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**OF THE**  
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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**October 5-11, 2023**

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DAILY PROGRAM

Thursday, October 5

8:00 a.m.-8:35 a.m.	LEAD Conference Opening
8:35 a.m.-9:05 a.m.	Devotional
9:05 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	LEAD Conference
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Annual Council On-Site Check-In
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	LEAD Conference
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Steering Committee*

Friday, October 6

7:15 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	Dedicated Prayer Time
8:00 a.m.-8:20 a.m.	Annual Council Opening
8:20 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	Devotional
9:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Business Session
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Steering Committee*
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Evening Program

Sabbath, October 7

8:30 a.m.-8:50 a.m.	Dedicated Prayer Time
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Sabbath School
10:35 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Divine Service
12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Program

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Sunday, October 8

7:15 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
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee
2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Business Session

Monday, October 9

7:15 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
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Steering Committee*

Tuesday, October 10

7:15 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

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Tuesday, October 10 (Contd)

2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Business Session
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Steering Committee*

Wednesday, October 11

7:15 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.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch

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DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

*Reach the World: I Will Go  
Chosen for Mission*

Friday, October 6

James S Winegardner, President  
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*“Chosen”*

Sabbath, October 7

Ted N C Wilson, President  
General Conference

*“Chosen for Mission”*

Sunday, October 8

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*“Born for Mission”*

Monday, October 9

Richard E McEdward, President  
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*“Does the Fire Still Burn?”*

Tuesday, October 10

Stanislav V Nosov, President  
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*“The Example of Christ in Suffering”*

Wednesday, October 11

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*“The Everlasting Message of Peace in Israel”*

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OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS FOR  
BUSINESS MEETINGS

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This explanation is to help you use the 2023 Annual Council agenda and support material.

1. The agenda lists the items of business that are to be considered at the business meetings of the 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.
3. Many agenda items have a code consisting of five digits followed by one or more letters that follows the agenda title. This is a computer identification code used for tracking the item. You will find this same code on any corresponding support material.
4. The reference line is just above the title on the first page of the support material for each item. This line identifies the source(s), traces the history of the item, and also shows its routing. The glossary on pages 12-14 identifies the organizations and committees which have given prior consideration to a particular item and where it will be considered next. The series of acronyms to the left of the word “to” traces the past history of the item. To the right are the initials of the General Conference officer who is responsible for presenting the item. Occasionally, its future routing is suggested also.
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
PGTS	Planned Giving & Trust Services
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)
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 302. Geoscience Research Institute Scientist - Appointment
- ECK 303. Field Secretary - Hope Channel International President-Elect - Election
- ECK 304. Children's Ministries Associate Director - Election
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## Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board (GCC-B)—Membership Adjustment

Delete Orion, Daisy J F

*Adventist World* Publishing Board (GCC-B)—Membership Adjustment

Delete Orion, Daisy J F

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

Add Cotton DeSouza, Sabrina  
Williams, Lori EDelete Orion, Daisy J F  
Yingling, Lori T

## General Conference Executive Committee (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add Quispe, Socrates, Invitee  
Tarigan, Irene Mulia, Layperson (SSD)  
Williams, Lori E, 40 Members At-Large EmployeeDelete Coppock, Scot, Invitee  
Yingling, Lori T, 40 Members At-Large Employee

## General Conference Hospital Professional Liability (HPL) and Aircraft Liability Insurance Committee (GCC-S)—Membership Adjustment

Add Cotton DeSouza, Sabrina

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

Add Feitosa, Kleyton B

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

Add Apaza, Abel, Invitee  
Cotton DeSouza, Sabrina  
Iseminger, Candace, Invitee

Luxton, Andrea T, Invitee  
 Mesa, Milton A  
 Quispe, Socrates, Assistant Secretary

Delete Bietz, Gordon, Invitee  
 Bryson, Jeanette, Invitee  
 Egwakhe, George O  
 Hernandez, Edwin  
 Quispe, Socrates, Invitee

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

Add Apaza, Abel, Invitee  
 Iseminger, Candace, Invitee  
 Luxton, Andrea T, Invitee  
 Quispe, Socrates, Member

Delete Bietz, Gordon, Invitee  
 Bryson, Jeanette, Invitee  
 Quispe, Socrates, Invitee

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

Add Cotton DeSouza, Sabrina

Delete Orion, Daisy J F

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

Add Cotton DeSouza, Sabrina  
 Williams, Lori E

Delete Orion, Daisy J F  
Yingling, Lori T

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

Add Sabuin, Richard A

Delete Taylor, John Wesley V

MISSION STATEMENT  
OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-23AC

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3 112-23G STANDING COMMITTEES—ANNUAL COUNCIL - 2023

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5 RECOMMENDED, To approve the standing committees for the 2023 Annual Council, as  
6 follows:

7  
8 NOMINATING

9  
10 Ted N C Wilson, Chair  
11 Erton C Kohler, Secretary  
12

13 Members: Harrington S Akombwa, Kyoshin Ahn, Audrey E Andersson, Stanley E Arco,  
14 Clement J Arkangelo, Stepan Avakov, Eliezer Barlizo Jr, Hananiya A Bayawa, Guillermo E  
15 Biaggi, Ventsislav N Bosev, Mario A Brito, Everett E Brown, G Alexander Bryant, Merlin D  
16 Burt, Roger O Caderma, Ramon J Canals, Riches Christian, Abner De los Santos, Paul H  
17 Douglas, Daniel Duda, Mark A Finley, Richard H Hart, Elie Henry, Matthew Herel,  
18

19 James M Howard, Andi Hunsaker, Yutaka Inada, Vincent R Injety, Daniel Wang Xin  
20 Jiao, Nenad Jeuranovic, Hiram Kalbermatter, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Yo Han Kim, Gary D  
21 Krause, Michael Kruger, Ezras Lakra, Peter N Landless, Cheol Lee, Thomas L Lemon, Mileen  
22 Loeffler, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Duane McKey, Hensley M Mooroooven, Gentry R Morris Jr,  
23 Godfrey Musara, Willie Oliver, Robert Osei-Bonsu, Magdiel E Perez Schulz,  
24

25 Josue Pierre, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan, Saw Samuel, Artur A Stele, Richard T  
26 Stephenson, John Wesley Taylor V, Gary F Thurber, Benoy D Tirkey, Glenn C Townend,  
27 Maurice R Valentine, J Raymond Wahlen II, Hiroshi Yamaji, Malachi Yani.  
28

29 STEERING

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

34 Members: Timothy H Aka, Audrey E Andersson, Guillermo E Biaggi, Ramon J Canals,  
35 Sabrina Cotton DeSouza, Abner De los Santos, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian,  
36 George O Egwakhe, Mark A Finley, James M Howard, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Elbert  
37 Kuhn, Thomas L Lemon, German A Lust, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Todd R McFarland, Duane  
38 McKey, Lissy Park, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Josue Pierre, Karen J Porter,  
39

40 Claude J Richli, Michael L Ryan, Saw Samuel, Gerson P Santos, Silvia Sicalo, Artur A  
41 Stele, Richard T Stephenson, Maurice R Valentine, E Douglas Venn, J Raymond Wahlen II.  
42

43 Invitee: Tamara K Boward.



## I WILL GO Strategic Plan, 2025–2030

### *Introduction*

God has called the Seventh-day Adventist Church to a prophetic mission and redemptive message of Scripture, as declared by the Three Angels of Revelation 14:6-12. The Holy Spirit empowers and directs the Church in fulfilling this mission and proclaiming this message. God calls each church member to lovingly proclaim the everlasting gospel by using the spiritual gifts He has given them.

The soon return of Jesus Christ compels us to urgently advance this unique mission and message. Doing so successfully requires a close relationship with God, nurtured by prayer, nourished by Bible study, and strengthened by mission and service. It also requires a strong and distinctive Adventist identity anchored in Christ and His righteousness, along with a profound sense of unity through the Holy Spirit. This gives Seventh-day Adventists a strong foundation for their mission to every nation, tribe, language, and people.

All Seventh-day Adventists are committed to faithfully fulfilling the sacred purpose to reach the world, and are connected to Christ's Advent movement that is global in scope, yet local in strategic implementation. The *I Will Go* strategic plan has a far-reaching vision that seeks to align resources with measurable goals and expects all church entities and church members to implement their own action plans.

Through the power and authority of the Holy Spirit, the Seventh-day Adventist Church will focus on four strategic priorities:

1. **COMMUNION** *with God*
2. **IDENTITY** *in Christ*
3. **UNITY** *through the Holy Spirit*
4. **MISSION** *for all*

These four priorities are the foundation of the **I WILL GO** strategic plan for 2025-2030.

### **COMMUNION WITH GOD**

Seventh-day Adventists will grow into spiritually mature disciples through daily communion with God.<sup>1</sup> Prompted by the Holy Spirit, a deeper relationship with Him is

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<sup>1</sup> Psa. 16:8; Luke 6:12; John 14:23; 1 John 1:3; Rev. 3:20



nurtured through prayer,<sup>2</sup> the study of Scripture,<sup>3</sup> mission and service,<sup>4</sup> stewardship,<sup>5</sup> and application of the inspired instructions of the Spirit of Prophecy.<sup>6</sup>

### *Measurable Goals*

Significant increases in:

- 1.1 Time spent in daily unrushed prayer, Bible study, and meditation on the life of Christ and Biblical themes<sup>7</sup>
- 1.2 Daily family worship participation
- 1.3 Daily usage of the Sabbath School Bible study guides for all ages
- 1.4 Weekly participation in prayer meetings or small groups
- 1.5 Weekly reading of Ellen G. White's writings
- 1.6 Weekly worship attendance at Sabbath School and church services
- 1.7 Practicing the stewardship principles of time, talents, tithe, offerings, and health

## **IDENTITY IN CHRIST**

Affirming our identity as God's children, we are alive in Christ, rooted and established in faith and truth, keeping the commandments of God, seeking things that are above, and bearing fruit in every good work.<sup>8</sup> Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Advent Movement is joined together in love, joyfully sharing the eternal gospel with the whole world, emphasizing the urgency of its end-time prophetic message of hope.

### *Measurable Goals*

Significant increases in:

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<sup>2</sup> Mark 11:24; Acts 2:41-47; Rom. 8:26; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Phil. 4:6

<sup>3</sup> Prov. 4:10-13; Matt. 4:4; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17; Heb. 4:12

<sup>4</sup> Prov. 11:25

<sup>5</sup> Psa. 24:1; Prov. 3:9; Matt. 25:21; 1 Cor. 4:2; Col. 3:23-24

<sup>6</sup> Amos 3:7; 2 Chr. 20:20; Rev. 12:17; 19:10

<sup>7</sup> Jos. 1:8; Psa. 1:2, 63:6, 77:12, 119:15, 97, 145:5; Ellen White, *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 82-83, 207, 271; *Testimonies for the Church*, 5: 112-13.

<sup>8</sup> Eph. 2:4, 3:17; Col. 1:10, 11; 2:7; 3:1, 2; John 14:15; 15:1-8; Rev. 12:17; 14:12

- 2.1 Acceptance and practice of Bible-based, Christ-centered beliefs with special emphases on the Church's characteristic and unique doctrines,<sup>9</sup> which point to a loving, gracious God
- 2.2 Understanding, experience, and sharing of the joy of forgiveness (justification) and holiness (sanctification) through the power (righteousness) of Christ
- 2.3 Understanding and practice of a biblically based wholistic lifestyle<sup>10</sup> that expresses our relationship with Christ and invites all others to God's abundant life
- 2.4 Knowledge and affirmation of Adventist identity and the Lord's leading throughout Adventist history<sup>11</sup>

## UNITY THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is united in the body of Christ through the Holy Spirit.<sup>12</sup> We express our unity through the teachings of the Word,<sup>13</sup> loving fellowship,<sup>14</sup> worship,<sup>15</sup> witnessing,<sup>16</sup> and preparing for the latter rain of the Holy Spirit.<sup>17</sup> We unite in sharing with the world the prophetic message of Revelation 14:6-12 and Christ's message of reconciliation in anticipation of His second coming.<sup>18</sup>

### *Measurable Goals*

Significant increases in:

- 3.1 Cooperative working relationships across church, organizational, and institutional boundaries/structures to advance mission
- 3.2 Unity, community, and harmony in local churches and church organizations through the power of the Holy Spirit and through training in Biblical reconciliation and conflict resolution

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<sup>9</sup> In view of data received from the world field, it is suggested that special emphasis should be given to the following Fundamental Beliefs (FB): the Bible and its interpretation (FB 1); the Trinity (FB 2); FB 5 (Holy Spirit); Creation (FB 6); Salvation by faith (FB 10); the State of the dead, the power of prayer over witchcraft, and spiritualism (FB 11, FB 26); the Remnant Church (FB 12, FB 14); the Gift of Prophecy (FB 18); the Sabbath (FB 20); the Sanctuary/Investigative Judgment (FB 24); and the Second Coming (FB 25).

<sup>10</sup> In view of data received from the world field, it is suggested that special emphasis should be given to principles of healthful living (FB 22) and biblical views of marriage and family (FB 23).

<sup>11</sup> Ellen White, *Life Sketches*, 196.

<sup>12</sup> Rom. 12:1-14; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:1-16; John 16:5-15; 17:1-26

<sup>13</sup> Prov. 4:2; Mal. 2:6; 1 Tim. 6:3; 2 Tim. 4:3

<sup>14</sup> Acts 2:41-47

<sup>15</sup> Heb. 10:25, 1 Pet. 2:5

<sup>16</sup> Matt. 4:19; 24:14; 1 Pet. 3:15

<sup>17</sup> Deut. 11:14; Joel 2:28-32; Isa. 44:3; Jam. 5:7-8

<sup>18</sup> 2 Cor. 5:17-20

3.3 Commitment to zero tolerance of physical, emotional, spiritual, and sexual abuse through regular review of policies, background checks where possible, and clear and prompt action to deal with abuse

3.4 Cross-cultural appreciation, respect, mission to, and care for all people groups including the poor, the vulnerable, and people with disabilities

## **MISSION FOR ALL**

Equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit,<sup>19</sup> Seventh-day Adventist members and church entities are engaged in personal and public proclamation of “the everlasting gospel... to every nation, tribe, language, and people” (Rev. 14:6, NASB). The Great Commission to make disciples<sup>20</sup> requires creative and modern means while remaining true to Christ’s incarnational<sup>21</sup> and wholistic approach to mission.<sup>22</sup> Christ mingled, showed sympathy, ministered to needs, won confidence, then invited people to follow Him.<sup>23</sup> The goal is to lead people to Christ and invite them to unite with the Seventh-day Adventist Church as disciples of Christ who make disciples.

