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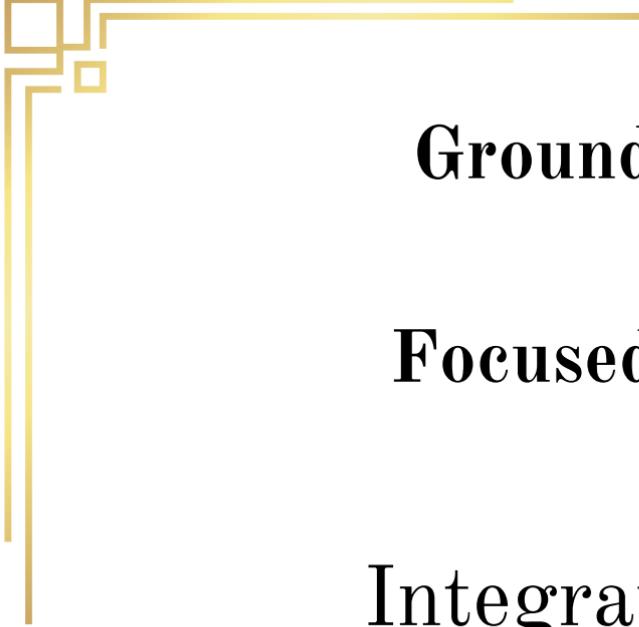
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**OF THE  
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October 8-15, 2025

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October 2025

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DAILY PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 8

4:00-7:00 p.m.	Annual Council Check-In
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Annual Council Opening

Thursday, October 9

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Devotional
9:00-12:00 p.m.	LEAD Conference
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30-5:00 p.m.	LEAD Conference

Friday, October 10

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Steering Committee
8:00-9:15 a.m.	Devotional
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Business Session
12:00-2:00 p.m.	Lunch
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Evening Program

Sabbath, October 11

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Sabbath School
10:00 a.m.-10:40 a.m.	Special Presentation
10:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Divine Service
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Lunch

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Sunday, October 12

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Steering Committee
8:00-9:15 a.m.	Devotional
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Business Session
12:00-2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00-5:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee
	Business Session

Monday, October 13

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Steering Committee
8:00-9:15 a.m.	Devotional
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Business Session
12:00-2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00-5:30 p.m.	Business Session

Tuesday, October 14

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Steering Committee
8:00-9:15 a.m.	Devotional
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Business Session
12:00-2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00-5:30 p.m.	Business Session

Wednesday, October 15

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Steering Committee
8:00-9:15 a.m.	Devotional
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Business Session
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Lunch

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Wednesday, October 8

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*“Why We Are Here, Part 1: What If . . .”*

Thursday, October 9

Richard E McEdward, Secretary  
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*“All for God and His Mission”*

Friday, October 10

Shane Anderson, Pastor  
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*“Why We Are Here, Part 2: A Mighty, Vast Army”*

Sabbath, October 11

Erton C Kohler, President  
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*“Let’s All Go Together”*

Sunday, October 12

Shane Anderson, Pastor  
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*“Why We Are Here, Part 3: Our Finest Hour”*

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DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

Monday, October 13

Shane Anderson, Pastor  
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*“Why We Are Here, Part 4: Justice, and Soon”*

Tuesday, October 14

Shane Anderson, Pastor  
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*“Why We Are Here, Part 5: Religion, Undefined”*

Wednesday, October 15

Shane Anderson, Pastor  
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*“Why We Are Here, Part 6: Bullseye”*

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This explanation is to help you use the 2025 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 at the end of the agenda title. That is the page number where the support material will be found.
3. Many agenda items have a code that precedes the agenda title. Each code has five digits followed by one or more letters. This is an identification code which is used to keep track of the item. You will find the same code on any corresponding support material.
4. Just above the title on the first page of the support material for each item, you will find what is known as a reference line. This line identifies the source(s), traces the history of the item, and also shows its routing. The glossary included in this agenda will help you discover which organizations and committees have given prior consideration to a particular item and where it will be considered next. The series of acronyms to the left of the word “to” traces the past history of the item. To the right appear the initials of the General Conference Officer who is responsible for presenting the item. Occasionally, its future routing is also suggested.
5. If an identification code number appears in the reference line, it shows that the item has been considered during a previous administrative year. An administrative year extends from the close of one Annual Council to the close of the 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
AR	Adventist Review
ARM	Adventist Risk Management
ASTR	Archives, Statistics, and Research
AU	Andrews University
AUA	Adventist University of Africa
AVS	Adventist Volunteer Services
AWR	Adventist World Radio
BRI	Biblical Research Institute
CHM	Children's Ministries
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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REM	303.	Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Associate Director - Elected Staff
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REM	305.	Biblical Research Institute Director and Associates - Appointed Staff
REM	306.	Geoscience Research Institute Director and Associates - Appointed Staff
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REM	310.	<i>Journal of Adventist Education</i> Editor and Associate Editor - Appointed Staff
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REM	312.	Adult Bible Study Guide Editor and Associate Editor - Appointed Staff
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2. Adventist World Publishing Board (GCC-B)

## 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 the mission of making disciples through Christ-like living, healing, serving, proclaiming, teaching, and training.

**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-25AC

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3 147-25G STANDING COMMITTEES—ANNUAL COUNCIL - 2025

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15 Caderma, John Victor Chinta, Orathai Chureson, Abner De los Santos, Sabrina C DeSouza,  
16 Paul H Douglas, Daniel Duda, Mark A Finley, Anatoliy Golovizin, Ivelisse Herrera, Andi  
17 Hunsaker, Yutaka Inada, Vincent R Injety, Leonard A Johnson, Vanda C Jones,  
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19 Abraham J Jules, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Joshua Soon Gi Kang, Ginger Ketting-Weller,  
20 Gary D Krause, Elbert Kuhn, Thomas L Lemon, Paulo Lopes, Barna Magyarosi, Geremias A  
21 Mendonca, Jacques Minani, Hensley M Mooroooven, Aldo Munoz, Dumisani Ncube,  
22 Moses Maka Ndimukika, David Nommik, Ivan H Omana, Pierre E Omeler, Robert Osei-Bonsu,  
23 Magdalina Pandey, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Brendan Pratt, Monica Reed, Blasious M Ruguri,  
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25 Michael L Ryan, Saw Samuel, Hugh Sanchez, Sugih Sitorus, Artur A Steele, John Wesley  
26 Taylor V, Glenn C Townend, Bassey E O Udoh, Ivan I Velgosha, J Raymond Wahlen II,  
27 James S Winegardner, Norbert G Zens.  
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31 Erton C Kohler, Chair  
32 Hensley M Mooroooven, Secretary  
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34 Members: Timothy H Aka, Audrey E Andersson, Sabrina C DeSouza, Paul H Douglas,  
35 Karnik Doukmetzian, Mark A Finley, Leonard A Johnson, Gary D Krause, Elbert Kuhn,  
36 Thomas L Lemon, German A Lust, Richard E McEdward, Todd R McFarland, Gideon M  
37 Mutero, Pierre E Omeler, Robert Osei-Bonsu, Alexander Ott, Lissy Park, Magdiel E  
38 Perez Schulz, Josue Pierre, Karen J Porter, Michael L Ryan, Saw Samuel,  
39

40 Gerson P Santos, Selom K Sessou, Silvia Sicalo, Artur A Steele, Richard T Stephenson,  
41 J Raymond Wahlen II.  
42

43 Invitee: Tamara K Boward.

1 PRE/GCDO25AC to ECK-25AC

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3 153-25G ONEVOICE27: MISSION FOR ALL

4  
5 *Introduction*

6  
7 The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been called to proclaim the everlasting gospel “to  
8 every nation, tribe, tongue, and people” (Rev 14:6). In a media-driven world, the Church must  
9 use every means to reach people where they are. We envision a Spirit-empowered global  
10 movement of Adventists who are passionately connected to Jesus, boldly share their faith, and  
11 are joyfully preparing for His soon return, sharing the gospel in homes, communities, and digital  
12 spaces.

13  
14 OneVoice27: Mission for All is a global initiative to be held in September 2027,  
15 involving the worldwide Church in mission using all Adventist media ministries and resources  
16 for evangelism. Every local church, lay member, pastor and administrator being involved in this  
17 evangelistic initiative will make the global Church speak to this world with a loud voice, with  
18 one voice.

19  
20 Its central purpose is to lift up Jesus, the Messiah and soon-coming King, as revealed in  
21 the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

22  
23 *Rationale*

24  
25 1. Media Opportunities—Digital platforms now reach over 63 percent of the global  
26 population, with over 7.2 billion active smartphones, over 2.2 billion books sold annually, and  
27 over 5.3 billion people connected to radio and television, giving unprecedented opportunities to  
28 proclaim the Gospel to the world. It gives the Seventh-day Adventist Church a unique  
29 opportunity to unite its extensive global presence on the ground, through more than 180,000  
30 local churches and companies, with the power of media through global Adventist media  
31 networks such as Adventist World Radio, Hope Channel International, and numerous regional  
32 and digital media outlets, as well as Adventist influencers and every church member who uses  
33 social media or distributes literature.

34  
35 2. Spiritual Imperative—The prophetic messages of Daniel and Revelation must be  
36 presented with clarity and urgency in preparation for Christ’s return. The year 2027 marks the  
37 celebration of 2,000 years of Jesus’ baptism, anointing by the Holy Spirit, and the beginning of  
38 His ministry (Luke 3:21-22), providing a providential opportunity to proclaim His mission,  
39 death, resurrection, intercession, and imminent return. It will be a great opportunity to preach the  
40 gospel of the kingdom “in all the world as a witness to all the nations . . .” (Matt 24:14) and then  
41 see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven.

42  
43 3. Strategic Integration—OneVoice27: Mission for All aligns with the General  
44 Conference 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, which focuses on four key pillars: Communion with God,  
45 Identity in Christ, Unity through the Holy Spirit, and Mission for All.

## 153-25G ONEVOICE27: MISSION FOR ALL - 2

1 *Project*

2  
3 1. September 2027—The worldwide Church will proclaim with one voice that Jesus  
4 is the Messiah and His coming is near. United in timing, in the theme, and in joint efforts of  
5 global and local marketing campaigns, but decentralized in approaches, methods and strategies,  
6 and contextualized in ways of communication and proclamation considering local cultural, social  
7 and religious context.

8  
9 2. All Media—From social media to publishing, radio, and television, every media  
10 ministry, every media platform, and media presence will be used to lift up Christ and connect  
11 people with the local church. “Let every worker . . . study, plan, devise methods, to reach the  
12 people where they are. We must do something out of the common course of things. We must  
13 arrest the attention. We must be deadly in earnest. We are on the very verge of times of trouble  
14 and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of.” (Ev 122).

