There is no reason why this should not be the most interesting and enjoyable exercise of
4 the home life, and God is dishonored when it is made dry and irksome. Let the seasons of family
5 worship be short and spirited. Do not let your children or any member of your family dread them
6 because of their tediousness or lack of interest. When a long chapter is read and explained and a
7 long prayer offered, this precious service becomes wearisome, and it is a relief when it is
8 over.”—CG 521

9
10 *Citadel of the Mind:*

11
12 “Every organ of the body was made to be servant to the mind. The mind is the capital of
13 the body.”—1MCP 72

14
15 “The mind controls the whole man. All our actions, good or bad, have their source in the
16 mind. It is the mind that worships God and allies us to heavenly beings. Yet many spend all their
17 lives without becoming intelligent in regard to the casket [jewel case] that contains this
18 treasure.”—1MCP 72

19
20 *The Mind—God’s Garden:*

21
22 “The mind is the Lord’s garden, and man must cultivate it earnestly in order to form a
23 character after the divine similitude.”—2MCP 800

24
25 *Giving Account for Time:*

26
27 “Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn
28 obligation to improve it to His glory. Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict
29 account than of our time.”—COL 342

30
31 *Daily Preparation for Trials to Come:*

32
33 “The servants of Christ are to prepare no set speech to present when brought to trial for
34 their faith. Their preparation is to be made day by day, in treasuring up in their hearts the
35 precious truths of God’s Word, in feeding upon the teaching of Christ, and through prayer
36 strengthening their faith; then, when brought into trial, the Holy Spirit will bring to their
37 remembrance the very truths that will reach the hearts of those who shall come to hear. God will
38 flash the knowledge obtained by diligent searching of the Scriptures into their memory at the
39 very time when it is needed.”—CSW 40, 41

40
41 *Perfect Conformity to the Will of God*

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1 “But if we find no pleasure now in the contemplation of heavenly things; if we have no
2 interest in seeking the knowledge of God, no delight in beholding the character of Christ; if
3 holiness has no attractions for us—then we may be sure that our hope of heaven is vain. Perfect
4 conformity to the will of God is the high aim to be constantly before the Christian. He will love
5 to talk of God, of Jesus, of the home of bliss and purity which Christ has prepared for them that
6 love Him. The contemplation of these themes, when the soul feasts upon the blessed assurances
7 of God, the apostle represents as tasting ‘the powers of the world to come.’”—5T 745

8
9 “If you are right with God today, you are ready if Christ should come today.”—HP 227

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11 *Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures quoted are from the New King James Version of the
12 Bible.

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
Sixty-First General Conference Session
St Louis, Missouri
June 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Artur A Steele, Chair, called to order the first meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
CHURCH

The Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was read by Erton C Kohler, Secretary of the General Conference.

A 05 Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

A 05 05 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).

A 05 10 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.

A 05 15 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference, gave a report highlighting some of the ways the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been moving forward since the last General Conference Session.

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DELEGATE ORIENTATION

Hensley M Mooroven, Undersecretary of the General Conference, gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of the delegates.

Peter N Landless, Director of Health Ministries, provided information on health safety.

ELECTIONBUDDY VOTING SOFTWARE

A quick overview of the ElectionBuddy voting software was provided by Hensley M Mooroven, Undersecretary of the General Conference, along with a calibration practice vote.

GENERAL CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

VOTED, To approve the *General Conference Rules of Order* as the parliamentary authority for the 61st General Conference Session.

MCFARLAND, TODD R, PARLIAMENTARIAN—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - 2022

VOTED, To appoint Todd R McFarland, Associate General Counsel of the General Conference Office of General Counsel, as parliamentarian for the business meetings of the 61st General Conference Session.

MOTION TO LIMIT SPEECHES

VOTED, To limit speeches for the 61st General Conference Session to two minutes, or three minutes if the speaker needs translation.

ADOPTION OF THE DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To adopt the daily program of the 61st General Conference Session, as attached to the official copy of the minutes.

ADOPTION OF SESSION AGENDA

VOTED, To adopt the agenda for the 61st General Conference Session, as attached to the official copy of the minutes.

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115-22GS STEERING COMMITTEE—GENERAL CONFERENCE
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VOTED, To approve the 2022 General Conference Session Steering Committee, as follows:

STEERING

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Hensley M Mooroven, Secretary

Members: Kyoshin Ahn, Timothy H Aka, Stanley E Arco, Guillermo E Biaggi, Mario A Brito, G Alexander Bryant, Sheri Clemmer, Abner De los Santos, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, Larry R Evans, Mark A Finley, Elie Henry, Raafat A Kamal, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Si Young Kim, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Elbert Kuhn, Ezras Lakra, Thomas L Lemon, German A Lust, Solomon Maphosa, Geoffrey G Mbwana,

Todd R McFarland, Duane McKey, Daisy J F Orion, Lissy Park, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Karen J Porter, C Randolph Robinson, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan, Claude J Richli, Saw Samuel, Gerson P Santos, Silvia Sicalo, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Stele, Glenn C Townend, J Raymond Wahlen II, Elie Weick

Invitees: Tamara K Boward, Williams S Costa Jr, William M Knott

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116-22GS STANDING COMMITTEES—GENERAL CONFERENCE
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VOTED, To approve standing committees for the 2022 General Conference Session, as follows:

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CHURCH MANUAL

Guillermo E Biaggi, Chair
Abner De los Santos, Vice-chair
Gerson P Santos, Secretary
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

Members: Kyoshin Ahn, Viktor Alyeksyeyenko, Audrey E Andersson, Kingsley C Anonaba, Rudy R Baloyo, Bert B Beach, Lesleigh A E Bower, Elias Brasil de Souza, Changhyun Choi, Alain G Coralie, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, Robert B Dulay, George O Egwakhe, Dwain Esmond, Stanley B Fernandes, Carolyn Forrest, Pavel Goia, Edward Heidinger, Elie Henry, Anthony R Kent, Erton C Kohler, Khrawbor Kharbteng, Linda Mei Lin Koh, Stephane Le Guilcher,

Barna Magyarosi, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Rainford McIntosh, Wilson Measapogu, Hensley M Mooroooven, Rodia M M Musonda, Isaiah M G Ok, Jerry N Page, Rayla Pikeri, Leslie N Pollard, Gideon P Reyneke, Claude J Richli, Richard A Sabuin, Mykola Shpylchuk, Michael B Sikuri, Heather-Dawn K Small, Florence M S Sombie, Artur A Steele, Alberto R Timm, Ted N C Wilson.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Geoffrey G Mbwana, Vice-chair
Hensley M Mooroooven, Secretary
Laurie J Schmidt, Recording Secretary

Members: Kyoshin Ahn, Viktor Alyeksyeyenko, Audrey E Andersson, Kingsley C Anonaba, Rudy R Baloyo, Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy, Guillermo E Biaggi, Elias Brasil de Souza, Mario Brito, Pierre Caporal Sr, Alain G Coralie, Abner De los Santos, Paul H Douglas, Marlon de Souza Lopes, Karnik Doukmetzian, Edward Heidinger, Vincent Injety, Nenad Jepuranovic, Leonard A Johnson, Orlan Johnson, J Francois Keet, Erton C Kohler, Michael Kruger,

Elbert Kuhn, Thomas L Lemon, Andrea T Luxton, Barna Magyarosi, Todd R McFarland, Wilson Measapogu, Derek J Morris, Daisy J F Orion, Kathryn L Proffitt, Gideon P Reyneke, C Randolph Robinson, Blasious M Ruguri, Richard A Sabuin, Saw Samuel, Michael B Sikuri, Ella S Simmons, Joel D Tompkins, Bassey E O Udoh, Ivan I Velgosha, Chinta J Victor, Teixeira M Vinte, James Winegardner, Jennifer Woods, Lori T Yingling.

Invitee: Tamara K Boward.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

At the end of a moment of silence, prayer was offered by Artur A Steele, General Vice President of the General Conference, thanking God for the faithful service of all the brothers and sisters who have been laid to rest. He expressed appreciation for their lives, their ministry, and for their families.

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106-22GS ZIMBABWE CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE, ZIMBABWE EAST UNION CONFERENCE, AND ZIMBABWE WEST UNION CONFERENCE—NEW UNION CONFERENCES

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Zimbabwe Union Conference into three union conferences known as the Zimbabwe Central Union Conference, the Zimbabwe East Union Conference, and the Zimbabwe West Union Conference, effective January 1, 2018.

2. To accept the Zimbabwe Central Union Conference (SID) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

3. To accept the Zimbabwe East Union Conference (SID) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

4. To accept the Zimbabwe West Union Conference (SID) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO19AC/19AC/131-19GS/108-20GS/107-21GS/22GCS to GPS

107-22GS BELIZE UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record union mission status for the Belize Union of Churches Mission, effective October 13, 2019.

2. To accept the Belize Union Mission (IAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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110-22GS NORTHERN GHANA UNION CONFERENCE—NEW
UNION CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record union conference status for the Northern Ghana Union Mission, effective October 10, 2021.

2. To accept the Northern Ghana Union Conference (WAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

TED/ADCOM/GCDO16AC/16AC/113-16GS/106-17GS/106-18GS/106-19GS/106-20GS/
105-21GS/22GCS to CJR

105-22GS NETHERLANDS UNION OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE—
NEW UNION OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record union of churches conference status for the Netherlands Union Conference, effective May 5, 2017.

2. To accept the Netherlands Union of Churches Conference (TED) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO19AC/19AC/139-19GS/109-20GS/108-21GS/22GCS to CJR

108-22GS MALAYSIA UNION MISSION AND SOUTHEASTERN
ASIA UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSIONS

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Southeast Asia Union Mission into two union missions known as the Malaysia Union Mission and the Southeastern Asia Union Mission, effective December 31, 2021.

2. To accept the Malaysia Union Mission (SSD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

3. To accept the Southeastern Asia Union Mission (SSD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO19AC/19AC/140-19GS/110-20GS/109-21GS/22GCS to KJP

109-22GS EASTERN ETHIOPIA UNION MISSION AND WESTERN
ETHIOPIA UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSIONS

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Ethiopian Union Mission into two union missions known as the Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission and the Western Ethiopia Union Mission, effective November 17, 2019.

2. To accept the Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission (ECD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

3. To accept the Western Ethiopia Union Mission (ECD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHINESE UNION MISSION
AND UKRAINIAN UNION CONFERENCE

Erton C Kohler, Secretary of the General Conference, welcomed the Chinese Union Mission and the Ukrainian Union Conference that were attached to the General Conference.

The Chinese Union Mission was attached to the General Conference effective October 13, 2019, and the Ukrainian Union Conference was temporarily attached to the General Conference effective April 12, 2022.

Prayer was offered by Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference, for those delegates participating on-site and online.

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DivNomCaucus/22GCS to ECK

132GS NOMINATING COMMITTEE—GENERAL CONFERENCE
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VOTED, To appoint the following as members of the standing Nominating Committee
for the 61st General Conference Session:

Aguillon López, Luis Alonso
Alves Barbosa, Clewton Marcio
Alves Caxeta, Sérgio Alan
Arloo, Samuel Bonya
Arrieta Falcón, Osvaldo
Arthur, Christon
Assam Assam, Jean Paul
Assembe Minyono, Valère Guillaume
Assienin, Salomon Grah
Atalido Garrido, Jorge Rolando
Badu, James Kwaku
Bana, Abel Anak Johnny
Banks, Rosa
Barbosa Santiago, Leonino
Barlizo, Eliezer Jr. Tambolero
Bejarano Galaviz, Hidai
Bekele, Tihtina
Belmonte, Benjamín
Ben, Strike Medupi
Bent, Melissa Tania
Bernard, Roger
Bindosano, Yotam
Bizirema, Jonathan
Blythe, Adlai
Bondarchuk, Lev
Bouchot Diaz, Jose Luis
Bower, Lesleigh A E
Brooks, Eglan
Brown, Everett E
Buchneu, Viachaslau
Byilingiro, Hesron Rukundo
Byrd, Carlton
Caporal, Pierre Sr
Carcamo Morales, Rodrigo Alberto

Carlsson, Glenne Victoria
Carpin, Eddy-Michel
Castillo, Mildred F
Castillo Osuna, Ismael
Caviglione, Dario Marcelo
Celis Aguilar, David
Cerde, Marcelo Sergio
Chacha, Flaviana Mtimbaru
Chavers, Cheryl
Chavez Idrogo, Enzo Ronald
Chen, Kang-Che
Cherukuri, Vijay
Chilundo, Alfredo J
Chisuwo, Rhoda
Choga, Micah
Choi, Chang Hyun
Chuenjit, Somchai
Collie, Elsie
Cooper, Lowell C
Craig, Carlos
Currow, Stephen John
da Costa Ribeiro, Mark Wallacy
Da Silva, Moisés Moacir
Daka, Geremew Biru
Dangana, Yohanna Musa
De Abreu, Ruben
De Gracia, Jose A
De Raad, Robert K
De Souza Dantas, Andre Henrique
Decker Jr, Edward Thomas
Denslow, Kenneth A
Devadhas, Daniel
Devaputhrappa, Samuel

Djossou, Adjeoda K
Donaldo, Angelo Paulo
Dullinger, Werner K
Dyrud, Marianne
Dzul Trejo, Jose E
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Escobar, Marcial Antonio
Escudero, Mari
Extrat, Jean Philippe
Folkenberg, Robert Stanley Jr
Freedman, John
Gabin, Arnelio Abacan
García Arroyo, Ever Guenther
Georgiev, Milen
Glass, Judy
Gothard, Doris
Grujičić, Dragan
Gyasi, Vida Linda
Haokip, Richard Lalkhohen
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Harry, Yohanna Uchopo
Hasel, Frank
Hatimbula, Bruce Changu Jamu
Hunsaker, Andetta R
Inada, Yutaka
Injety, Vincent
Jankowski, Ryszard
Jiao, Wang Xin Daniel
Johnson, Terry
Johnson, Mark A
Jules, Abraham
Kabuye, Stephen Gingo
Kahl, Raul Elio
Kaligithi, Sudhakar
Kang, Joshua Soongi
Käsk, Ivo
Kaufononga, Maveni
Kelsy, Atiqah
Kemp, Bradley
Khumalo, Sibusiso Bartholomew
Kibirige, Ruthy Tiner

Kim, Nak Hyung
Knott, William M
Ko, Fei Li
Kook, Shurman R
Koroma, Michael Saidu
Krupskyi, Vladimir
Kwanin, Kwame Boakye
Lagoa Costa, Jose M
Lambert, Chris Kwesi
Langai, Newton
Lanka, Lazarus Prabhakar
Leahu, Ilie
Lee, Sang Yun
Lee, Myun Ju
Lekundayo, Godwin K
Li, Xinpeng Dennis
Lima Brandão, Alijofran
Lizondro Guerra, Duay Oriel
Long, Sharmini
Lopez, Francis
Lopez, Oscar
Makori, Samuel
Malekana, Mark W
Marín Salas, Ricardo
Mbayo, Debbie Maloba
Mbulawa, Christopher
McEdward, Richard E
Mendes Barbosa, Alacy
Mensah, Ebenezer
Miller, Jamie
Mills, Phil
Misiani, Samuel Otieno
Mitekaro, Musa Gidion
Mojzes, Drago
Montalvan Ruiz, Daniel Angel
Moses, Leslie
Muhune, Robert S
Müller, Thomas
Muñoz Perrin, Aldo Arely
Munyumbwe, Vanny Munambeza
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Musara, Godfrey
Mutero, Gideon Munene
Mwangachuchu, Rudatinya M
Naether, Johannes
Nagamada, Mahadeva
Namitondo, Tommy Susiku
Navamoney Mani Singh, Moses
Navarro Perez, Ignacio
Ndlovu, Chiedza
Neatu, Aurel
Nedley, Neil
Newton, Bradford
Ng'andu, Alvert Namasamu
Nino, Alvaro
Njock, David Vivian
Nkonya, Samuel M
Nosov, Stanislav
Ntunzwenimana, Enock
Nunes de Freitas, Emerson
Núñez Romero, Mauricio Antonio
Nyagah, Fredrick Josphat Kibuti
Nyirenda, Tony
Obolo, Arionin Blackie
Ocran, Thomas Techie
Ocsai, Tamas Z
Ojung'a, John Okoth
Oliveira Guimarães, Emmanuel
Olmos Sánchez, José Luis
Omeler, Pierre
Orieux, Wesley Roger
Ortiz, Saúl
Osano, Jocelyn Planto
Osei, Kingsley
Ostrovski, Moisei
Owolabi, Oyeleke Alabi
Pacheco, Abel
Pacheco, Manuel
Palomares, Danielo Donaire
Paris, Stefano
Park, Lissy
Park, Andrew

Parulan, Ephraim Morante
Paulino Milanés, Geuris Dencil
Pavlik, Mikulas
Perez Reyes, Aldo J
Perez Schulz, Magdiel E
Perumal, Shiva Ramen
Pheng, Lim
Piedrahita Angarita, María Cielo
Pinto Lima, Mauricio
Pita, Jainie
Pokharel, Umesh Kumar
Proffitt, Kathryn L
Protasevich, Boris
Puello, Paulino
Raissa, Concessa
Ramirez, Orlando
Ramos Lagos, Adan
Redondo Ramirez, Edgar J
Rene, Carrasco
Reuban, Sophia
Reyna, Moises
Rigaud, Olivier
Rivera, Luis
Rodriguez, Angel Manuel
Rodriguez Preste, Juan Gabriel
Rodríguez Reyes, Kevin Daniel
Rubrico, James Badayos
Ruterahagusha, Roger
Sable, Jayant Philoman
Salainti, Stephen Berny
Saloj, Carlos
Sandoval, Abraham
Sands, Roderick
Schwab, Reinhard C
Sebahire, Joseph
Shibata, Toshio
Siboro, Guntur Soaloon
Sika-Paotonu, Dianne
Silva Riego Santos, Tassia
Silveira Kalbermatter, Hiram R
Singh, Vijay Pal

Sitorus, Sugih
Sjolander, Robert
Slusher, Dennis R
Smith, Ron C
Soke, Charles Kiliya
Sop-Lepen, Mona
Soto, Cara
Sousa Lopes, Marlinton
Spencer, David
Stojanovic, Dragan
Sukumar, Jose Prakash
Suquina, Domingos Lourenco
Taper, Etwell
Thomas, John H
Thurber, Gary F
Timm, Alberto
Timothy, Saw
Tobias, Kern P
Tombs, Melvyn
Toweh, Ibidun Abiodun
Tupa'i, Edward
Udoh, Bassey E O
Valda Sardina, Hugo
Valencia Dávila, José Yamil
Velázquez-Hernandez, Efraín
Velgosha, Ivan

Vertlyo, Lvov
Viagem, Salomao A M
Victor, Chinta John
Vinte, Teixeira
Weigley, Dave
Wiebusch Martins, Jorge Luis
Won, Sang Kim
Yani, Malachi
Yingling, Lori T
Zimik, Barnabas
Zubkov, Dmytro

Alternates

Bosev, Ventsislav
Kawano, Tomoko
Ku, Sun Hee
Leung, Wai Yee
Li, Dailin
Osindo, Oscar
Paulsen, Jan
Santona (Galli), Sarah
Seerpatham, Yovan
Tadi, Johnson Jacob
Voronyuk, Oleg

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

VOTED, To call for the vote on the amendment to add the issue of vaccination to the agenda.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

VOTED, To retain the Session agenda as presented and voted.

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PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Paul H Douglas, Treasurer of the General Conference.

Artur A Steele, Chair
Gerson P Santos, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor
Joanne Stango, Recording Secretary

SECOND BUSINESS MEETING
Sixty-First General Conference Session
St Louis, Missouri
June 6, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Ella S Simmons, Chair, called to order the second meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

Prayer was offered by Traci Oms, delegate from the North American Division.

SEC/22GCS to ECK

NEW UNION CONFERENCES, NEW UNION MISSIONS, AND
NEW UNION OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE

The following new entities were recognized:

1. Zimbabwe Central Union Conference
2. Zimbabwe East Union Conference
3. Zimbabwe West Union Conference
4. Belize Union Mission
5. Northern Ghana Union Conference
6. Netherlands Union of Churches Conference
7. Malaysia Union Mission
8. Southeastern Asia Union Mission
9. Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission
10. Western Ethiopia Union Mission

Prayer was offered by Karen J Porter, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.

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ADCOM(Steering)/20SM/20AC/105-20G/134-21GS/22GCS to KJP

111-22GS TRANS-CAUCASUS UNION OF CHURCHES MISSION—
DISSOLUTION

VOTED, To recognize and record the dissolution of the former Trans-Caucasus Union of Churches Mission in the Euro-Asia Division, effective January 1, 2021. The Division has reorganized the territory.

SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO17AC/17AC/210-17GSE/203-18GSE/202-19GSE/
202-20GSE/202-21GSE/22GCS to HMM

203-22GSE ELECTION - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
EDITORIAL AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This editorial amendment clarifies that the General Conference Executive Committee approves recommendations from divisions regarding their representation on the Committee.

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

ARTICLE VI—ELECTION

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

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

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

SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/GCDO19AC/19AC/220-19GSE/206-20GSE/206-21GSE/22GCS to
HMM

207-22GSE DEPARTMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS—DIRECTORS/
SECRETARIES, ASSOCIATES, AND ASSISTANTS - CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS EDITORIAL AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This editorial amendment alphabetizes the names of the departments.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws Article
X—Departments and Associates—Directors/Secretaries, Associates, and Assistants, to read as
follows:

ARTICLE X—DEPARTMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS—
DIRECTORS/SECRETARIES, ASSOCIATES, AND ASSISTANTS

Sec. 1. Departmental and association directors/secretaries and associate directors/
secretaries shall be elected by the General Conference Session and assistants shall be appointed
as determined by the General Conference Executive Committee to serve the world Church
through the Ministerial Association and the following departments: Adventist Chaplaincy
Ministries, Children’s Ministries, Communication, Education, Family Ministries, Health
Ministries, Planned Giving and Trust Services, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, Publishing
Ministries, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, Stewardship Ministries, ~~Planned Giving and
Trust Services~~, Women’s Ministries, and Youth Ministries

Should changes to the departmental structure of the General Conference be deemed
necessary, such changes may be approved and implemented by action of the General Conference
Executive Committee in Annual Council and continued, subject to ratification at the next
General Conference Session. When additions or changes to department or association structures
are implemented at times other than in connection with a General Conference Session, the
General Conference Executive Committee at an Annual Council shall also address the staffing
needs involved until the next General Conference Session.

Sec. 2. The departmental, association, agency, and service directors/secretaries - No change

Sec. 3. The term “associate director/secretary” shall be used to designate those - No change

Sec. 4. The term “assistant director/secretary” shall be used to designate those - No change

Sec. 5. Departmental and association directors/secretaries, associates, and - No change

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211-22GSE USE OF “TELEPHONE CONFERENCE” - CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS EDITORIAL DIRECTIVE

RATIONALE: This directive allows for electronic conference and makes the terminology consistent with what is found in General Conference *Working Policy*.

VOTED, To approve a directive to amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, where appropriate, by deleting “telephone conference” and replacing it with “electronic conference.”

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207-21GS/22GCS to HMM

208-22GS GENERAL CONFERENCE UNDERSECRETARY AND
ASSOCIATE SECRETARIES - CONSTITUTION AND
BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment accomplishes the following:

1. Reflects that, in an effort to be consistent with other divisions, the secretary of the North American Division will no longer be an associate secretary of the General Conference.
2. Replaces the name of “interdivision employees” with “international service employees” to be consistent with changes that have been made in General Conference *Working Policy*.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws Article IV—General Conference Undersecretary and Associate Secretaries, to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV—GENERAL CONFERENCE
UNDERSECRETARY AND ASSOCIATE SECRETARIES

Sec. 1. An undersecretary and associate secretaries shall be elected to share - No change

~~Sec. 2. The secretary of the North American Division, by virtue of election to that responsibility, shall also be an associate secretary of the General Conference.~~

~~Sec. 3.~~ Sec. 2. The role of the General Conference undersecretary and associate secretaries, in relationship to the divisions, includes the following:

- a. To serve as liaisons with division secretaries as assigned by the General Conference secretary.
- b. To facilitate the processing of calls for ~~interdivision employees~~ international service employees.
- c. To recruit ~~interdivision employees~~ international service employees to fill the needs of the divisions.
- d. To assist the divisions with personnel and policy matters.