### *Measurable Goals*

Significant increases in:

4.1 The number of Church members sharing the gospel and making disciples

4.2 The work of spiritual nurture and evangelistic training after baptism so that new believers become part of Total Member Involvement in the mission of Christ

4.3 New groups of Seventh-day Adventist believers worldwide, particularly in urban areas, the 10/40 Window, and among Post-Christians

4.4 Mission to young people and by young people

4.5 Mission engagement by all Church entities through promoting wholistic health, humanitarian care, education, and outreach to displaced persons

4.6 The use of traditional and new media to proclaim the Three Angels’ Messages and connect people to Adventist worshiping groups

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<sup>19</sup> 1 Cor. 12:4-27; Eph. 4:11-12

<sup>20</sup> Matt. 28:18-20

<sup>21</sup> John 1:14, Phil. 2:5-16

<sup>22</sup> Matt. 9:35-38

<sup>23</sup> Ellen White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 73

1 ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to SS-23AC+25GCS

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3 116-23GS SOUTH PHILIPPINE UNION CONFERENCE—

4 REORGANIZATION

5

6 RECOMMENDED, To reorganize the South Philippine Union Conference in the Southern Asia-  
7 Pacific Division into a union conference and a union mission, effective December 31, 2023, as  
8 follows:

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10 1. The Southwestern Philippine Union Conference with constituency from Central  
11 Mindanao Mission, North Central Mindanao Conference, Western Mindanao Conference, and  
12 Zamboanga Peninsula Mission, with headquarters in Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines.

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14 2. The Southeastern Philippine Union Mission with constituency from Davao  
15 Mission, Northern Davao Mission, Northeastern Mindanao Mission, and Southern Mindanao  
16 Mission, with headquarters in Davao City, Philippines.

1 TRE/EOM/ADCOM/TreC/SP&B23AC to PHD-23AC(DIV)

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3 117-23G GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OFFERING - 2025

4  
5 RECOMMENDED, To designate the 2025 General Conference Session Offering for Digital  
6 Strategy for Mission as follows:

7  
8 Purpose of Offering: To invest in innovative digital strategies that will advance and  
9 accelerate the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to reach the world for Christ.

10  
11 Plans for Offering: Each division and attached union/field will identify and implement an  
12 innovative digital strategy for mission within their territory that will facilitate the journey from  
13 contact to conversion and from decision to disciple, integrating a strong element of personal  
14 contact.

15  
16 Promotion: The General Conference Digital Strategy Committee (ADCOM-S) will  
17 provide promotional material to describe the purpose and potential of the offering throughout the  
18 world field.

19  
20 Collection Dates:

21  
22 July 13, 2024 2025 General Conference Session Offering: Digital Strategy  
23 for Mission—A worldwide offering with all funds to be  
24 remitted through the standard tithe and offering system to  
25 the General Conference.

26  
27 July 5, 2025 2025 General Conference Session Offering: Digital Strategy  
28 for Mission—Only the offering collected at the General  
29 Conference Session in St Louis will be applied to the Digital  
30 Strategy for Mission program. Offerings received by local  
31 churches will be reported according to their respective local  
32 division offering plans.

33  
34 July 12, 2025 2025 General Conference Session Offering: Digital  
35 Strategy for Mission—A worldwide offering with all funds  
36 to be remitted through the standard tithe and offering  
37 system to the General Conference

38  
39 Distribution: Each division and attached union/field will receive back two-thirds of the  
40 offering in proportion to the amounts received within its territory. The remaining one-third plus  
41 the two Sabbath offerings at the General Conference Session, and any direct donations that are  
42 received by the General Conference prior to final distribution of the funds, will be divided into  
43 14 equal parts and shared as follows:

44  
45 1. Divisions—One equal part per Division (13)

1           2.       Attached Unions/Field—One equal part shared proportionately (1)  
2

3           Release of Funds: Each division and attached union/field is to submit, by no later than the  
4 2025 Spring Meeting, a plan on how the portion of General Conference Session Offering  
5 released for their use will be applied in their territory. The plans submitted are to be based on  
6 guidelines developed and provided by the General Conference Digital Strategy Committee. The  
7 total amounts to be released will be voted at the 2025 Annual Council.  
8

9           Reporting: Each division and attached union/field shall provide an informational report to  
10 the 2027 Spring Meeting regarding the 2025 General Conference Session Offering received for  
11 use in its territory and the impact anticipated or being realized.

1 ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to EK-23AC+25GCS

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3 114-23GS SOUTH SUDAN ATTACHED TERRITORY—NEW UNION

4 MISSION

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6 RECOMMENDED, To grant union mission status to the South Sudan Attached Territory in the  
7 East-Central Africa Division with constituency from Eastern Upper Nile Field, Greater Bahr el  
8 Ghazal Field, Greater Equatoria Field, and North-Central Nile Field, with headquarters in Juba,  
9 South Sudan.

1 ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to SS-23AC(DIV)  
2  
3 115-23G ASIA-PACIFIC TERRITORIAL REVIEW SURVEY  
4 COMMISSION—PROPOSAL  
5

6 INTRODUCTION  
7

8 The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) holds steadfast to the Church’s mission to:  
9 “Make disciples of Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the  
10 everlasting gospel of the Three Angels’ Messages in preparation for His soon return (Matt 28:18-  
11 20, Acts 1:8, Rev 14:6-12).” Following the separation of the Chinese Union Mission from the  
12 NSD at the end of 2019, the Division embarked on a quest to sustain its missional focus,  
13 particularly in unreached areas, with a special emphasis on the 10/40 Window.  
14

15 Due to the separation of the Chinese Union Mission from the NSD at the end of 2019, the  
16 Division’s tithe income for the year 2020 experienced a 4 percent decline. However, at the end of  
17 2021, even after going through a year fraught with the challenges of a pandemic, the NSD’s tithe  
18 income sustained a remarkable increase of 6.3 percent from its 2019 year-end figure, and a  
19 noteworthy 10.8 percent increase from its 2020 year-end total. It is an undeniable testament to  
20 the unwavering dedication of the church members and their steadfast commitment to supporting  
21 God’s mission. It further signifies the eagerness and preparedness of the NSD to be entrusted  
22 with additional territorial responsibilities from the world Church to serve God’s people,  
23 involving them in the mission of proclaiming the Three Angels’ Messages, especially in the  
24 10/40 Window.  
25

26 ASIA-PACIFIC TERRITORIAL REVIEW SURVEY COMMISSION  
27

28 On September 22, 2022, the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM)  
29 appointed a survey commission with the following membership: Maurice R Valentine (Chair),  
30 Saw Samuel (Secretary), Brent B Burdick, Elbert Kuhn, German A Lust, Daisy J F Orion, and  
31 Michael L Ryan. The Commission’s assignment was “to study the work of the Church in the  
32 Asia-Pacific territory.”  
33

34 Following a series of extensive deliberations and fervent prayers, the Asia-Pacific  
35 Territorial Review Survey Commission advised the NSD to officially recommend the addition of  
36 new territories. On June 30, 2023, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Executive Committee  
37 voted to request the Survey Commission to make an official recommendation to the General  
38 Conference ADCOM and to the 2023 Annual Council, that the territories of Bangladesh, Nepal,  
39 Pakistan, and Sri Lanka be added to the territory of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. This  
40 territorial adjustment perfectly aligns with the Mission Refocus initiative and will allow the  
41 Division to impact the 10/40 Window.  
42

43 WHEREAS, General Conference *Working Policy* B 10 20, paragraph 2. a. authorizes the  
44 General Conference Executive Committee, after administrative consultation with the units  
45 directly affected, to reconfigure division territories and/or establish new divisions; it is  
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115-23G ASIA-PACIFIC TERRITORIAL REVIEW SURVEY  
COMMISSION—PROPOSAL - 2

1 RECOMMENDED, 1. To approve territorial realignment of the world divisions as follows:

2  
3 a. Reconfigure, effective immediately, the territory of the Southern Asia-  
4 Pacific Division by removing Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka and thereby amend General  
5 Conference *Working Policy* C 05 50 as follows:

6  
7 C 05 50 Southern Asia-Pacific Division Territory—~~Bangladesh, Brunei Territory—~~  
8 Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia,  
9 Myanmar, ~~Pakistan~~, Philippines, Singapore, ~~Sri Lanka~~, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Viet Nam.

10  
11 b. Reconfigure, effective immediately, the territory of the Southern Asia  
12 Division by removing Nepal and thereby amend General Conference *Working Policy* C 05 45 as  
13 follows:

14  
15 C 05 45 Southern Asia Division Territory—Bhutan, India, ~~and Maldives. Maldives, and~~  
16 Nepal.

17  
18 c. Reconfigure, effective immediately, the territory of the Northern Asia-  
19 Pacific Division by adding Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka and thereby amend  
20 General Conference *Working Policy* C 05 30 as follows:

21  
22 C 05 30 Northern Asia-Pacific Division Territory—~~Democratic Territory—~~Bangladesh,  
23 Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Republic of Korea,  
24 Sri Lanka, and Taiwan.

25  
26 Therefore, the following organizational units will transfer to the Northern Asia-Pacific  
27 Division:

- 28  
29 1) Bangladesh Union Mission.  
30  
31 2) Pakistan Union Section.  
32  
33 3) Himalayan Section (Nepal) will be attached directly to the  
34 Division.  
35  
36 4) Sri Lanka Mission of Seventh-day Adventists will be attached  
37 directly to the Division.  
38

39 2. To retain the current membership of the General Conference Executive  
40 Committee with the understanding that this provision will only continue for the current  
41 quinquennium or until a committee membership adjustment takes place by other means.  
42

115-23G ASIA-PACIFIC TERRITORIAL REVIEW SURVEY  
COMMISSION—PROPOSAL - 3

- 1           3.       To allow for the Southern Asia-Pacific Division and Southern Asia Division to fill
- 2 their positions on the General Conference Executive Committee left vacant by this action.

1 SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC(DIV)

2  
3 212-23Ga ANNUAL COUNCILS - POLICY AMENDMENT

4  
5 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC BA 05, Annual Councils, to read as follows:

6  
7 BA 05 General Conference Executive Committee Meetings ~~Annual Councils~~

8  
9 BA 05 05 Annual Council Purpose—A meeting of the General Conference Executive  
10 Committee, known as the Annual Council, shall be held annually for the purpose of considering  
11 budget requests and making appropriations, for the transaction of other business, and the  
12 adoption of policies that may be necessary in the operation of the worldwide work. ~~Purpose—A~~  
13 ~~meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Conference, known as the Annual Council,~~  
14 ~~shall be held yearly for the purpose of considering budgets from the divisions and making~~  
15 ~~appropriations, and for the transacting of business pertaining to the general policy of the~~  
16 ~~worldwide field.~~

17  
18 BA 05 07 Spring Meeting Purpose—A meeting of the General Conference Executive  
19 Committee, known as the Spring Meeting, shall be held annually for the purpose of receiving the  
20 audited financial reports of the General Conference and for transacting Executive Committee  
21 business.

22  
23 BA 05 10 Authorized Major Meetings—Major meetings of the General Conference shall  
24 be authorized by the Spring Meeting or Annual Council for the ensuing calendar years.  
25 ~~Meetings—The Annual Council shall authorize and schedule such major meetings as are to be~~  
26 ~~held during the ensuing calendar year.~~

27  
28 BA 05 15 Effective Date of Actions—The effective date of actions taken by the General  
29 Conference Executive Committee shall be the date the action was taken ~~an Annual Council shall~~  
30 ~~be the ending date of the respective Annual Council~~ unless specifically stated otherwise in a  
31 given action.

1 SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC(DIV)

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3 212-23Gb SPRING MEETINGS - POLICY DELETION

4

5 RECOMMENDED, To delete GC BA 10, Spring Meetings, which reads as follows:

6

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BA 10 Spring Meetings

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9 BA 10 05 Purpose—A meeting of the Executive Committee, known as the Spring

10 Meeting, shall be held annually for the purpose of receiving the audited financial reports of the

11 General Conference and for transacting regular Executive Committee business.

1 SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/PreC/SecC/TreC/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC(DIV)

2  
3 203-23G PROCEDURES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF PRESIDENT,  
4 SECRETARY, OR TREASURER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
5 OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE - POLICY AMENDMENT  
6

7 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC B 30, Procedures for the Replacement of President,  
8 Secretary, or Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the General Conference, to read as follows:  
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10 B 30 Procedures for the Replacement of President, Secretary, or  
11 Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the General Conference  
12

13 The following procedures shall be followed by the General Conference for filling  
14 vacancies which may occur in the offices of President, Secretary, or Treasurer/Chief Financial  
15 Officer of the General Conference, between General Conference Sessions.  
16

17 B 30 05 The President—1. The Secretary of the General Conference - No change  
18

19 2. The Secretary (or Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, see above) - No change  
20

21 3. The Secretary (or Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, see above) shall request the  
22 Undersecretary to call a meeting of the available members of the General Conference  
23 Administrative Committee at the earliest possible opportunity. The General Conference  
24 Administrative Committee shall specify the time and the place of the meeting of the General  
25 Conference Executive Committee to elect the new President. The decisions regarding time,  
26 place, and attendance shall be made as follows:  
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28 a. Preferably the election shall be scheduled for the next Spring Meeting or  
29 Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee; however, if the vacancy  
30 occurs three or more months before the next Spring Meeting or Annual Council, the General  
31 Conference Administrative Committee, after counsel with all the divisions, shall set the date and  
32 place for a special meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee.  
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34 b. All General Conference Executive Committee members - No change  
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36 4. A nominating committee, with appropriate representation from each division,  
37 shall be appointed by the General Conference Executive Committee, in a manner to be decided,  
38 regardless of whether the election takes place at ~~an Annual Council~~ a Spring Meeting, an Annual  
39 Council, or at a special meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee. Any member  
40 of the General Conference Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve on this nominating  
41 committee.  
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43 5. The nominating committee shall present its recommendation - No change  
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45 B 30 10 The Secretary—1. The President, or in his absence the - No change  
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203-23G PROCEDURES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF PRESIDENT,  
SECRETARY, OR TREASURER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE - POLICY  
AMENDMENT - 2

- 1           2.       The Undersecretary shall act as Secretary until such time as - No change  
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- 3           3.       The election of a new Secretary shall take place at the next Spring Meeting or  
4 Annual Council, or at a specially called meeting of the General Conference Executive  
5 Committee. ~~Committee to which each division shall be invited to send its Secretary and~~  
6 ~~Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.~~  
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- 8           4.       A nominating committee shall function as under B 30 05, paragraph 4.  
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- 10          5.       The nominating committee shall present its recommendation - No change  
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- 12          B 30 15 The Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer—1. The President, or in - No change  
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- 14          2.       The Undertreasurer shall act as Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer - No change  
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- 16          3.       The election of a new Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer shall take place at the  
17 next Spring Meeting or Annual Council, or at a specially called meeting of the General  
18 Conference Executive Committee. ~~Committee to which each division shall be invited to send its~~  
19 ~~secretary and treasurer/chief financial officer.~~  
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- 21          4.       A nominating committee shall function as under B 30 05, paragraph 4.  
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- 23          5.       The nominating committee shall present its recommendation - No change

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3 204-23G MERGER OF UNION CONFERENCES, UNION MISSIONS/  
4 SECTIONS, OR UNIONS OF CHURCHES - POLICY  
5 AMENDMENT

6

7 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC B 90 25, Merger of Union Conferences, Union Missions/  
8 Sections, or Unions of Churches, to read as follows:

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10 B 90 25 Merger of Union Conferences, Union Missions/Sections, or Unions of  
11 Churches—1. If a proposed merger involves unions and/or unions of churches, the - No change

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13 2. The division executive committee shall assess the recommendations - No change

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15 3. If the division executive committee approves the proposal, it shall - No change

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17 4. If the General Conference Executive Committee approves the proposal and  
18 authorizes the formation of a new union/union of churches, the following procedure shall be  
19 followed:

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21 a. If union missions/sections or unions of churches with mission status are  
22 involved, the General Conference Executive Committee shall, at ~~an~~ a Spring Meeting or an  
23 Annual Council, vote their dissolution.