15  
16 3. The Messiah—The central focus is on Jesus Christ, His life, and mission, as the  
17 fulfillment of prophecy, the unfolding of the Great Controversy, and the hope of His soon return.

18  
19 *Preparation*

20  
21 1. Empowered by Prayer Initiatives—A global call for prayer, pleading for the  
22 presence and power of the Holy Spirit to guide, empower, and transform lives. Priority is to  
23 create environments, online and in person, where people can truly meet Jesus.

24  
25 2. Inspired by *The Desire of Ages*—Members are encouraged to read or reread *The*  
26 *Desire of Ages*. Ellen G White advised: “It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each  
27 day in contemplation of the life of Christ” (DA 83). This will anchor the movement in Christ  
28 Himself. From family dinners to social feeds, believers are inspired to share their story, serve  
29 with love, and extend invitations that matter.

30  
31 3. Called to Study the Prophetic Books—Emphasis on the study of the books of  
32 Daniel and Revelation by the Church. (See TM 114.) Daniel highlights Christ’s first coming;  
33 Revelation, His second. Members and pastors are invited to study, preach, and reflect deeply on  
34 these Christ-centered prophecies, supported by the reading of Ellen G White’s *The Great*  
35 *Controversy*.

36  
37 *Purpose*

38  
39 1. Church Mobilization—Every member, every local church, and every conference,  
40 union, and division is called to use the media and resources available, personal social media,  
41 television and radio ministries, and missionary book distribution, to share the Three Angels’  
42 Messages. This is not for a few specialists but a united call for all. It’s time to unite every  
43 Adventist media outreach with every Adventist local church on the ground.

## 153-25G ONEVOICE27: MISSION FOR ALL - 3

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2           2.       Bible Study Requests—Every member is encouraged to invite others to study the  
3 Bible, especially Daniel and Revelation. Every church is called to become a Bible School.  
4

5           3.       Harvest Events—Follow-up evangelistic events will strengthen disciple-making  
6 and encourage decisions for Christ. Every home to be a Home of Hope, every Church is to  
7 organize a harvesting event inviting viewers and listeners from every media platform to join the  
8 community of hope and faith.  
9

10 *Conclusion*  
11

12           The Church's mission is to proclaim the everlasting gospel and the Three Angels'  
13 Messages with a loud voice (Rev 14). The only way to do this is to proclaim together with one  
14 voice, united in message, mission, and purpose. Grounded in the Bible and focused on the  
15 mission, the Church can move forward until the day when Jesus will return in glory.  
16

17 RECOMMENDED, 1. To approve OneVoice27: Mission for All as a global mission initiative  
18 of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.  
19

20           2.       To request each division/attached union and field to implement contextualized  
21 and media-integrated strategies within the OneVoice27: Mission for All framework, and to  
22 commit the financial, human, and spiritual resources necessary to carry out the project.  
23

24           3.       To coordinate global and local evangelistic initiatives culminating in 2027,  
25 leveraging the full range of media resources to reach diverse audiences and strategically  
26 transition these efforts to harvest-focused activities in all local churches.

1 ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO25AC to EK-25AC+30GCS

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3 151-25GS CENTRAL PHILIPPINE UNION CONFERENCE—  
4 REORGANIZATION

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To reorganize the Central Philippine Union Conference in the Southern  
7 Asia-Pacific Division into a union conference and a union mission, effective January 1, 2026, as  
8 follows:

9  
10 1. The East Central Philippine Union Conference with constituency from Central  
11 Visayan Conference, East Visayan Conference, Negros Oriental-Siquijor Mission, and Samar  
12 Mission, with headquarters in Cebu, Philippines.

13  
14 2. The West Central Philippine Union Mission with constituency from Negros  
15 Occidental Conference, Northwestern Panay Mission, Romblon Mission, and West Visayan  
16 Conference, with headquarters in Bongco, Pototan, Iloilo, Philippines.

1 ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO25AC to EK-25AC+30GCS

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3 152-25GS WEST INDONESIA UNION MISSION—REORGANIZATION

4  
5 RECOMMENDED, To reorganize the West Indonesia Union Mission in the Southern Asia-  
6 Pacific Division into two union missions, effective January 1, 2026, as follows:

7  
8 1. The Central Indonesia Union Mission with constituency from Central Java  
9 Mission, East Java Conference, East Kalimantan Mission, Jakarta Conference, Nusa Tenggara  
10 Mission, West Java Conference, and West Kalimantan Region, with headquarters in Jakarta,  
11 Indonesia.

12  
13 2. The West Indonesia Union Mission with constituency from Central Sumatra  
14 Mission, Jakarta-Banten Conference, North Sumatra Mission, and South Sumatra Mission, with  
15 headquarters in Pekanbaru, Central Sumatra, Indonesia.

1 ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO25AC to AO-25AC+30GCS

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3 150-25GS SOUTHERN GHANA UNION CONFERENCE—  
4 REORGANIZATION

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To reorganize the Southern Ghana Union conference in the West-Central  
7 Africa Division into a union conference and a union mission, effective January 1, 2026, as  
8 follows:

9  
10 1. The South West Ghana Union Conference with constituency from Accra City  
11 Conference, Mid-South Ghana Conference, Pioneer Ghana Conference, South West Ghana  
12 Conference, West-Central Ghana Conference, and Western North Ghana Conference, with  
13 headquarters in Accra City, Ghana.

14  
15 2. The South East Ghana Union Mission with constituency from Diamond Field  
16 Ghana Conference, Eastern View Ghana Conference, East Ghana Conference, Meridian Ghana  
17 Conference, Oti Ghana Mission, and Volta Ghana Mission, with headquarters in Tema City,  
18 Ghana.

1 EDU/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/GCDO25AC to HMM-25AC(DIV)

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3 211-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE PROPOSAL REVIEW  
4 COMMITTEE - NEW POLICY

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To adopt GC FE 20 32, General Conference Proposal Review Committee,  
7 to read as follows:

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9 FE 20 32 General Conference Proposal Review Committee (PRC)—1. Purpose—The  
10 General Conference Proposal Review Committee, operating with delegated authority from the  
11 General Conference International Board of Education and the International Board of Ministerial  
12 and Theological Education, is responsible for evaluating, screening, and recommending  
13 proposals for programs, modalities, and new institutions.

14  
15 2. Functions—This committee shall exercise the following main functions for the  
16 International Board of Education (IBE) and the International Board of Ministerial and  
17 Theological Education (IBMTE):

18  
19 a. Evaluate, screen, and endorse abbreviated and full proposals from division  
20 boards of education for new or substantially revised instructional degree programs or modalities.

21  
22 b. Evaluate, screen, and endorse full proposals from division boards of  
23 education for new institutions and campuses or for upgrading a secondary school to a tertiary  
24 institution.

25  
26 c. Review and recommend applications for exemptions from IBE and  
27 IBMTE site visits for new programs in cases where the institution (1) is accredited by the  
28 Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities under  
29 Form B, with the external academic review processes which that designation entails and (2)  
30 already offers well-established programs in the given modality within the discipline of the  
31 proposed new program at the same academic level (e.g., bachelor's master's, doctoral) (see FE  
32 20 55, paragraph 6.).

33  
34 d. Review applications from division boards of education to approve, revise,  
35 and close undergraduate programs except in the reserved areas of theology, education, and health  
36 (see FE 20 55, paragraph 5., Authority Delegated by the International Board of Education).

37  
38 e. Review requests for exceptions to education policy (see FE 20 55,  
39 paragraph 6.) and recommend to IBE authorization of delegated authority to division boards of  
40 education.

41  
42 f. Review educational guidelines and procedures on new programs and  
43 institutions in the General Conference *Working Policy* and propose amendments that have global  
44 application to strengthen such policies.

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211-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE PROPOSAL REVIEW  
COMMITTEE - NEW POLICY - 2

1           3.       Membership—a. The membership of this committee shall be appointed by the  
2 International Board of Education soon after each regular General Conference Session, with the  
3 counsel of the director of the General Conference Department of Education.  
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5                   b.       The membership of this committee shall include the following persons:  
6

7                           General Conference Education Director or designee, Chair  
8                           General Conference Education Associate Director, Vice-chair  
9                           General Conference Education Associate Director, Secretary  
10                          General Conference Education Associate Director  
11                          General Conference Treasurer assigned to Education  
12                          Division Directors of Education  
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14                          Invitees:

15                           Education Directors of Attached Fields  
16                           Division Associate Education Directors, if assigned the higher education  
17                           portfolio.  
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19                   c.       Committee members shall hold office until the first Annual Council  
20 following the next quinquennial General Conference Session, at which time elections take place.  
21

22                   d.       Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by the International Board of  
23 Education and the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education for the  
24 unexpired term.  
25

26           4.       Meetings—This committee shall meet virtually or face-to-face before each  
27 meeting of the International Board of Education and the International Board of Ministerial and  
28 Theological Education in conjunction with the Annual Council and Spring Meeting during the  
29 quinquennium.

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3 210-25G COMMISSIONS ON ACCREDITATION - POLICY  
4 AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC FE 20 40, Commissions on Accreditation, to read as follows:

7  
8 FE 20 40 Commissions on Accreditation—Each division shall have a Commission on  
9 Accreditation. The membership of these commissions shall be nominated by the division  
10 department of education, appointed by the division executive committee, and endorsed by the  
11 Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities. The  
12 director and associate directors of the General Conference department of Education shall be ex  
13 officio members of all division commissions on accreditation. In the case of an entity attached  
14 directly to the General Conference, the Commission on Accreditation shall be appointed by the  
15 respective Oversight Committee or, in the absence of such an Oversight Committee, by the  
16 General Conference Administrative Committee.

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

18  
19 1. To establish guidelines for the denominational accreditation of ~~secondary schools,~~  
20 ~~mid-level institutions, and primary schools, pre-schools, and early childhood education centers~~  
21 ~~owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the programs~~ mid-level  
22 institutions, secondary schools, primary schools, pre-schools, and early childhood education  
23 centers owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in their territory, including  
24 criteria and procedures for evaluation visits. These guidelines, criteria, and procedures shall  
25 become operational once they have been reviewed and approved by the Accrediting Association  
26 of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

27  
28 2. To appoint survey and accreditation committees. Commissions may authorize the  
29 union's Education department to appoint accreditation committees and conduct accreditation  
30 according to the guidelines established by the division for secondary schools. Commissions may  
31 also authorize the Education department of the conference/mission/section to appoint  
32 accreditation committees and conduct accreditation according to the guidelines established by  
33 the division for primary schools, pre-schools, and early childhood education centers. The  
34 division Commission on Accreditation may also make contracts with division or union  
35 educational institutions to organize and conduct the accreditation visits. Commissions shall  
36 receive from the union/conference/mission/section Education department the names and  
37 recommended terms of (re)accreditation of secondary schools, primary schools, pre-schools, and  
38 early childhood education centers. ~~survey, evaluation, and inspection committees, as may be~~  
39 ~~needed~~. Travel expenses shall be covered by the employing organization and entertainment by  
40 the institution visited. In special cases, the Commission on Accreditation shall make the  
41 necessary arrangements.