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209-22GS GENERAL CONFERENCE UNDERTREASURER AND
ASSOCIATE TREASURERS - CONSTITUTION AND
BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment reflects that, in an effort to be consistent with other divisions, the treasurer of the North American Division will no longer be an associate treasurer of the General Conference.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws Article V—General Conference Undertreasurer and Associate Treasurers, to read as follows:

ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE
UNDERTREASURER AND ASSOCIATE TREASURERS

Sec. 1. An undertreasurer and associate treasurers shall be elected to - No change

~~Sec. 2. The treasurer/chief financial officer of the North American Division, by virtue of election to that responsibility, shall also be an associate treasurer of the General Conference.~~

~~Sec. 3.~~ Sec. 2. The role of the General Conference undertreasurer and - No change

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16GS/ChManSub/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/17AC/400-17GS/400-18GS/400-19GS/400-20GS/
400-21GS/22GCS to GPS

400-22GS UNAUTHORIZED SPEAKERS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This item clarifies who may be invited to speak in the church and addresses confusion caused by the implication that a layperson could not preach because they do not hold credentials.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 10, Services and Other Meetings, pages 120-121, Unauthorized Speakers, to read as follows:

~~Unauthorized Speakers—Under no circumstances should a pastor, elder, or other officer invite strangers or any unauthorized persons to conduct services. Individuals who have been removed from the ministry or who have been removed from membership in other places, or designing persons who have no authority from the church, should not be given access to the pulpit. Those worthy of confidence will be able to identify themselves by producing proper credentials.~~

Authorized Speakers—Only speakers worthy of confidence will be invited to the pulpit by the local church pastor, in harmony with guidelines given by the conference. * The local elders or church board may also invite speakers, in consultation with the pastor, and in harmony with conference guidelines. Individuals who are no longer members, or who are under discipline, should not be given access to the pulpit.

At times it is acceptable for government officials or civic leaders to address a congregation, but all others should be excluded from the pulpit unless permission is granted by the conference. Every pastor, elder, and conference president must enforce this rule. (See pp. 34, 118, 119.)

*See “Terms Used in the *Church Manual*” p. 18

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403-19GS/403-20GS/403-21GS/22GCS to GPS

403-22GS CHURCH SCHOOL BOARD - *CHURCH MANUAL*
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment removes the confusing term “union school board” and replaces it with “multiconstituent school board” to be more consistent with the rest of the section.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, pages 90-92, Church School Board, to read as follows:

Church School Board—The administrative body of every elementary (primary) school and junior academy (partial high school) operated by one church shall be a church school board elected by the church or a school committee appointed by the church board. Thus this body may be a separate school board, the church board, or a school committee of the church board appointed for this purpose. Division working policies explain the functions of school boards.

School board members should be chosen for their consecration, their belief in and loyalty to the principles of Christian education, their good judgment and tact, their experience in school matters, and their financial judgment and ability. They should believe in and be willing to follow denominational educational policies and recommendations.

If two or more churches jointly operate what is known as a multiconstituent school, the administrative body shall be drawn from the constituent churches.

One or more members of the school board should be chosen from among the members of the church board, so that the school board may be closely related to the church board. The pastor should be a member of the school board. If the school is operated by more than one church, generally the pastors of the participating churches concerned are members of the board.

In junior academies and elementary schools, the principal or head teacher should be a member of the board.

Some members of the board may be parents of children attending the school, so the board may profit from parental viewpoints and counsel resulting from close observation and experience.

The school board officers shall be a chairperson and a secretary. If the school is operated by one church, the church elects the chairperson.

In multiconstituent school boards, additional officers shall include a treasurer, a vice chairperson, and an assistant secretary. At its first meeting after its election, a ~~union~~

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multiconstituent school board elects its own chairperson from among its members. In the event that agreement between the churches is not possible, the appointment will be made by the conference board of education or the conference committee. The principal of the school generally is appointed secretary of the board.

Any action of a multiconstituent school board that involves the supporting churches in financial obligations must be submitted to their respective boards for approval.

Where a separate school board is elected, one of two plans may be followed to establish time of election and term of office: (1) all the members may be elected at the close of the calendar or fiscal year and function for one year; (2) the members of the first board may be chosen for terms of one, two, and three years, respectively, with replacement members being chosen each succeeding year for a term of three years. The purpose of this plan is to have a nucleus of experienced members on the board to ensure a continuity of policy. When a midterm vacancy is filled, the new member serves the remainder of the original term.

The school board or school committee should meet at a regular time and place at least once each month during the school year.

The school board chairperson calls meetings, presides, sees that the actions of the board are carried out, and countersigns all financial orders issued by the secretary. The chairperson is a member ex officio of the elementary school and junior academy inspection committee, which surveys and evaluates the school and its work.

The secretary keeps a permanent record of meetings, issues orders for money to pay accounts or obligations, and carries on correspondence for the board.

Where one church operates a school, the work of the treasurer is usually carried by the church treasurer or an assistant church treasurer, who receives tuition and other money, pays out money on the order of the secretary (countersigned by the chairperson), keeps a careful account of all transfers, and at each monthly meeting gives a detailed report to the board. In a multiconstituent board, a treasurer is appointed by the union board.

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404-19GS/404-20GS/404-21GS/22GCS to GPS

404-22GS USE OF “BAPTISMAL CEREMONY” - *CHURCH*
MANUAL DIRECTIVE

RATIONALE: This directive will make the terminology more consistent throughout the *Church Manual*.

VOTED, To approve a directive to amend the *Church Manual* where appropriate, by replacing “baptismal ceremony” with “baptismal service.” In areas of the world where “baptismal ceremony” is preferred due to differences in other languages, “baptismal ceremony” may be retained as long as the term is used consistently throughout the text of the *Church Manual*.

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420-22GS MEETINGS (CHURCH BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS) -
CHURCH MANUAL AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment allows for electronic participation in church board meetings.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 10, Services and Other Meetings, page 131, Meetings, to read as follows:

Meetings—Because the work of the board is vital to the life, health, and growth of the church, it is recommended that it meet at least once each month, more frequently if needed. It is well to fix the monthly meeting time for the same week and the same day each month.

The board meeting is announced at the regular Sabbath worship service, and all board members are urged to attend.

Each church should determine at a business meeting the number of board members who must be present to constitute a quorum at future meetings. Where allowed by local law, board members may participate in meetings by means of an electronic conference or similar communication by which all persons participating can communicate with each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting.

Votes by proxy or letter are not permitted.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Ginger Ketting-Weller, President of Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies.

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Ella S Simmons, Chair
Karen J Porter, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

THIRD BUSINESS MEETING
Sixty-First General Conference Session
St Louis, Missouri
June 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Abner De los Santos, Chair.

Abner De los Santos, Chair, called to order the third meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

22GCS to ADS

409-22GSa ORDINATION OF ELDERS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the referral of the item, Ordination of Elders - *Church Manual* Amendment.

22GCS to ADS

409-22GSa ORDINATION OF ELDERS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not refer the item, Ordination of Elders - *Church Manual* Amendment, back to the *Church Manual* Committee.

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409-22GSa ORDINATION OF ELDERS - *CHURCH MANUAL*
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment allows for consistency of wording between the sections on elders and deacons/deaconesses and addresses some confusion in areas where women are ordained as elders.

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VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 73, Ordination of Elders, to read as follows:

Ordination of Elders—Election to the office of elder does not in itself qualify one as an elder. Ordination is required before an elder has authority to function. When a church in a business meeting votes the election of new elders, it also authorizes their ordination. Between election and ordination, the elected elder may function as church leader but not administer the ordinances of the church.

The ordination service is performed only by an ordained pastor currently credentialed by the conference. As a courtesy, a visiting ordained pastor may be invited to assist. However, only on the specific request of conference officers would a visiting ordained pastor or a retired ordained pastor conduct the ordination.

The sacred rite of ordination should be simply performed in the presence of the church and may include a brief outline of the office of elder, the qualities required, and the principal duties the elder will be authorized to perform. After the exhortation, the ordained pastor, assisted by other ordained pastors and/or local elders who are participating in the service, will ordain the elders by prayer and the laying on of hands. (See p. 37.)

Once ordained, elders need not be ordained again if reelected, or upon election as elders of other churches, provided they have maintained regular membership status. They are also qualified to the deaconate. ~~serve as deacons.~~

22GCS to ADS

409-22GSb ORDINATION SERVICE FOR DEACONESSES -
CHURCH MANUAL AMENDMENT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the referral of the item, Ordination Service for Deaconesses - *Church Manual* Amendment.

22GCS to ADS

409-22GSb ORDINATION SERVICE FOR DEACONESSSES -
CHURCH MANUAL AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not refer the item, Ordination Service for Deaconesses - *Church Manual* Amendment, back to the *Church Manual* Committee.

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409-22GSb ORDINATION SERVICE FOR DEACONESSSES -
CHURCH MANUAL AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This change is being recommended in order to keep the text in line with the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 78, Deacons Must Be Ordained.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 80, Ordination Service for Deaconesses, to read as follows:

Ordination Service for Deaconesses—Such a service, like the ordination of deacons, would be carried out by an ordained pastor currently credentialed by the conference. The ordination service should be characterized by simplicity and performed in the presence of the church.

If they retain church membership, deaconesses do not have to be ordained again if they move their memberships to other churches. When the term for which they were elected expires, they must be reelected if they are to continue to serve as deaconesses.

Elders subsequently elected as deaconesses should not be ordained as deaconesses because ordination as elder covers this office.

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NomCom22GCS/22GCS to ECK

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #1

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee presented by Lowell C Cooper, Chair (GC); Robert S Folkenberg Jr, Vice-chair (CHUM); Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Secretary (GC); and Cheryl Chavers, Associate Secretary (NAD):

General Conference

President: Ted N C Wilson

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Lowell C Cooper, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Abner De los Santos, Chair
Claude J Richli, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor
Joanne Stango, Recording Secretary

FOURTH BUSINESS MEETING
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St Louis, Missouri
June 7, 2022, 9:15 a.m.

Thomas L Lemon, Chair, called to order the fourth meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

Prayer was offered by Ron Carter, delegate from the General Conference.

ELECTIONBUDDY VOTING SOFTWARE

Hensley M Mooroven, Undersecretary of the General Conference, led out in the calibration vote using the ElectionBuddy voting software.

22GCS to TLL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the Secretary's report.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

VOTED, To accept the report of the General Conference Secretary, Erton C Kohler, as attached to the official copy of the minutes.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #2

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

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General Conference

Secretary:

Erton C Kohler

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #3

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference

Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer:

Paul H Douglas

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #4

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference

General Vice Presidents:

Audrey E Andersson
Guillermo E Biaggi
Abner De los Santos
Thomas L Lemon
Geoffrey G Mbwana
Artur A Steele
Maurice R Valentine

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PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Lincoln Edwards, delegate from the Inter-American Division.

Thomas L Lemon, Chair
Ella S Simmons, Chair
Gerson P Santos, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

FIFTH BUSINESS MEETING
Sixty-First General Conference Session
St Louis, Missouri
June 7, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Guillermo E Biaggi, Chair, called to order the fifth meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

Prayer was offered by Gerson P Santos, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.

22GCS to PHD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S OPINION AND CERTIFICATION

VOTED, To accept the independent auditor’s reports on the Combined Financial Statements of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, and 2015; and as of December 31, 2021, and 2020; so rendered by the accounting firm of Maner Costerisan, PC, as attached to the official copy of the minutes.

22GCS to GEB

TREASURER’S REPORT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the acceptance of the Treasurer’s report.

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TREASURER’S REPORT

VOTED, To accept the report of the General Conference Treasurer, Paul H Douglas, as attached to the official copy of the minutes.

Prayer was offered by Mark A Finley, Assistant to the President of the General Conference.

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PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Raafat A Kamal, delegate from the Trans-European Division.

Guillermo E Biaggi, Chair
Gary D Krause, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor
Joanne Stango, Recording Secretary

SIXTH BUSINESS MEETING
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St Louis, Missouri
June 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Hensley M Mooroven, Chair, called to order the sixth meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

Prayer was offered by Luis Mario de Souza Pinto, delegate from the South American Division.

22GCS to HMM

417-22GS PASTOR AND OTHER CHURCH EMPLOYEES - *CHURCH*
MANUAL AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate on the motion.

22GCS to HMM

422-22GS BOARD OF ELDERS - *CHURCH MANUAL* ADDITION

VOTED, To call for the vote on the item, Board of Elders - *Church Manual* Addition.

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22GCS to GPS

422-22GS BOARD OF ELDERS - *CHURCH MANUAL* ADDITION

RATIONALE: The *Church Manual* references a board of elders, but there has been no additional information or definition. This new section explains the organization and purpose of this board.

VOTED, To add a new section, Board of Elders, to the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, following Religious Leaders of the Church, on page 73, to read as follows:

Board of Elders—Where a church has a number of elders, it should organize a board of elders chaired by the pastor or his/her designee and with the first elder or another elder serving as

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secretary. Such a body provides a way to distribute responsibility and coordinate their contributions for the well-being of the congregation. It also provides a training ground where elders are instructed in their duties. The board of elders is accountable to the church board.

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433-22GS TO FOSTER BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER, AND A RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS (ELDERS) - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment encourages elders to focus on the nurture and spiritual growth of members.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 75, To Foster Bible Study, Prayer, and a Relationship with Jesus (Elders), to read as follows:

To Foster Bible Study, Prayer, Nurture, and Spiritual Growth of Members—~~As and a Relationship With Jesus—~~As spiritual leaders, elders are responsible for encouraging members to develop a personal relationship with Jesus by strengthening their habits of personal Bible study and prayer. Elders should model a commitment to Bible study and prayer and should support all ministries and promote programs of the local church and the local conference. They should also be committed to nurture and to inspire the spiritual growth of church members. ~~prayer. An effective personal prayer life of every member, supporting all ministries and programs of the local church, and the local conference, will enhance the church's mission.~~ Elders may ask the board to appoint a council to assist in this role of development and encouragement.

SEC/ChManSub/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/19AC/443-19GS/443-20GS/441-21GS/22GCS to GPS

441-22GS RELATIONSHIP TO THE PASTOR (ELDERS) - *CHURCH
MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment clarifies the process by which an elder can chair the church board.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, pages 73 and 74, Relationship to the Pastor (Elders), to read as follows:

Relationship to the Pastor—If the conference committee assigns a pastor or pastors to the congregation, the pastor, or senior pastor if more than one, should be considered the ranking officer and the local elders as assistants. Since their work is closely related, they should work together harmoniously. The pastor should not assume all lines of ~~responsibility~~, responsibility but should share these with the elders and other officers. The pastor regularly serving the church acts as the chairperson of the board. (See pp. 32, 131.) There may be circumstances, however, when it would be advisable for an elder to act as chairperson, with the approval of the pastor or, if the church is without a pastor, the conference president. ~~chairperson~~. The pastoral work of the church should be shared by the pastor and the elders. In counsel with the pastor, the elders should visit members, minister to the sick, foster prayer ministries, arrange or lead out in anointing services and child dedications, encourage the disheartened, and assist in other pastoral responsibilities. As undershepherds, elders should exercise constant vigilance over the flock.

If the pastor is a licensed minister, the church or churches served should elect the pastor as an elder. (See p. 33.)

Because the pastor is appointed to the position in the church by the conference, the pastor serves the church as a conference employee, is responsible to the conference committee, and maintains a sympathetic and cooperative relation to and works in harmony with all the plans and policies of the local church. Elders, who are elected by the church, are responsible to that body and to its board. (See below.)

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #5

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference

Undersecretary:

Hensley M Mooroven

Associate Secretaries:

Gary D Krause
Elbert Kuhn
Karen J Porter
Claude J Richli

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Gerson P Santos

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #6

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference

Undertreasurer:

J Raymond Wahlen II

Associate Treasurers:

Timothy H Aka
George O Egwakhe
German A Lust
Daisy J F Orion
Josue Pierre
Richard T Stephenson

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #7

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference

General Conference Auditing Service Board

Lay Members:

Anette Barlow	South Pacific Division
Ventsislav Bosev	Inter-European Division
Kwaku Danso-Abeam	West-Central Africa Division
Ailton Dorl	South American Division
Jeffrey Eman	Southern Asia-Pacific Division

Hyden Gittens
Philip Ndlovu
Patrick Bob Ojera
Frensy Panneflek
John Satelmajer
Victor Singh
Masao Yanaga
To be named

Inter-American Division
Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
East-Central African Division
Trans-European Division
North American Division
Southern Asia Division
Northern Asia-Pacific Division
Euro-Asia Division

Ex-Officio Members:

Ted N C Wilson
Erton C Kohler
Paul H Douglas
Thomas L Lemon
Robyn W Kajiura

President, General Conference
Secretary, General Conference
Treasurer, General Conference
Vice President, General Conference
Director, GCAS

General Conference Auditing Service

Director:

Robyn W Kajiura

Associate Directors:

JoJean Birth
Gary Blood
Boris Cardenas
Rogelio Cortez
Daniel E Herzel
Guillermo Leal
Furaha Mpozembizi
Jeremy Smith
C Maurine Wahlen
Sandra Grice

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #8

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

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General Conference

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries

Director:

Ivan H Omana

Children's Ministries

Director:

Orathai Chureson

Communication

Director:

Williams S Costa, Jr

Education

Director:

Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy

Family Ministries

Director:

Willie Oliver

Associate Director:

Elaine Oliver

Health Ministries

Director:

Peter N Landless

Ministerial Association

Secretary:

Ramon J Canals

Associate Secretary:

Aurora Canals

Planned Giving and Trust Services

Director:

Dennis R Carlson

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Director:

Ganoune H Diop

Publishing Ministries

Director:

Almir M Marroni

Sabbath School and Personal Ministries

Director:

James M Howard

Stewardship Ministries

Director:

Marcos F Bomfim

Women's Ministries

Director:

Heather-Dawn K Small

Youth Ministries

Director:

Sibusiso B Khumalo

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Jerry N Page, delegate from the General Conference.

Hensley M Mooroooven, Chair

Erton C Kohler, Chair

Elbert Kuhn, Secretary

Hensley M Mooroooven, Actions Editor

Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

SEVENTH BUSINESS MEETING
Sixty-First General Conference Session
St Louis, Missouri
June 8, 2022, 9:15 a.m.

Ella S Simmons, Chair, called to order the seventh meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

Prayer was offered by Solomon Maphosa, delegate from the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

ELECTIONBUDDY VOTING SOFTWARE

Hensley M Mooroven, Undersecretary of the General Conference, led out in the calibration vote using the ElectionBuddy voting software.

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205-22GS GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To divide the question on the motion, General Conference Executive Committee - Constitution and Bylaws, Sec. 1, into 2 parts (item 207).

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205-22GSa GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the item, General Conference Executive Committee - Constitution and Bylaws, Section 1 (first part).

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HMM

205-22GSa GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment allows for removal from membership on the General
Conference Executive Committee “for cause.”

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article
XIII—General Conference Executive Committee, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. a. During the intervals between sessions of the General - No change

b. The General Conference Executive Committee shall - No change

c. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have power to elect
or remove, for cause, officers, directors, and associate directors of departments/associations/
services and committee members, and to fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in
its offices, boards, committees, or agents due to death, resignation, or other reasons. The phrase
“for cause,” when used in connection with removal from an elected or appointed position, or
from membership on the General Conference Executive Committee, shall include but not be
limited to 1) incompetence; 2) persistent failure to cooperate with duly constituted authority in
substantive matters and with relevant employment and denominational policies; 3) actions which
may be the subject of discipline under the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*; 4) failure to
maintain regular standing as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. [See 202-22GSb]

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. Any fifteen members of the General Conference Executive [See 205-22Gc]

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

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

Sec. 7. Local conference/mission/field presidents shall be invited [See 205-22Gd]

Sec. 8. Notice as to time, place, and any other requirements under [See 205-22Ge]

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Glenn C Townend, delegate from the South Pacific Division.

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205-22GSb GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the item, General Conference Executive Committee - Constitution and Bylaws, Section 1 (second part).

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205-22GSb GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment adds to the definition of “for cause,” in order to stay consistent with General Conference *Working Policy* B 45 20.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article XIII—General Conference Executive Committee, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. a. During the intervals between sessions of the General - No change

b. The General Conference Executive Committee shall - No change

c. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have power to elect or remove, for cause, officers, directors, and associate directors of departments/associations/ services and committee members, and to fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in its offices, boards, committees, or agents due to death, resignation, or other reasons. The phrase “for cause,” when used in connection with removal from an elected or appointed position, [see 205GSba] shall include but not be limited to 1) incompetence; 2) persistent failure to cooperate with duly constituted authority in substantive matters and with relevant employment and denominational policies; 3) actions which may be the subject of discipline under the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*; ~~or~~ 4) failure to maintain regular standing as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist ~~Church~~ Church; 5) theft or embezzlement; or 6) conviction of or guilty plea for a crime.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. Any fifteen members of the General Conference Executive [See 205-22Gc]

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

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

Sec. 7. Local conference/mission/field presidents shall be invited [See 205-22Gd]

Sec. 8. Notice as to time, place, and any other requirements under [See 205-22Ge]

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205-22GS_c GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment adds the executive officers to the list of elected positions requiring a quorum of 40 members and uses the term “vice presidents” which encompasses both presidents of divisions and general vice presidents.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article XIII—General Conference Executive Committee, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. a. During the intervals between sessions of the General - No change

- b. The General Conference Executive Committee shall - No change
- c. The General Conference Executive [See 205-22Ga and 205-22Gb]
- d. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change
- e. The removal from office by the General Conference - No change
- f. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change

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

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

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

Sec. 4. Any fifteen members of the General Conference Executive Committee, including an officer of the General Conference, shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee for the disposition of routine items, and shall be empowered to transact business that is in harmony with the general plans outlined by the Executive Committee. A quorum of forty members is required for the disposition of non-routine items such as major financial decisions, the dismissal of elected and appointed employees, and the election of General Conference president, secretary,

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treasurer/chief financial officer, and vice presidents. ~~presidents of divisions and of general vice presidents.~~ All meetings require notice to members as per ~~Sec. 8.~~ Sec. 7. below.

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

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

Sec. 7. Local conference/mission/field presidents shall be invited to [See 205-22Gd]

Sec. 8. Notice as to time, place, and any other requirements under [See 205-22Ge]

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205-22GSd GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the item, General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Article XIII, General Conference Executive Committee (proposed new) Section 7.

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HMM

205-22GSd GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment removes local conference/mission/field presidents from being invited to attend Annual Council meetings of the General Conference Executive Committee. The General Conference Executive Committee meetings are open for everyone to attend on-site and are generally livestreamed. Previously, such meetings were regularly held in the different world divisions once per quinquennium. At the present time, with the introduction of electronic meetings and due to budgetary constraints, meetings of the General Conference Executive Committee are mostly held at the General Conference headquarters. Local conference/mission/field presidents were invited to attend when meetings were held in their division territory. They were extended the privilege of participation in all discussions of the meeting, but without vote.

In a desire to treat all divisions equally, and with the ability to observe the meetings virtually, Art. XIII Sec. 7. is being deleted.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article XIII—General Conference Executive Committee, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. a. During the intervals between sessions of the General - No change

- b. The General Conference Executive Committee shall - No change
- c. The General Conference Executive [See 205-22Ga and 205-22Gb]
- d. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change
- e. The removal from office by the General Conference - No change
- f. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change

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

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

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

Sec. 4. Any fifteen members of the General Conference Executive [See 205-22Gc]

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

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

~~Sec. 7. Local conference/mission/field presidents shall be invited to attend Annual Council meetings of the General Conference Executive Committee when it is held within the territory of their division. Unless an executive session, which consists of members only, is called, such invitees shall be extended the privilege of participation in all discussions of the meeting, but without vote.~~

~~Sec. 8.~~ Sec. 7. Notice as to time, place, and any other requirements [See 205-22Ge]

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205-22GS_e GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment amends the notification requirements for meetings of the Executive Committee called during a General Conference Session.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article XIII—General Conference Executive Committee, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Sec. 1. a. During the intervals between sessions of the General - No change
- b. The General Conference Executive Committee shall - No change
- c. The General Conference Executive [See 205-22Ga and 205-22Gb]
- d. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change
- e. The removal from office by the General Conference - No change
- f. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change
- Sec. 2. a. A meeting of the General Conference Executive - No change
- b. A meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee - No change
- Sec. 3. A majority of the full membership of the General Conference - No change
- Sec. 4. Any fifteen members of the General Conference Executive [See 205-22Gc]
- Sec. 5. All meetings of the General Conference Executive Committee - No change
- Sec. 6. Meetings of the General Conference Executive Committee - No change
- Sec. 7. Local conference/mission/field presidents shall be invited to [See 205-22Gd]

Sec. 8. Notice as to time, place, and any other requirements under these Bylaws of all General Conference Executive Committee meetings shall be provided to all members in a reasonable manner at least three (3) days prior to the meeting if the meeting is to take place by ~~telephone~~ electronic conference or similar communications, or at least fourteen (14) days if it is to take place in person, unless the meeting is held during a General Conference Session. If General Conference Executive Committee meetings are called during a General Conference Session, notice given during a business session shall constitute notice to all members, and all other notice requirements are waived. ~~These notice requirements are waived in the case of a General Conference Executive Committee meeting convened during a General Conference Session since all General Conference Executive Committee members are expected to be in attendance at the Session.~~

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214-22GSb GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment emphasizes the security of voting practices.