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25 b. If union conferences or unions of churches with conference - No change

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27 5. If the new union/union of churches is to function with mission - No change

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29 6. If the new union/union of churches is to function with conference - No change

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31 7. All assets and any liabilities of the merging organizations shall - No change

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33 8. Following any actions involving the dissolution of a union/union of - No change

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3 205-23G TYPES (CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES) - POLICY

4 AMENDMENT

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6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC E 05 05, Types (Credentials and Licenses), to read as  
7 follows:

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9 E 05 05 Types—Denominational employees shall be classified and accredited by the  
10 employing organization (see E 10) according to the categories listed below. No person shall be  
11 included in more than one category at the same time. Any division that wishes to issue  
12 credentials other than those categorized below, may do so with prior approval of the General  
13 Conference Executive Committee at Spring Meeting or Annual Council.



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3 206-23G GENERAL CONFERENCE APPROPRIATIONS - POLICY

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AMENDMENT

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6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC S 39, General Conference Appropriations, to read as follows:

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S 39 General Conference Appropriations

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10 S 39 05 Appropriations—1. Each division and General Conference - No change

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12 2. Appropriations shall be made at Spring Meetings or Annual Councils, when all  
13 needs and interests can be represented and compared, and an equitable distribution of funds can  
14 be made. The General Conference Executive Committee is not able, therefore, to give  
15 consideration to requests for additional appropriations ~~between sessions of the~~ except at Spring  
16 Meeting or Annual Council. Emergencies should be met, as far as possible, by the union and/or  
17 division, or the institution. However, in cases of special emergency the General Conference or  
18 other organizations concerned have the discretion of drawing upon their annual emergency fund.

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3 207-23G SUPPORT OF WORLDWIDE WORK - POLICY

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AMENDMENT

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6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC V 09 05, Support of Worldwide Work, to read as follows:

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V 09 05 Support of Worldwide Work—1. Divine Plan—In His wisdom, God - No change

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2. Regular Tithe Percentages—The following schedule of tithe sharing has been established for the work of the Church around the world and may be adjusted from time to time by action of the General Conference Executive Committee at an Annual Council, or at a Spring Meeting in extenuating circumstances: ~~Council meeting~~:

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a. Local Church (which includes companies) to Conference, Mission/Field/Section, or Union of Churches—Churches and companies forward 100 percent - No change

b. Local Conference or Local Mission/Field/Section to Union Conference or Union Mission/Section—Local conferences or local missions/fields/sections - No change

c. Union Conferences, Union Missions/Sections or Unions of Churches to Division—The division executive committee will set the percentage of gross - No change

d. Divisions are to forward to the General Conference - No change

e. The North American Division will contribute an additional - No change

f. The percentages listed in paragraphs a. through e. are based - No change

3. Additional Tithe Percentages—In addition to the above - No change

4. Promptness in Remittance—The tithe sharing process adopted - No change

5. Sources of Tithe Receipts at the General Conference—The General - No change

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3 208-23G THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING - POLICY

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AMENDMENT

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6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC V 40 25, Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, to read as follows:

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8 V 40 25 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering—The offering received on, or designated for, the  
9 Thirteenth Sabbath of each quarter, a portion of which is devoted to designated projects in world  
10 divisions, according to a schedule voted by the Spring Meeting or Annual Council of the General  
11 Conference Executive Committee, is divided as follows:

12

13 1. Division of Offering—Twenty five percent of the actual amount - No change

14

15 2. Cut Off Date—For the purpose of computing the Thirteenth Sabbath - No change

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3 214-23Ga POLICIES (FINANCE, MODEL BYLAWS) - POLICY

4

DIRECTIVE

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6 RECOMMENDED, To approve a directive to amend General Conference *Working Policy*,  
7 section D, Model Bylaws, Article IX, Finance, Sec. 2., Policies, where appropriate, to read as  
8 follows:

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10 **Sec. 2. Policies: The portion of the tithe which is reserved for this [organization], as**  
11 **specified by policy, and all other funds shall be used in harmony with the financial policies**  
12 **of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and in**  
13 **the case of donations, their use shall be in harmony with the specifications of donors and in**  
14 **compliance with government regulations. Tithe is shared with the division on fixed**  
15 **percentages as set by the division executive committee, and with the General Conference on**  
16 **fixed percentages as set by action of the General Conference Executive Committee at an**  
17 **Annual Council, or at a Spring Meeting in extenuating circumstances. ~~the Annual Council~~**  
18 **~~of the General Conference Executive Committee.~~**

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This change should be made in section D at the following locations:

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22

GC D 10 05, Union Conference Bylaws, Article IX, Sec. 2. (bold print)

23

GC D 17 05, Union of Churches Bylaws, Article IX, Sec. 2. (bold print)

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GC D 20 05, Local Conference Bylaws, Article IX, Sec. 2. (bold print)

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3 214-23Gb POLICIES (FINANCE, MODEL OPERATING POLICIES) -  
4 POLICY DIRECTIVE

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To approve a directive to amend General Conference *Working Policy*,  
7 section D, Model Bylaws, Article IX, Finance, Sec. 2., Policies, where appropriate, to read as  
8 follows:

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10 **Sec. 2. Policies: The portion of tithe which is reserved for this [organization], as**  
11 **specified by policy, and all other funds shall be used in harmony with the policies of**  
12 **the \_\_\_\_\_ Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and in the**  
13 **case of donations, their use shall be in harmony with the specifications of donors and in**  
14 **compliance with government regulations. Tithe is shared with the division on fixed**  
15 **percentages as set by the division executive committee, and with the General Conference on**  
16 **fixed percentages as set by action of the General Conference Executive Committee at an**  
17 **Annual Council, or at a Spring Meeting in extenuating circumstances. ~~the Annual Council~~**  
18 **~~of the General Conference Executive Committee.~~ This [organization] shall pass on to**  
19 **the \_\_\_\_\_ Division the specified tithe percentage, retirement fund percentages as may**  
20 **be decided by the division executive committee, and all mission offerings.**

21  
22 This change should be made in section D at the following locations:

- 23  
24 GC D 15 05, Union Mission/Section Operating Policy, Article XIV, Sec. 2. (bold print)  
25 GC D 19 05, Union of Churches Operating Policy, Article XIV, Sec. 2. (bold print)  
26 GC D 25 05, Local Mission/Field/Section Op Policy, Article XIV, Sec. 2. (bold print)

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4 202-23Ga IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR MISSION - POLICY  
5 AMENDMENT

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7 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC A 09 10, Implementation of Our Mission, to read as follows:  
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9 A 09 10 Implementation of Our Mission—Seventh-day Adventists affirm the Bible as  
10 God’s infallible revelation of His will, accepting its authority in the life of the Church and of  
11 each believer, and its foundational role for faith and doctrine. Seventh-day Adventists believe  
12 that the Holy Spirit ~~is the power that~~ transforms lives and equips people with abilities to advance  
13 God’s kingdom in this world.

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15 Called by God, guided by the Bible, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Seventh-day  
16 Adventists, wherever we live in the world, devote ourselves to:

17  
18 1. Christ-Like Living—Illustrating the lordship of Jesus in our lives by moral,  
19 ethical, and social behaviors that are consistent with the teachings and example of Jesus.

20  
21 2. Christ-Like Healing—Affirming the biblical principles of the well-being of the  
22 whole person, we make healthful living and the healing of the sick a priority, and through our  
23 ministry to the poor and oppressed, cooperate with the Creator in His compassionate work of  
24 restoration.

25  
26 3. Christ-Like Serving—Following the example of Jesus, we commit ourselves to  
27 humble service, ministering to individuals and populations most affected by poverty, tragedy,  
28 hopelessness, and disease.

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30 ~~2. 4.~~ Christ-Like Proclaiming—Realizing ~~Communicating—Realizing~~ that all are  
31 called to active witness, we share through personal conversation, preaching, publishing, and the  
32 arts, the Bible’s message about God and the hope and salvation offered through the life, ministry,  
33 atoning death, resurrection, and high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ.

34  
35 5. Christ-Like Teaching—Acknowledging that development of mind and character  
36 is essential to God’s redemptive plan, we promote the growth of a mature understanding of and  
37 relationship to God, His Word, and the created universe.

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39 ~~3. 6.~~ Christ-Like Training—Affirming ~~Discipling—Affirming~~ the vital importance of  
40 continued spiritual growth and development among all who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, we  
41 nurture and instruct each other in righteous living, provide training for effective witness, and  
42 encourage responsive obedience to God’s will.

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44 4. ~~Christ-Like Teaching—Acknowledging that development of mind and character~~  
45 ~~is essential to God’s redemptive plan, we promote the growth of a mature understanding of and~~  
46 ~~relationship to God, His Word, and the created universe.~~

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AMENDMENT - 2

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~~5. Christ Like Healing—Affirming the biblical principles of the well-being of the whole person, we make healthful living and the healing of the sick a priority and through our ministry to the poor and oppressed, cooperate with the Creator in His compassionate work of restoration.~~

~~6. Christ Like Serving—Following the example of Jesus we commit ourselves to humble service, ministering to individuals and populations most affected by poverty, tragedy, hopelessness, and disease.~~

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2 23AC(DIV)

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4 202-23Gb OUR METHOD (MISSION STATEMENT OF THE  
5 SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH) - POLICY  
6 AMENDMENT

7  
8 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC A 05 10, Our Method (Mission Statement of the Seventh-day  
9 Adventist Church), to read as follows:

10  
11 A 05 10 Our Method—Guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit, Seventh-day Adventists  
12 pursue ~~this mission~~ the mission of making disciples through Christ-like living, healing, serving,  
13 proclaiming, teaching, and training. ~~communicating, discipling, teaching, healing, and serving.~~



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3 219-23Ga SURVEY COMMISSIONS - POLICY AMENDMENT

4  
5 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC B 75 35, Survey Commissions, to read as follows:

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7 B 75 35 Survey Commissions—When a division requests the General Conference to  
8 establish a new union or change the status of an existing union, the General Conference  
9 Administrative Committee will appoint a survey commission. The survey commission shall  
10 consist of the following members:

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12	Chair	General Conference Vice President
13	Secretary	General Conference Secretary (or designee)
14	Members	General Conference Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer (or designee)
15		Two executive officers (president preferred) from other divisions
16		President of division requesting the survey
17	Advisors	Secretary and Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the division requesting
18		the survey (to be granted voice but not vote)
19		Union Administration requesting change (to be granted voice but not vote)
20	Invitees	Others at the discretion of the commission

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22 The survey commission shall assess the proposed entity’s readiness for the  
23 denominational responsibilities of maintaining the Seventh-day Adventist faith and values,  
24 nurturing believers, furthering the Church’s mission, demonstrating and developing leadership  
25 capacity, and fulfilling all financial obligations to the denomination while remaining fiscally  
26 viable. (For expanded criteria, see B 75 12 and B 75 15.)

27  
28 The survey commission shall conduct an on-site or virtual evaluation and submit its  
29 report and recommendations to the General Conference Administrative Committee. On the basis  
30 of the survey commission’s report, the General Conference Administrative Committee will  
31 determine its response to the division’s request. If the response is in support of proceeding with  
32 the establishment of a new union or the change of status of an existing union, the General  
33 Conference Administrative Committee will forward its recommendation to the General  
34 Conference Executive Committee. If the General Conference Administrative Committee’s  
35 response is not in support of the organizational change, it shall refer the matter back to the  
36 division and indicate the reasons for such a decision, listing the conditions, if any, that need to be  
37 addressed before further consideration of the matter.

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3 219-23Gb USE OF “ON-SITE EVALUATION” - POLICY DIRECTIVE  
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5 RECOMMENDED, To approve a directive to amend General Conference *Working Policy*,  
6 where appropriate by deleting “on-site evaluation” and replacing it with “on-site or virtual  
7 evaluation” when in regard to survey commissions (see GC B 65 15, B 65 20, B 65 22, B 65 25,  
8 B 70 05, B 75 10, B 75 20, and B 80 15).

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3 218-23G CONTENT OF THE YEARBOOK (*SEVENTH-DAY*  
4 *ADVENTIST YEARBOOK*) - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC BA 80 10, Content of the Yearbook (*Seventh-day Adventist*  
7 *Yearbook*), as follows:

8  
9 BA 80 10 Content of the Yearbook—The *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook* is primarily  
10 intended to identify the many and varied organizations, other than local churches/congregations,  
11 through which the Church advances its mission. It shall include the following:

12  
13 1. The current statement of Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists.

14  
15 2. All denominational organizational units - No change

16  
17 3. Institutions, services, and corporations as follows:

18  
19 a. All denominationally operated secondary and postsecondary ~~institutions~~  
20 institutions. Those accredited by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools,  
21 Colleges, and Universities (see FE 20 35, paragraph 8) shall be listed with notation of such  
22 accreditation. (see FE 20 35, paragraph 8).

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24 b. All healthcare institutions whose governance meets the - No change

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26 c. Other institutions, services, organizations, and - No change

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28 d. Other institutions and corporations with not less than - No change

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30 e. Other organizations, whose inclusion or exclusion from the *Seventh-day*  
31 *Adventist Yearbook* is under question because of the types of activities involved, or because they  
32 do not fit the specific terms of paragraphs a. through d. above, shall have the matter decided by  
33 the General Conference officers in consultation with the respective division officers and the  
34 Office of General Counsel.

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36 4. Leadership personnel: officers, associate officers, departmental - No change

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38 5. Persons holding General Conference credentials.

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3 217-23Ga STATEMENT OF ETHICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR THE  
4 GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ITS EMPLOYEES - NEW  
5 POLICY APPENDIX

6  
7 RECOMMENDED, To adopt a new policy appendix, GC Appendix D, Statement of Ethical  
8 Foundations for the General Conference and Its Employees, to read as follows:

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10 It is recommended that divisions adapt the following Statement of Ethical  
11 Foundations for the General Conference and Its Employees for use by the territories  
12 under their jurisdiction. This statement was originally approved by the 1999 Annual  
13 Council (GCC 99-99):

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15 Statement of Ethical Foundations for the General Conference and Its Employees

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17 Our Mission

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19 The Seventh-day Adventist Church mission is to proclaim to all peoples the everlasting  
20 gospel, in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12, leading them to  
21 accept Jesus as their personal Savior, and encouraging them to unite with His church and prepare  
22 for His soon return. Within the scope of this mission, the General Conference office exists to  
23 lead the Church in being a worldwide witness for God's kingdom and in making disciples of  
24 Jesus Christ.