42  
43 3. To organize accreditation training for those who will serve on accreditation site  
44 visits, such as Education leaders, school administrators at the local unions and  
45 conferences/missions/sections, and faculty and graduate students of Adventist institutions.

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AMENDMENT - 2

1       ~~3.~~ 4. To forward to the executive secretary of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-  
2 day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities the names of ~~the secondary schools and mid-~~  
3 level institutions and secondary schools recommended by the Commission on Accreditation for  
4 (re)accreditation, along with the respective accreditation terms.

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6       ~~4.~~ 5. To periodically reevaluate the ~~quality~~ quality, Adventist identity, and  
7 effectiveness of existing institutions and programs.

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9       ~~5.~~ 6. To utilize the “AAA” or “Adventist Accrediting Association” name and logo as  
10 approved by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and  
11 Universities.

1 SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/TreC/GCDO25AC to HMM-25AC(DIV)

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3 209-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE APPROPRIATIONS - POLICY  
4 AMENDMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To amend GC S 39, General Conference Appropriations, to read as follows:

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8 S 39 General Conference Appropriations  
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10 S 39 05 Appropriations—Appropriations shall be made to the world field at Annual  
11 Council. These appropriations are to be based on a methodology that promotes mission priorities  
12 to be fulfilled through the work of world divisions and other denominational entities.

13 ~~Appropriations—1. Each division and General Conference institution that receives~~  
14 ~~appropriations from the General Conference shall submit a list of requests for appropriations to~~  
15 ~~the General Conference Treasury by August 1 each year. Requests are to be accompanied by~~  
16 ~~such supporting reports and documentation as called for by the General Conference.~~  
17

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

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## 212-25G INVESTMENT OF CHURCH FUNDS - POLICY AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC S 85, Investment of Church Funds, to read as follows:

### S 85 Investment of Church Funds

S 85 05 Safeguarding Denominational Funds—Introduction—The - No change

S 85 10 Philosophy—Committees and individuals authorized to invest - No change

S 85 15 Principles - No change

S 85 20 Policies - No change

S 85 25 General Conference Unitized Funds—1. The General Conference - No change

2. New funds may be created from time to time by the Investment Management Committee and approved by the General Conference Corporation. The following General Conference Unitized Funds are available:

a. General Conference Money Fund

b. General Conference ~~Capital Preservation~~ Bond Fund

c. General Conference ~~OLDI~~ Total Return Bond Fund

d. General Conference Stable Value Bond Fund

e. General Conference Income Fund

f. General Conference ~~US Large Capitalization Equity~~ NAD Corporate Bond  
Fund

g. General Conference ~~US Small Capitalization Equity~~ Large Capitalization  
Equity Fund

h. General Conference ~~International Equity~~ US Large Capitalization Index  
Fund

i. General Conference ~~Emerging Markets Equity~~ US Small Capitalization  
Equity Fund

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AMENDMENT - 2

- 1                   j.       General Conference ~~Global Opportunities~~ US Small Capitalization Index  
2 Fund  
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4                   k.       General Conference International Equity Fund ~~Micro~~  
5 ~~Capitalization/Private Equity Fund (closed to new investors)~~  
6  
7                   l.       General Conference International Index Fund  
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9                   m.       General Conference Emerging Markets Equity Fund  
10  
11                  n.       General Conference Emerging Markets Index Fund  
12  
13                  o.       General Conference Global Equity Index Fund  
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15                  p.       General Conference Gold and Precious Metals Fund  
16  
17                  q.       General Conference Global Opportunities Fund  
18  
19                  r.       General Conference Tactical Fund  
20  
21                  s.       General Conference Opportunistic Liability Driven Investment Fund  
22  
23                  t.       General Conference Private Equity Fund  
24  
25                  u.       General Conference Private Real Estate Investment Fund  
26  
27                  v.       General Conference Alternatives Fund  
28

29               Each General Conference Unitized Fund offers monthly liquidity to all participants. The  
30 General Conference Money Fund offers daily liquidity to all participants. ~~Fund, except the~~  
31 ~~General Conference Money Fund and Capital Preservation Fund, offers monthly liquidity to all~~  
32 ~~participants. The Micro Capitalization Fund is closed to new investors.~~  
33

34               3.       The portfolios of the General Conference Unitized Funds are composed of  
35 domestic and international equity, fixed income, and cash equivalent securities. Within this  
36 framework, the investment objectives of each General Conference Unitized Fund are as follows:  
37

<i>Fund Name</i>	<i>Primary Objective</i>	<i>Secondary Objective</i>
General Conference Money Fund	Current Income	Stable Daily NAV
<del>Capital Preservation Fund</del>	<del>Preservation of Capital</del>	<del>Current Income</del>
<del>OLDI Fund</del>	<del>Income</del>	<del>Preservation of Capital</del>

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<i>Fund Name</i>	<i>Primary Objective</i>	<i>Secondary Objective</i>
<u>General Conference Bond Fund</u>	<u>Current Income</u>	Preservation of Capital
<u>General Conference Total Return Bond Fund</u>	<u>Current Income</u>	<u>Preservation of Capital</u>
<u>General Conference Stable Value Bond Fund</u>	<u>Current Income</u>	<u>Preservation of Capital</u>
<u>General Conference Income Fund</u>	<u>Current Income</u>	Preservation of Purchasing Power
<u>General Conference North American Division Corporate Bond Fund</u>	<u>Exceed Actuarial Return/Reduce Plan Deficit</u>	<u>Matching Liability/Limit Downside Risk Due to Interest Rate Changes</u>
<u>General Conference US Large Capitalization Cap Equity Fund</u>	Growth of Capital	Preservation of Purchasing Power
<u>General Conference US Large Capitalization Index Fund</u>	<u>Growth of Capital</u>	<u>Match Index Performance</u>
<u>General Conference US Small Capitalization Cap Equity Fund</u>	Aggressive Growth	Growth of Capital
<u>General Conference US Small Capitalization Index Fund</u>	<u>Aggressive Growth</u>	<u>Match Index Performance</u>
<u>General Conference International Equity Fund</u>	Growth of Capital	Preservation of Purchasing Power
<u>General Conference International Index Fund</u>	<u>Growth of Capital</u>	<u>Match Index Performance</u>
<u>General Conference Emerging Markets Equity Fund</u>	Aggressive Growth	<u>Preservation of Purchasing Power</u> <del>Growth of Capital</del>
<u>General Conference Emerging Markets Index Fund</u>	<u>Aggressive Growth</u>	<u>Match Index Performance</u>
<u>General Conference Global Equity Index Fund</u>	<u>Growth of Capital</u>	<u>Match Index Performance</u>
<u>General Conference Gold and Precious Metals Fund</u>	<u>Growth of Capital</u>	<u>Match Index Performance</u>
<u>General Conference Global Opportunities Fund</u>	<u>Preservation of Purchasing Power</u> <del>Growth of Capital</del>	<u>Growth of Capital</u> <del>Preservation of Purchasing Power</del>

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AMENDMENT - 4

<i>Fund Name</i>	<i>Primary Objective</i>	<i>Secondary Objective</i>
<u>General Conference Tactical Fund</u>	<u>Growth of Capital</u>	<u>Preservation of Purc</u>
<u>General Conference OLDI Fund</u>	<u>Exceed Actuarial Assumed Rate of Return Reduce Plan Deficit</u>	<u>Matching Liability/Limit Downside Risk to the Plan's Funded Status Due to Interest Rate Changes</u>
<u>General Conference Private Equity Fund</u>	<u>Aggressive Growth</u>	<u>Preservation of Purchasing Power</u>
<u>General Conference Private Real Estate Investment Fund</u>	<u>Growth of Capital</u>	<u>Preservation of Purchasing Power</u>
<u>General Conference Alternatives Fund</u>	<u>Growth of Capital</u>	<u>Preservation of Purchasing Power</u>
<u>Micro Capitalization Fund/Private Equity Fund</u>	<u>Aggressive Growth</u>	<u>Growth of Capital</u>

S 85 30 Classes of Funds—Assets for investment at all organizational - No change

S 85 35 Investment of Short-Term Funds—1. All short-term securities - No change

2. All denominational organizations, institutions, and services are authorized to invest short-term funds (current account items such as working capital and trust funds) in the following investment categories, maturing within twelve months:

- a. Banker's acceptances created in international trade
- b. Commercial paper
- c. Certificates of deposit of insured institutions, up to insured limit
- d. Securities issued by one of the G-7 national - No change
- e. Corporate securities, which satisfy all of the limitations - No change
- f. ~~Capital Preservation or~~ General Conference Unitized Money Fund or other money market funds with assets in excess USD 250,000,000
- g. Union revolving funds
- h. In order to implement certain strategies and/or asset - No change
- i. Convertible bonds, convertible into common - No change

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AMENDMENT - 5

- 1  
2 S 85 40 Investment of Intermediate-Term Funds—1. All provisions as - No change  
3  
4 2. Marketable bonds must be rated “investment grade” or - No change  
5  
6 3. Intermediate-term issues that are permitted include only - No change  
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8 4. Intermediate-Term investments include:  
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10 a. Securities that have an average life of less than forty-eight months  
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12 b. General Conference Unitized Bond Fund, Total Return Bond Fund, and  
13 Income Funds  
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15 c. Special temporary employee - No change  
16  
17 d. Division/Union deposit funds  
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19 e. Registered, fixed income (mutual) funds which - No change  
20  
21 S 85 45 Investment of Long-Term Funds—1. All provisions as provided - No change  
22  
23 2. Long-Term investments include:  
24  
25 a. Equity Investments - No change  
26  
27 b. Fixed Income—Unless otherwise stated must be rated investment grade:  
28  
29 1) G-7 Government, their agencies, and taxable Municipal Securities  
30  
31 2) Corporate notes and bonds maturing within thirty years  
32  
33 3) Mortgage and other asset backed securities maturing - No change  
34  
35 4) Syndicated real estate mortgages limited to - No change  
36  
37 5) Private debt placements secured by an irrevocable - No change  
38  
39 6) First mortgages on an employee primary residence - No change  
40  
41 7) ~~General Conference Bond and Income Unitized Funds and Income~~  
42 ~~Unitized Funds or an income fund with a thirty-six month average life~~