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

ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Sec. 1. The General Conference shall hold quinquennial sessions at [See 214-22Ga]

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

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

Sec. 4. Generally, regular or specially called General Conference Sessions are to be held in person and onsite. However, when requested by the General Conference Executive Committee, delegates may participate by means of an electronic conference or similar communications by which all persons participating can hear each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person and attendance at such a meeting. Votes cast remotely shall have the same validity as if the delegates met and voted onsite.

Sec. 5. The election to any office enumerated in Article VI, Sec. 1. and all other voting shall be as defined by the *General Conference Rules of Order*. Voting electronically or by secret ballot must be in a manner that ensures the highest integrity, privacy, and confidentiality, as verified by General Conference Secretariat and General Conference Auditing Service, in consultation with the General Conference's legal counsel.

[Proposed new Sec. 6. See 214-22GSc.]

~~Sec. 5.~~ Sec. 7. The delegates to a General Conference Session shall be - No change

~~Sec. 6.~~ Sec. 8. Regular delegates shall represent the General Conference's - No change

~~Sec. 7.~~ Sec. 9. Regular delegates shall be allotted on the following - No change

~~Sec. 8.~~ Sec. 10. Delegates at large shall represent the General - No change

~~Sec. 9.~~ Sec. 11. Division administrations shall consult with unions to ensure - No change

~~Sec. 10.~~ Sec. 12. Credentials to sessions shall be issued by the - No change

~~Sec. 11.~~ Sec. 13. Calculations for all delegate allotments, as provided - No change

[Proposed new Sec. 14. See 214-22GSc.]

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214-22GSc GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment accomplishes the following:

1. Provides an approval process for the minutes of the General Conference Session.
2. Defines the parliamentary authority of General Conference Sessions.

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

ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Sec. 1. The General Conference shall hold quinquennial sessions at [See 214-22Ga]

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

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

Sec. 4. Generally, regular or specially called General Conference Sessions are to be held in person and onsite. However, when requested by the General Conference Executive Committee, delegates may participate by means of an electronic conference or similar communications by which all persons participating can hear each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person and attendance at such a meeting. Votes cast remotely shall have the same validity as if the delegates met and voted onsite.

[Proposed new Sec. 5. See 214-22GSb.]

Sec. 6. Minutes of the General Conference Session shall be approved at the first Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee following a regular or special session.

~~Sec. 5.~~ Sec. 7. The delegates to a General Conference Session shall be - No change

~~Sec. 6.~~ Sec. 8. Regular delegates shall represent the General Conference's - No change

~~Sec. 7.~~ Sec. 9. Regular delegates shall be allotted on the following - No change

~~Sec. 8.~~ Sec. 10. Delegates at large shall represent the General - No change

~~Sec. 9.~~ Sec. 11. Division administrations shall consult with unions to ensure - No change

~~Sec. 10.~~ Sec. 12. Credentials to sessions shall be issued by the - No change

~~Sec. 11.~~ Sec. 13. Calculations for all delegate allotments, as provided - No change

Sec. 14. Parliamentary Authority: The parliamentary authority pertaining to all rules and procedures for General Conference Sessions not covered by its constitution and bylaws shall be based on the *General Conference Rules of Order*.

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215-22GSa SESSION COMMITTEES - CONSTITUTION AND
BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment allows for Session committees to meet by electronic means.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws Article
II—Session Committees, to read as follows:

ARTICLE II—SESSION COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. At each regular session of the General Conference, such - No change

Sec. 2. Session committees may convene by means of an electronic conference or similar
communications by which all persons participating can hear each other at the same time.

~~Sec. 2.~~ Sec. 3. *Church Manual* Committee: The chair of the *Church Manual* - No change

~~Sec. 3.~~ Sec. 4. Constitution and Bylaws Committee: The chair of the - No change

~~Sec. 4.~~ Sec. 5. Nominating Committee: a. The membership of the - No change

b. The members of the Nominating Committee - No changes

c. Each group (named in Sec. 4. b. 1) and 2) above) - No change

d. Those chosen as members of the Nominating Committee [See 215-22GSb]

e. Delegates holding elected positions under the - No change

f. No delegate shall nominate more than one person - No change

g. The Nominating Committee shall elect its own chair - No change

h. The Nominating Committee shall limit its nominations - No change

i. In order to expedite the work of the Nominating - No change

~~Sec. 5.~~ Sec. 6. Steering Committee: The Steering Committee shall be - No change

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Mario A Brito, delegate from the Inter-European Division.

Ella S Simmons, Chair
Karen J Porter, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor
Joanne Stango, Recording Secretary

EIGHTH BUSINESS MEETING
Sixty-First General Conference Session
St Louis, Missouri
June 8, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION MEMBERS' MEETING

At 2:00 p.m., the General Conference Corporation members' meeting was convened, after which the business session of the General Conference Session was convened.

Artur A Steele, Chair, called to order the eighth meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #9

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference

Vice Presidents Assigned to Divisions:

Harrington Akombwa, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
Stanley E Arco, South American Division
Mario A Brito, Inter-European Division
G Alexander Bryant, North American Division
Roger O Caderma, Southern Asia-Pacific Division
Daniel Duda, Trans-European Division
Elie Henry, Inter-American Division
Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Euro-Asia Division*
Yo Han Kim, Northern Asia-Pacific Division
Ezras Lakra, Southern Asia Division
Robert Osei-Bonsu, West-Central Africa Division
Blasious M Ruguri, East-Central Africa Division
Glenn C Townend, South Pacific Division

*Due to the unusual circumstances prevailing in the Euro-Asia Division, the Euro-Asia Division caucus, General Conference Session Nominating Committee, and the General Conference executive officers recommend to the General Conference Session to extend the term of office of the three Euro-Asia Division officers until the 2022 Annual Council.

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Prayer was offered by Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference.

SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/PreC/SecC/TreC/GCDO20AC/20AC/201-20GSb/201-21GSb/
202-22GSb/22GCS to HMM

215-22GSb SESSION COMMITTEES - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment clarifies that only credentialed delegates may be members of the Session Nominating Committee and makes the language consistent with General Conference Constitution, Article V, Sec. 10.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws Article II—Session Committees, to read as follows:

ARTICLE II—SESSION COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. At each regular session of the General Conference, such - No change

Sec. 2. *Church Manual* Committee: The chair of the *Church Manual* - No change

Sec. 3. Constitution and Bylaws Committee: The chair of the - No change

Sec. 4. Nominating Committee: a. The membership of the - No change

b. The members of the Nominating Committee - No changes

c. Each group (named in Sec. 4. b. 1) and 2) above) - No change

d. Those chosen as members of the Nominating Committee must be duly credentialed delegates ~~accredited delegates in attendance~~ at the General Conference Session.

e. Delegates holding elected positions under the - No change

f. No delegate shall nominate more than one person - No change

g. The Nominating Committee shall elect its own chair - No change

h. The Nominating Committee shall limit its nominations - No change

i. In order to expedite the work of the Nominating - No change

Sec. 5. Steering Committee: The Steering Committee shall be - No change

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206-22GSa DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF ARCHIVES, STATISTICS,
AND RESEARCH - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: In June 2011, the Office of Archives and Statistics became Archives, Statistics,
and Research. This amendment is adding the research function to the description of this office.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws Article
XII—Director of Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII—DIRECTOR ~~OF OFFICE~~ OF ARCHIVES,
STATISTICS, AND RESEARCH

At the first Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee following a
regular session, the General Conference shall appoint a director ~~of Office~~ of Archives, Statistics,
and Research whose duties shall be to administer the General Conference Office of Archives,
Statistics, and Research and the records management program of the world headquarters, to
compile and report the statistics of the world ~~work~~, Church, and to conduct research projects
globally on behalf of General Conference administration, and who shall serve under the direction
of the General Conference secretary and the General Conference Executive Committee.

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21GSEb/22GCS to HMM

206-22GSEb APPOINTMENT - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
EDITORIAL AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This is an editorial amendment removing “Office” from Archives, Statistics, and
Research.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution
Article VII—Appointment, to read as follows:

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ARTICLE VII—APPOINTMENT

The following shall be appointed at the first Annual Council of the Executive Committee following a regular session: a director ~~of Office~~ of Archives, Statistics, and Research, a director and associate directors of the Biblical Research Institute, a director and research scientists of the Geoscience Research Institute, editors and associate editors for the principal denominational journals prepared at the General Conference, and any other non-departmental positions which have been established and filled by General Conference Executive Committee appointment. This Annual Council shall also appoint the membership of standing committees and various operating boards which have been established and filled by General Conference Executive Committee appointment.

ASTRCOM/Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO19AC/19AC/224-19GS/209-20GS/
209-21GS/22GCS to HMM

210-22GS USE OF “UNION MISSION” AND “LOCAL MISSION” - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS DIRECTIVE

RATIONALE: In areas where the word “mission” is a point of sensitivity which would inhibit the work of the Church, the word “section” may be substituted in the name of either a local field or a union. In such cases, it is understood that section carries the same meaning as mission and that in all cases where the Constitution and Bylaws refer to a local mission or union mission, the same also applies to a local section or union section. Another English-language alternative for a local mission is “field.”

VOTED, To approve a directive to amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, where appropriate, by including “section” as a substitution for “mission” when referencing “union mission” or “local mission/field.” For example, “union mission” would become “union mission/section,” “local mission/field” would become “local mission/field/section,” and “conference/mission/field” would become “conference/mission/field/section.”

22GCS to AAS

436-22GS NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THE ELECTION PROCESS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, Nominating Committee and the Election Process - *Church Manual* Amendment.

SEC/ChManSub/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/20AC/444-20GS/442-21GS/22GCS to GPS

442-22GS USE OF “REELECT” - *CHURCH MANUAL* DIRECTIVE

RATIONALE: Since there is no “reelection” with the church, this directive removes this terminology.

VOTED, To approve a directive to amend the *Church Manual* where appropriate, by replacing “reelect” with “elect to a new term of office.”

22GCS to AAS

437-22GSa DUTIES OF DEACONS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the item, Duties of Deacons - *Church Manual* Amendment.

MIN/ChManSub/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/ChMan/19AC/439-19GSa/439-20GSa/
437-21GSa/22GCS to GPS

437-22GSa DUTIES OF DEACONS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment encourages deacons to assist members with special needs.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 79, Duties of Deacons, to read as follows:

Duties of Deacons—The work of deacons involves a wide range of services for the church, including:

1. Assistance at Services and Meetings—Deacons are usually - No change
2. Visitation of Members—In many ~~churches~~ churches, visitation is arranged by distributing membership by districts and assigning a deacon to each district with the expectation that he will visit each home at least once a quarter.

Deacons should also assist members with special needs. It is important to learn how to effectively communicate with them and where needed church facilities and transportation should

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be made accessible. When those with special needs are not able to attend services, they should be visited in their homes.

3. Preparation for Baptismal Services—Deacons make necessary - No change
4. Assistance at Communion Service—At the service of foot - No change
5. Care of the Sick and Aiding the Poor and Unfortunate—Deacons - No change
6. Care and Maintenance of Property—In churches where the responsibility for the care and maintenance of church property is not assigned to a building committee, deacons and deaconesses have this responsibility. ~~(See Notes, #3, p. 173.)~~ (See Notes, #4, pp. 173-174.)

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437-22GSb DUTIES OF DEACONESSSES - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment encourages deaconesses to visit members and to assist members with special needs.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 81, Duties of Deaconesses, to read as follows:

Duties of Deaconesses—Deaconesses serve the church in a wide variety of activities, including:

1. Greeting and Visiting Guests and Members—In many - No change
2. Visitation of Members—In many churches, visitation is arranged by distributing membership by districts and assigning a deaconess to each district with the expectation that she will visit each home at least once a quarter.

Deaconesses should also assist members with special needs. It is important to learn how to effectively communicate with them and where needed church facilities and transportation should be made accessible. When those with special needs are not able to attend services, they should be visited in their homes.

- ~~2.~~ 3. Assistance at Baptisms—Deaconesses ensure that female candidates - No change

- ~~3.~~ 4. Arrangements for the Communion Service—Deaconesses and - No change
- ~~4.~~ 5. The Care of the Sick and the Poor—Deaconesses assist deacons in - No change
- ~~5.~~ 6. Care and Maintenance of Property—In churches where the - No change

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to GPS

437-22GSc ORGANIZING A COMPANY - *CHURCH MANUAL*
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: Since a company does not ordain deacons and deaconesses, this amendment provides guidance for these leadership positions.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 5, Organizing, Uniting, and Dissolving Churches and Companies, pages 37 and 38, Organizing a Company, to read as follows:

Organizing a Company

Where a number of isolated believers reside near one another or where they belong to a small group, house church, or church planting core group, they should consider forming a company of believers for fellowship, worship, and mission with the objective of growing into an organized church or multiplying house churches in that geographical area.

Company status is approved by vote of the conference committee, which, should it become necessary, may subsequently dissolve the company. The division and/or conference should have written guidelines for organizing companies within its territory.

Church members who are part of small groups or house groups may form the nucleus of a new company. Membership of all those who want to be part of a company should be held in either the conference church or a local church (mother church). If membership for those who want to be part of a company is to be held in the conference church, the conference committee will vote their membership transfers to the conference church and indicate that they are part of the new company.

When the conference committee approves establishment of a company, a leadership team should be appointed, including a leader, a clerk, and a treasurer. The appointment should be

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carried out by the district pastor, or other pastor appointed by the conference committee, in counsel with the group being established as a company.

All other company appointments should be made by vote of those who are part of the group that is forming the company. The district pastor or other person authorized by the conference committee shall preside at such a meeting. Only members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in regular standing shall be appointed.

The leader of a company shall not be ordained to that office and does not have the authority to perform those functions that are vested in an elder of a church. However, where exceptional circumstances warrant, the conference committee may appoint a person of church experience and leadership ability to serve as elder of the company.

Since ordination does not take place in companies, deacons and deaconesses should not be elected, but men and women should be voted in the local congregation as “company assistants.” Their duties will be similar to those performed by the deacons and deaconesses of organized churches where activities do not require ordination. (See p. 79.)

The clerk of the company shall keep record of all activities and meetings of the company and shall send regular statistical reports to the mother church or the conference executive secretary. These reports should include statistics on attendance and activities of the company, including outreach ministries conducted during the week or on Sabbath.

The treasurer of the company shall keep record of all money received and disbursed and shall send promptly, at the time established by the conference, all tithes and offerings, other than funds collected for local purposes, to the conference treasurer, who also is treasurer of the conference church.

If the members of an organized company are members of the conference church, the company does not possess the right to administer discipline or transfer or receive members. All such matters must be referred to the conference committee, which constitutes the board of the conference church. The conference president is the elder of the conference church.

If the conference organizes a company through a neighboring mother church instead of through the conference church, the functions listed above (such as reporting and membership) would be cared for by/through the mother church.

Since a company should want to grow and eventually be recognized as a church, its leadership should prepare members for church status by promoting all activities generally carried on by a church.

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425-22GS SPIRIT OF PROPHECY WRITINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL*
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the item, Spirit of Prophecy Writings - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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425-21GS/22GCS to GPS

425-22GS SPIRIT OF PROPHECY WRITINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL*
ADDITION

RATIONALE: This addition to the *Church Manual* emphasizes the importance of the Spirit of Prophecy and creates the position of a Spirit of Prophecy Writings Coordinator in the church.

VOTED, To add a new section, Spirit of Prophecy, to the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, following Personal Ministries, on page 102, to read as follows:

Spirit of Prophecy Writings

The Scriptures testify that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and we believe it was manifested in the ministry of Ellen G. White. Her writings speak with prophetic authority and provide comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction to the Church. They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. (Num. 12:6; 2 Chron. 20:20; Amos 3:7; Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:14-21; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 12:17; 19:10; 22:8, 9.)

Spirit of Prophecy Writings Coordinator—The church elects a Spirit of Prophecy writings coordinator with the responsibility of promoting the importance and right use of the Spirit of Prophecy writings, in collaboration with the publishing ministries coordinator.

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443-22GS YOUTH MINISTRIES - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, Youth Ministries - *Church Manual* Amendment.

TED/ChManSub/BRI/ChManSub/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/18AC/420-18GS/420-19GS/
420-20GS/419-21GS/22GCS to GPS

419-22GS NO WALL OF PARTITION (CHURCH OF THE LIVING
GOD) - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment adds a direct quotation from the referenced text.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 2, Church of the Living God, pages 20
and 21, No Wall of Partition, to read as follows:

No Wall of Partition

Christ sought by precept and example to teach the truth that with God there was to be no dividing wall between Israel and other nations (John 4:4-42; 10:16; Luke 9:51-56; Matt. 15:21-28). The apostle Paul writes, “The Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel” (Eph. 3:6).

Nor is there to be among Christ’s followers any preference of caste or nationality or race or color, for all are of one blood. The elect of God are a universal ~~brotherhood~~, body, a new humanity, ~~“all saved by the blood of Christ, which is available to all. “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus”~~ (Gal. 3:28).

“Christ came to this earth with a message of mercy and forgiveness. He laid the foundation for a religion by which Jew and Gentile, black and white, free and bond, are linked together in one common brotherhood, recognized as equal in the sight of God. The Savior has a boundless love for every human being.”—7T 225.

“No distinction on account of nationality, race, or caste is recognized by God. He is the Maker of all mankind. All men are of one family by creation, and all are one through redemption. Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, to throw open every compartment of the temple, that every soul may have free access to God. . . . In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free. All are brought nigh by His precious blood.”—COL 386.

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401-22GS MEMBERSHIP RECORD - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not refer the item, Membership Record - *Church Manual* Amendment, back to the *Church Manual* Committee.

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401-22GS MEMBERSHIP RECORD - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the item, Membership Record - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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401-22GS MEMBERSHIP RECORD - *CHURCH MANUAL*
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment removes the confusing term, “retired membership list,” and clarifies that there should only be one membership record.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 6, Membership, page 55, Membership Record, to read as follows:

Membership Record—The church should have one current, regularly updated membership record. Names are added or removed only on the vote of the church, at death, or at the member’s request. (See pp. 81, 82.) ~~church or at death. (See pp. 81, 82.) Under no circumstances should a church keep a retired membership list.~~

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Claude J Richli, Secretary of the business session.

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Artur A Steele, Chair
Claude J Richli, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

NINTH BUSINESS MEETING
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June 8, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Evaldino Jose Almeida Ramos, delegate from the South American Division.

Abner De los Santos, Chair, called to order the ninth meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

SEC/ChManSub/ChMan/417-17GS/ChManSub/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/18AC/416-18GS/416-19GS/416-20GS/415-21GS/22GCS to GPS

415-22GS CHURCH BOARD CANNOT REMOVE MEMBERS -
CHURCH MANUAL AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment simplifies the language of this section.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 7, Discipline, page 65, Church Board Cannot Remove Members, to read as follows:

Church Board Cannot Remove Members—The board may recommend to a business meeting the removal of members, but under no circumstance does the board have the right to take final action, except to record removal at death or at the member's request. (See pp. 55, 66, 81-82.) ~~action. Except in the case of the death of members, the clerk can remove a name from the records only after a vote of the church in a business meeting.~~

NomCom22GCS/22GCS to ECK

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #10

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

East-Central Africa Division

Secretary: Musa G Mitekaro
Treasurer: Jerome Habimana

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Euro-Asia Division

Secretary: Viktor Alyeksyeyenko*
Treasurer: Vladimir I Tkachuk*

Inter-American Division

Secretary: Leonard A Johnson
Treasurer: Filiberto M Verduzco Avila

Inter-European Division

Secretary: Barna Magyarosi
Treasurer: Norbert G Zens

North American Division

Secretary: Kyoshin Ahn
Treasurer: C Randolph Robinson

Northern-Asia Pacific Division

Secretary: Hiroshi Yamaji
Treasurer: Joel D Tompkins

South American Division

Secretary: Edward Heidinger
Treasurer: Marlon de Souza Lopes

South Pacific Division

Secretary: Michael B Sikuri
Treasurer: J Francois Keet

Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Secretary: Gideon P Reyneke
Treasurer: Hopekings K Ngomba

Southern Asia Division

Secretary: Chinta John Victor
Treasurer: Riches Christian

Southern Asia-Pacific Division

Secretary: Wendell W Mandolang
Treasurer: Jacinto Adap

Trans-European Division

Secretary: Robert C Csizmadia
Treasurer: Nenad Jepuranovic

West-Central Africa Division

Secretary: Selom Kwasi Sessou
Treasurer: Markus Mussa Dangana

*Due to the unusual circumstances prevailing in the Euro-Asia Division, the Euro-Asia Division caucus, General Conference Session Nominating Committee, and the General Conference executive officers recommend to the General Conference Session to extend the term of office of the three Euro-Asia Division officers until the 2022 Annual Council.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #11

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference

Communication
Associate Director:
Samuel H Neves

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Education

Associate Directors:

Hudson E Kibuuka

Julian Melgosa

John Wesley Taylor V

Richard A Sabuin

Health Ministries

Associate Directors:

Zeno L Charles-Marcel

Katia Reinert

Torben Bergland

Ministerial Association

Associate Secretaries:

Pavel Goia

Jeffrey O Brown

Robert Costa

Anthony R Kent

Planned Giving and Trust Services

Associate Director:

Scot T Coppock

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Associate Directors:

Nelu Burcea

Jennifer G Woods

Publishing Ministries

Associate Director:

Stephen R Apola

Sabbath School and Personal Ministries

Associate Director:

Justin Kim

Stewardship Ministries

Associate Director:

Aniel Barbe

Women's Ministries
Associate Director:
Nilde Itin

Youth Ministries
Associate Directors:
Pako E Mokgwane
Andres J Peralta

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to GPS

430-22GSa ADVENTIST POSSIBILITY MINISTRIES - *CHURCH*
MANUAL ADDITION

RATIONALE: This addition to the *Church Manual* emphasizes the importance of including all church members in ministry.

VOTED, To add a new section, Adventist Possibility Ministries, to the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, following Departments and Other Organizations, on page 87, to read as follows:

Adventist Possibility Ministries

The Adventist Possibility Ministries initiative was established to extend the compassionate and inclusive ministry of Jesus and seeks to inspire, equip, and mobilize those with special needs and those who are deaf. These opportunities are defined as deafness, blindness, physical mobility limitations, and mental/social development. It also includes ministry for orphans and vulnerable children, widows and widowers, and caregivers. The goal is to foster understanding with the exploration of ministry possibilities for those with special needs and the Deaf.

All are in search of wholeness. All are gifted, needed, and treasured. All are created in the image of God with an inherent dignity regardless of any limitation they may have. This global initiative encompasses a ministry for those with special needs and the Deaf, along with seeking opportunities to minister *with* them. While some disadvantages may be present, greater emphasis is placed upon their possibilities. This educational mission of the Church strategically gives focus to three main values: *awareness* of needs; *acceptance* of the individuals who are deaf or who have special needs; and the development of specific *action* plans to be implemented to provide opportunities for these individuals to find purpose and fulfillment in life and ministry.

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The following statement by Ellen G. White underscores the importance of this work, “I saw that it is in the providence of God that widows and orphans, the blind, the Deaf, the lame, and persons afflicted in a variety of ways, have been placed in close Christian relationship to His church; it is to prove His people and develop their true character. Angels of God are watching to see how we treat these persons who need our sympathy, love, and disinterested benevolence. This is God’s test of our character.”—3T 511.

The Deaf as a Unique Culture—The Deaf are internationally recognized as having their own set of social beliefs, behaviors, art, history, literary traditions, values, and languages just as other cultures. While they are often considered as having “special needs,” the Church recognizes their deafness as more of a cultural characteristic than of a disability.

Adventist Possibility Ministries Leader—It is recommended that the board appoint a local possibility ministries leader. While it is preferable for the leader to have direct experience or education with possibility ministries, it is not mandatory. It is best if the leadership for this ministry is chosen from within the groups they represent. While working together with other leaders, it is critical that planning be done by the groups themselves. This is done so they may serve God and community as expressed in the mission statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is imperative for the leader to be compassionate, and to serve with an approach that fosters empowerment and participation.

Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee—The church board should establish a committee for possibility ministries to encourage members with special needs and to learn how to effectively communicate with them. It should create witnessing programs, recommend how to make church facilities more accessible, help solve transportation problems, and recommend ways to assist in the discovery of roles or ministries that bring a sense of meaning and fulfillment. The committee is chaired by the possibility ministries leader(s). If not serving as the chairperson, the pastor should be an ex officio member.