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26 Our Responsibilities

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28 General Conference employees believe:

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30 1. We are responsible first to God, our Creator. Individual and collective action must  
31 reflect His character and exhibit His love.

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33 2. We are responsible to the communities in which we work and live and also to the  
34 world community. We accept the challenge to be exemplary individuals and corporate citizens.  
35 We support good works and charities. We encourage civic improvements, a better quality of life,  
36 security, health, and education for all.

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38 3. We are responsible to our fellow church members. We accept accountability for  
39 sound leadership decisions and appropriate stewardship.

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41 4. We are responsible to each other within the office complex. Every individual  
42 deserves to be treated with dignity and respect; to have his or her role and contribution valued  
43 and affirmed; to function in a safe working environment; to experience an atmosphere of  
44 challenge, open communication, and contentment.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ITS EMPLOYEES - NEW  
POLICY APPENDIX - 2

Our Values

1. We value the *Bible* as the primary reference for life’s direction and qualities.
2. We value *excellence* in all that we do.
3. We value *ethical and moral conduct* at all times and in all relationships.
4. We value *creativity and innovation* in the completion of our mission.
5. We value *honesty, integrity, and courage* as the foundation of all our actions.
6. We value the *trust* placed in us by colleagues and by the world Church membership.
7. We value *people* as children of God and therefore brothers and sisters of one family.

Ethical Responsibilities as Employer and Corporate Citizen

In pursuit of its mission, and while maintaining its responsibilities and adhering to its values, the General Conference operates under the following ethical guidelines:

1. Equal Opportunity Employment—Within the purview of laws permitting church membership as a condition of employment, and subject to denominational policies on positions requiring ministerial ordination, the General Conference will follow procedures to ensure equal opportunity of employment, remuneration, and advancement on the basis of job qualifications and performance.
2. Equity, Fairness and Non-Discrimination—The General Conference will treat all individuals and groups with loving justice. It will not practice or condone discrimination with regard to race, national origin, gender, age, marital status, veteran status, or disability that does not prohibit performance of essential job functions.
3. Compliance with Laws of the Land—The General Conference will carry on its activities in compliance with the laws of the land provided these are not in contradiction to God’s expressed will.
4. Loyalty and Fulfillment of Contractual Obligations—The General Conference will fulfill the commitments it has entered into through authorized channels. Where misunderstandings arise regarding such commitments, the General Conference shall participate,

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GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ITS EMPLOYEES - NEW  
POLICY APPENDIX - 3

1 with the parties concerned, in conflict resolution procedures within the organization before  
2 seeking the help of the wider community.  
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4 5. Atmosphere of Safety and Happiness—The General Conference is committed to  
5 providing a work environment that offers physical safety and security. It also strives to  
6 encourage and promote genuine happiness through the realization that every employee is  
7 valuable and every task, no matter how routine or unnoticed, is a service to God. The General  
8 Conference will continue to integrate worship, work, and celebration in a manner that  
9 acknowledges wholeness in life and relationships.  
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11 6. Respect for Human Dignity and Individuality—The General Conference affirms  
12 and respects the uniqueness of every employee. It recognizes that a person’s value surpasses the  
13 worth of his or her contribution to the organization. It believes that communal harmony and  
14 corporate objectives are enhanced rather than compromised by the broad mosaic of personalities,  
15 talents, skills, and viewpoints dedicated to the honor of Jesus Christ. The General Conference  
16 shall strive for communication that is timely, truthful, open, candid, and kind.  
17

18 Ethical Responsibilities as Employees  
19

20 We recognize that employment in the Seventh-day Adventist Church implies  
21 commitment to the organization’s mission and concurrence with its responsibilities and values.  
22 We affirm that the employer-employee relationship grows within a reciprocity of mutual regard.  
23 Our reasonable service as employees includes the following ethical responsibilities:  
24

25 1. Life Consistent with Church Message and Mission—While in the employ of the  
26 General Conference we will live in a manner consistent with the beliefs and values of the  
27 Church. We will uphold, in word and conduct, the teachings and principles held and advanced by  
28 the Seventh-day Adventist Church.  
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30 2. Respect for Church-Owned Assets—We will respect the property of our  
31 organization, including any intellectual property that is developed in the course of our  
32 employment. We will use the property, facilities, and resources solely for the benefit of our  
33 organization, unless otherwise permitted or when financial compensation for such use has been  
34 arranged.  
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36 3. Respect for Colleagues—We will respect and uplift our fellow employees. We  
37 will refrain from intentionally placing another in a position of embarrassment, disrespect, or  
38 harassment. We will avoid all behavior that may be construed as sexually inappropriate. We will  
39 honor the privacy and guard the safety of others.  
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1           4.       Efficiency and Attention on the Job—The hours of our employment shall be  
2 devoted to the work assignments entrusted to us. We will not use the employer’s time for  
3 personal business or the advancement of personal interests unrelated to the work assigned by our  
4 supervisors. We will not deprive our employer by entering into other employment or activities  
5 which impair our performance for the General Conference while on the job. We will aspire to  
6 greater efficiency and the reduction of waste in time, effort, and resources.

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8           5.       Personal Integrity in Financial Matters—We will not engage in theft or  
9 embezzlement of any kind including the misuse of expense accounts, falsification of time  
10 reports, or the misapplication of resources for which we are responsible.

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12           6.       Avoiding Inappropriate Influence—We acknowledge that the giving or receiving  
13 of business gifts can easily inject ulterior considerations in our work and employment  
14 relationships. Therefore, the use of gifts, payments, or honoraria as incentives or rewards for a  
15 particular course of action is unacceptable. We will not offer gifts, favors, payments, or other  
16 forms of reward directly or indirectly in exchange for a specific gain or action.

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18           7.       Maintaining an Ethical Environment in the Workplace—We accept the obligation  
19 of maintaining ethical standards in personal life and in the workplace. We believe it is our  
20 personal responsibility to report, through established confidential channels, any behavior that is  
21 inappropriate or which undermines the ethical environment in the office complex. We are  
22 prepared to be held accountable by our supervisors and peers for professional conduct  
23 representing the moral and ethical values of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

1 OGC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC(DIV)

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3 217-23Gb CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND/OR COMMITMENT  
4 DEFINED - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC E 85 05, Conflict of Interest and/or Commitment Defined, to  
7 read as follows:

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9 E 85 05 Conflict of Interest and/or Commitment Defined—Conflict of interest shall mean  
10 any circumstance under which an employee or volunteer by virtue of financial or other personal  
11 interest, present or potential, directly or indirectly, may be influenced or appear to be influenced  
12 by any motive or desire for personal advantage, tangible or intangible, other than the success and  
13 well-being of the denomination.

14  
15 Because of the common objectives embraced by the various organizational units and  
16 institutions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, membership held concurrently on more than  
17 one denominational committee or board does not of itself constitute a conflict of interest  
18 provided that all the other requirements of the policy are met. However, an officer, trustee, or  
19 director serving on an organization’s board is expected to act in the best interest of that  
20 organization and its role in denominational structure. Individuals, who by virtue of their position  
21 or based on their place of employment are invited to serve as members on boards/committees of  
22 entities/organizations that are not listed in the Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook, must secure  
23 approval from their relevant governing body/administrative committee and disclose their  
24 membership on such boards/committees.

25  
26 A conflict of commitment shall mean any situation which interferes with an employee’s  
27 ability to carry out his/her duties effectively. Elected, appointed, or salaried employees on full-  
28 time assignment are compensated for full-time employment; therefore, outside or dual  
29 employment or other activity, whether compensated or not, that in any way interferes with the  
30 performance of an employee’s duties and responsibilities is a conflict of commitment. A conflict  
31 of commitment also exists in situations where an employee functions contrary to the values and  
32 ethical conduct outlined in the organization’s statement of ethical foundations and conduct (see  
33 Appendix D for a model Statement of Ethical Foundations recommended by the 1999 Annual  
34 Council as guidelines for divisions) or when an employee functions contrary to established codes  
35 of ethical conduct for employees in particular professions (e.g. legal, investments).



1 WHT/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC(DIV)

2  
3 213-23G ELLEN G WHITE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST  
4 RESEARCH CENTERS - POLICY AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC GE 20 10, Ellen G White Seventh-day Adventist Research  
7 Centers, to read as follows:

8  
9 GE 20 10 Ellen G White Seventh-day Adventist Research Centers—Each division of the  
10 General Conference ~~where there is not a Branch Office~~ is authorized to establish one Ellen G  
11 White Seventh-day Adventist Research Center in an educational institution located within its  
12 territory, subject to the approval of the Ellen G White Estate Board and the General Conference  
13 Executive Committee. Research Centers serve the division where they are located as a resource  
14 regarding the writings and ministry of Ellen G White. Unlike Branch Offices, Research Centers  
15 are encouraged to preserve the broader history of Adventism within their territory. In addition,  
16 the Ellen G White Estate and the General Conference share oversight of the Research Center  
17 with the division involved. Any relocation of the center will require approval by the division and  
18 the Ellen G White Estate Board.

19  
20 The director of the Research Center is to be recommended every five years by the  
21 division in counsel with the institution where the Center is located and appointed by the Ellen G  
22 White Estate Board as soon as possible after the General Conference Session. Unlike a Branch  
23 Office, 50 percent of the director’s time is devoted to the Center and 50 percent to the  
24 educational institution in which the Center is located. The designated employing organization of  
25 the Research Center director will be determined by the division and the host educational  
26 institution in consultation with the Ellen G White Estate. In the event of a vacancy during the  
27 quinquennium, the division is to recommend a new director to the Board for appointment.

28  
29 Each division where there is an authorized Research Center will receive annually, an  
30 appropriation from the General Conference equivalent to 75 percent of the denominational  
31 annual basic wage factor for the territory where the Center is located. This appropriation is  
32 intended to cover 50 percent of the Research Center director’s salary and includes an additional  
33 25 percent of the wage factor for the director’s estimated benefits. In cases where this  
34 appropriation does not cover 50 percent of the salary and benefits for the director of the Research  
35 Center, the difference between the appropriation and 50 percent of the actual salary and benefits  
36 can be charged to the General Conference in a time period not to exceed one calendar year  
37 following when the appropriation has been released to the division. An appropriate travel budget  
38 is to be provided by the division for the director’s field services. The General Conference also  
39 may provide annual supplemental travel assistance. All other operating expenses, such as  
40 secretarial services, office supplies, maintenance, etc, as well as the physical facilities, such as  
41 the vault, office space, and general furnishings, are to be provided by the division with the  
42 cooperation of the educational institution involved. The General Conference provides the  
43 specialized equipment and research materials necessary for the establishment of the Center, as  
44 specified by the Ellen G White Estate. All White Estate files, including copies of the Ellen G  
45 White letters and manuscripts, are provided on a loan basis and remain the property of the Ellen  
46 G White Estate. Should it become necessary to close an Ellen G White Seventh-day Adventist

213-23G ELLEN G WHITE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST  
RESEARCH CENTERS - POLICY AMENDMENT - 2

1 Research Center, all White Estate files, including the Ellen G White letters and manuscripts, are  
2 to be returned to the Ellen G White Estate.

3

4 A supervisory committee of seven to nine members, including the division Spirit of  
5 Prophecy Coordinator, is responsible for management of the Center, including preparation of the  
6 center's annual budget. Its members are recommended by the division after each General  
7 Conference Session and appointed at the first subsequent meeting of the Ellen G White Estate  
8 Board. The director of the Center is the secretary of the committee. The director of the Ellen G  
9 White Estate, or a person who officially represents the director, is an ex officio member of the  
10 committee. The supervisory committee is to meet at least once a year and keep records of its  
11 actions. A copy of the committee's minutes is to be forwarded to the Ellen G White Estate. An  
12 in-house committee of three, including the director of the Center, is appointed every five years  
13 by the division, for consultation as needed in regard to day-by-day decisions in the Center.

1 TRE/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/TreC/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC(DIV)

2  
3 215-23G STUDY PROGRAMS (ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYEES  
4 SPONSORED FOR STUDY OUTSIDE THEIR BASE  
5 DIVISION) - POLICY AMENDMENT  
6

7 RATIONALE: Students studying at Andrews University (most of whom are from lower cost of  
8 living countries) are faced with significant costs at personal expense for both books and  
9 dissertation expenses.

10  
11 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC T 35 05, Study Programs (Assistance to Employees  
12 Sponsored for Study Outside Their Base Division), to read as follows:  
13

- 14 T 35 05 Study Programs—1. Assistance—The following policy for - No change  
15  
16 2. Selection—The responsibility for selection shall be with the - No change  
17  
18 3. Duration of Sponsorship - No change  
19  
20 4. Transportation—The division shall provide round trip transportation - No change  
21  
22 5. Salary—The division shall provide 60 percent of the salary of the - No change  
23  
24 6. Rent Subsidy - No change  
25  
26 7. Utility Allowance—Utility allowance, when needed, shall be granted - No change  
27  
28 8. Health Care Expense - No change  
29  
30 9. Education Expenses—For the employee:  
31  
32 a. The sending division shall pay 100 percent of the following - No change  
33  
34 b. Textbook allowance shall be granted at the rate of up to ~~USD 100~~ USD  
35 500 per semester.  
36  
37 c. The following allowances shall be given for thesis/dissertation/project  
38 preparation:  
39  
40 1) Master’s degrees—Actual cost up to ~~USD 400~~ USD 1,000  
41  
42 2) PhD, ThD, EdD degrees—Actual cost up to ~~USD 1,000~~ USD  
43 2,000  
44  
45 3) DMin degree—Actual cost up to ~~USD 500~~ USD 1,200  
46

215-23G STUDY PROGRAMS (ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYEES  
SPONSORED FOR STUDY OUTSIDE THEIR BASE  
DIVISION) - POLICY AMENDMENT - 2

- 1 d. Full financial assistance under the above policies shall - No change
- 2
- 3 e. In cases where a study program is approved for an - No change
- 4
- 5 10. Tuition Assistance—Dependent Children—When divisions send - No change
- 6
- 7 11. Auto Depreciation—No auto depreciation is allowed on any - No change
- 8
- 9 12. Auto Insurance—If the employee operates a car in the area where - No change
- 10
- 11 13. Freight and Customs Duty Allowance for Return to Base Division - No change
- 12
- 13 14. Personal Effects Baggage Insurance—Personal Effects Baggage - No change
- 14
- 15 15. Contract With the Employee - No change
- 16
- 17 16. Work by Sponsored Student—In order to help - No change
- 18
- 19 17. Authorization for Additional Classwork, etc - No change
- 20
- 21 18. Progress Report—A semi-annual progress report shall be sent - No change
- 22
- 23 19. Vacation Time—Additional vacation time beyond what is included - No change

1 TRE/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/TreC/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC(DIV)

2

3 216-23G ASSISTANCE FOR CURRENTLY EMPLOYED MINISTERS

4 ATTENDING THE SEMINARY (FINANCIAL POLICIES—

5 ANDREWS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS) - POLICY

6 AMENDMENT

7

8 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC U 10 10, Assistance for Currently Employed Ministers

9 Attending the Seminary (Financial Policies—Andrews University Students), to read as follows:

10

11 U 10 10 Assistance for Currently Employed Ministers Attending the Seminary—1.

12 Salary—The local conference, local mission/field/section, region/field - No change

13

14 2. Education Expenses—Unless other arrangements are made, the sending  
15 organization shall reimburse the employee for regular tuition charges and grant assistance on the  
16 expense of preparing a thesis/dissertation/project as follows:

17

18 a. Master’s Degree—Actual cost up to ~~USD 400.~~ USD 1,000.