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AMENDMENT - 6

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- 2 S 85 50 Special Consideration Securities - No change
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- 4 S 85 55 Miscellaneous - No change

## GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 1, 2025, 7:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted N C Wilson (Ch), Hensley M Mooroooven (Sec), Jacinto M Adap, Ezekiel A Adeleye, Christopher Anderson, Audrey E Andersson, Stanley E Arco, Salomon G Assienin, Young Hee Bae, Annette R Barlow, Yotam Bindosano, Geremew Biru, Marcos Bomfim, Lev I Bondarchuk, Ventsislav N Bosev, Everett E Brown, Merlin D Burt, Harold E Butler, Roger O Caderma, Ramon J Canals, Pierre Caporal Sr, Eddy-Michel Carpin, David Celis Aguilar,

Joyce Chepngetich, Riches Christian, Somchai Chuenjit, Harriet Clark, Robert C Csizmadia, Markus M Dangana, Abner De los Santos, Lyne Leva Dilag, Ganoune H Diop, Daniel Duda, Vadzim Dziarkach, Mari Escudero, John Freedman, Michael J Fuentes, Guenther Garcia Arroyo, Jorge Alberto Garcia Perez, Milen R Georgiev, Clifford R Goldstein, David Gutierrez Limachi, Walmer Guzman, Dai Sig Ham, Jonathan Hemoroz,

Richard Hendjena Tchanaga, Elie Henry, Matthew Herel, Dan Houghton, Alistair Huong, Nenad Jepuranovic, Leonard A Johnson, Marie-Augstine Joseph Jasmin, Dumitru Juravliov, Walt Kalkan, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Johnny Kan, Ujwal A Kandane, Joshua Soongi Kang, Peter Kerr, Sibusiso B Khumalo, Justin Kim, Ted Kim, Yo Han Kim, Luis A King, Lydia Komugisha, Shurman R Kook, Peter Koolik, Michael S Koroma, Lillo A Kuape, Elbert Kuhn, Wagner Kuhn, Cheol Lee, Myun Ju Lee, Thomas L Lemon, Paul Llewellyn, Mileen Loeffler,

Wendell W Mandolang, Ricardo Marin, Almir M Marroni, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Edson Medeiros, Amensissa C Meta, Philip R Mills Sr, Gentry R Morris Jr, Constance Mutunhu, Tommy S Namitondo, David Kayombo Ndonji, Alvaro Nino, David V Njock, Stanislav V Nosov, Leonard Nyandwi, Thomas T Ocran, Patrick B Ojera, Willie Oliver, Ivan H Omana, Pierre E Omeler, Robert Osei-Bonsu, Orville D Parchment, Luis Paredes, Aldo J Perez Reyes,

Juan R Prestol-Puesan, Elden Ramirez, Adan H E Ramos Lagos, Niklas M Rantanen, Edgar J Redondo Ramirez, Norbert Restrepo, Tony Reyes, Olivier Rigaud, Luis A Rivera Maldonado, Randy Roberts, Teddy Romeo Donald, Vincent R Same, Abraham Sandoval, Selom K Sessou, Bhaju Ram Shrestha, Teofilo Silvestre, Ella S Simmons, Frieda Souhuwat-Tomasoa, Johnson J Tadi, Chizu Takahashi, Irene M Tarigan, Kern P Tobias,

Bassey E O Udoh, Teixeira M Vinte, J Raymond Wahlen II, Annie Wakata, Elie Weick, Sherrie Wendt, Kay White, Lori E Williams, James S Winegardner, Melinda J Worden, Hiroshi Yamaji, Norbert G Zens

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#### INVITEES:

Ray Allen, Jeffrey O Brown, Nelu Burcea, Brent B Burdick, Aurora M Canals, Sikhululekile Daco, Karnik Doukmetzian, Anna Galeniece, Myron A Iseminger, Nilde Itin, Hudson E Kibuuka, Derris Krause, Markus Kutzschbach, Theodore Levterov, Todd R McFarland, Doyle R Nick, Cami Oetman, Lissy Park, John Peckham, Beth Roberts, Richard A Sabuin, Clinton L Wahlen

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

DEVOTIONAL: Ted N C Wilson

PRAYER: Stanislav V Nosov

Prayer was requested for Russia, Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, Myanmar, and China.

SEC/GCC to HMM

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

VOTED, To accept the final minutes of the 2025 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee as presented.

ARMiesBd/ADCOM/GCC to TNCW-25GCS

131-25GS ADVENTIST REVIEW MINISTRIES—ENTITY NAME  
CHANGE

RECOMMENDED, To change the name of the entity Adventist Review Ministries to Adventist Review.

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ARMiesBd/ADCOM/GCC to HMM

BOONSTRA, SHAWN, ASSOCIATE EDITOR, ADVENTIST REVIEW  
MINISTRIES—APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint Shawn Boonstra as Associate Editor for Adventist Review  
Ministries (93% min - 110% max).

PRAYER: Sherrie Wendt

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

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FIRST BUSINESS MEETING  
Sixty-Second General Conference Session  
St Louis, Missouri  
July 3, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

#### DELEGATES WELCOMED

Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference, Erton C Kohler, Secretary of the General Conference, and Paul H Douglas, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the General Conference, welcomed delegates to the 62nd General Conference Session.

#### ELECTIONBUDDY VOTING SOFTWARE

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

#### DEVOTIONAL

The devotional message entitled “When the Spirit Falls” was presented by Mark A Finley, Assistant to the President of the General Conference.

#### PRAYER

Ramon J Canals, Secretary of the Ministerial Association, led delegates to pray in groups of two and concluded with prayer.

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Erton C Kohler, Secretary of the General Conference, read Constitution, Article V, Section 1., which states the constitutional provisions for convening the General Conference Session.

“Sec. 1. The General Conference shall hold quinquennial sessions at such time and place as the General Conference Executive Committee shall designate and announce by a notice published in the *Adventist Review* or *Adventist World* or other publications voted by the General

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Conference Executive Committee in three consecutive months beginning at least four months before the date for the opening of the Session.”

The official notice was placed in the print editions of *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World*, in the months of March, April, May, and June 2025. A letter of invitation was sent to each delegate beginning in August 2024, and delegates began registration in August 2024.

General Conference Constitution, Article V, Sec. 11., states: “Sec. 11. Division administrations shall consult with unions to ensure that the entire division delegation shall be comprised of Seventh-day Adventists in regular standing, at least 50 percent of whom shall be laypersons, pastors, teachers, and non-administrative employees, of both genders, and representing a range of age groups and nationalities. The majority of the above 50 percent shall be laypersons. Delegate selections from General Conference and division institutions, and those selected under Sec. 10. d. above, shall not be required to satisfy the quota for laity.”

Erton C Kohler indicated to the Chair that the distribution of regular and at-large delegate quotas to the 13 divisions of the General Conference; the four attached territories of the General Conference; and the 12 General Conference institutions, associations, and services was done in harmony with Article V, Sections 9 and 10 of the General Conference Constitution.

Before the opening of this Session, 2,401 delegates had registered onsite. This number exceeds the requirement for one-third of the total delegates who must be present at the opening meeting to constitute a quorum, and once the Session is declared open, the delegates remaining present shall constitute a quorum.

Erton C Kohler confirmed to the Chair that because more than one-third of the delegates were present, the delegates were awaiting the call to order of the first business meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

Having met all the requirements to hold a General Conference Session, Artur A Stele, Chair, then declared the 2025 General Conference Session open for transacting the business of the Church as outlined in the agenda.

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Fundamental Belief #1, The Holy Scriptures, was read by Elias Brasil de Souza, Director of the Biblical Research Institute:

“The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration. The inspired authors spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

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In this Word, God has committed to humanity the knowledge necessary for salvation. The Holy Scriptures are the supreme, authoritative, and the infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the definitive revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history."

## THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

Fundamental Belief #18, The Gift of Prophecy, was read by Merlin D Burt, Director of the Ellen G White Estate:

"The Scriptures testify that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and we believe it was manifested in the ministry of Ellen G White. Her writings speak with prophetic authority and provide comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction to the church. They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested."

## MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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

### 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 the mission of making disciples through Christ-like living, healing, serving, proclaiming, teaching, and training.

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

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106-25GS SOUTH SUDAN UNION MISSION—NEW UNION  
MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record union mission status for the South Sudan Union Mission, effective October 10, 2023.

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

ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO24AC/24AC/120-24GS/25GCS to SS

108-25GS NORTHERN LUZON PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION AND  
SOUTHERN LUZON PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION—NEW  
UNION MISSIONS

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Northern Philippine Union Conference into two union missions, effective January 1, 2025.

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

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

ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO23AC/23AC/116-23GS/ADCOM/GCDO24AC/24AC/110-24GS/  
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109-25GS SOUTHWESTERN PHILIPPINE UNION CONFERENCE  
AND SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION—NEW  
UNION CONFERENCE AND NEW UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former South Philippine Union Conference into a union conference and a union mission known as the Southwestern Philippine Union Conference and the Southeastern Union Mission, effective December 31, 2023.

2. To accept the Southwestern Philippine Union Conference (SSD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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

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111-25GS MID-GHANA UNION CONFERENCE AND NORTH-CENTRAL GHANA UNION MISSION—NEW UNION CONFERENCE AND NEW UNION MISSION

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Northern Ghana Union Conference into a union conference and a union mission known as the Mid-Ghana Union Conference and the North-Central Ghana Union Mission, effective January 1, 2025.

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

3. To accept the North-Central Ghana Union Mission (WAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ADCOM/ADCOM/GCDO24AC/24AC/121-24GS/25GCS to SS

110-25GS NORTH-EAST CAMEROON UNION MISSION AND WEST-CENTRAL CAMEROON UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSIONS

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former Cameroon Union Mission into two union missions known as the North-East Cameroon Union Mission and the West-Central Cameroon Union Mission, effective January 1, 2025.

2. To accept the North-East Cameroon Union Mission (WAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

3. To accept the West-Central Cameroon Union Mission (WAD) into the world sisterhood of unions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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107-25GS COSTA RICA UNION MISSION AND NICARAGUA  
UNION MISSION—NEW UNION MISSIONS

VOTED, 1. To recognize and record the reorganization of the former South Central American Union Mission into two union missions known as the Costa Rica Union Mission and the Nicaragua Union Mission, effective January 1, 2025.

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

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

MCFARLAND, TODD R, PARLIAMENTARIAN—GENERAL  
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VOTED, To appoint Todd R McFarland, Deputy General Counsel of the General Conference Office of General Counsel, as parliamentarian for the business meetings of the 2025 General Conference Session.

MOTION TO LIMIT SPEECHES

VOTED, To limit speeches to two minutes, or three minutes if the speaker needs interpretation.