Resources—For possibility ministries resources, see Notes #9, pp. 175.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Elbert Kuhn, Secretary of the business session.

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Abner De los Santos, Chair
Elbert Kuhn, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor
Joanne Stango, Recording Secretary

TENTH BUSINESS MEETING
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St Louis, Missouri
June 9, 2022, 9:15 a.m.

Guillermo E Biaggi, Chair, called to order the tenth meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

Prayer was offered by Matthew A Bediako, delegate from the General Conference.

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430-22GSb MINISTRY TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES - *CHURCH*
MANUAL DELETION

RATIONALE: A new section on Adventist Possibility Ministries is being added resulting in this section being deleted.

VOTED, To delete from the *Church Manual* the section, Ministry to People with Disabilities, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 102, which reads as follows:

Ministry to People With Disabilities—This ministry functions under the personal ministries council and develops programs for members and others with disabilities. It should create witnessing programs, recommend how to make church facilities more accessible, help solve transportation problems, and recommend ways to involve members with disabilities. The coordinator of Ministry to People With Disabilities serves as a liaison with organizations providing services for people with disabilities, such as Christian Record Services, and promotes Christian Record Services programs.

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429-22GSa MAKING DISCIPLES - *CHURCH MANUAL*
ADDITION

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, Making Disciples - *Church Manual* Addition.

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22GCS to GEB

429-22GSb DISCIPLESHIP (CHURCH BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS) -
CHURCH MANUAL AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, Discipleship (Church Board and Its Meetings) -
Church Manual Amendment.

ChManSub/SEC/ChManSub/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/19AC/430-19GSb/430-20GSb/
429-21GSb/22GCS to GPS

429-22GSb DISCIPLESHIP (CHURCH BOARD AND ITS
MEETINGS) - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment makes the wording of this section consistent with the new mission statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as voted by the 2018 Annual Council.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 10, Services and Other Meetings, page 130, Discipleship, to read as follows:

Making Disciples—The mission of the Church is to 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). The purpose of the Church as the body of Christ is to intentionally make disciples so that they continue in an active and fruitful relationship with Christ and His Church. ~~Discipleship—The purpose of the Church as the body of Christ is to intentionally disciple members, so that they continue in an active and fruitful relationship with Christ and His Church.~~

~~Discipleship~~ Disciple-making is based on an ongoing, lifelong relationship with Jesus. The believer commits to “abiding in Christ” (John 15:8), to being trained for fruitful discipleship by sharing Jesus with others, as well as to leading other members to also be faithful disciples.

The Church, individually and collectively, shares responsibility for ensuring that every church member remains part of the body of Christ.

22GCS to GEB

432-22GS FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS -
CHURCH MANUAL AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, Fundamental Rights of the Members - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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432-22GS FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment clarifies that written notice should be given prior to both the church board meeting and church business meeting before voting to discipline a member.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 7, Discipline, page 65, Fundamental Rights of the Members, to read as follows:

Fundamental Rights of the Members—Members have a fundamental right to prior notification of the disciplinary ~~meeting~~ meetings (see p. 128) and the right to be heard in their own defense, introduce evidence, and produce witnesses. No church should vote to discipline a member under circumstances that deprive the member of these rights. Written notice must be given at least two weeks before the ~~meeting~~ church board meeting and two weeks before the business meeting and include the reasons for the disciplinary hearing.

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416-22GS SABBATHKEEPING - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment adds a direct quotation from the referenced text.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 12, Standards of Christian Living, pages 144 and 145, Sabbathkeeping, to read as follows:

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Sabbathkeeping

The Sabbath is a token of God's love to humanity. It is a memorial of God's power in the original creation and also a sign of His power to re-create and sanctify our lives (Eze. 20:12), and its observance is an evidence of our loyalty to Him and of our fellowship with Him.

The Sabbath holds a special place in our lives. The seventh day of the week, from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday (Lev. 23:32), is a gift from God, a sign of His grace in time. It is a privilege, a special appointment with the One who loves us and whom we love, a sacred time set aside by God's eternal law, a day of delight for worshipping God and sharing with others (Isa. 58:13). We welcome the Sabbath with joy and gratitude.

"The Sabbath—oh!—make it the sweetest, the most blessed day of the whole week."—FLB 36.

"The Sabbath . . . is God's time, not ours; when we trespass upon it we are stealing from God. . . . God has given us the whole of six days in which to do our work, and has reserved only one to Himself. This should be a day of blessing to us—a day when we should lay aside all our secular matters and center our thoughts upon God and heaven. . . .

"We are not to teach our children that they must not be happy on the Sabbath, that it is wrong to walk out of doors. Oh, no. Christ led His disciples out by the lakeside on the Sabbath day and taught them. His sermons on the Sabbath were not always preached within enclosed walls."—HP 152.

"God's love has set a limit to the demands of toil. Over the Sabbath He places His merciful hand. In His own day He preserves for the family opportunity for communion with Him, with nature, and with one another."—Ed 251.

The Sabbath hours belong to God and are to be used for Him alone. Honor God by "not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words" on the Sabbath day (Isa. 58:13 NIV). ~~Our own pleasure, words, business, and thoughts should find no place in the observance of the Lord's day (Isa. 58:13).~~ Let us gather in the family circle at sunset and welcome the Sabbath with prayer and song, and let us close the day with prayer and expressions of gratitude for His wondrous love. The Sabbath is a special day for worship in our homes and churches, a day of joy to ourselves and our children, a day in which we can learn more of God through the Bible and the great lesson book of nature. It is a time we can visit the sick and work for the salvation of souls. We should lay aside the ordinary affairs of the six working days and perform no unnecessary work. We should not let secular media occupy our time on God's holy day.

“The Sabbath is not intended to be a period of useless inactivity. The law forbids secular labor on the rest day of the Lord; the toil that gains a livelihood must cease; no labor for worldly pleasure or profit is lawful upon that day; but as God ceased His labor of creating, and rested upon the Sabbath and blessed it, so man is to leave the occupations of his daily life, and devote those sacred hours to healthful rest, to worship, and to holy deeds.”—DA 207.

A program of activities in harmony with the spirit of true Sabbathkeeping will make this blessed day the happiest and best of all the week for ourselves and for our children—a veritable foretaste of our heavenly rest.

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428-22GS PREMARITAL EDUCATION/COUNSELING - *CHURCH*
MANUAL AMENDMENT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the item, Premarital Education/Counseling - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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22GCS to GPS

428-22GS PREMARITAL EDUCATION/COUNSELING - *CHURCH*
MANUAL ADDITION

RATIONALE: This addition to the *Church Manual* emphasizes the importance of premarital education/counseling.

VOTED, To add a new section, Premarital Education/Counseling, to the *Church Manual*, Chapter 13, Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage, following Courtship, on page 154, to read as follows:

Premarital Education/Counseling

Considering that marriage is the most important and challenging of all relationships, premarital education/counseling is designed to help couples planning to marry to be better prepared for this important step in their lives. The main purpose of premarital education/counseling is to prepare couples for the challenges they will encounter in married life. Premarital education/counseling is also to strengthen and improve the future happiness of married couples and reduce the potential rate of divorce. Premarital education/counseling should be offered by a

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professional counselor or specifically trained individuals, including specifically trained spiritual leaders. (For more detailed information regarding premarital education/counseling see the *Elder's Handbook*.)

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439-22GS PURPOSES OF ORGANIZATION - *CHURCH MANUAL*
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, Purposes of Organization - *Church Manual* Amendment.

PRE/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/19AC/442-19GS/442-20GS/440-21GS/22GCS to GPS

440-22GS CHURCH BOARD CANNOT GRANT LETTERS -
CHURCH MANUAL AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment allows the church business meeting to be informed of a member's request to be removed from membership.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 6, Membership, page 54, Church Board Cannot Grant Letters, to read as follows:

Church Board Cannot Grant Letters—A board has no authority to vote letters of transfer or to receive members by letter. The board's authority is limited to making recommendations to the church. Action on all transfers of membership, favorable or otherwise, must be taken by the church. (See pp. 51, 52.) The clerk has no authority to remove names from or add names to the membership record except by vote of the church, unless a member requests in writing to be removed from church membership, in which case the church board must act on the request. The church may be informed of the member's request, but no discussion will take place. Efforts should be made to restore the individual to the church family. When a member dies, the clerk records the date of death in the membership record, and no action by the church is necessary.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Rudy R Baloyo, delegate from the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.

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Guillermo E Biaggi, Chair
Gary D Krause, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

ELEVENTH BUSINESS MEETING
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St Louis, Missouri
June 9, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Thomas L Lemon, General Vice President of the General Conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION MEMBERS' MEETING

At 2:00 p.m., the General Conference Corporation members' meeting was convened, after which the business session of the General Conference Session was convened.

Geoffrey G Mbwana, Chair, called to order the eleventh meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES PROJECT

Artur A Steele, General Vice President of the General Conference, introduced a video that was shown to the delegates. The book entitled *The Three Angels' Messages* was distributed to the delegates.

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120-22GS RESOLUTION ON THE HOLY BIBLE

VOTED, To refer the motion, "Resolution on the Holy Bible," to the General Conference Administrative Committee.

22GCS to GGM

121-22GS STATEMENT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE WRITINGS
OF ELLEN G WHITE

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, Statement of Confidence in the Writings of Ellen G White.

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121-22GS STATEMENT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE WRITINGS
OF ELLEN G WHITE

VOTED, To not refer the motion, “Statement of Confidence in the Writings of Ellen G White,” to the General Conference Administrative Committee.

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121-22GS STATEMENT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE WRITINGS
OF ELLEN G WHITE

VOTED, To table the motion on the item, Statement of Confidence in the Writings of Ellen G White.

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120-22GS RESOLUTION ON THE HOLY BIBLE

VOTED, To cease debate on the motion to reconsider on the item, Resolution on the Holy Bible.

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120-22GS RESOLUTION ON THE HOLY BIBLE

VOTED, To reconsider the referral of the motion on the item, Resolution on the Holy Bible.

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120-22GS RESOLUTION ON THE HOLY BIBLE

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, Resolution on the Holy Bible.

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120-22GS RESOLUTION ON THE HOLY BIBLE

VOTED, To not refer the motion on the item, Resolution on the Holy Bible, to the General Conference Administrative Committee.

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VOTED, To cease debate on the item, Resolution on the Holy Bible.

Prayer was offered by Mark A Finley, Assistant to the President of the General Conference.

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120-22GS RESOLUTION ON THE HOLY BIBLE

VOTED, To approve the Resolution on the Holy Bible, which reads as follows:

RESOLUTION ON THE HOLY BIBLE

As delegates to the 2022 General Conference Session in St Louis, Missouri, we express our conviction that the Bible is the inspired and revealed Word of God. Through the Holy Scriptures, God has revealed Himself and His will to humanity. The whole Bible is inspired and must be understood as a whole in order to arrive at correct conclusions as to the truth on any revealed topic. The Bible is reliable in what it affirms. Its record of creation in six literal days, the fall of human beings, a global flood to destroy wickedness and preserve a remnant, Christ's earthly life, death, and resurrection, as well as God's numerous interventions in history for the salvation of human beings are trustworthy reports of God's acts in history (Luke 24:27; Heb 1:1, 2; 2 Pet 1:21). Prophetically, the fulfillment of predicted events in accordance with prophetic time periods establishes confidence in the Bible as a unique witness to divine truth unlike any other religious book (Isa 46:9, 10; Dan 2, 7, 8; Luke 24:44; 2 Pet 1:19, 20).

We believe that the Bible is the prophetic Word of God and through the prophets of the Old Testament, the apostles of the New Testament, and especially through His Son, Jesus Christ,

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God has revealed how He will act for the salvation of human beings and execute judgment on wickedness.

We commit ourselves to prayerfully study and follow the Bible, the living and effective Word of God. It is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. It stands forever as a witness to God's will, His law, His thoughts, and His purposes for human beings and for our world, and contains the treasures of eternal wisdom and grace (Isa 40:8; 1 Thess 2:13; 2 Tim 3:16, 17). Its principles and teachings are applicable in all times, all places, all languages, and all cultures for all people. It speaks credibly and relevantly today as it has in the past and will continue to speak as long as time shall last.

We also believe that the Bible leads us to a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ. And by the Holy Spirit the Bible speaks directly to each person to reveal the plan of salvation and restore believers into the image of God. Thus, the Bible stands as the norm for all religious experience inasmuch as it reveals and teaches the truth and explains how its effects are manifested on the intellect, feelings, and affections (Heb 4:12; Gal 5:22-23).

We express our deep gratitude to the Lord because in the Scriptures we find hope to live amidst the challenges of the world. The Bible tells of God's plan to bestow immortality on His people at the second coming of Christ and ultimately, after the millennium in heaven, to put an end to sin and sinners forever and establish righteousness in the new earth (Ps 119:105; Rom 15:4; Heb 4:12; James 1:18).

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121-22GS STATEMENT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE WRITINGS
OF ELLEN G WHITE

VOTED, To take from the table the motion, Statement of Confidence in the Writings of Ellen G White.

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121-22GS STATEMENT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE WRITINGS
OF ELLEN G WHITE

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, Statement of Confidence in the Writings of Ellen G White.

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125-20GS/119-21GS/22GCS to AAS

121-22GS STATEMENT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE WRITINGS OF
ELLEN G WHITE

VOTED, To approve the Statement of Confidence in the Writings of Ellen G White,
which reads as follows:

STATEMENT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE
WRITINGS OF ELLEN G WHITE

As delegates to the 2022 General Conference Session in St Louis, Missouri, we express our deep gratitude for God’s prophetic guidance of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Aiming to live “by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matt 4:4, NKJV; cf. Luke 10:16), we take seriously the biblical passages that teach the abiding nature of the gift of prophecy (Rom 12:6; 1 Cor 12:10, 28; Eph 4:11-14) and promise its end-time manifestation (Joel 2:28-31; Rev 12:17; 19:10; 22:9). We recognize the gift of prophecy in the life and ministry of Ellen G White (1827-1915).

We believe that the writings of Ellen G White were inspired by the Holy Spirit and are Christ centered and Bible based. Rather than replacing Scripture, they uplift its normative character, safeguard the Church from “every wind of doctrine” (Eph 4:14), and offer an inspired guide to Bible passages without exhausting their meaning or preventing further study. They also help us to overcome the human tendency to accept from the Bible what we like and to distort or disregard what we do not like.

We commit ourselves to prayerfully study the writings of Ellen G White with hearts willing to follow the counsels and instructions found therein. Whether individually, in the family, in small groups, in the classroom, or in the church, we believe that the study of her writings brings us closer to God and His infallible Word—the Scriptures—providing us a transforming and faith-uplifting experience.

We rejoice in the Lord for what has already been accomplished in the global and local circulation of the writings of Ellen G White in both printed and electronic formats, including egwwritings.org and related apps. We encourage the continued development of both worldwide and local strategies to foster the circulation and study of her writings in as many languages as possible. The study of these writings is a powerful means to strengthen and prepare God’s people to face the challenges of these last days as we approach Christ’s soon return.

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BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS: AN ADVENTIST APPROACH

Frank M Hasel, Associate Director of the Biblical Research Institute, presented a book entitled *Biblical Hermeneutics: An Adventist Approach*. He explained that the book has been translated into several languages and indicated several ways to obtain it.

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204-22GS GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, General Conference Executive Committee - Constitution and Bylaws Amendment.

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ADCOM/SecC/GCDO19AC/19AC/203-19GS/203-20GS/203-21GS/Con&By(St Louis)/22GCS
to HMM

204-22GS GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment accomplishes the following:

1. Removes Christian Record Services from the list of General Conference-sponsored entities, as it is now sponsored by the North American Division.
2. Clarifies that the position of editor for *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* is the same person.
3. Defines the term “frontline employee” with the use of examples.
4. Provides an approval process for the minutes of the General Conference Executive Committee, including Annual Council and Spring Meeting.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution Article VIII—General Conference Executive Committee, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee of the General Conference shall consist of:

- a. Ex Officio Members—
 - 1) Those elected as provided for in - No change
 - 2) Presidents of unions, past presidents of the General - No change
 - 3) The president-executive director of each of the following organizations provided the respective organization remains classified as a General Conference-sponsored entity: Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Adventist Risk Management, Adventist University of Africa, Adventist World Radio, Andrews University, ~~Christian Record Services~~, Hope Channel, Loma Linda University Health, Review and Herald Publishing Association.
 - 4) The editor of each of the following publications: ~~Adventist Review~~, ~~Adventist World~~, Adventist Review/Adventist World, Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide, Ministry.
 - 5) The director of each of the following - No change
 - 6) The president and board chair of Ellen G White - No change
- b. Elected Members—
 - 1) Three laypersons and one church pastor from each division without regard to membership size up to 500,000 members. One additional church pastor or other ~~frontline denominational employee~~ denominational employee, with direct mission contact, such as Bible worker, health care professional, literature evangelist, teacher, etc., for each additional 500,000 members or major portion thereof. The above laypersons, pastors, and other denominational employees shall be selected by each division executive committee from individuals recommended by the union executive committees and shall be Seventh-day Adventists in regular standing.
 - 2) No fewer than fifteen and no more than twenty - No change
 - 3) No fewer than fifteen and no more than twenty - No change

Sec. 2. Minutes of the General Conference Executive Committee, including those of Annual Council and Spring Meeting, shall be approved at the next meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee, after such minutes have been circulated electronically to the Executive Committee members.

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214-22GSa GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate on the item, General Conference Executive Committee -
Constitution and Bylaws Amendment.

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SecC/GCDO19AC/19AC/201-19GS/SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/PreC/SecC/TreC/GCDO20AC/
SEC/ADCOM(Steering)/20AC/201-20GSa/201-21GSa/22GCS(Special)/Con&By/ADCOM/
Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO22SM/22SM/202-22GSa/Con&By(St Louis)/22GCS to HMM

214-22GSa GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS - CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment allows the General Conference Executive Committee to review
and extend the postponement of General Conference Sessions and determine the timing for a
subsequent Session after a postponement.

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

ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Sec. 1. The General Conference shall hold quinquennial sessions at such time and place
as the General Conference Executive Committee shall designate and announce by a notice
published in the *Adventist Review* or *Adventist World* or other publications voted by the General
Conference Executive Committee in three consecutive months beginning at least four months
before the date for the opening of the Session. In case special world conditions make it
imperative to postpone the calling of the Session, the General Conference Executive Committee,
in regular or special council, shall have authority to make such postponement, not to exceed two
years giving notice to all constituent organizations. In the event that the General Conference
Executive Committee exercises its authority to postpone a Session, it shall also have the
authority to set the subsequent regular Session at such time and place as it shall see fit, not to
exceed five calendar years from the date the postponed Session was convened.

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

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

Sec. 4. Generally, regular or specially called General Conference Sessions are to be held in person and onsite. However, when requested by the General Conference Executive Committee, delegates may participate by means of an electronic conference or similar communications by which all persons participating can hear each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person and attendance at such a meeting. Votes cast remotely shall have the same validity as if the delegates met and voted onsite.

[Proposed new Sec. 5. See 214-22GSb.]

[Proposed new Sec. 6. See 214-22GSc.]

~~Sec. 5.~~ Sec. 7. The delegates to a General Conference Session shall be - No change

~~Sec. 6.~~ Sec. 8. Regular delegates shall represent the General Conference's - No change

~~Sec. 7.~~ Sec. 9. Regular delegates shall be allotted on the following - No change

~~Sec. 8.~~ Sec. 10. Delegates at large shall represent the General - No change

~~Sec. 9.~~ Sec. 11. Division administrations shall consult with unions to ensure - No change

~~Sec. 10.~~ Sec. 12. Credentials to sessions shall be issued by the - No change

~~Sec. 11.~~ Sec. 13. Calculations for all delegate allotments, as provided - No change

[Proposed new Sec. 14. See 214-22GSc.]

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Raquel C Arrais, delegate from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

Geoffrey G Mbwana, Chair
Elbert Kuhn, Secretary
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor
Joanne Stango, Recording Secretary

TWELFTH BUSINESS MEETING
Sixty-First General Conference Session
St Louis, Missouri
June 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Thomas L Lemon, Chair, called to order the twelfth meeting of the 2022 General Conference Session.

Prayer was offered by Stanley Botti Fernandes, delegate from the South American Division.

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427-22GS BUSINESS MEETINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment clarifies some of the organizational aspects of the church business meeting.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 10, Services and Other Meetings, page 128, Business Meetings, to read as follows:

Business Meetings

The local church operates within defined roles in Seventh-day Adventist Church structure. Within the context of those roles, the business meeting is the constituency meeting of the local church. (See p. 27) Members in regular standing are encouraged to attend and are entitled to vote. A member under censure has no right to participate by voice or vote.

Business meetings shall be held at least once a year. The pastor, or the board in consultation with and support of the pastor, calls the meeting. Business meetings should be typically ~~typically~~ are announced a week or two in advance at the regular Sabbath worship service, with detail as to time and place. The pastor, an elder ~~arranged~~ chosen by the pastor, or, in some cases, the conference president, or his designee, serves as chairperson of the business meeting.

Each church decides what the quorum will be for future meetings.

Votes by proxy or letter are not permitted.

Major items should be decided at a regular or specially called business meeting.

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The business meeting has authority over the board and may delegate responsibilities to the board in addition to those already assigned by the *Church Manual*. (See pp. 129-132.)

The business meeting agenda should include reports about the work of the church. At least once a year the agenda should include reports covering church activities. Based on those reports, a proposed plan of action for the next year, including an annual budget, should be presented for approval. When possible, reports and plans for the next year should be presented in writing. (See Notes, #7, pp. 183, 184.)

In order to maintain a spirit of cooperation between the church and conference, the church shall secure counsel from conference officers on all major matters.

Conference and union officers (president, secretary, treasurer) or their designee may attend without vote (unless granted by the church) any business meeting of any church in their territory. An action to allow voting is not required if the officer is currently a member of that congregation.

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436-21GSa/ChMan(St Louis)/22GCS to GPS

436-22GSa NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THE ELECTION PROCESS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment provides for a standing nominating committee.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 9, Elections, pages 110-113, Nominating Committee and the Election Process, to read as follows:

Nominating Committee and the Election Process

Officers are elected every one or two years (see p. 72) through an appointed nominating committee. In exceptional circumstances, and in consultation with the conference, the term of office may be extended an additional year. This committee brings its report to the church, which then votes on the names presented. This procedure enables the church to give careful study to each name prior to election and avoids the competitive element that may arise when nominations are made from the floor.

The nominating committee shall study the needs of the church and inquire into the fitness of members to serve in the different offices. This is another reason officers shall not be nominated from the floor or by general ballot.

The church may decide based on its needs that it would be best served with a standing nominating committee. As such, it may appoint such a committee which would function year-round to make nominations for vacancies or to fill regular positions identified in the *Church Manual*.

The size of the nominating committee will range from five members in a small church to a larger number in a large church. The number to be chosen is left to the discretion of each church and should be studied by the board. A suitable recommendation then will be brought to the church, using a minimum of time in the Sabbath worship hour.

Quorum—The quorum for the nominating committee may be determined by the church at the same time the committee is elected. (See pp. 128, 131.)

When and How the Nominating Committee Is Appointed—The nominating committee should be appointed early in the closing quarter of the ~~church-year~~ election term and should report at least three weeks before the final Sabbath of the election term, except in the case of a standing nominating committee, which functions year-round. ~~church-year~~.

The pastor or district leader or, in the absence of the pastor or district leader, the elder should bring the matter to the attention of the church. The church shall then appoint an organizing committee responsible to nominate the nominating committee. This organizing committee may be chosen in one of two ways:

1. By nominations, verbal or written, from the floor. If verbal nominations are made, no member may nominate more than one person. The effort of one individual or a small group to dictate to the entire membership is disapproved. Every effort should be made to ensure fair representation in the composition of the organizing committee. Everything of a political nature should be avoided. The pastor or district leader shall serve as chairperson of this organizing committee. If a pastor or district leader has not yet been appointed to serve as church leader, the chairperson of this organizing committee shall be appointed by the board from among the members of the organizing committee. The size of the organizing committee should be five to seven more than the number of board members.

2. By the church authorizing the board, together with five to seven additional persons chosen by the church (see preceding paragraph), to function as the organizing committee. If this method is adopted, the chairperson of the board normally serves as chairperson of the organizing committee (see p. 32).

In the case of a standing nominating committee, the board may fill any vacancies in their membership, or the organizing committee may choose to nominate a new list of members for the nominating committee for election by the church in business session.