19

20 b. Doctor of Ministry Degree—Actual cost up to ~~USD 500.~~ USD 1,200.

21

22 c. All other doctoral degrees—Actual cost up to ~~USD 1,000.~~ USD 2,000.

23

24 d. Textbook and syllabus allowance at the rate of ~~USD 100~~ USD 500 per

25 semester.

26

27 3. Housing—When the employee attends the Seminary without - no change

28

29 4. Special Living Allowance—When the employee attending - No change

30

31 5. International Service Employees—When international service - No change

32

33 6. World Divisions—World divisions are asked to make provision - No change

34

35 7. National Employees—Rent Subsidy—The General Conference - No change

36

37 8. National Employees—Adequate Support—World divisions - No change

38

39 9. Graduate Study for Ministers—Amortization and Reimbursement Schedule - No

40 change

1 SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC(DIV)

2  
3 201-23G DIVISION TERRITORIES - POLICY AMENDMENT

4  
5 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC C 05, Division Territories, to read as follows:

6  
7 C 05 Division Territories\*

8  
9 C 05 05 East-Central Africa Division Territory - No change

10  
11 C 05 15 Euro-Asia Division Territory—Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus,  
12 Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan,  
13 Turkmenistan, ~~Ukraine~~, and Uzbekistan.

14  
15 C 05 20 Inter-American Division Territory - No change

16  
17 C 05 23 Inter-European Division Territory - No change

18  
19 C 05 25 North American Division Territory - No change

20  
21 C 05 30 Northern Asia-Pacific Division Territory - No change

22  
23 C 05 35 South American Division Territory - No change

24  
25 C 05 37 South Pacific Division Territory - No change

26  
27 C 05 40 Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division Territory - No change

28  
29 C 05 45 Southern Asia Division Territory - No change

30  
31 C 05 50 Southern Asia-Pacific Division Territory - No change

32  
33 C 05 60 Trans-European Division Territory - No change

34  
35 C 05 65 West-Central Africa Division Territory - No change

36  
37 C 05 70 Middle East and North Africa Union Mission (Attached) Territory - No change

38  
39 C 05 75 Israel Field (Attached) Territory - No change

40  
41 C 05 80 Chinese Union Mission (Attached) Territory - No change

42  
43 C 05 85 Ukrainian Union Conference (Attached) Territory—Ukraine.

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<sup>\*</sup> Because the Seventh-day Adventist Church does not involve itself in political affairs, the reader should attach no special significance to the  
46 presence of certain names in the list or the absence of others.

1 SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC+25GCS

2  
3 209-23GS TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION - CONSTITUTION AND  
4 BYLAWS AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws,  
7 Article I—Territorial Administration, to read as follows:

8  
9 ARTICLE I—TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION

10  
11 Sec. 1. The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, hereinafter - No change

12  
13 Sec. 2. The duly organized divisions are: East-Central Africa Division, Euro-Asia  
14 Division, Inter-American Division, Inter-European Division, North American Division, Northern  
15 Asia-Pacific Division, South American Division, South Pacific Division, Southern Africa-Indian  
16 Ocean Division, Southern Asia Division, Southern Asia-Pacific Division, Trans-European  
17 Division, and West-Central Africa Division. The boundaries of these divisions shall be subject to  
18 adjustment at a Spring Meeting or Annual Council ~~Annual Councils~~ of the General Conference  
19 Executive Committee.

20  
21 Sec. 3. If a territorial adjustment is made at ~~an~~ a Spring Meeting or Annual Council, it  
22 shall be made only provided each division and other territory affected is represented at the  
23 council by at least one of its officers, or in the case of an unorganized territory, by a senior  
24 church leader from that territory. An exception to the requirement of such representation shall be  
25 made in a condition of emergency. In such a case, the General Conference Executive Committee  
26 shall make whatever adjustments are necessary for the conduct of the work in the territories  
27 affected.

28  
29 Sec. 4. Administrations of all organizations and institutions within a - No change

1 SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC+25GCS

2  
3 210-23GS GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -  
4 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws,  
7 Article XIII—General Conference Executive Committee, to read as follows:

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9 ARTICLE XIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

10  
11 Sec. 1. a. During the intervals between sessions of the General Conference, the General  
12 Conference Executive Committee is delegated the authority to act on behalf of the General  
13 Conference in session. The membership of the General Conference Executive Committee  
14 includes representatives of all the divisions of the world field and the presidents of all unions and  
15 therefore speaks for the world Church. Major items affecting the world Church are considered at  
16 the Spring Meeting and Annual Council meetings of the General Conference Executive  
17 Committee, when all the members of the Committee are invited to be present. The authority,  
18 therefore, of the General Conference Executive Committee is the authority of the world Church.

19  
20 b. The General Conference Executive Committee shall also - No change

21  
22 c. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change

23  
24 d. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change

25  
26 e. The removal from office by the General Conference - No change

27  
28 f. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change

29  
30 Sec. 2. a. A meeting of the General Conference Executive - No change

31  
32 b. A meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee, known as the  
33 Spring Meeting, shall be held annually for the purpose of receiving the audited financial reports  
34 of the General Conference and for transacting ~~regular~~ Executive Committee business. ~~business as~~  
35 ~~provided for in the General Conference Working Policy relating to Spring Meetings.~~

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

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

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

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

44  
45 Sec. 7. Notice as to time, place, and any other requirements under these - No change.



1 SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/TreC/GCDO23AC to HMM-23AC+25GCS

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3 211-23GS APPROPRIATIONS - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

4 AMENDMENT

5

6 RECOMMENDED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws,

7 Article XIX—Appropriations, to read as follows:

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ARTICLE XIX— APPROPRIATIONS

10

11 Sec. 1. The General Conference Executive Committee shall make its regular  
12 appropriations to the world field at Spring Meetings or Annual Councils. ~~These appropriations~~  
13 ~~are to be based on budget requests from the fields.~~

14

15 Sec. 2. Appropriations shall be made subject to the receipt of the full amount - No change

16

17 Sec. 3. Appropriations for major projects shall be held in trust for the - No change

18

19 Sec. 4. All funds raised in divisions, except the regular funds belonging to - No change

20

21 Sec. 5. To the extent permitted by law, General Conference funds in all the - No change

## GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June 29, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted N C Wilson (Ch), Hensley M Mooroven (Sec), Ezekiel Adeleye, Kyoshin Ahn, Harrington S Akombwa, Audrey E Andersson, Kwame Annor-Boahen, Valère Guillaume Assembe Minyono, Salomon G Assienin, Simao M Avelino, Young Hee Bae, Abel Anak J Bana, Lamec Barishinga, Eliezer Barlizo Jr, Annette Barlow, Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy, Yotam Bindosano, Marcos Bomfim, Lev I Bondarchuk, Lesleigh A E Bower, Mario A Brito,

Eglan B Brooks, G Alexander Bryant, Merlin D Burt, Harold E Butler, Roger O Caderma, Gerardo L Cajobe, Ramon J Canals, Pierre Caporal Sr, Dennis R Carlson, Eddy-Michel Carpin, David Celis Aguilar, Somchai Chuenjit, Harriet Clark, Williams S Costa Jr, Andrei Cretu, Robert C Csizmadia, Markus M Dangana, Ruben De Abreu, Adjeoda K Djossou, Paul H Douglas, Thandolwethu H Dube, Daniel Duda, George O Egwakhe,

Mari Escudero, John Freedman, Guenther Garcia Arroyo, Milen R Georgiev, Pavel Goia, Jerome Habimana, Peter Chidlappa Halemane, Yohanna U Harry, Richard H Hart, Elie Henry, Matthew Herel, Ivelisse Herrera, James M Howard, Andi Hunsaker, Alistair Huong, Yutaka Inada, Vincent R Injety, Ivetta Izhora, Daniel Wang Xin Jiao, Leonard A Johnson, Marie-Augstine Joseph Jasmin, Eraste M Kabera, Boitirelo Kabo, Walt Kalkan,

Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Johnny Kan, Maveni Kaufononga, J Francois Keet, Peter Kerr, Sibusiso B Khumalo, Justin Kim, Si Young Kim, Ted Kim, Won Sang Kim, Yo Han Kim, Erton C Kohler, Lydia Komugisha, Shurman R Kook, Elbert Kuhn, Jai Kumar, Jose Lagoa, Ezras Lakra, Peter N Landless, Cheol Lee, Myun Ju Lee, Thomas L Lemon, Paul Llewellyn, Mileen Loeffler, Francesca W Lunana, German A Lust, Barna Magyarosi, Beauty Maisch,

Wendell W Mandolang, Ricardo Marin, Victor Marley, Almir M Marroni, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Richard E McEdward, Duane McKey, Chip Meekma Jr, Philip R Mills, Musa G Mitekaro, Derek J Morris, Thomas Muller, Vanny M Munyumbwe, Constance Mutunhu, Rudatinya M Mwangachuchu, Tommy S Namitondo, Samuel Nazir, Dumisane Ncube, Moses M Ndimukika, Sikhumbuzo Ndlovu, Aurel Neatu, G T Ng, Hopekings K Ngomba, David V Njock,

Stanislav V Nosov, Leonard Nyandwi, Thomas T Ocran, Patrick B Ojera, Willie Oliver, Ivan H Omana, Pierre Omeler, Daisy J F Orion, Robert Osei-Bonsu, Oscar Osindo, Moisei I Ostrovski, Ivan I Ostrovsky, Manuel Pacheco, Luis Parades, Orville D Parchment, Jan Paulsen, John Peckham, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Josue Pierre, Leslie N Pollard, Karen J Porter, Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Kathryn L Proffitt, Niklas M Rantanen, E Albert Reece, Norbert Restrepo,

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Gideon P Reyneke, Luis Rivera Maldonado, Randy Roberts, C Randolph Robinson, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan, Saw Samuel, Antonio D Sande Mussolo, Jose M Santos Lopes, Reinhard C Schwab, Selom K Sessou, Bhaju Ram Shrestha, Sugih Sitorus, Robert Sjolander, Jean M Solofo Georges, Artur A Stele, Richard T Stephenson, Chizu Takahashi, C Tawkthanga, Johnson J Thadi, Gary F Thurber, Kern P Tobias, Bassey E O Udoh,

Maurice R Valentine, Chinta John Victor, Teixeira M Vinte, Sherrie Wendt, Kay White, James S Winegardner, Melinda J Worden, Trevor Wright, Hiroshi Yamaji, Lori T Yingling, Norbert G Zens

#### INVITEES

Daniel K Bediako, Jeffrey O Brown, Brent B Burdick, Aurora M Canals, Sikhululekile Daco, Karnik Doukmetzian, Dwain N Esmond, Dwight Evans, Nilde Itin, Anthony R Kent, Todd R McFarland, Milton A Mesa, Elaine Oliver, Lissy Park, Delbert B Pearman, Steven G Rose, Clinton L Wahlen, Lori E Williams, John Xiao Ming Zhang

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

SEC/GCC to HMM

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

VOTED, 1. To accept the final minutes of the December 8, 2022, meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee as presented.

2. To accept the final minutes of the 2023 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee as presented.

TRE/ADCOM/GCC to HMM

COTTON DESOUZA, SABRINA, ASSOCIATE TREASURER,  
GENERAL CONFERENCE TREASURY—ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Sabrina Cotton DeSouza as Associate Treasurer in General Conference Treasury (112%), effective August 1, 2023.

ORION, DAISY J F—APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to Daisy J F Orion for her years of service as Associate Treasurer of the General Conference.

NAD/GCC to HMM

GLASS, JUDY R, TREASURER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER,  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION—ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Judy R Glass as Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the North American Division, effective August 1, 2023.

ROBINSON, C RANDOLPH—APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to C Randolph Robinson for his years of service as Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the North American Division.

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to HMM

GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDITING SERVICE BOARD (GCC-B)—  
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Auditing Service Board (GCASBd) (GCC-B), as follows:

Add	Brown, Dennis (IAD) Duca, Aurel (ESD)
Delete	Gittens, Hyden G I (IAD)

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SEC/ADCOM/GCC to HMM

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
(GCC)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

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

Add	Feitosa, Kleyton B, Invitee Izhora, Ivetta, 40 Members At-Large Laity Levterov, Theodore, Invitee Peckham, John, Invitee
Delete	Bala, Clendelyn Jane D, 40 Members At-Large Laity Klingbeil, Chantal, Invitee Klingbeil, Gerald A, Invitee Mawikere, Edison, Layperson (SSD) Scoggins, Jeff, Invitee

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to HMM

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	Taylor, John Wesley V
Delete	Luxton, Andrea T Scoggins, Jeff

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to HMM

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 Taylor, John Wesley V, Member  
Delete Luxton, Andrea T  
Taylor, John Wesley V, Assistant Secretary

SEC/ADCOM/GCC to HMM

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:

Delete Taylor, John Wesley V

PRAYER: Somchai Chuenjit

Prayer was requested for those who have been newly elected; and for those mourning the  
deaths of Humberto M Rasi, Jacob J Nortey, E O Sackey, and Joao Wolff.