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128-25GS STEERING COMMITTEE—GENERAL CONFERENCE  
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VOTED, To approve the 2025 General Conference Session Steering Committee, as follows:

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### STEERING

Ted N C Wilson, Chair  
Hensley M Mooroooven, Secretary

Members: Timothy H Aka, Harrington S Akombwa, Audrey E Andersson, Stanley E Arco, Guillermo E Biaggi, Mario A Brito, G Alexander Bryant, Roger O Caderma, Ramon J Canals, Abner De los Santos, Sabrina C DeSouza, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, Daniel Duda, George O Egwakhe, Mark A Finley, Elie Henry, James M Howard, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Yo Han Kim, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Elbert Kuhn, Ezras Lakra, Thomas L Lemon,

German A Lust, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Todd R McFarland, Duane McKey, Pierre E Omeler, Robert Osei-Bonsu, Lissy Park, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Josue Pierre, Karen J Porter, Claude J Richli, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan, Saw Samuel, Gerson P Santos, Silvia Sicalo, Artur A Stele, Richard T Stephenson, Glenn C Townend, E Douglas Venn, J Raymond Wahlen II

Invitees: Tamara K Boward, Williams S Costa Jr, Justin Kim

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129-25GS STANDING COMMITTEES—GENERAL CONFERENCE  
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VOTED, To approve standing committees for the 2025 General Conference Session, as follows:

### CHURCH MANUAL

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

Members: Kyoshin Ahn, Clement J Arkangelo Mawa, Hananiya A Bayawa, Daniel K Bediako, Lesleigh A E Bower, Elias Brasil de Souza, Ramon J Canals, Carlos Cardoso Pinheiro, John Victor Chinta, Orathai Chureson, Robert C Csizmadia, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, Dwain Esmond, Pavel Goia, Frank M Hasel, Edward Heidinger, Daniel Wang Xin Jiao, Leonard A Johnson, Anthony R Kent, Erton C Kohler,

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Lalngihak Liana, Barna Magyarosi, Wendell W Mandolang, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Richard E McEdward, Musa G Mitekaro, Hensley M Mooroooven, David Kayombo Ndonji, Stanislav V Nosov, Niklas M Rantanen, Gideon P Reyneke, Teddy Romeo Donald, Saw Samuel, Selom K Sessou, Michael B Sikuri, Michael Sokupa, Artur A Steele, Chizu Takahashi, Ivan I Velgosha, Kay White, Ted N C Wilson. Hiroshi Yamaji

### CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Ted N C Wilson, Chair  
Geoffrey G Mbwana, Vice-chair  
Hensley M Mooroooven, Secretary  
Nichole N Miles, Recording Secretary

Members: Kyoshin Ahn, Audrey E Andersson, Yohannes O Beyene, Guillermo E Biaggi, G Alexander Bryant, Merlin D Burt, Dario M Caviglione, John Victor Chinta, Riches Christian, Orathai Chureson, Robert C Csizmadia, Markus M Dangana, Abner De los Santos, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, Richard H Hart, Edward Heidinger, Elie Henry, Andi Hunsaker, Vincent R Injety, Leonard A Johnson, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Joshua Soongi Kang,

Ginger Ketting-Weller, Erton C Kohler, Thomas L Lemon, Barna Magyarosi, Wendell W Mandolang, Todd R McFarland, Duane McKey, Musa G Mitekaro, Ronald Nalin, Hopekings K Ngomba, David Nommik, Pierre E Omeler, Lissy Park, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Josue Pierre, Gideon P Reyneke, Saw Samuel, Selom K Sessou, Michael B Sikuri, Sugih Sitorus, Artur A Steele, Ivan I Velgosha, Clinton L Wahlen, Lori E Williams, Hiroshi Yamaji,

Malachi Yani, Norbert G Zens

Invitee: Tamara K Boward

### ADOPTION OF THE DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To adopt the daily program of the 2025 General Conference Session, as follows:

#### Thursday, July 3

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m.-2:10 p.m.  
2:10 p.m.-3:10 p.m.

Lunch  
Opening Remarks  
Session Opening Worship

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3:10 p.m.-3:50 p.m.  
 3:50 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Official Session Opening  
 Business Session

Friday, July 4

8:00 a.m.-8:50 a.m.  
 8:50 a.m.-9:15 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Worship  
 Prayer Session  
 Business Session  
 Lunch  
 Business Session

Sabbath, July 5

9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.  
 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
 2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sabbath School  
 Divine Service  
 Lunch  
 “I Will Go” Strategic Plan  
 Church in Mission

Sunday, July 6 - Wednesday, July 9

8:00 a.m.-8:50 a.m.  
 8:50 a.m.-9:15 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Worship  
 Prayer Session  
 Business Session  
 Lunch  
 Business Session

Thursday, July 10

8:00 a.m.-8:50 a.m.  
 8:50 a.m.-9:15 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Worship  
 Prayer Session  
 Business Session  
 Lunch  
 Caucus Meetings

Friday, July 11

8:00 a.m.-8:50 a.m.  
 8:50 a.m.-9:15 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Worship  
 Prayer Session  
 Business Session

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12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Lunch

Business Session (*if needed*)

Sabbath, July 12

9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Sabbath School

Divine Service

Lunch

Afternoon Program

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ADOPTION OF SESSION AGENDAS

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Adoption of Session Agendas.

25GCS to AAS

ADOPTION OF SESSION AGENDA

VOTED, To not add to the agenda a review and discussion of the 2015 General Conference Administrative Committee statement on immunization, specifically its claim about peer reviewed scientific literature in addition to the Bible and writings of Ellen G White.

25GCS to AAS

ADOPTION OF SESSION AGENDAS

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Adoption of Session Agendas.

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25GCS to AAS

## ADOPTION OF SESSION AGENDA

VOTED, To not amend the agenda to include a report from the department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty about its activities during the past five years.

25GCS to AAS

## ADOPTION OF SESSION AGENDAS

VOTED, To adopt the agenda for the 2025 General Conference Session as distributed.

DivNomCaucus/25GCS to ECK

137-25GS NOMINATING COMMITTEE—GENERAL CONFERENCE  
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VOTED, To appoint the following as members of the standing Nominating Committee for the 2025 General Conference Session:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Adams, Monique             | 19. Barlow, Annette           |
| 2. Adeleye, Ezekiel           | 20. Bauer, Celinda            |
| 3. Adu-Manu, Kofi             | 21. Baysah, Glory I.          |
| 4. Aguilar, David             | 22. Beaubrun-Fleury, Mae-Lyna |
| 5. Allen, Robin               | 23. Belmonte, Benjamin        |
| 6. Alves Caxeta, Sergio       | 24. Ben, Strike               |
| 7. Amo Mensah, Osei           | 25. Bendah, Nelson G          |
| 8. Annor-Boahen, Kwame        | 26. Bernard, Roger            |
| 9. Arrais, Jonas              | 27. Bindosano, Yotam          |
| 10. Asekun-Olarinmoye, Esther | 28. Biraro, Irene             |
| 11. Ashir, Ruth               | 29. Birgen, Regina            |
| 12. Ashley, Grace Ann         | 30. Biru, Daka                |
| 13. Assienin, Salomon         | 31. Bondarciuc, Lev           |
| 14. Atencio Marquez, Elmer    | 32. Britis, Charles           |
| 15. Badu, James               | 33. Brooks, Eglan             |
| 16. Bae, Young Hee            | 34. Brown, Everett            |
| 17. Barishinga, Lamec         | 35. Brown-Domiguez, Arlene    |
| 18. Barlizo, Eliezer Jr.      | 36. Bwanale, Chifundo         |

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| 37. | Byilingiro, Hesron               | 78.  | Felix, Charo                     |
| 38. | Byrd, Carlton                    | 79.  | Finley, Mark                     |
| 39. | C, Tawkthanga                    | 80.  | Freedman, John                   |
| 40. | Cabance, Nyrrh                   | 81.  | Garcia, Narcedalia               |
| 41. | Cajobe, Gerardo                  | 82.  | Garcia, Uilson Leandro           |
| 42. | Camara, Roger                    | 83.  | Garcia Arroyo, Ever              |
| 43. | Caporal, Pierre                  | 84.  | Garcia Perez, Jorge              |
| 44. | Carcamo Morales, Rodrigo Alberto | 85.  | Georgiev, Milen                  |
| 45. | Carillo, Michelle                | 86.  | Gonzalez, Osmar                  |
| 46. | Carpin, Eddy-Michel              | 87.  | Hachalinga, Passmore             |
| 47. | Carvalho Ferreira, Wilian        | 88.  | Halemane, Peter                  |
| 48. | Castillo, Ismael                 | 89.  | Hansuwanchai, Thana              |
| 49. | Castro Insunza, Mirna            | 90.  | Helminen, Aimo                   |
| 50. | Caviglione, Dario                | 91.  | Hernandez Ramirez, Eddy          |
| 51. | Cesano, Mario Gabriel            | 92.  | Hla, Po Po                       |
| 52. | Chalasani, Karunakar             | 93.  | Inada, Yutaka                    |
| 53. | Chilundo, Alfredo                | 94.  | Injety, Vincent                  |
| 54. | Chishimba, Joseph                | 95.  | Ishaya, Istifanus                |
| 55. | Choi, Ho Young                   | 96.  | Jadhav, Brijesh                  |
| 56. | Christopher Sekar, Jai Kumar     | 97.  | Jara Zegarra, Samuel             |
| 57. | Chuenjit, Somchai                | 98.  | Jiao, Wang Xin                   |
| 58. | Cik, Peter                       | 99.  | Johnson, A                       |
| 59. | Craig, Carlos                    | 100. | Jose, Miguel                     |
| 60. | Cretu, Andrei                    | 101. | Julca Asenjo, Delmer Eloy        |
| 61. | Dalu, Abraham                    | 102. | Jules, Abraham                   |
| 62. | Daniel, Frisco                   | 103. | Kabunga, Vennety                 |
| 63. | de Abreu, Ruben                  | 104. | Kahl, Raul Elio                  |
| 64. | De Gracia Gonzalez, Jose         | 105. | Kakonde, Erasme                  |
| 65. | De Raad, Robert                  | 106. | Kandane, Ujwal                   |
| 66. | de Souza Dantas, Andre           | 107. | Kang, Joshua Soongi              |
| 67. | de Souza Ferreira, Tiago         | 108. | Karangwa, Naphtal                |
| 68. | Devadhas, Daniel                 | 109. | Kaufononga, Mavani               |
| 69. | Devis Arias, Ney                 | 110. | Kerr, Peter                      |
| 70. | Djossou, Adjeoda                 | 111. | Kim, Won Sang                    |
| 71. | Djuma, Dalila                    | 112. | King Garcia, Luis                |
| 72. | Doukmetzian, Karnik              | 113. | Koltuk, Fedor                    |
| 73. | Dube, Thandolwethu               | 114. | Kook, Shurman                    |
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## PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Saw Samuel, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.