How the Process Works—The steps of the nominating process are:

1. The church appoints by vote an organizing committee by one of the two methods listed above.
2. The organizing committee recommends names to the church for the nominating committee, with a recommendation for secretary. Every effort should be made to ensure fair representation in the composition of the nominating committee representing a range of age groups and both genders and limiting representation to no more than two members from the same immediate family. ~~committee.~~
3. By vote, the church appoints the nominating committee and the secretary.
4. The pastor or district leader is an ex officio member and serves as chairperson of the nominating committee. Should the pastor or district leader choose not to serve as chairperson, or if a pastor or district leader has not been appointed to the church, the organizing committee shall recommend the name from the proposed nominating committee to serve as chairperson.
5. The nominating committee meets to prepare the list of officers that it will present to the church for approval.
6. By vote, the church appoints its officers for the ensuing year(s) who continue to serve until their resignation, replacement, or the beginning of the new election term. ~~year.~~

Who Should Be Members of the Nominating Committee—Only members - No change

Work of the Nominating Committee—The chairperson should call - No change

Nominating Committee to Get Consent of Prospective Officers—Having - No change

Members May Appear Before the Nominating Committee—Members - No change

Nominating Committee Discussions Are Confidential—All inquiries - No change

Reporting to the Church—The nominating committee's report is presented - No change

Objections to the Report of the Nominating Committee—Members may - No change

Filling Vacancies Between Elections—If an office of the church becomes vacant during the term of office because of death, removal, resignation, or any other reason, and there is no standing nominating committee to fill the nominations, the board may nominate the board ~~nominates~~ a successor to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of office and submits the nomination to the church for election.

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436-22GSb TERM OF OFFICE - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment allows for three-year terms of office in exceptional circumstances, if approved by the conference.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 72, Term of Office, to read as follows:

Term of Office

The term of office for officers of both the church and its auxiliary organizations shall be one year, except where the church in a business meeting votes to have elections every two years in order to facilitate continuity and development of spiritual gifts and eliminate the work involved in having yearly elections. In exceptional circumstances, and in consultation with the conference, the term of office may be extended an additional year.

While it is not advisable for one person to serve indefinitely in a particular position, officers may be reelected.

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443-22GS YOUTH MINISTRIES - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To call for the vote on the item, Youth Ministries - Church Manual Amendment.

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443-22GS YOUTH MINISTRIES - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment is coming as a recommendation from General Conference Youth Ministries in consultation with the divisions

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, pages 104-109, to read as follows:

Adventist Youth Ministries

The various youth organizations of the church should work closely with the youth ministries department of the conference. The church works for and with its youth through Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM). ~~the AYM~~. Under the AYM, youth are to work together, in cooperation with the wider church community, towards the development of a strong youth ministry that includes spiritual, mental, and physical development of each individual, Christian social interaction, and an active witnessing program that supports the general soul-winning plans of the church. In the quest for discipleship, the goal of AYM should be to *bring* all youth to a saving relationship with Christ, *build* them up in His Word to reflect a Christ-like character, *train* them how to serve the church and communities using their spiritual gifts, and *send* them out to reach the communities in the power of the Holy Spirit.

~~Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM)—The church works for and with its youth through the AYM. Under the AYM, youth are to work together, in cooperation with the wider church community, towards the development of a strong youth ministry that includes spiritual, mental, and physical development of each individual, Christian social interaction, and an active witnessing program that supports the general soul-winning plans of the church. The goal of AYM should be to involve all youth in activities that will lead them to active church membership and train them for Christian service.~~

AYM Mission—To lead young people into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and help them embrace His call to discipleship.

AYM Motto—The love of Christ compels us.

AYM Aim—The Advent Message to all the world in my generation.

The youth ministries program of the church comprises three broad categories, namely: Junior Youth (Adventurers: ~~ages 6-9~~ ages 4-9 and Pathfinders: ages 10-15), Senior Youth

(Ambassadors: ages 16-21 and Young Adults: ~~ages 22-30+~~, ages 22-30), and Public Campus Students: ages 16-30+.

God said to Moses, “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deut. 6:6-9).

The apostle Paul added, “Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Tim. 4:12).

“We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. . . . We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth.”— GCB, Jan. 29, 30, 1893, p. 24.

“When the youth give their hearts to God, our responsibility for them does not cease. They must be interested in the Lord’s work, and led to see that He expects them to do something to advance His cause. It is not enough to show how much needs to be done, and to urge the youth to act a part. They must be taught how to labor for the Master. They must be trained, disciplined, drilled, in the best methods of winning souls to Christ. Teach them to try in a quiet, unpretending way to help their young companions. Let different branches of missionary effort be systematically laid out, in which they may take part, and let them be given instruction and help. Thus they will learn to work for God.”—GW 210.

“With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world!”— MYP 196.

While there is to be an active Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) in every church, it is important that the youth program not be isolated from the rest of the church. In addition to their AYM participation, youth should be integrated into responsible leadership and in all lines of church work. As young elders, deacons, and deaconesses, for example, they can work with and learn from experienced officers.

“In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigor, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause. To plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand demands fresh, uncrippled energies. Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their powers, through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellow men.”—GW 67.

Adventist Youth Ministries Committee—The Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) Committee is the umbrella organization in the church for the general planning of the youth ministry program. (See pp. 133, 134.) The AYM Committee includes the following church-elected officers: Young Adults leader, Public Campus Ministries leader/coordinator, Ambassador leader, Pathfinder director, Adventurer director, plus the personal ministries leader, youth Sabbath School division leader, children's ministries leader, health ministries leader, principal of the school, the AYM advisor, sponsor, and the pastor. The Young Adults leader, Ambassador leader, Pathfinder director, Adventurer director, and Public Campus Ministries leader are members of the church board.

If there are no distinct Ambassador ministry or young adults ministries established in the church, or until such time as they are established, the AYM Committee will plan for the senior youth ministry to include both age groups.

In parts of the world where there is no Pathfinder or Adventurer ministry, or until such time as they are organized, the AYM Committee will plan for appropriate activities for the junior youth.

~~The AYM leader (formerly known as the AYS director), who is a member of the board, chairs this committee.~~ The Young Adults leader may chair the AYM Committee. The committee should meet as necessary to develop short- and long-range goals and plans for a successful ministry. (See Notes, #18, pp. 177, 178.)

Young Adults Ministries Committee—The Young Adults Ministries - No change

Public Campus Ministries—Strengthening the Youth Ministries - No change

Public Campus Ministries Leader/Coordinator—The church may - No change

Ambassador Ministry—The Ambassador Ministry provides - No change

Ambassador Committee—The Ambassador Committee is responsible - No change

Pathfinder Club—The Pathfinder Club provides a church-centered - No change

Pathfinder Committee—The Pathfinder Club director and deputy directors are elected by the church. (See pp. 105, 179.) If two deputy directors are elected, there should be one male and one female. One of the deputy directors may also serve as club secretary and treasurer. ~~The director is a member of the board and the Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) Committee.~~

Additional Pathfinder staff may include instructors of craft and nature classes and counselors who are each responsible for a unit of six to eight Pathfinders.

Resource materials are available from the conference youth ministries director.

Everyone involved in work with minor children must meet Church and legal standards and requirements, such as background checks or certification. Local church leaders should consult with the conference, which will ascertain and advise as to what background checks and certifications are available and/or required. (See Notes, #7, pp. 168, 169.)

Adventurer Club—The Adventurer Club provides home and church programs for parents with ~~6 to 9 year old~~ 4- to 9-year-old children. It is designed to stimulate the children's curiosity and includes age-specific activities that involve both parents and child in recreational activities, simple crafts, appreciation of God's creation, and other activities that are of interest to that age. All is carried out with a spiritual focus, setting the stage for participation in the church as a Pathfinder.

Adventurer Committee—The church elects the club director and associates. (See pp. 104, 178.) Additional staff members are selected by the administrative staff of the club. ~~The director is a member of the Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) Committee.~~

Resource materials are available from the conference youth ministries director.

Everyone involved in work with minor children must meet Church and legal standards and requirements, such as background checks or certification. Local church leaders should consult with the conference, which will ascertain and advise as to what background checks and certifications are available and/or required. (See Notes, #8, pp. 174, 175.)

AYM Officers—The leaders/directors of the ~~four~~ five youth ministry entities must exemplify Christlike graces and have a burden for soul winning and contagious enthusiasm. The five leaders/directors are members of the church board. In helping motivate youth to work together and take responsibilities, the leaders/directors will be in the background—guiding, counseling, and encouraging youth, helping them gain experience and the joys of achievement. The leaders/directors should study the youth profile of the church and seek to involve every eligible youth in the Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM).

The leaders/directors will keep in touch with the pastor, ~~their respective sponsors,~~ advisor, and the conference youth ministries director, taking advantage of opportunities for in-service training and leading their respective ministry into a cooperative relationship with the church and the conference.

The associate leaders/deputy directors (if needed) will assist the leaders/directors and perform leadership duties when the leaders/directors are absent. The respective committees may assign additional responsibilities to the associate leaders/directors.

The secretary-treasurers will keep a record of the activities of their respective ministries, submit monthly reports on forms provided to the conference youth ministries director, and encourage youth to report their witnessing activities during the ten-minute personal ministries period.

The respective assistant secretary-treasurers (if needed) assist with the secretary-treasurers' work as assigned.

AYM Advisor—The Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) advisor ~~Sponsor—The Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) sponsor~~ may be an elder or other person on the board who understands the objectives of the AYM, is sympathetic with youth and their involvement in the church's ministries, and will serve as a valued counselor to the youth. The ~~sponsor~~ advisor serves as a guide or counselor to AYM officers and joins them regularly in AYM Committee meetings. ~~The sponsor will work with the AYM leader to present the ministry's needs to the board.~~

The ~~sponsor~~ ministry leader should become acquainted with the conference youth ministries director and keep the director informed of changes in officer personnel and other AYM matters. Along with AYM leaders, the ~~sponsor~~ advisor should attend conference youth training institutes to keep informed about developments in youth ministry.

For the sake of continuity, the ~~sponsor~~, advisor, if possible, should serve multiple terms.

Everyone involved in work with minor children must meet Church and legal standards and requirements, such as background checks or certification. Local church leaders should consult with the conference, which will ascertain and advise as to what background checks and certifications are available and/or required. (See Notes, #7, pp. 168, 169.)

Resources—For youth ministries resources, see Notes, #17, p. 171.

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434-22GS MEMBERSHIP (CHURCH BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS) -
CHURCH MANUAL AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This proposed amendment updates the membership list of the church board in accordance with other *Church Manual* additions and amendments being brought to the 2022 General Conference Session.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 10, Services and Other Meetings, pages 130 and 131, Membership (Church Board and Its Meetings), to read as follows:

Membership—The board is elected by the members at the time of the regular election officers. (See pp. 71, 72.) In addition to conference-appointed pastors, the church should elect a representative board that includes the following officers:

Elders
Head deacon
Head deaconess
Treasurer
Clerk
Interest coordinator
Adventist Community Services leader or Dorcas Society leader
Adventist Men's coordinator
Adventist Possibility Ministries leader
Adventist Youth Ministries
 Adventurer Club director
 Ambassador Club leader
 Pathfinder Club director
 Public Campus Ministries leader/coordinator
 Young Adults leader
~~Adventist Youth Ministries leader~~
~~Adventurer Club director~~
~~Ambassador Club leader~~
Bible school coordinator
Children's ministries leader
Church music coordinator
Communication committee chairperson or communication secretary
Education secretary/church school principal or head teacher

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Family ministries leader
Health ministries leader
Home and School Association leader
~~Pathfinder Club director~~
Personal ministries leader and secretary
~~Public Campus Ministries leader/coordinator~~
Publishing ministries coordinator
Religious liberty leader
Sabbath School superintendent
Stewardship ministries leader
Women's ministries leader
~~Young adults leader~~

In some cases, depending on the size of the membership, the board may not include all of this list or may add additional members. The pastor appointed by the conference to serve the church always is a member of the board.

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424-22GS REDEMPTIVE MEMBERSHIP REVIEW - *CHURCH*
MANUAL ADDITION

RATIONALE: This new section on redemptive membership review is being added as a recommendation of the Nurture and Retention Committee.

VOTED, To add a new section, Redemptive Membership Review, to the *Church Manual*, Chapter 6, Membership, following Membership Record, on page 55, to read as follows:

Redemptive Membership Review—Membership records are kept up to date by the local church. They are subject to review by the next higher organization. This rule, which also applies to every entity or level of the organization, provides the maximum privacy of members' personal information and shall comply with legal requirements. (See p. 82.)

In the Bible we find the words, “[N]ot forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching” (Heb. 10:25). There is great need to seek for those who are far away. Ellen G. White says, “If the lost sheep is not brought back to the fold, it wanders until it perishes. And many souls go down to ruin for want of a hand stretched out to save” (COL 191). It is a most

needed ministry to review the membership records and to approach this exercise in a Christ-like redemptive way.

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426-22GS CHURCH RECORDS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment provides for the auditing of church membership records.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 82, Church Records, to read as follows:

Church Records—The clerk keeps church records, which should be carefully preserved. All records and account books of all officers are the property of the church and are to be surrendered to the newly elected clerk at the expiration of the term of office of the previous clerk, or to the church at any time during the term on request of the pastor or elders. Church records, within the privacy limitations of local law, are subject to review by the next higher organization. (See p. 55.)

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429-22GSa MAKING DISCIPLES - *CHURCH MANUAL* ADDITION

RATIONALE: This is a new chapter on the importance of discipleship.

VOTED, To add a new chapter to the *Church Manual*, Chapter 6, Making Disciples, following Chapter 5, Organizing, Uniting, and Dissolving Churches and Companies, on page 43, to read as follows:

Making Disciples

Making disciples is a continuous process by which a person becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ, matures as His disciple, and makes more disciples. Baptism is an essential part of the discipleship process, but it is not the end result of that process.

Seventh-day Adventists accept with honor and humility the command of Jesus contained in the Gospel Commission to “go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matt. 28:19).

We are to obey this Commission, as we live in these last days, within the context of the Three Angels' Messages (Rev. 14:6-12).

The Gospel Commission's main emphasis to "make disciples" contains three parts:

1. "Go therefore and make disciples" is Jesus' command to fulfill the mission. Thus, making disciples should be our way of life. We are to go and make disciples in our homes, our work, our schools, and in our everyday interactions with others. We are to make disciples of every nation, tribe, language, and people. The goal of witnessing and evangelism is disciple-making (Matt. 10:25, Matt. 28:19, 20).
2. "Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," is not the end goal but an important part in the process of discipleship as people acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, become part of His church, and commit to making more disciples. Disciples are baptized into Christ's body, the church. Their commitment to obey Christ in making disciples should be demonstrated before baptism.
3. "Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you," indicates that teaching is a vital and ongoing experience of maturing in the experience of discipleship. "Teaching" should take place before and after baptism.

Making disciples is a continuous process with its purpose being grown "in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18) into Christian maturity and multiplication of disciples.

Growing as a disciple and making disciples to prepare them for the second coming of Jesus, is not optional; it is the essence of our last-day commission as Seventh-day Adventists. Genuine discipleship only happens as a result of the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. We can take comfort that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him, and He promises to be with us to the end of the world (Matt. 28:18, 20). Further, He promises us the Holy Spirit as our Teacher, Guide, and Power (John 16:7-16; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:4, 5, 8; 2:37-39).

What is a Disciple?

In Jesus' time, disciples were followers whose instruction was wholistic and comprehensive. The disciples of Jesus spent so much time with Him that they received His teachings and learned valuable lifestyle lessons. A disciple is one whose choices, decisions, and worldview are being transformed by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God.

Christian disciples pattern their faith, character, and mission after the faith, character, and mission of their Teacher, Jesus. A disciple is one who has made a commitment to follow Christ and bring their life under the Lordship of Christ.

A disciple is a person who is becoming more like Jesus Christ in every way (Eph. 4:15). The process of disciple-making is a continuous process. It also entails teaching new believers how to bring their lives into conformity with the Word of God through various programs such as mentoring, small group ministries, Bible studies, service, etc.

1. Thus, discipleship impacts every area of our lives: our beliefs, character, lifestyle, relationships, work, entertainment, finances, health, witness, and our burden to see others in God's kingdom.
2. "Is becoming" indicates that discipleship is an ongoing activity of following Jesus.
3. "More like Jesus Christ" means that Christ is our Savior and Lord and the only perfect example for us to follow.

Growth of a Disciple

The discipleship journey starts when one takes the first steps toward Jesus (see John 1:35-2:2). Abiding in Him daily and following His Word, one can continue to grow in Christlikeness. Some of the key areas in which Scripture indicates disciples must mature in personal development, as well as part of a community of believers, are listed below:

1. *Worship/Personal Devotion*: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matt. 22:37 ESV). Worship is our response to God's initiating work in our lives. True worship is not focused on us but on God (Ps. 150:6; John 4:23; Rev. 14:7).

"We need to cherish and cultivate a spirit of true worship, a spirit of devotion upon the Lord's holy, sanctified day. We should assemble together believing that we shall receive comfort and hope, light and peace from Jesus Christ."—FLB 35.

"Personal religion will reveal itself in bearing good fruit, sanctification is not the work of a day, but a lifetime. . . . There should be in the heart of everyone grace which can bloom in the garden of God. Selfishness will cut out every precious likeness of Christ, will expel humility and self-denial and devotion." —PM 91.

2. *Ministry to Others*: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:39 ESV). Every disciple is called and gifted by God for the benefit of the church and to take the gospel message to the world (1 Peter 2:9; 4:10).

“[The disciples’] office was the most important to which human beings had ever been called, second only to that of Christ Himself. They were to be workers together with God for the saving of men.”—AA 19.

3. *Witnessing/Need-Based Evangelism*: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19 ESV). Witness and evangelism happen best when following Christ’s method of ministry to the whole person.

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”—MH 143.

4. *Obedience*: “. . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:20 ESV). A primary indication of true discipleship is faithfulness to Christ and His Word and submission to Him as our Lord. Jesus said, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15 ESV).

“Obedience—the service and allegiance of love—is the true sign of discipleship. Thus, the Scripture says, ‘This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments’”—SC 60.

A faithful disciple is one who recognizes the Shepherd’s voice and continually seeks to learn in order to obey more completely. Reflecting Christ’s character and laboring for the enlargement of His kingdom is to be our overriding passion. This includes growth in character, stewardship and service (Eph. 4:13-15; Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:17, 18; 1 John 3:2).

5. *Community/Outreach*: “. . . baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28:19 ESV). True discipleship only happens within a community that is built on the foundation of Jesus Christ and His Word, where worship, ministry, evangelism, and obedience are given the highest priority (Rev. 14:6-12).

“Let small companies assemble in the evening, at noon, or in the early morning to study the Bible. Let them have a season of prayer, that they may be strengthened, enlightened, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. This work Christ wants to have done in the heart of every worker. If you yourselves will open the door to receive it, a great blessing will come to you. Angels of God will be in your assembly. You will feed upon the leaves of the tree of life. What testimonies you may bear of the loving acquaintance made with your fellow workers in these precious seasons when seeking the blessing of God.”—7T 195.

Practical Steps

The grace of Jesus Christ is not cheap. It cost Him His life. Anyone who accepts Jesus Christ as both Lord and Savior needs to know that being His disciple also comes at a cost. “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34, NIV).

Disciples grow Christlike in character amid the routines of day-to-day life. Through the intentional practices of daily Bible study, prayer, service, and mission, we grow ever deeper in our discipleship commitment. A fully committed disciple continually “walks” with Christ, being with Him, modeling one’s life after Him, and obeying Him in one’s ordinary daily activities.

The work of making disciples is ongoing. “The Saviour’s commission to the disciples included all the believers. It includes all believers in Christ to the end of time.”—DA 822. Therefore, patterning one’s life after Jesus’ example is a personal responsibility as well as a teaching responsibility that every church member owes to those who are young in the faith. Church membership and even church activity by themselves are insufficient. Ongoing personal growth as a disciple is necessary to have an impactful and lasting relationship with God.

Love, The Defining Mark of a Disciple

Loving others as God loves us, which is intimately connected to unity, is the ultimate indication of true discipleship. “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another” (John 13:35, ESV).

“Christ has given us a pattern in his own example. He would bind his followers to one another and to himself. Their oneness with Christ makes them love one another, for love is the sure fruit of unity with Christ. Christ declared that their love for one another was a sure badge of their discipleship”—Ms 51, 1894.

True love for Jesus means more than His disciples loving each other; they must share God’s love with others. If we love God, we will obey his command to “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations. . . .” (Matt. 28:19).

God’s love is the defining mark of a disciple because in love all other characteristics of discipleship are complete. Christ “mentioned only one condition of discipleship and service. ‘Lovest thou Me?’ He said. This is the essential qualification”—DA 815. “The love of Christ is not a fitful feeling, but a living principle, which is to be made manifest as an abiding power in the heart. . .”—RC 345.

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439-22GS PURPOSES OF ORGANIZATION - *CHURCH MANUAL*
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses the importance of finding new ways to reach the varied and diverse cultures of the world with the Seventh-day Adventist message, including the forming of new mission groups.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 3, Organization and Authority, pages 25 and 26, Purposes of Organization, to read as follows:

Missionary Purposes of Organization

Our mission remains unchanged wherever we find ourselves in the world. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been organized for the purpose of mission. However, the way in which we fulfill that mission will of necessity take a variety of forms due to different cultural and societal norms. As we seek to share the gospel in cross-cultural contexts, we will encounter societies where particular religious bodies deem other writings as sacred, where restrictions to religious freedom sometimes exist, where diverse points of view and practices occur, as well as other challenges. To fulfill the mission in such diverse contexts, we rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and employ a flexible approach to sharing God's love in a manner that reaches hearts, while preserving our unique calling and identity as Seventh-day Adventists.

The conditions Seventh-day Adventists face in sharing the message of Jesus to people of other religions largely parallel those that the apostles encountered. How they went about the mission is instructive for us today. Although they modified their approach in keeping with the audience, they never deviated from proclaiming the uniqueness of Jesus as the hope of the world. They never suggested that they had come to help their hearers find a deeper spiritual experience within their own religions; on the contrary, they challenged them to turn to the salvation provided in Christ.

Groups should be formed to lead all people into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and into fellowship with the remnant church. In forming such groups, a theologically sound, culturally informed plan of action should be prayerfully developed and followed to guide these new believers into membership. These groups should be established and nurtured in collaboration with local administration and guidelines of the world Church. Leaders of these groups should seek to lead the people into membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The church is a missionary community and its organization exists to fulfill this purpose.

“As our numbers increased, it was evident that without some form of organization there would be great confusion, and the work would not be carried forward successfully. To provide for the support of the ministry, for carrying the work in new fields, for protecting both the churches and the ministry from unworthy members, for holding church property, for the publication of the truth through the press, and for many other objects, organization was indispensable.”—TM 26.

“As members of the visible church, and workers in the vineyard of the Lord, all professed Christians should do their utmost to preserve peace, harmony, and love in the church. Mark the prayer of Christ: ‘That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.’ The unity of the church is the convincing evidence that God has sent Jesus into the world as its Redeemer.”—5T 619, 620.

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402-22GS PROPER METHOD FOR PAYMENT OF MONEY BY
MEMBERS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment includes the use of electronic payments as a proper method of returning tithes and offerings.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Local Church Officers and Organizations, pages 84 and 85, Proper Method for Payment of Money by Members, to read as follows:

Proper Method for Payment of Money by Members—The treasurer should urge that all money paid in by members, other than the regular church collection, be placed in tithe and offering envelopes, unless an alternative method approved by the conference, such as electronic payments, has been implemented. ~~method has been implemented by the conference.~~ Members should list the various items and amounts on the envelope as indicated and to make sure that the money enclosed equals the total shown. They should also sign their names and give their addresses, and place the envelopes in the offering plate or hand them to the treasurer, who should preserve the envelopes to serve as vouchers until all accounts are checked by the conference auditor.

Members who return their tithes and offerings by check or postal notes should, where legally possible, make such checks or notes payable to the church, rather than to any individual.

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MIN/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/17AC/420-17GS/419-18GS/419-19GS/419-20GS/418-21GS/22GCS to GPS

418-22GS TERMS USED IN THE *CHURCH MANUAL* - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment allows for the counsels and principles addressed in the *Church Manual* to be followed by a company, in the same manner as in the local church, without the need to repeat “company” throughout the Manual.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 1, Why a *Church Manual*?, pages 18 and 19, Terms Used in the *Church Manual*, to read as follows:

Terms Used in the *Church Manual*

Church—For editorial and printing economy, “Church,” with a capital C, in these pages is used in place of the full term “Seventh-day Adventist Church” and refers to the overall Church organization rather than to a local church or congregation, with the exception of when it is referred to within a quotation. References to a local church will also generally apply to a company.