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

TRE/SP&B15SM/15SM/101-15Gi/SP&B16AC/16AC/101-16Ga/101-17Ga/SP&B18AC/18AC/  
 101-18Ga/SP&B19AC/19AC/101-19Ga/SP&B20AC/20AC/101-20Ga/101-21Ga/SP&B21AC/  
 21AC/101-21Ga/SP&B22AC/22AC/101-22Ga/SP&B23AC to JRW-23AC(DIV)

101-23Ga CALENDAR OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS—  
 WORLD 2024-2030

RECOMMENDED, To record the Calendar of Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings—World 2024-  
 2030, which reads as follows:

			<u>Proj Selection</u> <u>Deadline</u>	<u>Visit to</u> <u>Division</u>
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
2027				
	First Quarter	West-Central Africa Division	Mar 2025	Jun 2025
	Second Quarter	Southern Asia Division	Jun 2025	Sep 2025
	Third Quarter	Euro-Asia Division	Sep 2025	Dec 2025
	Fourth Quarter	Inter-American Division	Dec 2025	Mar 2026
2028				
	First Quarter	North American Division	Mar 2026	Jun 2026
	Second Quarter	Northern Asia-Pacific Division	June 2026	Sep 2026
	Third Quarter	Southern Asia-Pacific Division	Sep 2026	Dec 2026
	Fourth Quarter	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division	Dec 2026	Mar 2027

101-23Ga CALENDAR OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS—  
WORLD 2024-2030 - 2

			Proj Selection	Visit to
			<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Division</u>
1				
2				
3	2029			
4	First Quarter	South American Division	Mar 2027	Jun 2027
5	Second Quarter	South Pacific Division	June 2027	Sep 2027
6	Third Quarter	East-Central Africa Division	Sep 2027	Dec 2027
7	Fourth Quarter	Inter-European Division	Dec 2027	Mar 2028
8				
9	2030			
10	First Quarter	Trans-European Division	Mar 2028	Jun 2028
11	Second Quarter	West-Central Africa Division	June 2028	Sep 2028
12	Third Quarter	Southern Asia Division	Sep 2028	Dec 2028
13	Fourth Quarter	Euro-Asia Division	Dec 2028	Mar 2029
14				
15				
16	Distribution summary among divisions from 2024 through 2030:			
17				
18	East-Central Africa	2		
19	Euro-Asia	3		
20	Inter-American	2		
21	Inter-European	2		
22	North American	2		
23	Northern Asia-Pacific	2		
24	South American	2		
25	South Pacific	2		
26	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean	2		
27	Southern Asia	3		
28	Southern Asia-Pacific	2		
29	Trans-European	2		
30	West-Central Africa	2		



1 TRE/SP&B22AC/22AC/101-22Gh/SP&B23AC to JRW-23AC(DIV)  
2  
3 101-23Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2024  
4  
5 RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2024, which reads as follows:  
6  
7 January  
8 6 Outreach/Church Budget  
9 13 Division  
10 20 Church Budget  
11 27 Conference/Union  
12  
13 February  
14 3 Outreach/Church Budget  
15 10 Division  
16 17 Church Budget  
17 24 Conference/Union  
18  
19 March  
20 2 Outreach/Church Budget  
21 9\*+ Adventist World Radio  
22 16 Church Budget  
23 23 Conference/Union  
24 30 Church Budget  
25  
26 April  
27 6 Outreach/Church Budget  
28 13\*+ Hope Channel International  
29 20 Church Budget  
30 27 Conference/Union  
31  
32 May  
33 4 Outreach/Church Budget  
34 11\*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)  
35 18 Church Budget  
36 25 Conference/Union  
37  
38 June  
39 1 Outreach/Church Budget  
40 8 Division  
41 15 Church Budget  
42 22 Conference/Union  
43 29 Church Budget

101-23Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2024 - 2

1	<u>July</u>	
2	6	Outreach/Church Budget
3	13*+	GC Session Offering: Digital Strategy for Mission
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

101-23Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2024 - 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	

1 TRE/SP&B23AC to JRW-23AC(DIV)  
2  
3 101-23Gi CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2025  
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5 RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2025, which reads as follows:  
6  
7 January  
8 4 Outreach/Church Budget  
9 11 Division  
10 18 Church Budget  
11 25 Conference/Union  
12  
13 February  
14 1 Outreach/Church Budget  
15 8 Division  
16 15 Church Budget  
17 22 Conference/Union  
18  
19 March  
20 1 Outreach/Church Budget  
21 8\*+ Adventist World Radio  
22 15 Church Budget  
23 22 Conference/Union  
24 29 Church Budget  
25  
26 April  
27 5 Outreach/Church Budget  
28 12\*+ Hope Channel International  
29 19 Church Budget  
30 26 Conference/Union  
31  
32 May  
33 3 Outreach/Church Budget  
34 10\*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)  
35 17 Church Budget  
36 24 Conference/Union  
37 31 Church Budget  
38  
39 June  
40 7 Outreach/Church Budget  
41 14 Division  
42 21 Church Budget  
43 28 Conference/Union  
44

101-23Gi CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2025 - 2

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

101-23Gi CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2025 - 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	

1 PRE/ADCOM/GCDO20AC/20AC/ADCOM/101-20Gg/21SM/101-21Gg/ADCOM/  
 2 GCDO21AC/21AC/101-21Gg/GCDO22SM/22SM/ADCOM/GCDO22AC/22AC/  
 3 101-22Ge/GCDO23SM/23SM/GCDO23AC to AEA-23AC(DIV)

4  
 5 101-23Gd CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
 6 2023

7  
 8 RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2023, to read  
 9 as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
10			
11			
12	<u>January</u>		
13	7	Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
14	11-21	Ten Days of Prayer ---	GC-MIN
15	14	#Health Ministries ---	GC-HM/DIV
16	21	Religious Liberty Day <i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
17	28		
18			
19	<u>February</u>		
20	4	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i> ---	GC-SSPM
21	11-18	Christian Home and Marriage Week ---	GC-FM
22	18		
23	25		
24			
25	<u>March</u>		
26	4	Women’s Day of Prayer ---	GC-WM
27	11	Adventist World Radio Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
28	18-25	Youth Week of Prayer ---	GC-YOU
29	18	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s ---	GC-YOU/CHM
30		Day	
31	25	#Christian Education ---	Divisions
32			
33	<u>April</u>		
34	1	Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
35	1	#Youth Spiritual Commitment ---	Divisions
36		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	
37	8	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s ---	GC-SSPM
38		Day)	
39	8	Hope Channel International Hope Channel International*	GC-HCI
40	15-21	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week ---	Divisions
41	15	World Impact Day—for Distribution ---	Divisions
42		of Missionary Book	
43	22	Possibility Ministries Day ---	GC-APM
44	29		

101-23Gd 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	Mission 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



101-23Gd 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 Opportunities*	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	Mission Promotion	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	<a href="https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days">https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days</a> .			

1 PRE/ADCOM/GCDO22AC/22AC/101-22Gf/GCDO23SM/23SM/GCDO23AC to AEA-  
2 23AC(DIV)

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4 101-23Ge CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
5 2024

6  
7 RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2024, to read  
8 as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
10			
11	<u>January</u>		
12	6	Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
13	10-20	Ten Days of Prayer ---	GC-MIN
14	13	#Health Ministries ---	GC-HM/DIV
15	20	Religious Liberty Day <i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
16	27		
17			
18	<u>February</u>		
19	3	<i>Reach the World</i> : Personal Outreach ---	GC-SSPM
20	10-17	Christian Home and Marriage Week ---	GC-FM
21	17		
22	24		
23			
24	<u>March</u>		
25	2	Women’s Day of Prayer ---	GC-WM
26	9	Adventist World Radio* ---	GC-AWR
27	16-23	Youth Week of Prayer ---	GC-YOU
28	16	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s ---	GC-YOU/CHM
29		Day	
30	23	#Christian Education ---	Divisions
31	30		
32			
33	<u>April</u>		
34	6	Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
35	6	#Youth Spiritual Commitment ---	Divisions
36		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	
37	13	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s ---	GC-SSPM
38		Day)	
39	13	Hope Channel International* ---	GC-HCI
40	13-19	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week ---	Divisions
41	13	World Impact Day—for Distribution ---	Divisions
42		of Missionary Book	
43	20	Possibility Ministries Day ---	GC-APM
44	27		
45			

101-23Ge 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	Mission 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)		

101-23Ge CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2024 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>September</u> contd			
3	14	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunities*	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	Mission Promotion	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			
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1 PRE/ADCOM/GCDO22AC/22AC/101-22Gg/GCDO23SM/23SM/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to  
2 AEA-23AC(DIV)

3  
4 101-23Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
5 2025

6  
7 RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2025, to read  
8 as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
10			
11	<u>January</u>		
12	4	Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
13	8-18	Ten Days of Prayer ---	GC-MIN
14	11	#Health Ministries ---	GC-HM/DIV
15	18	Religious Liberty Day <i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
16	25		
17			
18	<u>February</u>		
19	1	<i>Reach the World</i> : Personal Outreach ---	GC-SSPM
20	8-15	Christian Home and Marriage Week ---	GC-FM
21	15		
22	22		
23			
24	<u>March</u>		
25	1	Women’s Day of Prayer ---	GC-WM
26	8	Adventist World Radio* ---	GC-AWR
27	15-22	Youth Week of Prayer ---	GC-YOU
28	15	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s ---	GC-YOU/CHM
29		Day	
30	22	#Christian Education ---	Divisions
31	29		
32			
33	<u>April</u>		
34	5	Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
35	5	#Youth Spiritual Commitment ---	Divisions
36		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	
37	12-18	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week ---	Divisions
38	12	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s ---	GC-SSPM
39		Day)	
40	12	Hope Channel International* ---	GC-HCI
41	12	World Impact Day—for Distribution ---	Divisions
42		of Missionary Book	
43	19	Possibility Ministries Day ---	GC-APM
44	26		
45			

101-23Gf 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		at Risk		
10	31			
11				
12	<u>June</u>			
13	7	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study:	---	GC-SSPM
14		Sabbath School and		
15		Correspondence Courses		
16	14	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	---	GC-WM
17	21	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other	---	GC-SSPM
18		Members and Reclaiming		
19	21	Adventist Church World	---	ADRA
20		Refugee Day		
21	28	World Public Campus Ministries Day---		GC-YOU
22				
23	<u>July</u>			
24	5	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
25	12	Mission Promotion	World Mission*	GC-AM
26	19	<i>Reach the World:</i> Media Ministry	---	GC-COM
27	26	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
28				
29	<u>August</u>			
30	2	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
31	9	<i>Reach the World:</i> Church Planting	---	GC-AM
32	16	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
33	23	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
34	23	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
35	30			
36				
37	<u>September</u>			
38	6	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
39		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		
40	7-13	Family Togetherness Week of	---	GC-FM
41		Prayer		
42	13	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	---	GC-FM

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101-23Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2025 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>September</u> contd			
3	13	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunities*	GC-AM
4	20	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
5	27	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
6				
7	<u>October</u>			
8	4	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
9	4	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-ARMies
10		Promotion		
11	11	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
12	18	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-WHT
13		Adventist Heritage		
14	25	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
15				
16	<u>November</u>			
17	1-8	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
18	8-14	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
19		Young Adults		
20	8	Mission Promotion	Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
21	15	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-APM
22		Children Day		
23	22	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
24	29-6	Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW
25				
26	<u>December</u>			
27	6	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
28	13	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
29	20			
30	27			
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			
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1 PRE/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to AEA-23AC(DIV)

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3 101-23Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD

4 2026

5

6 RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2026, to read  
7 as follows:

8

OFFERING

MATERIALS

9 January

10 3	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
11 7-17	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
12 10	#Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
13 17	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
14 24			
15 31			

16

17 February

18 7	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-SSPM
19 14-21	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
20 21			
21 28			

22

23 March

24 7	Women's Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
25 14	Adventist World Radio*	---	GC-AWR
26 21-28	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
27 21	Global Youth Day/Global Children's	---	GC-YOU/CHM
28	Day		
29 28	#Christian Education	---	Divisions

30

31 April

32 4	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
33 4	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
34	Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		
35 11-17	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
36 11	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's	---	GC-SSPM
37	Day)		
38 11	Hope Channel International*	---	GC-HCI
39 11	World Impact Day—for Distribution	---	Divisions
40	of Missionary Book		
41 18	Possibility Ministries Day	---	GC-APM

42 25

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101-23Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2026 - 2

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>May</u>			
3	2-30	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
4	2	<i>Reach the World:</i> Using	---	GC-COM
5		Communication Channels		
6	9	<i>Reach the World:</i> In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*		GC-PM/DIV
7	16	Global Adventurer's Day	---	GC-YOU
8	23	World Day of Prayer for Children	---	GC-CHM
9		at Risk		
10	30			
11				
12	<u>June</u>			
13	6	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study:	---	GC-SSPM
14		Sabbath School and		
15		Correspondence Courses		
16	13	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	---	GC-WM
17	20	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other	---	GC-SSPM
18		Members and Reclaiming		
19	20	Adventist Church World	---	ADRA
20		Refugee Day		
21	27	World Public Campus Ministries Day---		GC-YOU
22				
23	<u>July</u>			
24	4	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
25	11	Missions Promotion	World Mission*	GC-AM
26	18	<i>Reach the World:</i> Media Ministry	---	GC-COM
27	25	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
28				
29	<u>August</u>			
30	1	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
31	8	<i>Reach the World:</i> Church Planting	---	GC-AM
32	15	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
33	22	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
34	22	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
35	29			
36				
37	<u>September</u>			
38	5	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
39		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		
40	6-12	Family Togetherness Week of	---	GC-FM
41		Prayer		
42	12	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	---	GC-FM

101-23Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2026 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>September</u> contd			
3	12	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunities*	GC-AM
4	19	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
5	26	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
6				
7	<u>October</u>			
8	3	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
9	3	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-ARMies
10		Promotion		
11	10	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
12	17	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-WHT
13		Adventist Heritage		
14	24	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
15	31			
16				
17	<u>November</u>			
18	7-14	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
19	14-20	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
20		Young Adults		
21	14	Mission Promotion	Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
22	21	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-APM
23		Children Day		
24	28	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
25	28-5	Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW
26				
27	<u>December</u>			
28	5	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
29	12	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
30	19			
31	26			
32				
33	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
34	#Divisions to prepare materials			
35				
36	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at			
37	<a href="https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days">https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days</a> .			