Artur A Steele, Chair  
Saw Samuel, Secretary  
Hensley M Mooroooven, Actions Editor  
Nichole N Miles, Recording Secretary

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SECOND BUSINESS MEETING  
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St Louis, Missouri  
July 4, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Guillermo E Biaggi, Chair, called to order the second meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Guillermo E Biaggi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SESSION MANAGEMENT

George O Egwakhe, Associate Treasurer of the General Conference, introduced the Session Management team. Silvia L Sicalo, Associate Meeting Planner, and Sabrina C DeSouza, Associate Treasurer of the General Conference, shared important details regarding the General Conference Session.

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ADOPTION OF SESSION AGENDAS

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to reconsider the failed motion on the item, Adoption of Session Agendas.

25GCS to GEB

ADOPTION OF SESSION AGENDAS

VOTED, To not reconsider the failed motion to amend the General Conference Session agenda to add to the agenda a review and discussion of the 2015 General Conference Administrative Committee statement on immunization, specifically its claim about peer reviewed scientific literature in addition to the Bible and writings of Ellen G White.

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25GCS to ECK

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Erton C Kohler, Secretary of the General Conference, presented the Secretary's Report titled "Integrated for Mission."

General Conference Secretariat has three areas of emphasis: administrative, executive dimension, and the mission of the Church. Secretariat strategizes and oversees its mission outreach to non-entered and low-entered areas and people groups of the world. It is also the custodian of Church statistics.

The last two years, 2023 and 2024, were both record-breaking years for accessions: the 1.465 million people added in 2023 was a record, exceeded by the 1.887 million people added in 2024. This was made possible by 1.586 million baptisms, including the rebaptism of 71,783 former members. After accounting for losses, total membership stood at 23.684 million at the end of 2024. The growth rate had been in decline before the collapse caused by COVID, but it bounced back in the last two years, leading to an increase in growth. The global average of accessions per member for 2024 is 12.5 to 1. Since the General Conference Session in 2022, approximately 10,000 new churches have been planted—an average of one new church every 2.8 hours.

Secretariat is strongly integrated for mission. In support of this strategic direction, Secretariat has launched Mission Refocus. This is being achieved by prioritizing budgets for front-line mission, with the goal of allocating 70 percent of its budgets to front-line missionary positions by 2030. This emphasis has also been embraced by our divisions. Four of them—the South American Division, Southern Asia-Pacific Division, Inter-American Division, and South Pacific Division—and one attached union, the Middle East and North Africa Union Mission—reported on their initiatives to mobilize personnel and financial resources in the millions.

Secretariat's Mission Refocus initiative is also practical. Its personnel went to Cuba to help in five evangelistic campaigns that led 76 individuals into baptism.

Erton C Kohler highlighted the challenges posed by the 10/40 Window, the Urban Window, and the Post-Christian Window. Twelve percent of our membership is in the 10/40 Window alone. It comprises 65 percent of the global population. The world's 600 megacities also constitute a challenge of strategic importance.

Mission abroad, from John N Andrews to today, has always called for sacrifice. Kleyton B Feitosa, former Director of Global Mission Centers, is the latest example. He was memorialized in the presence of his family after losing his life at the end of 2024, following

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exemplary service in the United States and in the Egypt-Sudan Field, where he served as president for four years.

VOTED, To accept the report of the General Conference Secretary, Erton C Kohler.

#### PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Ezras Lakra, President of the Southern Asia Division.

Guillermo E Biaggi, Chair  
Karen J Porter, Secretary  
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor  
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

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THIRD BUSINESS MEETING  
Sixty-Second General Conference Session  
St Louis, Missouri  
July 4, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Thomas L Lemon, Chair, called to order the third meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Elbert Kuhn, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.

ELECTIONBUDDY VOTING SOFTWARE

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul H Douglas, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the General Conference, gave a report entitled "Mobilizing Resources for Mission." It highlighted the signature commitment of the global Treasury team to be faithful stewards of the resources—financial, human, and technological—that God has provided the Church to advance His Kingdom. The report included areas related to Global Trends in Giving, the Financial Position and Performance of the General Conference, and through the lens of mission, highlighted investments for impact, innovation using technology, integration of efforts, and personal involvement.

*Global Trends in Giving*

The quinquennium saw modest increases in terms of total world tithe and mission offerings for the period. For world tithe, a total of approximately USD 14 billion was faithfully returned by Church members, representing a 16 percent increase from the start of the period in 2020. For world mission offerings, a total of approximately USD 501 million was provided by Church members who understand the worldwide mission and support it by their giving. The total world mission offerings represented an increase of 17 percent from the start of the period in 2020.

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### *Financial Position and Performance*

The financial position of the General Conference at the end of the quinquennium was reported as being strong. The balance of Cash and Investments was USD 463 million, representing a 34.5 percent increase from the start of the period in 2020. Total Assets increased by 27.9 percent to USD 656 million, Total Liabilities increased by 17.9 percent to USD 60 million, and Total Net Assets increased by 29.0 percent to USD 596 million for the same period. At the end of the quinquennium, 70.5 percent and 77.6 percent of Total Assets and Net Assets, respectively, were held in the form of Cash and Investments.

### *Investment in Mission*

The General Conference made several investments in mission through the means of appropriations and allocations. The report highlighted certain investments made, such as funding for divisions and institutions; funding for the International Service Employee program; funding for the global mission program; funding for mission impact initiatives conducted by local churches and world divisions; and funding for 13th Sabbath projects earmarked for world divisions.

### *Innovation in Mission*

In a digital age where mobile devices seem to light up across the globe, the General Conference has launched its visionary Digital Strategy for Mission to advance and accelerate proclaiming the eternal gospel of Jesus Christ. This Digital Strategy for Mission adapts to the modern world and carefully blends digital infrastructure, digital initiatives, and digital innovation to ensure meaningful and measurable impact as well as continued relevance.

### *Integration in Mission*

The General Conference is committed to integrating efforts for greater results in mission and this is demonstrated in how Church-owned media brands are now working more closely together; how Church entities are pooling resources together to own and operate key technology platforms and applications that are essential to their mission activities; and how Treasury and Stewardship Ministries are partnering together to promote a God-first lifestyle among Church members.

### *Involvement in Mission*

The global Treasury team wholeheartedly embraces the commitment to Mobilizing Resources for Mission. Equal to that commitment is Mobilizing Ourselves for Mission. The report included praise to the Lord for the precious souls that were added to the Kingdom of God through

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evangelistic campaigns conducted by treasury personnel. To close, a video report was shown, highlighting the mission trip to St Croix taken by General Conference Treasury personnel, where more than 100 souls were baptized. The video also featured the partnership with Loma Linda University Health, which provided whole-person care to more than 600 individuals from the community.

VOTED, To accept the report of the General Conference Treasurer, Paul H Douglas.

NomCom25GCS/25GCS to ECK

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #1

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee presented by John Wesley Taylor V, Chair (GC); Ella S Simmons, Vice-chair (GC); Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Secretary (GC); and Mae-Lyna Beaubrun-Fleury, Assistant Secretary (NAD):

#### General Conference

President: Erton C Kohler

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S OPINION AND CERTIFICATION

VOTED, To accept the independent auditor's reports on the Combined Financial Statements of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, and 2020; so rendered by the accounting firm of Maner Costerisan, PC.

#### PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Thomas L Lemon, General Vice President of the General Conference.

Thomas L Lemon, Chair  
Elbert Kuhn, Secretary  
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor  
Marietta R Fowler, Recording Secretary

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FOURTH BUSINESS MEETING  
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St Louis, Missouri  
July 6, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Audrey E Andersson, Chair, called to order the fourth meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Claude J Richli, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.

ELECTIONBUDDY VOTING SOFTWARE

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

RECOGNITION OF OLDEST DELEGATE

Ralph Watts Jr, a 92-year-old delegate to the General Conference Session, was honored as the oldest delegate in attendance, having participated in nineteen General Conference Sessions.

DELEGATE ORIENTATION

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

Todd R McFarland, Deputy General Counsel of the General Conference, emphasized the importance of delegates familiarizing themselves with the *General Conference Rules of Order* as outlined in the distributed booklet. A video presentation was shown to illustrate the procedures for conducting debates during business sessions.

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401-25GS A DIVINELY APPOINTED MINISTRY - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, A Divinely Appointment Ministry - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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401-25GS A DIVINELY APPOINTED MINISTRY - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not amend the motion, A Divinely Appointed Ministry - *Church Manual* Amendment, by adding “conduct baptisms” on line 26 following “ordain elders.”

25GCS to AEA

401-25GS A DIVINELY APPOINTED MINISTRY - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

Upon the decision of the chair, the request to refer the item, A Divinely Appointed Ministry - *Church Manual* Amendment, back to the *Church Manual* Committee was accepted.

25GCS to AEA

402-25GCS CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Credentials and Licenses - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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#### 402-25GS CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

**RATIONALE:** This amendment aims to eliminate unnecessary repetition as the information in this deleted paragraph is also found on page 126 of the *Church Manual* under the section, Authorized Speakers. This clarifies the distinction between denominational employees and local church leaders who do not hold credentials.

**VOTED,** To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 4, Pastor and Other Church Employees, pages 35 and 36, Credentials and Licenses, to read as follows:

#### Credentials and Licenses

God's work is to be jealously safeguarded by responsible leaders from the local church to the General Conference. Official credentials and licenses are issued to all authorized ~~full-time~~ Church employees and are granted by controlling committees for limited periods.

In a local conference, the committee confers authority upon individuals to represent the Church as pastors and gospel workers. This authority is represented by the granting of credentials and licenses, which are written commissions, properly dated and signed by the officers of the conference. The authority thus conveyed is not personal or inherent in the individual but is inherent in the granting body, which may recall the credentials for cause at any time. Credentials and licenses granted employees are not their personal property and must be returned when employment is terminated or at the request of the organization that issued them.

~~No one should be allowed to speak to any congregation unless he/she has been invited by the church in harmony with guidelines given by the conference. It is recognized, however, that there are times when congregations may be addressed by government officials or civic leaders; but all unauthorized persons shall not be given access to the pulpit. (See pp. 126-127.)~~

Expired Credentials and Licenses—Credentials and licenses are granted - No change

Retired Employees—Retired employees deserve honor and consideration - No change

Former Pastors Without Credentials—Individuals previously ordained as - No change

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## PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Marianne Dyrud, Delegate from the Norwegian Union Conference, Trans-European Division.