Conference, mission, section, delegation, field, union of churches—For purposes of editorial and printing economy, “conference” in these pages means “conference, mission, field, section, delegation, or union of churches,” as the administrative context indicates. Generally, each congregation is a member of the sisterhood of churches known as a conference, but until the local organization achieves conference status, under General Conference *Working Policy* it may be identified as a mission, section, delegation, or field. In some world divisions, unions of churches in a particular country function as a conference for local-church purposes and as a union for other Church organizational purposes. (See Chapter 3, “Organization and Authority.”)

Pastor and minister—Most areas of the world Church use “pastor” to identify a member of the clergy, so that term is used in these pages rather than “minister,” regardless of the responsibilities assigned by the local conference. Use of the term here is not intended to mandate that usage where the custom is to use “minister.” Pastors referred to in this manual are those who have been appointed by the conference to oversee the affairs of the local church or district.

Abbreviations of Ellen G. White’s books are identified on p. 186.

Scripture quotations are taken from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated, with the exception of when referred to within a Spirit of Prophecy quotation.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn sine die.

Prayer was offered by Pavel Goia, delegate from the General Conference.

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*Due to the unusual circumstances prevailing in the Euro-Asia Division, the Euro-Asia Division caucus, General Conference Session Nominating Committee, and the General Conference executive officers recommend to the General Conference Session to extend the term of office of the three Euro-Asia Division officers until the 2022 Annual Council.

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3 218-22G EDUCATION—DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES - POLICY
4 AMENDMENT

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6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC FE, Education—Departmental Policies, to read as follows:

7
8 FE EDUCATION—DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES

9
10 FE 05 Seventh-day Adventist Philosophy of Education - No change

11
12 FE 10 The Role of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities - No
13 change

14
15 FE 15 Objectives of Seventh-day Adventist Education - No change

16
17 FE 20 Educational Administration Outline

18
19 FE 20 05 The Department of Education—Purpose—General Conference - No change

20
21 FE 20 10 College and University Boards - No change

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23 FE 20 15 General Conference International Board of Education—1. Purpose—The
24 General Conference International Board of Education is the primary vehicle through which ~~the~~
25 General Conference ~~department of~~ Education coordinates Seventh-day Adventist education. It is
26 authorized to act in the areas that are indicated in this *Working Policy*. (Institutions and programs
27 in ~~Ministerial and Theological~~ ministerial and theological education are under the purview of the
28 International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education.)

29
30 2. Composition of the Board—a. The membership of the General Conference
31 International Board of Education shall be designated by the first Annual Council following the
32 General Conference Session. The Education Director, with the Nominating Committee, shall
33 serve to nominate the membership of this board.

34
35 b. The General Conference International Board of Education shall be
36 composed of the following members:

37
38 *GC Vice President (advisor for Education ~~education~~), Chair

39 *GC Vice Presidents, Vice-chairs (2)

40 *GC Education Director, Executive Secretary

41 *GC Education Associate Directors, Assistant Secretaries

42 *GC Undertreasurer

43 *GC Treasury Advisor

44 *GC Health Ministries Director

45 Board chair of General Conference-operated institution of higher learning (1)

46 *Presidents of General Conference-operated institutions of higher learning

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~~*North American Division President~~

Division Education Directors (attending as authorized)

Up to five members, as selected by the Board

Ex officio members:

*General Conference President

*General Conference Secretary

*General Conference Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

Division Presidents

Invitee:

Office of General Counsel Representative

c. Board members shall hold office between sessions of - No change

d. Vacancies on the Board or its standing committees (e.g. Committee on Seventh-day Adventist Health Professional Education, Programs Review Committee) shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

e. ~~The Board~~ Board, including the division directors of education, shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once each year. ~~The full Board, including the division directors of education, shall meet at least twice each quinquennium.~~ The chair shall call meetings at such times and places as approved by the General Conference Administrative Committee.

f. A quorum shall consist of one third of the regular membership.

g. The Board may invite consultants to attend as deemed necessary.

3. Executive Committee—The Executive Committee of the Board - No change

4. Duties of Board—The duties of the General Conference International Board of Education are:

a. To establish general guidelines, coordinate the interrelationship between division programs, and maintain the general direction of the education program of the Church.

b. To develop and maintain a comprehensive long-range world master plan for Seventh-day Adventist education, subject to regular updating and revision.

~~c. To approve the establishment or discontinuance of tertiary-level schools and programs, the upgrading of post-secondary institutions, the affiliation of schools across division boundaries, and the implementation of interdivision extended campus programs.~~

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1 c. To receive and record proposals from division boards of education,
2 authorize evaluations and site visits, receive evaluative reports, authorize recognition and
3 candidacy for substantive change and new programs, and to approve the establishment or record
4 discontinuance of tertiary programs and institutions, and then to recommend the actions to the
5 Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

6
7 d. To approve the affiliation of schools across division boundaries, or the
8 implementation of interdivision extended campus programs, and then to recommend the actions
9 to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

10
11 ~~d.~~ e. To develop funding plans for the support of Seventh-day Adventist
12 education.

13
14 f. To coordinate implementation of any approved financial program to assist
15 the school system.

16
17 ~~e.~~ g. To require from division departments of education such reports as will
18 enable the Board to perform its duties and functions.

19
20 ~~f.~~ h. To recommend to the division boards of education general personnel
21 policies for teachers, administrators, and related school staff.

22
23 ~~g.~~ ~~To coordinate implementation of any approved financial program to assist~~
24 ~~the school system.~~

25
26 ~~h.~~ i. To ~~review, through~~ recommend to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-
27 day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities desirable changes in accreditation standards
28 and criteria. Universities, existing programs of instruction, research, and training for
29 denominational service in the schools and advise them regarding desirable change.

30
31 ~~i.~~ j. To commission research on the needs and outcomes of Seventh-day
32 Adventist education and to keep the divisions informed through periodic reports, releases,
33 conferences, and other means.

34
35 ~~j.~~ k. To coordinate all interdivision programs of professional education.

36
37 l. To authorize exemptions from International Board of Education site visits
38 for new programs in cases where the institution is (1) accredited by the Accrediting Association
39 of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities under Form B, with the external
40 academic review processes which that designation entails and (2) already offers well-established
41 programs in the given modality within the discipline of the proposed program at the same
42 academic level (e.g. bachelor's, master's, doctoral) of the new program.

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2 m. To authorize division boards of education, upon their request and
3 demonstration of initial and ongoing eligibility, to approve, revise, and close undergraduate
4 programs except in the reserved areas of theology, education, and health.
5

6 5. The Executive Secretary—The Executive Secretary shall be - No change
7

8 6. Board Minutes—Copies of the minutes of this Board shall be - No change
9

10 7. Finances—All appropriations and other moneys available to - No change
11

12 8. Right of Appeal—Any action of the Board involving a specific - No change
13

14 9. Changes and Amendments—Any changes or amendments to - No change
15

16 FE 20 20 International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education (IBMTE)—1.
17 ~~Education~~—1. Purpose—The International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education
18 (GCC-B) is the primary vehicle through which General Conference Education is authorized to
19 act in the areas that are indicated in General Conference *Working Policy* to develop, coordinate,
20 and maintain a comprehensive master plan to prepare pastors, evangelists, theologians, teachers
21 of Bible and religion, and chaplains for Seventh-day Adventist ministry. The IBMTE works in
22 cooperation with the world divisions in providing overall guidance and standards to the
23 professional training that Church-supported institutions offer to pastors, evangelists, theologians,
24 teachers of Bible and religion, chaplains, and other denominational employees involved in
25 ministerial and religious formation. Utilizing existing interconnected institutional boards,
26 policies, standards, and procedures, the board seeks to achieve the following objectives in
27 relation to graduate, undergraduate, and other types of ministerial and theological education:
28

29 a. Foster a dynamic theological unity in the world - No change
30

31 b. Sharpen the focus on Seventh-day Adventist message - No change
32

33 c. Support the spiritual and professional development - No change
34

35 d. Promote professional excellence in ministerial training - No change
36

37 e. Nurture strong collaboration between church - No change
38

39 f. Energize the spiritual life of Seventh-day Adventist - No change
40

41 2. Composition of the Board—a. The members of the - No change
42

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

GC President or designee, Chair

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

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

*GC Education Director, Secretary

*GC Ministerial Association Secretary, Associate Secretary

*GC Vice President (advisor for Biblical Research Institute)

*GC Secretary

*GC Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

*GC Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Director (or designee)

*GC Biblical Research Institute Director

Division Presidents

*GC Education Associate Directors

*GC Ministerial Association Associate Representative

*One full ~~professor~~, professor who teaches in an accredited ministerial and religious formation program

Two chairpersons of undergraduate programs in ministerial and religious formation

Five presidents/deans of seminaries and universities offering denominationally recognized doctoral programs in ministerial formation

Two deans of graduate programs in ministerial and religious formation

Three faculty, who teach in ministerial and religion programs, accredited by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities, at or above the rank of associate professor

Six individuals experienced and active in ministerial formation (pastors, chaplains, Bible instructors, etc)

Up to four additional members, as selected by the board

Invitee:

Office of General Counsel Representative

c. Board members shall hold office for - No change

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

e. Each world division shall designate one consultant to the - No change

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

4. Executive Committee—The executive committee of the board - No change

5. Duties of the Board—a. To establish the general goals - No change

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b. To establish program competencies, a basic series of subject areas and requisite content as well as to develop guidelines and core standards for faculty selection and student entry into programs that will meet the needs of the field and foster the mission of the Church through undergraduate and graduate programs for denominational employees involved in ministerial and religious formation.

c. ~~To provide guidelines~~ establish and authorize the application process to be used by the division boards of Ministerial and Theological Education to endorse faculty, and to issue certificates and/or credentials of denominational endorsement when voted by the IBMTE. ~~including the design of the faculty application procedure for denominational endorsement.~~

d. To receive division endorsement reports, and to review and re-authorize any delegated endorsement process at least once every quinquennium. ~~To arrange for surveys and to grant recognition to new programs designed to prepare denominational employees involved in ministerial and religious formation, as recommended by the respective division Board of Ministerial and Theological Education, and then to recommend the new programs to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.~~

e. ~~To facilitate the exchange of endorsed faculty from among the recognized programs offered in the world divisions.~~

f. e. To affirm the faculty authorized to teach in these programs - No change

~~g. f.~~ To recommend to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities the standards and criteria for the accreditation of seminaries, schools, and departments offering undergraduate and graduate programs designed to prepare denominational employees involved in ministerial and religious formation, and to cooperate with the Association in conducting accreditation visits.

g. To receive and record proposals from division boards of ministerial and theological education, authorize evaluations and site visits, receive evaluative reports, authorize recognition and candidacy for substantive change and proposed post-secondary ministerial and theological programs and institutions, and to record discontinuation of tertiary-level ministerial and theological schools, and then to recommend the actions to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

h. To approve the affiliation of schools across division boundaries, or the implementation of interdivision extended campus programs, and then to recommend the actions to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

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i. To require from division departments of education such reports as will enable the Board to perform its duties and functions.

j. To commission research on the needs and outcomes of Seventh-day Adventist ministerial and theological education and to keep the divisions informed through periodic reports, releases, conferences, and other means.

k. To publish the goals, objectives, standards, criteria, and procedures relating to ministerial and theological education and formation in the *Handbook of Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial and Theological Education*.

l. To authorize alternative procedures that lead to the achievement of the same objectives as those of the international and the division Boards of Ministerial and Theological Education.

6. Accreditation—Seminaries, schools, and departments offering - No change

7. Handbook—The goals, objectives, standards, criteria, and - No change

8. The Secretary—Subject to the approval of the board, the secretary shall perform the following executive responsibilities:

a. Administer all policies and activities prescribed - No change

b. Record and have custody of the official - No change

c. Communicate to the appropriate parties the actions of - No change

d. Advise in the development and maintenance of a comprehensive master plan for institutions and programs designed to prepare chaplains and denominational employees involved in ministerial and religious formation.

9. The Associate Secretary—Subject to the approval of the board and - No change

10. Staff of the Board—The elected members of ~~the~~ General Conference ~~department~~ of Education and of the Ministerial Association shall serve as the staff of the board.

11. Right of Appeal—Any action of the board involving a specific - No change

12. Changes and Amendments—Any changes or amendments to the organization or policies of the board shall have a two-thirds majority vote of all the members present at any duly

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called meeting. A vote to change or amend shall then be sent to the General Conference
Administrative Committee prior to confirmation at an Annual Council.

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

2. Composition of the Division Boards - No change

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

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

5. Duties of the Board—a. To establish division-specific goals - No change

b. To authorize programs for the development of leaders - No change

c. To consult with leaders and faculty of institutions, schools, and
departments offering programs for students in pastoral ministry, theology, Bible/religion
teaching, and chaplaincy, in order to:

1) Provide guidelines for the selection of faculty - No change

2) Establish requirements for admission - No change

3) Stipulate program competencies and subjects, in addition to those
determined by the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education, as may meet the
division's specific needs for such students.

4) Provide guidance to each institution on the design - No change

5) Design, in consultation with the field, the internship - No change

6) Establish a program of quality assurance and monitor - No change

7) Encourage the employment by denominational - No change

8) Develop guidelines for the educational development - No change

d. To respond to the recommendation(s) received from the - No change

e. To affirm the faculty authorized to teach in these programs - No change

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- 1 f. To cooperate with the Accrediting Association - No change
2
3 6. Alternative Procedures—Divisions wishing to operate - No change
4
5 7. Right of Appeal—Within 120 days of the division Board - No change
6
7 FE 20 30 Committee on Seventh-day Adventist Health Professional Education—1.
8 Purpose—The General Conference - No change
9
10 2. Functions—This committee shall exercise the following main functions:
11
12 a. Establish, recommend, and monitor educational standards ~~in health~~
13 ~~professional programs and guidelines to coordinate post-secondary degree programs for the~~
14 training of health professionals in areas such as medicine, nursing, and public health, considering
15 international needs and resources.
16
17 b. Evaluate, screen, and endorse, for the - No change
18
19 c. Assist the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools,
20 Colleges, and Universities in appointing ~~accrediting site visit~~ teams, which will include health
21 specialists, to conduct evaluations of health professional programs at colleges, universities, and
22 hospitals.
23
24 3. Membership—a. The membership of this committee shall be - No change
25
26 b. The membership of this committee shall include the following persons:
27
28 General Conference Health Ministries Director, Chair
29 General Conference Health Ministries Associate Director, Vice-chair
30 General Conference Education Director, Secretary
31 Deans of Seventh-day Adventist schools of medicine (7) ~~(3)~~
32 Deans or directors of graduate nursing programs (2)
33 Deans or directors of graduate programs in other health areas (4)
34 Health professional lay members not employed by the Church (2)
35 Representation from divisions with large numbers of health profession programs not
36 already represented (Up to 6)
37 Invitees:
38 General Conference Associate Health Ministries Directors,
39 General Conference Associate Honorary Health Ministries
40 Directors, General Conference Associate Education Directors
41
42 c. Committee members shall hold office until the first - No change

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d. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by the ~~General Conference Executive Committee~~ International Board of Education for the unexpired term.

4. Meetings—This committee shall meet in conjunction with the first Spring Meeting following General Conference Session and at least once every year thereafter during a quinquennium. ~~every alternate year thereafter during a quinquennium. Other meetings during the course of the quinquennium will be scheduled as needed.~~

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

2. Composition of the Accrediting Association—The composition of the Accrediting Association is defined in the bylaws of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities. ~~Association—~~ ~~a. The members of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities shall be designated by the first Annual Council following the General Conference Session, upon recommendation from the General Conference department of Education. The membership of the Association shall be:~~

~~*Chair, director, General Conference Education~~

~~*Executive Secretary, an associate director, General Conference Education~~

~~*The General Conference vice presidential advisor(s) for education~~

~~*Treasury advisor~~

~~*Associate directors of the General Conference Education~~

~~*The division directors of education (attending as authorized)~~

~~One college/university board chair~~

~~One college/university president~~

~~One college/university academic vice president/dean~~

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~~One college/university registrar or admissions officer~~
~~One college/university finance officer~~
~~One college/university dean/department chair of education~~
~~One union director of department of education~~
~~One conference or mission/field/section superintendent/director of department of education~~
~~General Conference Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Director (or designee)~~
~~Three individuals with international experience in Adventist education at least two persons engaged in education not employed by the Church~~

~~Ex officio members:~~

~~General Conference President~~
~~General Conference Secretary~~
~~General Conference Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer~~

~~Invitees:~~

~~Adventist Risk Management representative~~
~~General Conference Auditing Service representative~~
~~Office of General Counsel representative~~

~~b. Vacancies shall be filled by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities for unexpired terms.~~

3. Staff—The director and the associate directors of the - No change

4. Procedure—The staff of the Accrediting Association - No change

5. Focused Evaluation Visit—In addition to the full evaluation - No change

6. Meetings—a. The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once a year. A quorum shall consist of ~~eight~~ a majority of members of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

b. The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist - No change

~~c. The Executive Committee of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities shall consist of those members marked by an asterisk in paragraph 2. a. above. It shall meet as necessary between the sessions of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities and shall operate within the powers delegated to it by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.~~

7. Appeals—Any action of the Accrediting Association - No change

218-22G EDUCATION—DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES - POLICY
AMENDMENT - 12

- 1
2 8. Reports—All denominationally operated secondary - No change
3
4 9. Budget—The General Conference shall annually appropriate - No change
5
6 FE 20 40 Commissions on Accreditation—Each division shall - No change
7
8 FE 20 45 Nondenominational Accreditation - No change
9
10 FE 20 50 Affiliation Procedures—When an affiliation - No change
11
12 FE 20 55 Division Board of Education - No change
13
14 FE 20 60 The Union Board of Education - No change
15
16 FE 20 65 Home and Parent Education—The promoting and fostering - No change
17
18 FE 25 Establishing New or Elevating Existing Secondary Schools, Colleges, and
19 Universities - No change
20
21 FE 30 Schools of Nursing - No change
22
23 FE 32 Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy - No change
24
25 FE 35 Relationship of Griggs University and International Academy to Other Schools -
26 No change
27
28 FE 40 Bible Teachers - No change
29
30 FE 45 Admittance of Non-Adventist Children to Church Schools - No change
31
32 FE 50 Affiliation with Other School Systems - No change
33
34 FE 55 Preschool Education - No change
35
36 FE 60 Teachers - No change
37
38 FE 65 Administrators and Teaching Staff - No change
39
40 FE 70 In-Service Development Policy - No change
41
42 FE 75 In-Service Training Assistance - No change

218-22G EDUCATION—DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES - POLICY
AMENDMENT - 13

- 1
- 2 FE 80 Interdivision Extension Programs/Degrees - No change
- 3
- 4 FE 85 Interschool Sports - No change
- 5
- 6 FE 90 Educational Tours Abroad - No change
- 7
- 8 FE 95 Public Campus Ministry - No change

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101-18Ga/SP&B19AC/19AC/101-19Ga/SP&B20AC/20AC/101-20Ga/101-21Ga/SP&B21AC/
21AC/101-21Ga/SP&B22AC to JRW-22AC(DIV)

101-22Ga CALENDAR OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS—
WORLD 2023-2028

RECOMMENDED, To record the Calendar of Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings—World 2023-
2028, which reads as follows:

			<u>Proj Selection</u> <u>Deadline</u>	<u>Visit to</u> <u>Division</u>
2023				
	First Quarter	East-Central Africa Division	Mar 2021	Jun 2021
	Second Quarter	Inter-European Division	Jun 2021	Sep 2021
	Third Quarter	Trans-European Division	Sep 2021	Dec 2021
	Fourth Quarter	West-Central Africa Division	Dec 2021	Mar 2022
2024				
	First Quarter	Southern Asia Division	Mar 2022	Jun 2022
	Second Quarter	Euro-Asia Division	Jun 2022	Sep 2022
	Third Quarter	Inter-American Division	Sep 2022	Dec 2022
	Fourth Quarter	North American Division	Dec 2022	Mar 2023
2025				
	First Quarter	Northern Asia-Pacific Division	Mar 2023	Jun 2023
	Second Quarter	Southern Asia-Pacific Division	Jun 2023	Sep 2023
	Third Quarter	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division	Sep 2023	Dec 2023
	Fourth Quarter	South American Division	Dec 2023	Mar 2024
2026				
	First Quarter	South Pacific Division	Mar 2024	Jun 2024
	Second Quarter	East-Central Africa Division	Jun 2024	Sep 2024
	Third Quarter	Inter-European Division	Sep 2024	Dec 2024
	Fourth Quarter	Trans-European Division	Dec 2024	Mar 2025

101-22Ga CALENDAR OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS—
WORLD 2023-2028 - 2

			Proj Selection <u>Deadline</u>	Visit to <u>Division</u>
1				
2				
3	2027			
4	First Quarter	West-Central Africa Division	Mar 2025	Jun 2025
5	Second Quarter	Southern Asia Division	Jun 2025	Sep 2025
6	Third Quarter	Euro-Asia Division	Sep 2025	Dec 2025
7	Fourth Quarter	Inter-American Division	Dec 2025	Mar 2026
8				
9	2028			
10	First Quarter	North American Division	Mar 2026	Jun 2026
11	Second Quarter	Northern Asia-Pacific Division	Jun 2026	Sep 2026
12	Third Quarter	Southern Asia-Pacific Division	Sep 2026	Dec 2026
13	Fourth Quarter	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division	Dec 2026	Mar 2027
14				
15	Distribution summary among divisions from 2023 through 2028:			
16				
17	East-Central Africa	2		
18	Euro-Asia	2		
19	Inter-American	2		
20	Inter-European	2		
21	North American	2		
22	Northern Asia-Pacific	2		
23	South American	1		
24	South Pacific	1		
25	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean	2		
26	Southern Asia	2		
27	Southern Asia-Pacific	2		
28	Trans-European	2		
29	West-Central Africa	2		

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101-22Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2023

RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2023, which reads as follows:

January

7 Outreach/Church Budget
14 Division
21 Church Budget
28 Conference/Union

February

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

March

4 Outreach/Church Budget
11*+ Adventist World Radio
18 Church Budget
25 Conference/Union

April

1 Outreach/Church Budget
8*+ Hope Channel International
15 Church Budget
22 Conference/Union
29 Church Budget

May

6 Outreach/Church Budget
13*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)
20 Church Budget
27 Conference/Union

June

3 Outreach/Church Budget
10 Division
17 Church Budget
24 Conference/Union

101-22Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2023 - 2

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

101-22Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2023 - 3

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

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101-22Gh CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2024

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January

6 Outreach/Church Budget

13 Division

20 Church Budget

27 Conference/Union

February

3 Outreach/Church Budget

10 Division

17 Church Budget

24 Conference/Union

March

2 Outreach/Church Budget

9*+ Adventist World Radio

16 Church Budget

23 Conference/Union

30 Church Budget

April

6 Outreach/Church Budget

13*+ Hope Channel International

20 Church Budget

27 Conference/Union

May

4 Outreach/Church Budget

11*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)

18 Church Budget

25 Conference/Union

June

1 Outreach/Church Budget

8 Division

15 Church Budget

22 Conference/Union

29 Church Budget

101-22Gh CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2024 - 2

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

101-22Gh CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2024 - 3

1	<u>Summary of Offerings</u>	
2	General Conference	6
3	Division	6
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5	Church	28
6		
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21AC/101-21Gf/GCDO22SM/22SM/ADCOM/GCDO22AC to AEA-22AC(DIV)

101-22Gd CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD
2022

RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2022, to read
as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January</u>			
1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
5-15	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
8	#Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
15	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
22			
29			
<u>February</u>			
5	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-SSPM
12-19	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
19			
26			
<u>March</u>			
5	Women's Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
12	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
19-26	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
19	Global Youth Day/Global Children's	---	GC-YOU/CHM
	Day		
26	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
<u>April</u>			
2	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
2	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
	Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		
9	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's		GC-SSPM
	Day)		
9	Hope Channel International	Hope Channel International*	GC-HCI
16-22	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
16	World Impact Day—for Distribution	---	Divisions
	of Missionary Book		
23	Possibility Ministries Day	---	GC-APM
30			

101-22Gd CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD
2022 - 2

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>May</u>			
3	7-28	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
4	7	<i>Reach the World:</i> Using	---	GC-COM
5		Communication Channels		
6	14	<i>Reach the World:</i> In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*		GC-PM/DIV
7	21	Global Adventurer's Day	---	GC-YOU
8	28	World Day of Prayer for Children	---	GC-CHM
9		at Risk		
10				
11	<u>June</u>			
12	4	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study:	---	GC-SSPM
13		Sabbath School and		
14		Correspondence Courses		
15	11	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	---	GC-WM
16	18	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other	---	GC-SSPM
17		Members and Reclaiming		
18	18	Adventist Church World	---	ADRA
19		Refugee Day		
20	25	World Public Campus Ministries	---	GC-YOU
21		Day		
22				
23	<u>July</u>			
24	2	Quarterly Day of Prayer		R&RCom
25	9	Missions Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
26	16	<i>Reach the World:</i> Media Ministry	---	GC-COM
27	23	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
28	30			
29				
30	<u>August</u>			
31	6	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
32	13	<i>Reach the World:</i> Church Planting	---	GC-AM
33	20	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
34	27	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
35	27	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
36				
37	<u>September</u>			
38	3	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
39		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		
40	4-10	Family Togetherness Week of	---	GC-FM
41		Prayer		
42	10	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	---	GC-FM

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101-22Gd CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD
2022 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>September</u>	contd		
3	10	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
4	17	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
5	24	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
6				
7	<u>October</u>			
8	1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
9	1	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-ARMies
10		Promotion		
11	8	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
12	15	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-WHT
13		Adventist Heritage		
14	22	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
15	29			
16				
17	<u>November</u>			
18	5-12	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
19	12-18	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
20		Young Adults		
21	12		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
22				
23			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
24	<u>November</u>	contd		
25	19	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-APM
26		Children Day		
27	26	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
28	26-3	Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW
29				
30	<u>December</u>			
31	3	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
32	10	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
33	17			
34	24			
35	31			
36				
37	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
38	#Divisions to prepare materials			
39				
40	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
41	https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days .			