1 PRE/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to AEA-23AC(DIV)  
 2  
 3 101-23Gh CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
 4 2027

5  
 6 RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2027, to read  
 7 as follows:  
 8

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
9			
10	<u>January</u>		
11	2	Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
12	6-16	Ten Days of Prayer ---	GC-MIN
13	9	#Health Ministries ---	GC-HM/DIV
14	16	Religious Liberty Day <i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
15	23		
16	30		
17			
18	<u>February</u>		
19	6	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i> ---	GC-SSPM
20	13-20	Christian Home and Marriage Week ---	GC-FM
21	20		
22	27		
23			
24	<u>March</u>		
25	6	Women’s Day of Prayer ---	GC-WM
26	13	Adventist World Radio* ---	GC-AWR
27	20-27	Youth Week of Prayer ---	GC-YOU
28	20	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s ---	GC-YOU/CHM
29		Day	
30	27	#Christian Education ---	Divisions
31			
32	<u>April</u>		
33	3	Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
34	3	#Youth Spiritual Commitment ---	Divisions
35		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	
36	10-16	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week ---	Divisions
37	10	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s ---	GC-SSPM
38		Day)	
39	10	Hope Channel International* ---	GC-HCI
40	10	World Impact Day—for Distribution ---	Divisions
41		of Missionary Book	
42	17	Possibility Ministries Day ---	GC-APM
43	24		
44			

101-23Gh CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2027 - 2

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>May</u>			
3	1-29	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
4	1	<i>Reach the World:</i> Using	---	GC-COM
5		Communication Channels		
6	8	<i>Reach the World:</i> In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*		GC-PM/DIV
7	15	Global Adventurer's Day	---	GC-YOU
8	22	World Day of Prayer for Children	---	GC-CHM
9		at Risk		
10	29			
11				
12	<u>June</u>			
13	5	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study:	---	GC-SSPM
14		Sabbath School and		
15		Correspondence Courses		
16	12	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	---	GC-WM
17	19	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other	---	GC-SSPM
18		Members and Reclaiming		
19	19	Adventist Church World	---	ADRA
20		Refugee Day		
21	26	World Public Campus Ministries Day---		GC-YOU
22				
23	<u>July</u>			
24	3	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
25	10	Missions Promotion	World Mission*	GC-AM
26	17	<i>Reach the World:</i> Media Ministry	---	GC-COM
27	24	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
28	31			
29				
30	<u>August</u>			
31	7	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
32	14	<i>Reach the World:</i> Church Planting	---	GC-AM
33	21	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
34	28	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
35	28	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
36				
37	<u>September</u>			
38	4	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
39		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)		
40	5-11	Family Togetherness Week of	---	GC-FM
41		Prayer		
42	11	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	---	GC-FM

101-23Gh CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2027 - 3

			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
1				
2	<u>September</u> contd			
3	11	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunities*	GC-AM
4	18	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
5	25	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
6				
7	<u>October</u>			
8	2	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
9	2	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-ARMies
10		Promotion		
11	9	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
12	16	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-WHT
13		Adventist Heritage		
14	23	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
15	30			
16				
17	<u>November</u>			
18	6-13	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
19	13-19	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
20		Young Adults		
21	13	Mission Promotion	Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
22	20	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-APM
23		Children Day		
24	27	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
25	27-4	Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW
26				
27	<u>December</u>			
28	4	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
29	11	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
30	18			
31	25			
32				
33	*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan			
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 2 21AC/ADCOM/102-21Gc/ADCOM/GCDO22SM/22SM/ADCOM/ADCOM(Steering)/22AC/  
 3 ADCOM/102-22Gb/ADCOM/GCDO23SM/23SM/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to KJP-23AC(DIV)

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 5 102-23Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2023

6  
 7 RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2023, with the  
 8 understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of  
 9 each entity, as follows:

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>										<u>LOCATION</u>
13	<u>October 2023</u>												
14	5-11	Thu	Annual Council										Silver Spring MD
15	12-15	Thu	Global Healthcare Conference										Loma Linda CA
16	16-17	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee										Berrien Springs MI
17	18-19	Wed	Faith and Science Council										Berrien Springs MI
18	20-23	Fri	GAIN Europe										Budva MONTENEGRO
19	20(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Board Governance Committee										Berrien Springs MI
20	22(am)	Sun	Andrews University Board Committees										Berrien Springs MI
21	22(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com										Berrien Springs MI
22	23(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board										Berrien Springs MI
23													
24	<u>November 2023</u>												
25	29-30	Wed	Geoscience Research Institute Committee										Arusha TANZANIA
26	29(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees										Silver Spring MD
27	30(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting										Silver Spring MD
28													
29	<u>December 2023</u>												
30	11-12	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees										Loma Linda CA

1 SEC/ADCOM/GCDO21AC/21AC/102-21Gd/GCDO22SM/22SM/ADCOM/ADCOM(Steering)/  
 2 22AC/ADCOM/102-22Gc/ADCOM/GCDO23SM/23SM/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to KJP-  
 3 23AC(DIV)

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 5 102-23Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2024

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 7 RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2024, with the  
 8 understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of  
 9 each entity, as follows:

11	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
13	<u>January 2024</u>			
14	4	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Online Meeting
15	17-20	Wed	PREXAD	
16	<del>21(pm)</del>	<del>Sun</del>	<del>GCAS Board</del>	<del>Online Meeting</del>
17	22-Feb 10	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai THAILAND
18	30-31	Tue	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Online Meeting
20	<u>February 2024</u>			
21	<del>5-6</del>	<del>Mon</del>	<del>Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee</del>	<del>Online Meeting</del>
22	5-6	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Collegedale TN
23	23-25	Fri	Loma Linda University Board Retreat	
24	26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
26	<u>March 2024</u>			
27	3(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Board Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
28	4(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
29	4(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
30	5(am)	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
31	12-13	Tue	Global Leadership Conf for Newly Elected Leaders	Online Meeting
32	15-16	Fri	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
33	18-21	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
34	19(pm)	Tue	Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board	Silver Spring MD
35	<u>21(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>General Conference Leadership Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
36	21(pm)	Thu	Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee	Silver Spring MD
37	<del>24(am)</del>	<del>Sun</del>	<del>ADRA International Board</del>	<del>Online Meeting</del>
38	<u>25(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>ADRA International Board</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
39	26(am)	Tue	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Online Meeting
40	26(am)	Tue	ASI Coordinating Committee	Online Meeting
41	<del>27(am)</del>	<del>Wed</del>	<del>Adventist World Radio Board</del>	<del>Online Meeting</del>
42	27(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
43	28(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Online Meeting
45	<u>April 2024</u>			
46	1	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD

102-23Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2024 - 2

1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2				
3	<u>April 2024</u> contd			
4	1	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
5	1	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
6	2-3	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
7	2(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
8	2(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
9	<del>3(pm)</del>	<del>Wed</del>	<del>GC &amp; Division Officers</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
10	<u>3(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
11	3(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
12	<del>4(am)</del>	<del>Thu</del>	<del>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
13	<u>4(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
14	<del>4(pm)</del>	<del>Thu</del>	<del>General Conference Mission Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
15	<u>4(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
16	<del>7(am)</del>	<del>Sun</del>	<del>Hope Channel International Board</del>	<del>Online Meeting</del>
17	<del>8-9</del>	<del>Mon</del>	<del>Spring Meeting</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
18	<u>8(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
19	<u>8(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Hope Channel International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
20	<u>9-10</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Spring Meeting</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
21	<del>15-May 4</del>	<del>Mon</del>	<del>IWM Mission Institute</del>	<del>_____</del>
22	<u>15-May 4</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Istanbul TURKEY</u>
23	15-16	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Online Meeting
24	17-18	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
25	<u>22-24</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist University of Africa Council Meetings</u>	<u>Nairobi KENYA</u>
26				
27	<u>May 2024</u>			
28	9	Thu	<u>AIAS Board</u>	<u>Cavite PHILIPPINES</u>
29	20-21	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
30	<del>29(pm)</del>	<del>Wed</del>	<del>ARM and GICV Board Committees</del>	<del>Burlington VT</del>
31	<u>29(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ARM and GICV Board Committees</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
32	<del>30(am)</del>	<del>Thu</del>	<del>ARM and GICV Board Meeting</del>	<del>Laurel MD</del>
33	<u>30(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>ARM and GICV Board Meeting</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
34				
35	<u>June 2024</u>			
36	3-6	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
37	<u>6(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>General Conference Leadership Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
38	6(pm)	Thu	Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee	Silver Spring MD
39	9(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Board Executive Committee	Online Meeting
40	9(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Board Univ Op & Fin Com	Online Meeting
41	9(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Presidential Evaluation Com	Online Meeting
42	<u>10-15</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Re-entry (Family &amp; Teen)</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
43	10(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Online Meeting



102-23Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2024 - 3

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
2				
3	<u>June 2024</u> contd			
4	17-23	Mon	<del>IWM Re-entry (Family &amp; Teen)</del>	<del>Berrien Springs MI</del>
5				
6	<u>July 2024</u>			
7	8-27	Mon	<del>IWM Mission Institute</del>	<del>Berrien Springs MI</del>
8	8-27	Mon	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Chiang Mai THAILAND</u>
9	14(pm)	Sun	GCAS Board	Online Meeting
10				
11	<u>August 2024</u>			
12	9-17	Fri	<u>Intercultural Workshop: Advancing God's Mission</u>	<u>Bangkok THAILAND</u>
13	10-17	Sat	<del>Intercultural Workshop: Advancing God's Mission</del>	<del>Bangkok THAILAND</del>
14	26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
15				
16	<u>September 2024</u>			
17	2-3	Mon	<u>Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
18	10-11	Tue	Global Leadership Conference	Online Meeting
19	16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
20	16(am)	Mon	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
21	17(pm)	Tue	Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board	Silver Spring MD
22	19(am)	Thu	<u>General Conference Leadership Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
23	19(pm)	Thu	Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee	Silver Spring MD
24	23(am)	Mon	<del>IBE Programs Review Committee</del>	<del>Online Meeting</del>
25	24(am)	Tue	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
26	24(am)	Tue	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed (IBMTE)</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
27	25(am)	Wed	<del>International Board of Education</del>	<del>Online Meeting</del>
28	25(am)	Wed	<del>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed (IBMTE)</del>	<del>Online Meeting</del>
29	26(am)	Thu	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
30				
31	<u>October 2024</u>			
32	1	Tue	GCAS Board	Silver Spring MD
33	3(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
34	3(pm)	Thu	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
35	3(pm)	Thu	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
36	3(pm)	Thu	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
37	3(pm)	Thu	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
38	3(pm)	Thu	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
39	4(am)	Fri	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
40	6(am)	Sun	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
41	6(am)	Sun	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
42	7	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
43	7	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD

102-23Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2024 - 4

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1	7	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
2				
3				
4	<u>October 2024</u> contd			
5	8(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
6	8(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
7	9(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
8	9(pm)	Wed	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
9	10-11	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
10	10-16	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
11	17-19	Thu	Mission Symposium	Berrien Springs MI
12	21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
13	23-24	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
14	25(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Board Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
15	27(am)	Sun	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
16	27(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
17	28(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
18				
19	<u>November 2024</u>			
20				
21	<u>December 2024</u>			
22	4(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
23	5(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
24	9-10	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA

1 SEC/ADCOM(Steering)/22AC/ADCOM/102-22Gd/ADCOM/GCDO23SM/23SM/ADCOM/  
 2 GCDO23AC to KJP-23AC(DIV)

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>					<u>LOCATION</u>																															
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	15-18	Wed	PREXAD																																				
	20-Feb 8	Mon	IWM Mission Institute					Chiang Mai THAILAND																															
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	3-4	Mon	<del>Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee</del>					Online Meeting																															
	3-4	Mon	<u>Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee</u>					Collegedale TN																															
	23-25	Sun	<u>Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees</u>					Loma Linda CA																															
	<u>March 2025</u>																																						
	2(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Board Executive Committee					Berrien Springs MI																															
	3(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board Committees					Berrien Springs MI																															
	3(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com					Berrien Springs MI																															
	4(am)	Tue	Andrews University Board					Berrien Springs MI																															
	11-12	Tue	Global Leadership Conf for Newly Elected Leaders					Online Meeting																															
	17-20	Mon	Prime Time					Silver Spring MD																															
	18(pm)	Tue	Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board					Silver Spring MD																															
	<u>20(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>General Conference Leadership Council</u>					<u>Silver Spring MD</u>																															
	20(pm)	Thu	Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee					Silver Spring MD																															
	24(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board					Online Meeting																															
	25(am)	Tue	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board					Online Meeting																															
	25(am)	Tue	ASI Coordinating Committee					Online Meeting																															
	<del>26(am)</del>	<del>Wed</del>	<del>Adventist World Radio Board</del>					<del>Online Meeting</del>																															
	26(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee					Online Meeting																															
	27(am)	Thu	IRLA Board					Online Meeting																															
	31(am)	Mon	Presidents Council					Silver Spring MD																															
	31(am)	Mon	Secretaries Council					Silver Spring MD																															
	31(am)	Mon	Treasurers Council					Silver Spring MD																															
	<u>April 2025</u>																																						
	1-2	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee					Silver Spring MD																															
	1(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education					Silver Spring MD																															
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3	<u>April 2025</u> contd			
4	<u>2(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
5	<u>2(eve)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
6	<u>3(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
7	<u>3(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
8	<u>3(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
9	<u>3(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
10	<u>6(am)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Hope Channel International Board</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
11	<u>7-8</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Spring Meeting</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
12	<u>7(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
13	<u>8-9</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Spring Meeting</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
14	<u>14-May 3</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	
15	<u>14-May 3</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Istanbul TURKEY</u>
16	<u>14-15</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Biblical Research Institute Committee</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
17	<u>16-17</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Faith and Science Council</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
18	<u>21-23</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist University of Africa Council Meetings</u>	<u>Nairobi KENYA</u>
19				
20	<u>May 2025</u>			
21	<u>19-20</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
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23	<u>June 2025</u>			
24	<u>2-5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Prime Time</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
25	<u>4(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ARM and GICV Board Committees</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
26	<u>5(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>ARM and GICV Board Meeting</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
27	<u>5(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>General Conference Leadership Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
28	<u>5(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
29	<u>8(pm)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Board Univ Op &amp; Fin Com</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
30	<u>8(pm)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Executive Committee</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
31	<u>8(pm)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Presidential Evaluation Com</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
32	<u>9-28</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
33	<u>9(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Board</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
34				
35	<u>July 2025</u>			
36	<u>3-12</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>General Conference Session</u>	<u>St Louis MO</u>
37	<u>21-27</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Re-entry (Family &amp; Teens)</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
38				
39	<u>August 2025</u>			
40	<u>11-30</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Institute</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
41	<u>25-26</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>September 2025</u>			
<del>1-2</del>	<del>Mon</del>	<del>Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee</del>	<del>Online Meeting</del>
1-2	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
9-10	Tue	Global Leadership Conference	Online Meeting
15-18	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
15(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
16(pm)	Tue	Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board	Silver Spring MD
18	Thu	Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee	Silver Spring MD
18(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
22(am)	Mon	<del>IBE Programs Review Committee</del>	<del>Online Meeting</del>
23(am)	Tue	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
23(am)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
24(am)	Wed	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
24(am)	Wed	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
25(am)	Thu	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
30	Tue	GCAS Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 2025</u>			
2(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Thu	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Thu	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Thu	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Thu	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Thu	Institute for Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Fri	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Sun	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Sun	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
9-15	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
9-10	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Online Meeting
22-23	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
24(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Board Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
26(am)	Sun	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
26(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
27(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI

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1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2				
3	<u>November 2025</u>			
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5	<u>December 2025</u>			
6	3(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
7	4(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
8	<u>8-9</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>

1 SEC/ADCOM/GCDO23AC to KJP-23AC(DIV)

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3 102-23Gd AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2026

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5 RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2026, with the  
6 understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of  
7 each entity, as follows:

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11 January 2026

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13 February 2026

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15 March 2026

16 16-19      Mon      Prime Time      Silver Spring MD

17 23(am)      Mon      ADRA International Board      Online Meeting

18 24(am)      Tue      Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board      Online Meeting