Audrey E Andersson, Chair

Claude J Richli, Secretary

Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor

Tendani P Severance, Recording Secretary

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FIFTH BUSINESS MEETING  
Sixty-Second General Conference Session  
St Louis, Missouri  
July 6, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Geoffrey G Mbwana, Chair, called to order the fifth meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Maxwell Ntim-Antwi, President of the Green View Ghana Conference in the West-Central Africa Division.

25GCS to GGM

200-25GS GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS - CONSTITUTION  
AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease all debate and proceed immediately to voting.

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200-25GS GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS - CONSTITUTION  
AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: As it is now taking more than a year in some places to apply for and receive a visa to travel to the United States, this item is being recommended to give divisions and their delegates more time to prepare.

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

ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Sec. 1. The General Conference shall hold quinquennial sessions [See 207-25GSa]

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

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

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Sec. 4. Generally, regular or specially called General Conference Sessions - No change

Sec. 5. The election to any office enumerated in Article VI, Sec. 1. and all - No change

Sec. 6. Minutes of the General Conference Session shall be approved at - No change

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 12. Credentials to sessions shall be issued by the General Conference - No change

Sec. 13. Calculations for all delegate allotments, as provided for in this article, shall be based upon:

a. The membership as of December 31 of the ~~second~~ third year preceding the General Conference Session.

b. The number of denominational entities eligible for inclusion in determining quotas and which are in existence as of December 31 of the ~~second~~ third year preceding the General Conference Session.

Sec. 14. Parliamentary Authority: The parliamentary authority pertaining - No change

25GCS to GGM

201-25GS TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION - CONSTITUTION AND  
BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To refer the motion, Territorial Administration - Constitution and Bylaws Amendment, to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

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NomCom25GCS/25GCS to ECK

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #2

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

General Conference

Secretary:

Richard E McEdward

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #3

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

General Conference

Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer:

Paul H Douglas

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #4

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

General Conference

General Vice Presidents:

Audrey E Andersson  
Leonard A Johnson  
Thomas L Lemon  
Pierre E Omeler  
Robert Osei-Bonsu

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Saw Samuel  
Artur A Steele

25GCS to GGM

203-25GS APPROPRIATIONS - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To table the motion, Appropriations - Constitution and Bylaws Amendment.

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202-25GS GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -  
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

Upon the decision of the chair, the request to refer the item, General Conference Executive Committee - Constitution and Bylaws Amendment, back to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee was accepted.

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207-25GSa GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS - CONSTITUTION  
AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: *Adventist World* magazine will be changed to a rebranded version of *Adventist Review* magazine beginning with the August 2025 edition.

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

ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

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

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in regular or special council, shall have authority to make such postponement, not to exceed two years, giving notice to all constituent organizations. In the event that the General Conference Executive Committee exercises its authority to postpone a Session, it shall also have the authority to set the subsequent regular Session at such time and place as it shall see fit, not to exceed five calendar years from the date the postponed Session was convened.

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

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

Sec. 4. Generally, regular or specially called General Conference Sessions - No change

Sec. 5. The election to any office enumerated in Article VI, Sec. 1. and all - No change

Sec. 6. Minutes of the General Conference Session shall be approved at - No change

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 12. Credentials to sessions shall be issued by the General Conference - No change

Sec. 13. Calculations for all delegate allotments, as provided for in this [See 200-25GS]

Sec. 14. Parliamentary Authority: The parliamentary authority pertaining - No change

ARMiesBd/Con&By/ADCOM/GCDO25SM/25SM/25GCS to HMM

207-25GSb GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -  
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: *Adventist World* magazine will be changed to a rebranded version of *Adventist Review* magazine beginning with the August 2025 edition.

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

# ARTICLE VIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee of the General Conference shall consist of:

- a. Ex Officio Members—1) Those elected as provided for - No change
- 2) Presidents of unions - No change
- 3) The president-executive director - No change
- 4) The editor of each of the following publications: ~~Adventist Review/Adventist World~~, Adventist Review, *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*, *Ministry*.
- 5) The director of each of the - No change
- 6) The president and board chair of Ellen G White Estate.
- b. Elected Members - No change

Sec 2. Minutes of the General Conference - No change

ARMiesBd/ADCOM/GCC/25GCS to ECK

131-25GS ADVENTIST REVIEW MINISTRIES—ENTITY NAME  
CHANGE

VOTED, To change the name of the entity Adventist Review Ministries to Adventist Review.

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403-25GS MAKING CHANGES (WHY A *CHURCH MANUAL*) - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend, Making Changes (Why a *Church Manual*) - *Church Manual* Amendment by adding “may” prior to “prepare a Supplement” on line 23 as follows:

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In 1948, recognizing that local conditions sometimes call for special actions, the General Conference Executive Committee voted that ~~“each division, including the North American Division of the world field, prepare~~ each division of the world field may “prepare a ‘Supplement’ to the new *Church Manual* not in any way modifying it but containing such additional matter as is applicable to the conditions and circumstances prevailing in the division; the manuscripts for these Supplements to be submitted to the General Conference Committee for endorsement before being printed.”—*Autumn Council Actions*, 1948, p. 19.

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#### 403-25GS MAKING CHANGES (WHY A *CHURCH MANUAL*?) - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

**RATIONALE:** This provision allows the inclusion of detailed information specific to all world divisions to be included in the *Church Manual*, without specifying the inclusion of the North American Division.

**VOTED,** To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 1, *Why a Church Manual?*, pages 18-19, Making Changes, to read as follows:

#### Making Changes

The General Conference through the years voted important changes concerning the *Church Manual*. Realizing the importance of conducting the worldwide work of the Church “decently and in order,” the 1946 General Conference Session voted that “all changes or revisions of policy that are to be made in the Manual shall be authorized by the General Conference Session.”—*General Conference Report*, No. 8, p. 197 (June 14, 1946).

In 1948, recognizing that local conditions sometimes call for special actions, the General Conference Executive Committee voted that ~~“each division, including the North American Division of the world field, prepare~~ each division of the world field may “prepare a ‘Supplement’ to the new *Church Manual* not in any way modifying it but containing such additional matter as is applicable to the conditions and circumstances prevailing in the division; the manuscripts for these Supplements to be submitted to the General Conference Committee for endorsement before being printed.”—*Autumn Council Actions*, 1948, p. 19.

The 2000 General Conference Session authorized the reclassification of some existing *Church Manual* material into the Notes section as guidance and examples rather than mandatory ~~material~~, material and approved the process for making changes. Changes in the *Church Manual*,

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except for the notes and editorial changes, can be made only by action of a General Conference Session, where delegates of the world ~~church~~ Church have voice and vote. If a local church, conference, or union conference/mission wishes to propose a *Church Manual* revision, it should submit its proposal to the next constituent level for counsel and study. If that level approves the proposal, it submits the suggested revision to the next level for additional evaluation. If the various levels approve the proposal, it eventually comes before the General Conference *Church Manual* Committee, which considers all recommendations. If the *Church Manual* Committee approves a revision, it prepares it for presentation at an Annual Council and/or General Conference Session.

Revision of a note follows the same procedure. The General Conference Executive Committee may approve changes to the notes at any Annual Council.

The *Church Manual* Committee reports proposed nonsubstantive editorial changes to the main content of the *Church Manual* to an Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee, which may give final approval. However, in the event the Annual Council determines by one-third vote that an editorial change substantively alters the meaning of a passage, the proposed change must go to the General Conference Session.

At the final Annual Council of a quinquennium, the General Conference Executive Committee reviews all changes to the notes and coordinates the changes with any proposed amendments to the main content of the *Church Manual*.

A new edition of the *Church Manual* is published after every General Conference Session. The most recent edition should always be used. This edition incorporates amendments made at the postponed 2020 General Conference Session, which took place in 2022.

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#### 404-25GS SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

**RATIONALE:** This amendment restates who is generally appointed as secretary of the school board as it is earlier explained on page 98 of the *Church Manual* under the section, Church School Board.

**VOTED,** To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 11, Services and Other Meetings, page 139, School Board Meetings, to read as follows:

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### School Board Meetings

The church school is usually supervised by a church school board. The church elects a chairperson to preside over meetings and a secretary to keep records of meetings and actions. The principal of the school generally is appointed secretary of the board. This board should meet at regular times. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson. Some churches prefer to have the church board, or a subcommittee of the church board, also serve as the school board. (See also pp. 97-98.)

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#### 405-25GS NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THE ELECTION PROCESS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not table the motion, Nominating Committee and the Election Process - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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#### 405-25GS NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THE ELECTION PROCESS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

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

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#### 405-25GS NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THE ELECTION PROCESS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not amend the motion, Nominating Committee and the Election Process - *Church Manual* Amendment, by removing the additions on page 51, lines 2-5.

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405-25GS NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THE ELECTION  
PROCESS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

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

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405-25GS NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THE ELECTION  
PROCESS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment clarifies that the nominating committee recommends names to the church and is not responsible to elect individuals to serve. It also specifies that the pastor/chair of the nominating committee and treasurer help determine the eligibility of nominees to hold church office.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 10, Elections, pages 116-120, Nominating Committee and the Election Process, to read as follows:

Nominating Committee and the Election Process

Officers are elected every one or two years (See p. 77.) through an appointed nominating committee. In exceptional circumstances, and in consultation with the conference, the term of office may be extended an additional year. This committee brings its report to the church, which then votes on the names presented. This procedure enables the church to give careful study to each name prior to election and avoids the competitive element that may arise when nominations are made from the floor.

The nominating committee shall study the needs of the church and inquire into the fitness of members to serve in the different offices. This is another reason officers shall not be nominated from the floor or by general ballot.

The church may decide based on its needs that it would be best served with a standing nominating committee. As such, it may appoint such a committee which would function year-round to ~~make nominations for~~ recommend to the church names to fill vacancies or to fill regular positions identified in the *Church Manual*.

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The size of the nominating committee will range from five members in a small church to a larger number in a large church. The number to be chosen is left to the discretion of each church and should be studied by the board. A suitable recommendation then will be brought to the church, using a minimum of time in the Sabbath worship hour.

Quorum—The quorum for the nominating committee may be determined - No change

When and How the Nominating Committee Is Appointed—The nominating - No change

How the Process Works—The steps of the nominating process - No change

Who Should Be Members of the Nominating Committee—Only members - No change

Work of the Nominating Committee—The chairperson should call a meeting of the committee as soon as possible after its election. With earnest prayer the committee should begin preparing a list of nominees for all offices. Nominees must be members in regular standing of the church making the appointments. The returning of a faithful tithe is a prerequisite for holding church office. The pastor or chair of the nominating committee shall work with the treasurer to develop a process by which only members eligible to hold office are nominated. This should be done in such a way that maintains as much confidentiality as possible. The list of nominees will be presented to the church at a Sabbath service or at a specially called business meeting. In making their selections, the committee may counsel with others who are well informed. This committee does not nominate either the pastor or the assistant pastor(s), who are appointed by the conference.