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GCDO21AC/21AC/101-21Gg/GCDO22SM/22SM/ADCOM/GCDO22AC to AEA-22AC(DIV)

101-22Ge CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD 2023

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as follows:

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

101-22Ge CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2023 - 2

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>May</u>			
3	6-27	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
4	6	<i>Reach the World:</i> Using	---	GC-COM
5		Communication Channels		
6	13	<i>Reach the World:</i> In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*		GC-PM/DIV
7	20	Global Adventurer's Day	---	GC-YOU
8	27	World Day of Prayer for Children	---	GC-CHM
9		at Risk		
10				
11	<u>June</u>			
12	3	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study:	---	GC-SSPM
13		Sabbath School and		
14		Correspondence Courses		
15	10	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	---	GC-WM
16	17	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other	---	GC-SSPM
17		Members and Reclaiming		
18	17	Adventist Church World	---	ADRA
19		Refugee Day		
20	24	World Public Campus Ministries	---	GC-YOU
21		Day		
22				
23	<u>July</u>			
24	1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
25	8	Missions Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
26	15	<i>Reach the World:</i> Media Ministry	---	GC-COM
27	22	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
28	29			
29				
30	<u>August</u>			
31	5	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
32	12	<i>Reach the World:</i> Church Planting	---	GC-AM
33	19	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
34	26	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
35	26	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
36				
37	<u>September</u>			
38	2	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
39		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		
40	3-9	Family Togetherness Week of	---	GC-FM
41		Prayer		
42	9	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	---	GC-FM

101-22Ge CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2023 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>September</u>	contd		
3	9	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
4	16	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
5	23	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
6	30			
7				
8	<u>October</u>			
9	7	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
10	7	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-ARMies
11		Promotion		
12	14	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
13	21	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-WHT
14		Adventist Heritage		
15	28	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
16				
17	<u>November</u>			
18	4-11	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
19	11-17	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
20		Young Adults		
21	11		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
22	18	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-APM
23		Children Day		
24	25	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
25	25-2	Stewardship Revival Week		GC-STW
26				
27	<u>December</u>			
28	2	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
29	9	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
30	16			
31	23			
32	30			
33				
34	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
35	#Divisions to prepare materials			
36				
37	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
38	https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days .			

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101-22Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD
2024

RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2024, to read
as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January</u>			
6	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
10-20	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
13	#Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
20	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
27			
<u>February</u>			
3	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-SSPM
10-17	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
17			
24			
<u>March</u>			
2	Women's Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
9	Adventist World Radio*	---	GC-AWR
16-23	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
16	Global Youth Day/Global Children's	---	GC-YOU/CHM
	Day		
23	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
30			
<u>April</u>			
6	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
6	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
	Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		
13	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's	---	GC-SSPM
	Day)		
13	Hope Channel International*	---	GC-HCI
13-19	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
13	World Impact Day—for Distribution	---	Divisions
	of Missionary Book		
20	Possibility Ministries Day	---	GC-APM
27			

101-22Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD
2024 - 2

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>May</u>			
3	4-25	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
4	4	<i>Reach the World:</i> Using	---	GC-COM
5		Communication Channels		
6	11	<i>Reach the World:</i> In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*		GC-PM/DIV
7	18	Global Adventurer's Day	---	GC-YOU
8	25	World Day of Prayer for Children	---	GC-CHM
9		at Risk		
10				
11	<u>June</u>			
12	1	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study:	---	GC-SSPM
13		Sabbath School and		
14		Correspondence Courses		
15	8	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	---	GC-WM
16	15	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other	---	GC-SSPM
17		Members and Reclaiming		
18	15	Adventist Church World	---	ADRA
19		Refugee Day		
20	22	World Public Campus Ministries Day---		GC-YOU
21	29			
22				
23	<u>July</u>			
24	6	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
25	13	Missions Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
26	20	<i>Reach the World:</i> Media Ministry	---	GC-COM
27	27	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
28				
29	<u>August</u>			
30	3	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
31	10	<i>Reach the World:</i> Church Planting	---	GC-AM
32	17	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
33	24	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
34	24	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
35	31			
36				
37	<u>September</u>			
38	1-7	Family Togetherness Week of	---	GC-FM
39		Prayer		
40	7	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	---	GC-FM
41	7	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
42		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		

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2024 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>September</u>	contd		
3	14	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
4	21	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
5	28	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
6				
7	<u>October</u>			
8	5	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
9	5	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-ARMies
10		Promotion		
11	12	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
12	19	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-WHT
13		Adventist Heritage		
14	26	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
15				
16	<u>November</u>			
17	2-9	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
18	9-15	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
19		Young Adults		
20	9		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
21	16	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-APM
22		Children Day		
23	23	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
24	30-7	Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW
25				
26	<u>December</u>			
27	7	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
28	14	#Health Emphasis		GC-HM/DIV
29	21			
30	28			
31				
32	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
33	#Divisions to prepare materials			
34				
35	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
36	https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days .			

PRE/ADCOM/GCDO22AC to AEA-22AC(DIV)

101-22Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD
2025

RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2025, to read
as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January</u>			
4	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
8-18	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
11	#Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
18	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
25			
<u>February</u>			
1	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-SSPM
8-15	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
15			
22			
<u>March</u>			
1	Women's Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
8	Adventist World Radio*	---	GC-AWR
15-22	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
15	Global Youth Day/Global Children's	---	GC-YOU/CHM
	Day		
22	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
29			
<u>April</u>			
5	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
5	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
	Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		
12-18	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
12	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's	---	GC-SSPM
	Day)		
12	Hope Channel International*	---	GC-HCI
12	World Impact Day—for Distribution	---	Divisions
	of Missionary Book		
19	Possibility Ministries Day	---	GC-APM
26			

101-22Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD
2025 - 2

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>May</u>			
3	3-31	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
4	3	<i>Reach the World:</i> Using	---	GC-COM
5		Communication Channels		
6	10	<i>Reach the World:</i> In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*		GC-PM/DIV
7	17	Global Adventurer's Day	---	GC-YOU
8	24	World Day of Prayer for Children	---	GC-CHM
9	31	at Risk		
10				
11	<u>June</u>			
12	7	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study:	---	GC-SSPM
13		Sabbath School and		
14		Correspondence Courses		
15	14	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	---	GC-WM
16	21	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other	---	GC-SSPM
17		Members and Reclaiming		
18	21	Adventist Church World	---	ADRA
19		Refugee Day		
20	28	World Public Campus Ministries Day---		GC-YOU
21				
22	<u>July</u>			
23	5	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
24	12	Missions Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
25	19	<i>Reach the World:</i> Media Ministry	---	GC-COM
26	26	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
27				
28	<u>August</u>			
29	2	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
30	9	<i>Reach the World:</i> Church Planting	---	GC-AM
31	16	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
32	23	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
33	23	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
34	30			
35				
36	<u>September</u>			
37	6	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
38		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		
39	7-13	Family Togetherness Week of	---	GC-FM
40		Prayer		
41	13	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	---	GC-FM
42	13	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM

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101-22Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD
2025 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>September</u>	contd		
3	20	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
4	27	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
5				
6	<u>October</u>			
7	4	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
8	4	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-ARMies
9		Promotion		
10	11	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
11	18	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-WHT
12		Adventist Heritage		
13	25	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
14				
15	<u>November</u>			
16	1-8	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
17	8-14	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
18		Young Adults		
19	8	Annual Sacrifice*	---	GC-AM
20	15	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-APM
21		Children Day		
22	22	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
23	29-6	Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW
24				
25	<u>December</u>			
26	6	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
27	13	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
28	20			
29	27			
30				
31	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
32	#Divisions to prepare materials			
33				
34	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
35	https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days .			

SEC/ADCOM to HMM-22AC

135-22G ADVENTIST-LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES
(ASI) COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—
REAPPOINTMENT

RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Coordinating Committee (ASICoordCom) (GCC-S), with terms of reference and membership as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Support and facilitate divisions as they may initiate and administer Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) organizations and programs in their divisions.
2. Facilitate divisions as they develop a model constitution and bylaws for division ASI organization.
3. Offer a quinquennial advisory for division ASI organizations.
4. Meet during Spring Meeting and Annual Council to share and discuss concepts, ideas, and issues of a global nature.

1. Power to act.
2. Power to act.
3. Power to act.
4. Power to act.

MEMBERS

RYAN, MICHAEL L, Chair
McNeilus, Denzil, Vice-chair
Kuhn, Elbert, Secretary
Stango, Joanne, Recording Secretary

GC Assistant to the President
Layperson
GC Associate Secretary

Baptiste, Philip P
Charles-Marcel, Zeno L
Dickman, Steve
Douglas, Paul H
Houghton, Dan
Hunsaker, Andi
Kohler, Erton C
Letniak, Curtis

NAD ASI Executive Secretary
GC Health Ministries Associate Director
NAD Outpost Centers International President
GC Treasurer
NAD ASI Member
NAD ASI President
GC Secretary
NAD ASI Member

135-22G ADVENTIST-LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES
(ASI) COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—
REAPPOINTMENT - 2

1	McKey, Duane	Total Member Involvement Director
2	Wilson, Ted N C	GC President
3		
4	<u>DIVISION/ATTACHED UNION PRESIDENTS</u>	
5		
6	Akombwa, Harrington S	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
7	Arco, Stanley E	South American Division
8	Brito, Mario A	Inter-European Division
9	Bryant, G Alexander	North American Division
10	Caderma, Roger O	Southern Asia-Pacific Division
11	Duda, Daniel	Trans-European Division
12	Henry, Elie	Inter-American Division
13	Jiao, Daniel Wang Xin	Chinese Union Mission
14	Kaminskiy, Mikhail F	Euro-Asia Division
15	Kim, Yo Han	Northern Asia-Pacific Division
16	Lakra, Ezras	Southern Asia Division
17	McEdward, Richard E	Middle East and North Africa Union Mission
18	Nosov, Stanislav V	Ukrainian Union Conference
19	Ose-Bonsu, Robert	West-Central Africa Division
20	Ruguri, Blasious M	East-Central Africa Division
21	Townend, Glenn C	South Pacific Division
22		
23	<u>ATTENDANCE BY VIDEO CONFERENCE ONLY</u>	
24		
25	Amo-Mensah, Osei	WAD ASI Member
26	Koolik, Peter	SPD ASI Member
27	Nainggolan, Raxon	SSD ASI Member
28	Ng'andu, Alvert	SID ASI Member
29	Pelote, Emanuel	ECD ASI Member
30	Samir, Sarif	MENAUM ASI Member
31	Silveira de Araujo, Renato	SAD ASI Member
32	Smirnov, Igor	ESD ASI Member
33	Solomon, R J	SUD ASI Member
34	Theiss, Christiane E	EUD/TED ASI Member
35	Thomas, Marston	IAD ASI Member
36		
37	<i>To be named</i>	NSD ASI Member

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-22AC

2
3 136-22G GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—
4 REAPPOINTMENT

5
6 RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the General Conference Audit Committee (AudCom)
7 (GCC-S), with terms of reference and membership as follows:
8

9 TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- 10
11 1. Select an auditing firm, in
12 consultation with the General
13 Conference Auditing Service, to
14 accomplish the annual financial audit
15 of the General Conference.
16
17 2. Agree upon the fees and scope of the
18 audit engagement.
19
20 3. Maintain a direct and open line of
21 Communication with the auditor.
22
23 4. Receive and discuss with the auditor
24 the audited financial statement, audit
25 communication letter, and response
26 from General Conference
27 administration.
28
29 5. Review any serious difficulties
30 encountered during the course of the
31 audit.
32
33 6. Develop and review with the General
34 Conference administration adequate
35 internal controls.
36
37 7. Develop and review procedures for
38 the receipt and resolution of
39 confidential complaints regarding any
40 unethical business practice.
41
42 8. Discuss with General Conference
43 administration the assertions made
44 regarding compliance with core
45 policies enumerated in General
46 Conference *Working Policy* S 90.

1. Recommend to the General Conference
Executive Committee (GCC).

2. Power to act.

3. Power to act.

4. Power to act.

5. Power to act.

6. Power to act.

7. Power to act.

8. Power to act.

136-22G GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—
REAPPOINTMENT - 2

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| 1 | | |
| 2 | 9. Identify, evaluate, and respond to any | 9. Power to act. |
| 3 | potential business and fraud risks. | |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | 10. Understand emerging trends in | 10. Power to act. |
| 6 | accounting standards and their impact | |
| 7 | on financial reporting for the | |
| 8 | organization. | |
| 9 | | |
| 10 | 11. Provide oversight for the conflict of | 11. Power to act. |
| 11 | interest policy and address risks | |
| 12 | associated with any conflicts | |
| 13 | identified. | |
| 14 | | |
| 15 | 12. Hold an executive session where the | 12. Power to act. |
| 16 | General Conference executive | |
| 17 | officers, who may be attending as | |
| 18 | invitees, have been excused. | |
| 19 | | |
| 20 | 13. Present a report to the General | 13. Power to act. |
| 21 | Conference Executive Committee at | |
| 22 | its scheduled Spring Meeting | |
| 23 | regarding the results of the audit | |
| 24 | engagement, operational effectiveness | |
| 25 | of internal control, compliance with | |
| 26 | core policies, and potential business | |
| 27 | risks. This report should be | |
| 28 | accompanied by recommendations for | |
| 29 | the General Conference Executive | |
| 30 | Committee to consider. | |

31
32 MEMBERS

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| 33 | | |
| 34 | DENSLOW, KENNETH A, Chair | Union President (From USA; to facilitate |
| 35 | | communications with the auditor) |
| 36 | | |
| 37 | Asiedu, Emmanuel* | Union Treasurer* (Based in USA and CPA; to |
| 38 | | meet the characteristic of financial expert) |
| 39 | Henry Mohansingh, Zhara-Marie | Layperson (With business acumen) |
| 40 | Injety, Vincent | GC Institution President |
| 41 | Lalas, Angela M* | GC Institution CFO (Based in USA and CPA; |
| 42 | | to meet the characteristic of financial expert) |

136-22G GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—
REAPPOINTMENT - 3

1	Townend, Glenn C	Division President
2	Zens, Norbert G	Division Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

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4 INVITEES

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6	Wilson, Ted N C	GC President
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7	Kohler, Erton C	GC Secretary
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8	Douglas, Paul H	GC Treasurer
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10	Kajiura, Robyn W	GCAS Director**
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11	Doukmetzian, Karnik	GC Counsel**
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13 * Ordinarily, all members of the General Conference Audit Committee should also be members of
14 the General Conference Executive Committee. However, the General Conference Executive
15 Committee may appoint persons to the audit committee who are not also members of the General
16 Conference Executive Committee to ensure the required characteristic of having at least one
17 financial expert who understands the financial reporting framework in the USA, is able to apply
18 that framework to accounting matters, has experience in preparing and analyzing financial
19 statements, understands internal controls, and understands the function of an audit committee.

20

21 ** Invitees to be included in executive sessions of the audit committee.

SEC/ADCOM to HMM-22AC

137-22G GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD (GCC-B)—
REAPPOINTMENT

RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the General Conference Mission Board (GCMB) (GCC B),
with terms of reference and membership as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Oversee and coordinate mission
planning and funding in consultation
with the divisions and in harmony
with guidelines voted by the General
Conference Executive Committee
(GCC) and the General Conference
Strategic Planning and Budgeting
Committee (SP&B) (GCC-S).

1. Power to act.

2. Oversee and coordinate the
communication of mission news,
plans, and appeals for involvement.

2. Power to act.

3. Oversee and coordinate missionary
placement and support in
consultation with the divisions and in
harmony with guidelines voted by
the General Conference Executive
Committee (GCC) and the General
Conference Strategic Planning and
Budgeting Committee (SP&B)
(GCC-S).

3. Power to act.

4. Meet at least two times a year:
Spring Meeting and Annual Council.

4. Power to act.

5. Approve new policies and policy
amendments for inclusion in the
International Service Employee
Working Policy.

5. Power to act.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WILSON, TED N C, Chair
Kohler, Erton C, Vice-chair
Douglas, Paul H, Vice-chair

GC President
GC Secretary
GC Treasurer

137-22G GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD (GCC-B)—
REAPPOINTMENT - 2

1	Krause, Gary D, Secretary	GC Associate Secretary, Adventist Mission
2	Mbwana, Orupa, Recording Secretary	
3		
4	Biaggi, Guillermo E	GC Vice President
5	Mbwana, Geoffrey G	GC Vice President
6	Mooroooven, Hensley M	GC Undersecretary
7	Wahlen, J Raymond II	GC Undertreasurer
8		
9	<u>MEMBERS</u>	
10		
11	GC Vice Presidents	
12	GC Assistants to the President	
13	Division Presidents	
14	Division Secretaries	
15	Division Treasurers	
16	GC Associate Secretaries	
17	GC Associate Treasurers	
18	GC Department Directors	
19		
20	Bahadur, Petras	Global Mission Ctr for Adv-Muslim Relations
21	Brasil de Souza, Elias	BRI Director
22	Burt, Merlin	Ellen G White Estate Director
23	Fowler-Kline, Fylvia	VividFaith Director
24	Goncalves, Kleber	Global Miss Ctr Sec & Post-Christian Miss
25	Hart, Richard H	LLU President
26	Ingram-Hudgins, Sherri	Adventist Membership Software Director
27	Jiao, Daniel Wang Xin	CHUM President
28	Knott, William M	Adventist Review/Adventist World Editor
29	Kruger, Michael	ADRA President
30	Luxton, Andrea T	Andrews University President
31	McEdward, Richard E	MENAUM President
32	McKey, Duane	Adventist World Radio President
33	Morris, Derek J	Hope Channel President
34	Nosov, Stanislav V	UUC President
35	Osindo, Oscar	Institute of World Mission Director
36	Park, Lissy	Assistant Secretary
37	Scoggins, Jeffrey	Adventist Mission Planning Director
38	Shameerudeen, Clifmond	Global Mission Ctr for S Asian Religions
39	Siqueira, Reinaldo	Global Miss Wrlld Jewish-Adv Friendship Ctr
40	Trim, David	Archives, Statistics, and Research Director
41	Venn, E Douglas	Global Mission Urban Center Director
42	Whitsett, Gregory P	Global Miss Ctr Dir/ E Asian Rel Ctr Dir

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137-22G GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD (GCC-B)—
REAPPOINTMENT - 3

1	Winegardner, James S	ARM President
2		
3	Injety, Vincent (AUA)	Others selected from GC institutions
4	Ketting-Weller, Ginger (AIIAS)	
5		
6	Dickman, Steve (OCI)	Selected individuals from ASI organizations
7	Hunsaker, Andi (ASI)	
8		
9	Kannanaikkel, Sarah	Three (3) Young Adults
10	Mau, Keri	
11	Reyes, Kenia	
12		
13	Nedley, Neil	Two (2) Laymembers of the GC Exec Com
14	Proffitt, Kathryn	
15		
16	Pollard, Leslie N	Two (2) Frontline Members of the GC Exec Com
17	<i>To be named</i>	
18		
19	<u>INVITEES</u>	
20		
21	Kajiura, Richard D	Adventist Mission Communication Director
22	Kryvoi, Vitalii	UUC Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
23	Rose, Steven G	CHUM Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
24	Szilvasi, Tibor	MENAUM Secretary
25	Velechuk, Volodymyr S	UUC Secretary
26	Wixwat, Michael A	MENAUM Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
27	Zhang, John Xiao Ming	CHUM Secretary
28		
29	<u>LEGAL ADVISOR</u>	
30		
31	Gandia, Ruben	

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-22AC

2
3 141-22G ADVENTIST REVIEW MINISTRIES PUBLISHING BOARD
4 (GCC-B)—REAPPOINTMENT

5
6 RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board
7 (ARMiesBd) (GCC-B), with terms of reference and membership as follows:
8

9 TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

10
11 1. Assign an individual to supervise the
12 publishing functions and provide
13 counsel to that individual.
14

1. Power to act.

15 2. Establish advertising and marketing
16 policies.
17

2. Power to act.

18 3. Negotiate and contract with the
19 Pacific Press Publishing Association
20 and other individuals and entities for
21 specified services.
22

3. Power to act.

23 4. Recommend the appointment of the
24 *Adventist Review* editor-in-chief and
25 associate editors.
26

4. Recommend to Annual Council
through the General Conference
Administrative Committee
(ADCOM) (GCC-S).
27

28 5. Recommend the appointment of
29 *Adventist Review* assistant editors.
30

5. Recommend to the General
Conference Administrative
Committee (ADCOM-S) (GCC-S).
31

32 MEMBERS

33
34 WILSON, TED N C, Chair
35 Biaggi, Guillermo E, Vice-chair
36 *AR Editor to be named*, Secretary
37

38 Andersson, Audrey E
39 Beardsley-Hardy, Lisa M
40 Bryant, G Alexander
41 Costa, Williams S Jr
42 Douglas, Paul H
43 Finley, Mark A
44 Howard, James M
45 Kohler, Erton C
46

Landless, Peter N
Mbwana, Geoffrey G
Orion, Daisy J F
Perez Schulz, Magdiel E
Stele, Artur A
Valentine, Maurice R
Wahlen, J Raymond II

141-22G ADVENTIST REVIEW MINISTRIES PUBLISHING BOARD
(GCC-B)—REAPPOINTMENT - 2

- 1 LEGAL ADVISOR
- 2
- 3 Doukmetzian, Karnik

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-22AC

2
3 142-22G *ADVENTIST WORLD* PUBLISHING BOARD (GCC-B)—
4 REAPPOINTMENT

5
6 RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the *Adventist World* Publishing Board (AWPubBd) (GCC-B),
7 with terms of reference and membership as follows:

8
9 TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

10
11 1. Assign an individual to supervise the
12 publishing functions and provide
13 counsel to that individual.

1. Power to act.

14
15 2. Negotiate and contract with the
16 Pacific Press Publishing Association
17 and other individuals and entities for
18 specified services.

2. Power to act.

19
20 3. Oversee international production and
21 distribution of *Adventist World*.

3. Power to act.

22
23 4. Recommend the appointment of the
24 *Adventist World* editor-in-chief and
25 associate editors.

4. Recommend to Annual Council
through the General Conference
Administrative Committee
(ADCOM) (GCC-S).

26
27
28 5. Recommend the appointment of
29 *Adventist Review* assistant editors.

5. Recommend to the General
Conference Administrative
Committee (ADCOM-S) (GCC-S).

30
31
32 MEMBERS

33
34 WILSON, TED N C, Chair
35 Biaggi, Guillermo E, Vice-chair
36 *AW Editor to be named*, Secretary

37
38 Andersson, Audrey E
39 Beardsley-Hardy, Lisa M
40 Bryant, G Alexander
41 Costa, Williams S Jr
42 Douglas, Paul H
43 Finley, Mark A
44 Howard, James M
45 Kohler, Erton C

Landless, Peter N
Mbwana, Geoffrey G
Orion, Daisy J F
Perez Schulz, Magdiel E
Stele, Artur A
Valentine, Maurice R
Wahlen, J Raymond II

142-22G *ADVENTIST WORLD* PUBLISHING BOARD (GCC-B)—
REAPPOINTMENT - 2

1 LEGAL ADVISOR
2
3 Doukmetzian, Karnik
4

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-22AC

2
3 143-22G GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE
4 COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT

5
6 RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the General Conference Administrative Committee
7 (ADCOM) (GCC-S), with terms of reference and membership as follows:

8
9 TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

10
11 A. Standing Committees

12
13 1. Appoint standing committees
14 and develop, approve, and
15 adjust their terms of reference.