19 25(am)      Wed      IBE Programs Review Committee      Online Meeting

20 26(am)      Thu      IRLA Board      Silver Spring MD

21 30      Mon      Presidents Council      Silver Spring MD

22 30      Mon      Secretaries Council      Silver Spring MD

23 30      Mon      Treasurers Council      Silver Spring MD

24 31-Apr 1      Tue      Global Mission Issues Committee      Silver Spring MD

25 31(eve)      Tue      International Board of Education      Silver Spring MD

26 31(eve)      Tue      International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)      Online Meeting

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28 April 2026

29 1(pm)      Wed      Adventist World Radio Board      Online Meeting

30 1(eve)      Wed      Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ      Silver Spring MD

31 2(am)      Thu      GC & Division Officers      Silver Spring MD

32 2(pm)      Thu      Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee      Silver Spring MD

33 6(am)      Mon      General Conference Mission Board      Silver Spring MD

34 6(pm)      Mon      Hope Channel International Board      Silver Spring MD

35 7-8      Tue      Spring Meeting      Silver Spring MD

36 8-12      Wed      GCDO Adventist Heritage Tour      NEW ENGLAND

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38 May 2026

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40 June 2026

41 1-4      Mon      Prime Time      Silver Spring MD

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43 July 2026

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<u>August 2026</u>			
<u>17-19</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>10th IRLA World Congress</u>	_____
<u>September 2026</u>			
<u>14-17</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Prime Time</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>16(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
<u>22(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
<u>22(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed (IBMTE)</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
<u>24(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
<u>October 2026</u>			
<u>1(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>IRLA Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>1(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>1(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>1(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Hope Channel International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>2(am)</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>ADRA International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Presidents Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Secretaries Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Treasurers Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(pm)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Church Manual Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>LEAD Conference</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>8-14</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Annual Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>November 2026</u>			
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# ***Testimonies for the Church***

## **Volume 5, Chapter 16, pp 167-177**

### **Brotherly Love**

“By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” The more closely we resemble our Saviour in character, the greater will be our love toward those for whom He died. Christians who manifest a spirit of unselfish love for one another are bearing a testimony for Christ which unbelievers can neither gainsay nor resist. It is impossible to estimate the power of such an example. Nothing will so successfully defeat the devices of Satan and his emissaries, nothing will so build up the Redeemer's kingdom, as will the love of Christ manifested by the members of the church. Peace and prosperity can be enjoyed only as meekness and love are in active exercise. 5T 167.3

In his First Epistle to the Corinthians the apostle Paul sets forth the importance of that love which should be cherished by the followers of Christ: “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.” 5T 168.1

No matter how high his profession, he whose heart is not imbued with love for God and for his fellow men is not a disciple of Christ. Though he should possess great faith, and even have power to work miracles, yet without love his faith would be worthless. He might display great liberality, but should he from some other motive than genuine love bestow all his goods to feed the poor, the act would not commend him to the favor of God. In his zeal he might even meet a martyr's death, yet if destitute of the gold of love he would be regarded by God as a deluded enthusiast or an ambitious hypocrite. 5T 168.2

The apostle proceeds to specify the fruits of love: “Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not.” The divine love ruling in the heart exterminates pride and selfishness. “Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.” The purest joy springs from the deepest humiliation. The strongest and noblest characters rest upon the foundation of patience and love, and trusting submission to the will of God. 5T 168.3

Charity “doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.” The heart in which love rules will not be filled with passion or revenge, by injuries which pride and self-love would deem unbearable. Love is unsuspecting, ever placing the most favorable construction upon the motives and acts of others. Love will never needlessly expose the faults of others. It does not listen eagerly to unfavorable reports, but rather seeks to bring to mind some good qualities of the one defamed. 5T 168.4

Love “rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.” He whose heart is imbued with love is filled with sorrow at the errors and weaknesses of others; but when truth triumphs,

when the cloud that darkened the fair fame of another is removed, or when sins are confessed and wrongs corrected, he rejoices. 5T 169.1

“Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.” Love not only bears with others’ faults, but cheerfully submits to whatever suffering or inconvenience such forbearance makes necessary. This love “never faileth.” It can never lose its value; it is the attribute of heaven. As a precious treasure it will be carried by its possessor through the portals of the city of God. 5T 169.2

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, and peace. Discord and strife are the work of Satan and the fruit of sin. If we would as a people enjoy peace and love, we must put away our sins; we must come into harmony with God, and we shall be in harmony with one another. Let each ask himself: Do I possess the grace of love? Have I learned to suffer long and to be kind? Talents, learning, and eloquence, without this heavenly attribute, will be as meaningless as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Alas that this precious treasure is so lightly valued and so little sought by many who profess the faith! 5T 169.3

Paul writes to the Colossians: “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.” 5T 169.4

The fact that we are under so great obligation to Christ places us under the most sacred obligation to those whom He died to redeem. We are to manifest toward them the same sympathy, the same tender compassion and unselfish love, which Christ has manifested toward us. Selfish ambition, desire for supremacy, will die when Christ takes possession of the affections. 5T 170.1

Our Saviour taught His disciples to pray: “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” A great blessing is here asked upon conditions. We ourselves state these conditions. We ask that the mercy of God toward us may be measured by the mercy which we extend to others. Christ declares that this is the rule by which the Lord will deal with us. “If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Wonderful terms! but how little are they understood or heeded. One of the most common sins, and one that is attended with most pernicious results, is the indulgence of an unforgiving spirit. How many will cherish animosity or revenge and then bow before God and ask to be forgiven as they forgive. Surely they can have no true sense of the import of this prayer or they would not dare to take it upon their lips. We are dependent upon the pardoning mercy of God every day and every hour; how then can we cherish bitterness and malice toward our fellow sinners! If, in all their daily intercourse, Christians

would carry out the principles of this prayer, what a blessed change would be wrought in the church and in the world! This would be the most convincing testimony that could be given to the reality of Bible religion. 5T 170.2

God requires more of His followers than many realize. If we would not build our hopes of heaven upon a false foundation we must accept the Bible as it reads and believe that the Lord means what He says. He requires nothing of us that He will not give us grace to perform. We shall have no excuse to offer in the day of God if we fail to reach the standard set before us in His word. 5T 171.1

We are admonished by the apostle: "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." Paul would have us distinguish between the pure, unselfish love which is prompted by the spirit of Christ, and the unmeaning, deceitful pretense with which the world abounds. This base counterfeit has misled many souls. It would blot out the distinction between right and wrong, by agreeing with the transgressor instead of faithfully showing him his errors. Such a course never springs from real friendship. The spirit by which it is prompted dwells only in the carnal heart. While the Christian will be ever kind, compassionate, and forgiving, he can feel no harmony with sin. He will abhor evil and cling to that which is good, at the sacrifice of association or friendship with the ungodly. The spirit of Christ will lead us to hate sin, while we are willing to make any sacrifice to save the sinner. 5T 171.2

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." The apostle admonishes his brethren, in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus, that after having professed the gospel they should not conduct themselves as did the Gentiles, but should show by their daily deportment that they had been truly converted. 5T 171.3

"Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Once they were corrupt, degraded, enslaved by lustful passions; they were drugged by worldly opiates, blinded, bewildered, and betrayed by Satan's devices. Now that they had been taught the truth as it is in Jesus, there must be a decided change in their life and character. 5T 172.1

The accession of members who have not been renewed in heart and reformed in life is a source of weakness to the church. This fact is often ignored. Some ministers and churches are so desirous of securing an increase of numbers that they do not bear faithful testimony against unchristian habits and practices. Those who accept the truth are not taught that they cannot safely be worldlings in conduct while they are Christians in name. Heretofore they were Satan's

subjects; henceforth they are to be subjects of Christ. The life must testify to the change of leaders. Public opinion favors a profession of Christianity. Little self-denial or self-sacrifice is required in order to put on a form of godliness and to have one's name enrolled upon the church book. Hence many join the church without first becoming united to Christ. In this Satan triumphs. Such converts are his most efficient agents. They serve as decoys to other souls. They are false lights, luring the unwary to perdition. It is in vain that men seek to make the Christian's path broad and pleasant for worldlings. God has not smoothed or widened the rugged, narrow way. If we would enter into life, we must follow the same path which Jesus and His disciples trod—the path of humility, self-denial, and sacrifice. 5T 172.2

Ministers should see that their own hearts are sanctified through the truth, and then labor to secure these results for their converts. It is pure religion that ministers and people need. Those who put away iniquity from their hearts and stretch out their hands in earnest supplication unto God will have that help which God alone can give them. A ransom has been paid for the souls of men, that they may have an opportunity to escape from the thralldom of sin and obtain pardon, purity, and heaven. 5T 172.3

God hears the cry of the lowly and contrite. Those who frequent the throne of grace, offering up sincere, earnest petitions for divine wisdom and power, will not fail to become active, useful servants of Christ. They may not possess great talents, but with humility of heart and firm reliance upon Jesus they may do a good work in bringing souls to Christ. They can reach men through God. 5T 173.1

Ministers of Christ should ever feel that a sacred work engages all their souls; their efforts should be for the edification of the body of Christ, and not to exalt themselves before the people. And while Christians should esteem the faithful minister as Christ's ambassador, they should avoid all praise of the man. 5T 173.2

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.” Man by wicked works alienated himself from God, but Christ gave His life that all who would, might be freed from sin and reinstated in the favor of the Creator. It was the anticipation of a redeemed, holy universe that prompted Christ to make this great sacrifice. Have we accepted the privileges so dearly purchased? Are we followers of God as dear children, or are we servants of the prince of darkness? Are we worshipers of Jehovah, or of Baal? of the living God, or of idols? 5T 173.3

No outward shrines may be visible, there may be no image for the eye to rest upon, yet we may be practicing idolatry. It is as easy to make an idol of cherished ideas or objects as to fashion gods of wood or stone. Thousands have a false conception of God and His attributes. They are as verily serving a false god as were the servants of Baal. Are we worshiping the true God as He is revealed in His word, in Christ, in nature, or are we adoring some philosophical idol enshrined in His place? God is a God of truth. Justice and mercy are the attributes of His

throne. He is a God of love, of pity and tender compassion. Thus He is represented in His Son, our Saviour. He is a God of patience and long-suffering. If such is the being whom we adore and to whose character we are seeking to assimilate, we are worshiping the true God. 5T 173.4

If we are following Christ, His merits, imputed to us, come up before the Father as sweet odor. And the graces of our Saviour's character, implanted in our hearts, will shed around us a precious fragrance. The spirit of love, meekness, and forbearance pervading our life will have power to soften and subdue hard hearts and win to Christ bitter opposers of the faith. 5T 174.1

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” “Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.” 5T 174.2

Vainglory, selfish ambition, is the rock upon which many souls have been wrecked and many churches rendered powerless. Those who know least of devotion, who are least connected with God, are the ones who will most eagerly seek the highest place. They have no sense of their weakness and their deficiencies of character. Unless many of our young ministers shall feel the converting power of God, their labors will be a hindrance rather than a help to the church. They may have learned the doctrines of Christ, but they have not learned Christ. The soul that is constantly looking unto Jesus will see His self-denying love and deep humility, and will copy His example. Pride, ambition, deceit, hatred, selfishness, must be cleansed from the heart. With many these evil traits are partially subdued, but not thoroughly uprooted from the heart. Under favorable circumstances they spring up anew and ripen into rebellion against God. Here lies a terrible danger. To spare any sin is to cherish a foe that only awaits an unguarded moment to cause our ruin. 5T 174.3

“Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.” My brethren and sisters, how are you employing the gift of speech? Have you learned so to control the tongue that it shall ever obey the dictates of an enlightened conscience and holy affections? Is your conversation free from levity, pride and malice, deceit and impurity? Are you without guile before God? Words exert a telling power. Satan will, if possible, keep the tongue active in his service. Of ourselves we cannot control the unruly member. Divine grace is our only hope. 5T 175.1

Those who are eagerly studying how they may secure the pre-eminence should study rather how they may gain that wisdom which is “first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.” I have been shown that many ministers need to have these words imprinted on the tablets of the soul. He who has Christ formed within, the hope of glory, will “show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.” 5T 175.2

Peter exhorts the believers: “Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” 5T 175.3

When the right way is so plainly marked out, why do not the professed people of God walk in it? Why do they not study and pray and labor earnestly to be of one mind? Why do they not seek to cherish compassion for one another, to love as brethren, instead of rendering evil for evil and railing for railing? Who does not love life and desire good days? yet how few comply with the conditions, to refrain the tongue from evil and the lips from speaking guile. Few are willing to follow the Saviour's example of meekness and humility. Many ask the Lord to humble them, but are unwilling to submit to the needful discipline. When the test comes, when trials or even annoyances occur, the heart rebels, and the tongue utters words that are like poisoned arrows or blasting hail. 5T 176.1

Evilspeaking is a twofold curse, falling more heavily upon the speaker than upon the hearer. He who scatters the seeds of dissension and strife reaps in his own soul the deadly fruits. How miserable is the talebearer, the surmiser of evil! He is a stranger to true happiness. 5T 176.2

“Blessed are the peacemakers.” Grace and peace rest upon those who refuse to join in the strife of tongues. When vendors of scandal are passing from family to family, those who fear God will be chaste keepers at home. The time that is so often worse than wasted in idle, frivolous, and malicious gossip should be given to higher and nobler objects. If our brethren and sisters would become missionaries for God, visiting the sick and afflicted, and laboring patiently and kindly for the erring,—in short, if they would copy the Pattern,—the church would have prosperity in all her borders. 5T 176.3

The sin of evilspeaking begins with the cherishing of evil thoughts. Guile includes impurity in all its forms. An impure thought tolerated, an unholy desire cherished, and the soul is contaminated, its integrity compromised. “Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” If we would not commit sin, we must shun its very beginnings. Every emotion and desire must be held in subjection to reason and conscience. Every unholy thought must be instantly repelled. To your closet, followers of Christ. Pray in faith and with all the heart. Satan is watching to ensnare your feet. You must have help from above if you would escape his devices. 5T 177.1

By faith and prayer all may meet the requirements of the gospel. No man can be forced to transgress. His own consent must be first gained; the soul must purpose the sinful act before passion can dominate over reason or iniquity triumph over conscience. Temptation, however strong, is never an excuse for sin. “The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers.” Cry unto the Lord, tempted soul. Cast yourself, helpless, unworthy,

upon Jesus, and claim His very promise. The Lord will hear. He knows how strong are the inclinations of the natural heart, and He will help in every time of temptation. 5T 177.2

Have you fallen into sin? Then without delay seek God for mercy and pardon. When David was convicted of his sin, he poured out his soul in penitence and humiliation before God. He felt that he could endure the loss of his crown, but he could not be deprived of the favor of God. Mercy is still extended to the sinner. The Lord is calling to us in all our wanderings: "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings." The blessing of God may be ours if we will heed the pleading voice of His Spirit. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." 5T 177.3