1. Power to act.

16
17 2. Evaluate the work of standing
18 committees on an annual basis.

2. Power to act.

19
20 3. Receive referrals from the
21 subcommittees that report to it.

3. Power to act or refer to the
General Conference Executive
Committee (GCC).

22
23
24 B. Financial Oversight

25
26 1. Receive reports from Treasury
27 on an annual basis regarding
28 interdependence trends of union
29 missions and conferences and
30 make recommendations to the
31 Strategic Planning and
32 Budgeting Committee (SP&B)
33 (GCC-S)

1. Power to act.

34
35 2. Develop the General
36 Conference budget in harmony
37 with established procedures

2. Recommend to Annual Council.

38
39 3. Review the operations of the
40 General Conference in relation
41 to the budget.

3. Power to act in counsel with the
responsible officers.

42
43 4. Approve the opening and closing
44 of bank accounts with appropriate
45 signatures.

4. Power to act.

143-22G GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 2

- 1 5. Authorize expenditure of
2 of Emergency and Contingency
3 Funds as provided for in the
4 Budget.

5. Power to act within limits
established by the General
Conference Executive
Committee (GCC).

6 C. Planning and Development

- 7
8 1. Direct in the formulation and
9 publication of internal policies,
10 protocols, and procedures.

1. Power to act.

- 11
12 2. Direct in the development of
13 long-range planning for the
14 staffing and operation of the
15 General Conference
16 Headquarters.

2. Recommend to the General
Conference Executive
Committee (GCC).

17
18 D. Personnel Matters

- 19
20 1. Initiate a work assessment
21 Process for elected staff.

1. Power to act.

- 22
23 2. Recommend to the General
24 Conference Executive
25 Committee (GCC) employment
26 or discharge of all elected
27 personnel between General
28 Conference Sessions.

2. Power to act.

- 29
30 3. Employ appointed personnel
31 with a remuneration rate
32 maximum of 110% or above or
33 who hold the following
34 positions regardless of
35 remuneration:

3. Power to act.

- 36
37 a. Assistants to the General
38 Conference Executive
39 officers.
40

143-22G GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 3

- b. Resource management team directors and associate directors not subject to election by a General Conference Session or to appointment by the General Conference Executive Committee.
 - c. Editors, associate and assistant editors and publishers of publications circulated to the world Church and who are not otherwise appointed by the General Conference Executive Committee (GCC) in accordance with General Conference Constitution Article VII.
 - d. Assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers.
 - e. Assistant directors of ministries departments.
4. As soon as possible following a regular General Conference Session, appoint personnel for positions defined in paragraph 3. above.
4. Power to act.

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E. General Administrative Items

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| 1. | Consider outer routine administrative issues as they arise and give general counsel to world Church entities as requested. | 1. | Power to act. |
| 2. | Express condolences and appreciation as circumstances may indicate. | 2. | Power to act. |

F. Publisher of Sabbath School Bible Study Guides

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| 1. | Appoint the membership of the World Sabbath School Bible Study Guide Curriculum Committee (WSSCC) (GCC-S), membership of the Sabbath School Publications Board (SSPubBd) (ADCOM-B), the manuscript evaluation committees (SSPubBd-Ssub), and the international translation and contextualization committees. | 1. | Power to act. |
| 2. | Receive reports and process recommendations from the World Sabbath School Advisory. | 2. | Power to act. |
| 3. | Approve the world Sabbath School curriculum for all age levels and authorize the Sabbath School Publications Board (SSPubBd) (ADCOM-B) to proceed with the development of curricula and manuscripts. | 3. | Power to act. |

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COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 5

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| 1 | 4. Appoint an ad hoc committee, | 4. Power to act. |
| 2 | as needed, to examine the | |
| 3 | recommendations of the World | |
| 4 | Sabbath School Bible Study | |
| 5 | Guide Curriculum Committee | |
| 6 | (WSSCC) (GCC-S), the | |
| 7 | membership to be composed | |
| 8 | mainly of qualified individuals | |
| 9 | other than those involved with | |
| 10 | Sabbath School Bible Study | |
| 11 | Guide preparation or evaluation. | |
| 12 | | |
| 13 | 5. Identify and approve additional | 5. Power to act. |
| 14 | topics that may be essential to | |
| 15 | Church plans and strategies and | |
| 16 | authorize the Sabbath School | |
| 17 | Publications Board (SSPubBd) | |
| 18 | (ADCOM-B) to include such | |
| 19 | topics in the world Sabbath | |
| 20 | School curriculum. | |
| 21 | | |
| 22 | 6. Make a determination in the | 6. Power to act. |
| 23 | event a situation arises in which | |
| 24 | there is not concurrence | |
| 25 | between the editor and the | |
| 26 | Sabbath School Publications | |
| 27 | Board (SSPubBd) (ADCOM-B). | |
| 28 | | |
| 29 | 7. Approve policies for translation, | 7. Power to act. |
| 30 | adaptation, and contextualization | |
| 31 | of Sabbath School student and | |
| 32 | teacher materials for all age levels. | |
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| 34 | 8. Publish student and teacher | 8. Power to act. |
| 35 | Sabbath School Bible Study | |
| 36 | Guides. | |
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38 MEMBERS

39		
40	WILSON, TED N C, Chair	President
41	Moorooven, Hensley M, Secretary	Undersecretary
42	Boward, Tamara K, Recording Secretary	

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COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 6

1		
2	Andersson, Audrey E	General Vice Presidents
3	Biaggi, Guillermo E	
4	De los Santos, Abner	
5	Lemon, Thomas L	
6	Mbwana, Geoffrey G	
7	Stele, Artur A	
8	Valentine, Maurice R	
9		
10	Finley, Mark A	Assistants to the President
11	Ryan, Michael L	
12		
13	Kohler, Erton C	Secretary
14		
15	Krause, Gary D	Associate Secretaries
16	Kuhn, Elbert	
17	Porter, Karen J	
18	Richli, Claude J	
19	Santos, Gerson P	
20	Samuel, Saw	
21		
22	Douglas, Paul H	Treasurer
23		
24	Wahlen, J Raymond II	Undertreasurer
25		
26	Aka, Timothy H	Associate Treasurers
27	Egwakhe, George O	
28	Lust, German A	
29	Orion, Daisy J F	
30	Pierre, Josue	
31	Stephenson, Richard T	
32		
33	Brasil de Souza, Elias	Field Secretaries
34	Burt, Merlin	
35	Kruger, Michael	
36	McKey, Duane	
37	Morris, Derek J	
38	Nalin, Ronald	
39	Perez Schulz, Magdiel E	
40		
41		<u>DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS</u>
42	Beardsley-Hardy, Lisa M	Education

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COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 7

1 Bomfim, Marcos F
2 Canals, Ramon J
3 Carlson, Dennis R
4 Chureson, Orathai
5 Costa, Williams S Jr
6 Diop, Ganoune H
7 Howard, James M
8 Khumalo, Sibusiso
9 Landless, Peter N
10 Marroni, Almir M
11 Oliver, Willie
12 Omana, Ivan H
13 Small, Heather-Dawn K
14

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16 Winegardner, James S
17 Yingling, Lori T
18

19 INVITEES*
20

21 Burdick, Brent B
22 Kajiura, Robyn W
23 Nestares, Raul A
24 Park, Lissy
25

26 LEGAL ADVISOR
27

28 Doukmetzian, Karnik
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31 *Invitees will be determined by the Administrative Committee and will function as members of
32 the committee with voice and vote at the discretion of the Chair.

Stewardship Ministries
Ministerial Association
Planned Giving and Trust Services
Children's Ministries
Communication
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty
Sabbath School and Personal Ministries
Youth Ministries
Health Ministries
Publishing Ministries
Family Ministries
Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries
Women's Ministries

ENTITY DIRECTORS

Adventist Risk Management
Human Resources

Assistant to the Treasurer
Dir, General Conference Auditing Service
Assistant Treasurer
Assistant Secretary

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3 144-22G STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE
4 (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT

5
6 RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee (SP&B)
7 (GCC-S), with terms of reference and membership as follows:

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9 TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

10
11 1. Prepare a strategic plan for the world
12 Church whose development process
13 includes:

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17 a. Define and refine the mission
18 statement of the Church.
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20 b. Conduct research and obtain
21 input from leadership.
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23 c. Consult with the world
24 divisions in identifying global
25 priorities, strategic issues, and
26 goals.
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28 d. Approve action plans which are
29 informed by analysis of
30 available resources.
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32 e. Create a plan for assessment
33 and evaluation.
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35 2. Consider trends, developments,
36 needs, and opportunities each year
37 prior to Spring Meeting and in light
38 of the considerations, frame the
39 budget priorities for the next fiscal
40 year.
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42 3. Review and recommend the annual
43 General Conference budget.
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1. Recommend to the General
Conference Executive Committee
(GCC) through the President's
Executive Administrative Council
(PREXAD).

2. Power to act.

3. Recommend to the General
Conference Executive Committee
(GCC).

144-22G STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE
(GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 2

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| 1 | 4. | Review and recommend financial | 4. | Recommend to the General |
| 2 | | contingency plans for crisis | | Conference Administrative |
| 3 | | situations. | | Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S). |
| 4 | | | | |
| 5 | 5. | Review and approve funding | 5. | Power to act. |
| 6 | | requests for major opportunities | | |
| 7 | | which have been processed through | | |
| 8 | | and endorsed by General Conference | | |
| 9 | | Treasury and include an analysis of | | |
| 10 | | available funding sources. | | |
| 11 | | | | |
| 12 | 6. | Review reports on the General | 6. | Report to the General Conference |
| 13 | | Conference operating expense caps | | Executive Committee (GCC). |
| 14 | | as required by the General | | |
| 15 | | Conference Executive Committee | | |
| 16 | | (GCC). | | |
| 17 | | | | |
| 18 | 7. | Review reports on the | 7. | Power to act. |
| 19 | | interdependence trends (including | | |
| 20 | | financial self-support) in | | |
| 21 | | denominational structures and | | |
| 22 | | determine how such trends should | | |
| 23 | | affect budgeting and appropriation | | |
| 24 | | patterns. | | |
| 25 | | | | |
| 26 | 8. | Approve guidelines and authorize | 8. | Power to act. |
| 27 | | distribution of Thirteenth Sabbath | | |
| 28 | | offering monies in harmony with the | | |
| 29 | | strategic plan. | | |
| 30 | | | | |
| 31 | 9. | Review and recommend a Calendar | 9. | Recommend to the General |
| 32 | | of Offerings. | | Conference Executive Committee |
| 33 | | | | (GCC). |
| 34 | | | | |
| 35 | 10. | Approve methods and strategies for | 10. | Power to act. |
| 36 | | increasing income from traditional | | |
| 37 | | and new sources. | | |
| 38 | | | | |
| 39 | 11. | Appoint subcommittees as needed. | 11. | Power to act. |
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144-22G STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE
(GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 3

MEMBERS

WILSON, TED N C, Chair	President
Biaggi, Guillermo E, Vice-chair	Vice President
Lemon, Thomas L, Vice-chair	Vice President
Wahlen, J Raymond II, Secretary	Undertreasurer
Mooroooven, Hensley M, Associate Secretary	Undersecretary
Colomb, Lisa D, Recording Secretary	
Aka, Timothy H	Associate Treasurer
Andersson, Audrey E	Vice President
Beardsley-Hardy, Lisa M	Education Director
Bomfim, Marcos F	Stewardship Ministries Director
Canals, Ramon J	Ministerial Association Secretary
De los Santos, Abner	Vice President
Douglas, Paul H	Treasurer
Egwakhe, George O	Associate Treasurer
Evans, Larry R/Venn E Douglas	Assistant to the President/Possibility Min
Kohler, Erton C	Secretary
Krause, Gary D	Associate Secretary
Kuhn, Elbert	Associate Secretary
Landless, Peter N	Health Ministries Director
Lust, German A	Associate Treasurer
Marroni, Almir	Publishing Ministries Director
Mbwana, Geoffrey G	Vice President
Orion, Daisy J F	Associate Treasurer
Perez Schulz, Magdiel E	Assistant to the President
Pierre, Josue	Associate Treasurer
Porter, Karen J	Associate Secretary
Richli, Claude J	Associate Secretary
Ryan, Michael L	Assistant to the President
Samuel, Saw	Associate Secretary
Santos, Gerson P	Associate Secretary
Stele, Artur A	Vice President
Stephenson, Richard T	Associate Treasurer
Valentine, Maurice R	Vice President
Yingling, Lori T	Human Resource Director

All Divisions: President, Secretary, and Treasurer

To be named

GC Dept Dir (2-3 rotating every 5 yrs)

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(GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 4

1	<i>To be named</i>	Lay Representatives (6-8)
2		
3	Kruger, Michael	Others
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5	<u>INVITEES</u>	
6		
7	Bennett, Denise	Associate Controller
8	Costa, Williams S Jr	Communication Director
9	Doukmetzian, Karnik	Legal Advisor
10	Jiao, Daniel Wang Xin	CHUM President
11	Kajiura, Robyn W	GC Auditing Service Director
12	Korff, Eugene A	Controller
13	Kryvoi, Vitalii	UUC Treasurer
14	McEdward, Richard E	MENAUM President
15	McKey, Duane	Adventist World Radio President
16	Morris, Derek J	Hope Channel President
17	Nosov, Stanislav V	UUC President
18	Park, Lissy	Assistant Secretary
19	Rose, Steven G	CHUM Treasurer
20	Szilvasi, Tibor	MENAUM Secretary
21	Trim, David	Archives, Statistics, and Research Director
22	Velechuk, Volodymyr S	UUC Secretary
23	Wixwat, Michael A	MENAUM Treasurer
24	Zhang, John Xiao Ming	CHUM Treasurer
25		
26	<u>STEERING COMMITTEE</u>	
27		
28	WILSON, TED N C, Chair	
29	Lemon, Thomas L, Vice-chair	
30	Wahlen, J Raymond II, Secretary	
31	Moorrooven, Hensley M, Associate Secretary	
32		
33	Kohler, Erton C	
34	Douglas, Paul H	

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GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

RECOMMENDED, To record the members of the General Conference Executive Committee, as follows:

Euro-Asia Division

Avakov, Stepan, Layperson
Juravliov, Dumitru, Pastor
Rakovich, Vitali, Layperson
Salnikov, Aleksei, Layperson

Inter-European Division

Bosev, Ventsislav N, Layperson
Duo, Roberto, Layperson
Le Guilcher, Stéphane, Pastor
Militaru, Constatin, Layperson

Inter-American Division

Balan Tamay, Suemy P, Frontline Employee
Casia Lacan, Pedro M, Pastor
Garcia Jimenez, Johana I, Layperson
Gomez Ramirez, Jorge, Frontline Employee
Guzman, Walmer, Frontline Employee
Joseph Jasmin, Marie A, Layperson
Mata de Ramirez, Raiza, Frontline Employee
Morris, Gentry, Layperson
Pacheco, Marlon, Frontline Employee
White, Kay, Frontline Employee

North American Division

Escudero, Mari, Layperson
Kalkan, Walt, Layperson
Loeffler, Mileen, Layperson
Pollard, Leslie N, Frontline Employee
Roberts, Randy, Pastor

South American Division

Chapa Calderon, Grecia T, Layperson
Gutierrez Limachi, David, Pastor

Liberato da Silva Junior, Meirinaldo, Layperson
Marino Martinez, Oscar D, Layperson
Munoz Solis, Sara N, Frontline Employee
Olate, Rodolfo, Frontline Employee
Sassa dos Santos, Ricardo L, Frontline Employee
Wagmacker Ferreira, Djeyne, Frontline Employee

Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Avelino, Simao M, Frontline Employee
Chanda, Sithembile, Layperson
Kabo, Boitirelo, Frontline Employee
Kaluwa, Alamson D, Frontline Employee
Kuafe, Lillo A, Frontline Employee
Maisch, Beauty, Frontline Employee
Mutunhu, Constance, Layperson
Ndonji, David, Pastor
Quissanga, Francisco J, Frontline Employee
Ramiatrika, Tsiry M, Layperson
Sande Mussolo, Antonio D, Frontline Employee

South Pacific Division

Barlow, Annette, Layperson
Bower, Lesleigh A E, Layperson
Langai, Newton, Pastor
Taitera, Hannelly, Layperson

Southern Asia-Pacific Division

Halder, Simson, Layperson
Kan, Johnny, Frontline Employee
Mawikere, Edison, Layperson
Nazir, Samuel, Pastor
Patalinghug, Jerry C, Frontline Employee
Romeo Donald, Teddy, Layperson

Southern Asia Division

Kumar, Jai, Layperson
Liana, Lalnghak, Frontline Employee
Madaiah, Chinnappasathwik, Layperson
Shrestha, Bhaju Ram, Layperson
Vakkanthula, Sharon R, Pastor

Trans-European Division

Awuku, Alison, Layperson
Herel, Matthew, Pastor
Rantanen, Niklas, Layperson
Souhuwat-Tomasoa, Frieda, Layperson

*The East-Central Africa Division, Northern Asia-Pacific Division, and West-Central Africa Division will select their members at their yearend meetings.

40 Members At-Large—Laity Including Young Adults (20)

Bala, C Jane	Koolik, Peter
Batchelor, Doug	Mills, Philip R
Butler, Harold E	Morikone, Greg
Clark, Harriet	Nedley, Neil
Dickman, Steve	Pita, Gonzalo L
Dube, Thandolwethu H	Proffitt, Kathryn L
Henry Mohansingh, Zhara-Marie	Reece, E Albert
Houghton, Dan	Restrepo, Norbert
Hunsaker, Andi	Soares, Alfred
Huong, Alistair	Wendt, Sherrie

40 Members At-Large—Employee/Retiree (20)

Cardoso Pinheiro, Carlos	Osindo, Oscar
Evans, Larry R	Parchment, Orville D
Finley, Mark A	Prestol-Puesan, Juan R
Forde, Terry	Ryan, Michael L
Kim, Si Young	Simmons, Ella S
Lalas, Angela	Venn, E Douglas
Maphosa, Solomon	Weick, Elie
Meekma, Chip Jr	Worden, Melinda J
Neal, Rodney	Wright, Trevor
Ng, G T	Yingling, Lori T

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GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INVITEES—
ASSOCIATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

RECOMMENDED, To record the associate department directors as invitees to the General Conference Executive Committee, as follows:

Apola, Stephen R
Barbe, Aniel
Bergland, Torben
Brown, Jeffrey O
Burcea, Nelu
Canals, Aurora M
Charles-Marcel, Zeno L
Coppock, Scot T
Costa, Robert
Itin, Nilde
Kent, Anthony R

Kibuuka, Hudson E
Kim, Justin
Melgosa, Julian
Mokgwane, Pako E
Neves, Samuel H
Oliver, Elaine
Peralta, Andres J
Reinert, Katia
Sabuin, Richard A
Taylor, John Wesley V
Woods, Jennifer

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GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INVITEES—
SELECTED

RECOMMENDED, To record the selected invitees to the General Conference Executive Committee, as follows:

Beckett, John R
Bediako, Daniel K
Burdick, Brent B
Castillo, Mildred F
Demyan, Vyacheslav
Doukmetzian, Karnik
Dowling, Korey J
Esmond, Dwain N
Evans, Dwight
Filkoski, Stephen
Guth, Olivier M
Hasel, Frank M
Hopp Marshak, Helen
Kajiura, Richard D
Kajiura, Robyn W
Klingbeil, Chantal
Klingbeil, Gerald A
Kryvoi, Vitalii
Kuhn, Ronald
Kutzschbach, Markus
Madanat, Imad
McFarland, Todd R
Mesa, Milton A

Moskala, Jiri
Mutero, Gideon M
Nick, Doyle R
Park, Lissy
Petersen, Anne Berit
Poirier, Timothy L
Rose, Steven G
Scoggins, Jeff
Scott, Greg
Sharpe, Kent
Siliga, T Matthew
Sokupa, Michael
Swanson, Joel
Szilvasi, Tibor
Thompson, Darryl
Timm, Alberto R
Velechuk, Volodymyr S
Wahlen, Clinton L
Williams, David R
Williams, Lori E
Wixwat, Michael A
Zhang, John Xiao Ming

The Great Controversy

Chapter 36, pp 582-585

The Impending Conflict

From the very beginning of the great controversy in heaven it has been Satan's purpose to overthrow the law of God. It was to accomplish this that he entered upon his rebellion against the Creator, and though he was cast out of heaven he has continued the same warfare upon the earth. To deceive men, and thus lead them to transgress God's law, is the object which he has steadfastly pursued. Whether this be accomplished by casting aside the law altogether, or by rejecting one of its precepts, the result will be ultimately the same. He that offends "in one point," manifests contempt for the whole law; his influence and example are on the side of transgression; he becomes "guilty of all." James 2:10. (582.1)

In seeking to cast contempt upon the divine statutes, Satan has perverted the doctrines of the Bible, and errors have thus become incorporated into the faith of thousands who profess to believe the Scriptures. The last great conflict between truth and error is but the final struggle of the long-standing controversy concerning the law of God. Upon this battle we are now entering—a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition. (582.2)

The agencies which will unite against truth and righteousness in this contest are now actively at work. God's holy word, which has been handed down to us at such a cost of suffering and blood, is but little valued. The Bible is within the reach of all, but there are few who really accept it as the guide of life. Infidelity prevails to an alarming extent, not in the world merely, but in the church. Many have come to deny doctrines which are the very pillars of the Christian faith. The great facts of creation as presented by the inspired writers, the fall of man, the atonement, and the perpetuity of the law of God, are practically rejected, either wholly or in part, by a large share of the professedly Christian world. Thousands who pride themselves upon their wisdom and independence regard it as an evidence of weakness to place implicit confidence in the Bible; they think it a proof of superior talent and learning to cavil at the Scriptures and to spiritualize and explain away their most important truths. Many ministers are teaching their people, and many professors and teachers are instructing their students, that the law of God has been changed or abrogated; and those who regard its requirements as still valid, to be literally obeyed, are thought to be deserving only of ridicule or contempt. (582.3)

In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. In trampling upon the law of God, they deny the authority of the Law-giver. It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone. By misrepresenting the attributes of God, Satan leads men to conceive of Him in a false character. With many, a philosophical idol is enthroned in the place of Jehovah; while the living God, as He is revealed in His word, in Christ, and in the works of creation, is worshiped by but few. Thousands deify nature while they deny the God of nature. Though in a different form, idolatry exists in the Christian world today as verily as it existed among ancient Israel in the days of Elijah. The God of many professedly wise men, of philosophers, poets, politicians, journalists—the God of polished fashionable circles, of many colleges and universities, even of some theological institutions—is little better than Baal, the sun-god of Phoenicia. (583.1)

No error accepted by the Christian world strikes more boldly against the authority of Heaven, none is more directly opposed to the dictates of reason, none is more pernicious in its results, than the modern doctrine, so rapidly gaining ground, that God's law is no longer binding upon men. Every nation has its laws, which command respect and obedience; no government could exist without them; and can it be conceived that the Creator of the heavens and the earth has no law to govern the beings He has made? Suppose that prominent ministers were publicly to teach that the statutes which govern their land and protect the rights of its citizens were not obligatory—that they restricted the liberties of the people, and therefore ought not to be obeyed; how long would such men be tolerated in the pulpit? But is it a graver offense to disregard the laws of states and nations than to trample upon those divine precepts which are the foundation of all government? (584.1)

It would be far more consistent for nations to abolish their statutes, and permit the people to do as they please, than for the Ruler of the universe to annul His law, and leave the world without a standard to condemn the guilty or justify the obedient. Would we know the result of making void the law of God? The experiment has been tried. Terrible were the scenes enacted in France when atheism became the controlling power. It was then demonstrated to the world that to throw off the restraints which God has imposed is to accept the rule of the cruelest of tyrants. When the standard of righteousness is set aside, the way is open for the prince of evil to establish his power in the earth. (584.2)

Wherever the divine precepts are rejected, sin ceases to appear sinful or righteousness desirable. Those who refuse to submit to the government of God are wholly unfitted to govern themselves. Through their pernicious teachings the spirit of insubordination is implanted in the hearts of children and youth, who are naturally impatient of control; and a lawless, licentious state of society results. While scoffing at the credulity of those who obey the requirements of God, the multitudes eagerly accept the delusions of Satan. They give the rein to lust and practice the sins which have called down judgments upon the heathen. (584.3)

Those who teach the people to regard lightly the commandments of God sow disobedience to reap disobedience. (585.1)