The list of nominees will be presented to the church at a Sabbath service or at a specially called business meeting. In making their selections, the committee may counsel with others who are well informed. This committee does not nominate either the pastor or the assistant pastor(s), who are appointed by the conference.

The list of officers to be considered by the nominating committee may vary with size of membership. A larger church may determine it needs more officers. A smaller church may have fewer. The committee deals with all leadership positions except Sabbath School teachers, who are recommended by the Sabbath School council and approved by the board. See Notes, #1, pp. 184-185, for a list of possible officers.

Nominating Committee to Get Consent of Prospective Officers—Having - No change

Members May Appear Before the Nominating Committee—Members - No change

Nominating Committee Discussions Are Confidential—All inquiries - No change

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Reporting to the Church—The nominating committee’s report is presented - No change

Objections to the Report of the Nominating Committee—Members may - No change

Filling Vacancies Between Elections—If an office of the church becomes - No change

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#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #5

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

#### General Conference

Undertreasurer:

J Raymond Wahlen II

Associate Treasurers:

Timothy H Aka  
Sabrina C DeSouza  
German A Lust  
Gideon M Mutero  
Josue Pierre  
Richard T Stephenson

#### PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Ella S Simmons, retired General Vice President of the General Conference, for the elected officers of treasury and to close the fifth business session.

Geoffrey G Mbwana, Chair  
Karen J Porter, Secretary  
Hensley M Mooroooven, Actions Editor  
Nichole N Miles, Recording Secretary

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SIXTH BUSINESS MEETING  
Sixty-Second General Conference Session  
St Louis, Missouri  
July 7, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Pierre E Omeler, Chair, called to order the sixth meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Elie Henry, President of the Inter-American Division.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION WITNESSING INITIATIVE

Nelson Ernst, Director of Literature Evangelism for Adventist World Radio, shared the opportunity provided for delegates of the General Conference Session to witness to the community of St Louis the literature that was provided in their delegate bag.

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406-25GSa MEMBERSHIP RECORD - *CHURCH MANUAL* ADDITION

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Membership Record - *Church Manual* Addition.

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406-25GSa MEMBERSHIP RECORD - *CHURCH MANUAL* ADDITION

VOTED, To not amend the motion, Membership Record - *Church Manual* Addition, by removing “and the members may be removed by a vote of the church” from lines 24 and 25 on page 53.

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406-25GSa MEMBERSHIP RECORD - *CHURCH MANUAL* ADDITION

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Membership Record - *Church Manual* Addition.

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406-25GSa MEMBERSHIP RECORD - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
ADDITION

RATIONALE: This amendment creates a new section regarding the Membership Record that is separate from the section on Transferring Members (see 406-25GSb) and provides more detail on the need for constant redemptive membership review.

VOTED, To add a new section, Membership Record, to the *Church Manual*, Chapter 7, Membership, following Transferring Members, on page 61, to read as follows:

#### Membership Record

Membership Record—The church should have one current, regularly updated membership record. Names are added or removed only on the vote of the church, at death, or at the member's request. (See p. 87.) Membership records are subject to review by the conference of which the local congregation is a constituent. This rule, which also applies to every entity or level of the organization, provides the maximum privacy of members' personal information and shall comply with legal requirements. (See pp. 87-88.)

Multiple Membership Records—Where it emerges that a church member's membership record is held at more than one church, the membership record at the local church where the record is most recent will be regarded as the current membership, and any other membership record of that church member will be removed by vote of the relevant church as an adjustment out. This is only to deal with a situation where an additional membership record has inadvertently been recorded; no member is to lose his or her current membership in this way. If a person has been a member of their local church, but their membership record had inadvertently not been recorded, that person can, by vote of the church, be registered as a member as an adjustment in.

Membership in the Conference Church—Isolated members should unite with the conference church, which is a body organized for the benefit of believers who otherwise would

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be without church privileges. Aged and infirmed members who live near a church and conference officers and other employees, including pastors, should be members of a local church, not the conference church.

The conference president is the presiding elder of the conference church, and the work normally carried by the clerk and the treasurer is handled by the conference secretary and treasurer. Since the church has no board, all business normally conducted by a local church board is conducted by the conference executive committee, which also appoints delegates from the conference church to the conference session.

Redemptive Membership Review—Jesus called His Church to fulfill the Great Commission to make disciples. With this goal in view, local churches should aim to create a warm and caring environment for spiritual growth and to encourage all ministries of the church to be united in making mature and faithful disciples.

A healthy church develops a nurturing plan that equips every member to be involved in disciple-making using their talents and spiritual gifts. In addition, it should create a strategy to retain and reclaim former and inactive members through (1) a regular redemptive membership review process and (2) reclaiming ministries.

Redemptive membership review intends to improve pastoral care based on the foundation of accurate membership records. Nevertheless, it must have a redemptive purpose of seeing people rather than numbers. Updating the records should be motivated by the goal of being more effective in pastoral care and reaching the lost.

In the Bible we find the words, “[N]ot forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching” (Heb. 10:25). There is great need to seek for those who are far away. Ellen G. White says, “If the lost sheep is not brought back to the fold, it wanders until it perishes. And many souls go down to ruin for want of a hand stretched out to save” (COL 191). It is a most needed ministry to review the membership records and to approach this exercise in a Christ-like redemptive way.

In the unfortunate situation that members may still be missing after every effort has been made to locate them and welcome them back into fellowship, the church may certify that it has tried without success to locate the members, and the members may be removed by a vote of the church. The clerk should record in the membership record: “Location unknown. Voted to designate as missing.” (See pp. 71-72.)

Resources—For a brief description of the redemptive membership review process, see Notes, #1, p. 179.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #6

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

General Conference

Undersecretary:

Hensley M Mooroooven

Associate Secretaries:

Gary D Krause  
Elbert Kuhn  
Alexander Ott  
Karen J Porter  
Gerson P Santos  
Selom K Sessou

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406-25GSb TRANSFERRING MEMBERS - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Transferring Members - *Church Manual* Committee.

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406-25GSb TRANSFERRING MEMBERS - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not amend the motion, Transferring Members - *Church Manual* Amendment, on page 54, lines 33-36 as follows:

Careful consideration should be given by the church clerk, church pastor, and first elder of the granting church and the church clerk, church pastor, and first elder of the receiving church

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to ensure the members in the process of being transferred are living in harmony with the fundamental teachings and related practices of the church.

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406-25GSb TRANSFERRING MEMBERS - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the amendment to the item, Transferring Members - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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406-25GSb TRANSFERRING MEMBERS - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not amend the amendment to the motion, Transferring Members - *Church Manual* Amendment, by removing “In the case that full consensus is not reached, the pastor, first elder, or the board should request guidance from the conference,” and retaining “The pastor, the first elder, and the church board should carefully consider changes to membership status (transfer, baptism, and profession of faith),” from lines 23-26 on page 55.

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406-25GSb TRANSFERRING MEMBERS - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Transferring Members - *Church Manual* Committee.

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406-25GSb TRANSFERRING MEMBERS - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the motion, Transferring Members - *Church Manual* Amendment, by removing “The pastor, the first elder, and the church board should carefully consider changes

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to membership status (transfer, baptism, and profession of faith). In the case that full consensus is not reached, the pastor, first elder, or the board should request guidance from the conference.” from lines 23-26 on page 55.

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#### 406-25GSb TRANSFERRING MEMBERS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

**RATIONALE:** This amendment clarifies the function of church clerks and the process of membership transfer.

**VOTED,** To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 7, Membership, pages 57-61, Transferring Members, to read as follows:

#### Transferring Members

When members move to a different area, the clerk of the church holding their membership records should write to the secretary of the relevant conference requesting that a pastor in the new locality visit them and help facilitate their membership transfer to the new congregation.

The clerk of the church holding the membership records also should notify the transferring members of the intention to give their new addresses to the conference. Members who move to another locality for longer than six months should make immediate applications for letters of transfer. Members moving to an isolated area with no church within a reasonable distance should apply to join the conference church.

Method of Granting Letters of Transfer—Members Transfer—The church clerk should encourage those regularly attending his/her church to request a transfer of their membership. Members should apply for their letters of transfer to the clerk of the church with which the members desire to unite (the receiving church). That clerk sends the request to the clerk of the church from which the members desire to transfer (the granting church). (For alternative method, see p. 58.)

When the clerk of the granting church receives the request, the clerk brings it to the pastor or elder, who in turn presents it to the board. Careful consideration should be given by the granting church and the receiving church to ensure the members in the process of being transferred are living in harmony with the fundamental teachings and related practices of the church. After due consideration, the board votes to recommend, favorably or otherwise, to the

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church. (See pp. 37-40, 41, 55-61, 71-73, 87.) The pastor or elder then brings the recommendation to the attention of the church for a first reading. Final action is taken the following week, when the request is presented to the church for a vote.

The purpose of the one-week interval is to give members an opportunity to object to the granting of the letter. Objections ordinarily should not be publicly stated but be lodged with the pastor or elder, who then refers them to the board for consideration. The board should give each objector opportunity to appear to present his/her objection. If the objection is not based on valid grounds, the person raising objection should be admonished to withdraw it. If the objection is based on valid grounds, it is the duty of the board to investigate. Final action on granting the letter is deferred until the matter has been satisfactorily settled.

If the objection involves personal relationships, every effort should be made to effect reconciliation. If public offenses are involved, disciplinary measures may be called for. If there is some spiritual lapse, efforts should be made to restore the member.

Clerk to Prepare Letter—When the church has granted the letter - No change

Letter Valid Six Months—A letter of transfer is valid for six months from - No change

Alternative Method for Membership Transfer—A division may approve - No change

Membership During Transfer—Under no circumstances shall the clerk - No change

Receiving Members Under Difficult Conditions—World conditions - No change

Counted in Statistical Reports—When quarterly and annual statistical - No change

If Member Is Not Accepted—The receiving church must receive the - No change

Letters Granted Only to Those in Regular Standing—Letters of transfer are granted only to members in regular standing, never to a member under discipline. Qualifying statements are out of order except when the pastor or board of the granting church has factual or proven knowledge that the member has been involved as a perpetrator of child abuse. In that case, for the safety of children, the pastor or elder should provide a confidential statement alerting the pastor or elder of the congregation to which the member is transferring.

If a member who has moved to a new location has grown indifferent, the pastor or elder of the granting church may, to be clear in the matter before the transfer is granted, take up the question with the pastor or elder of the receiving church.

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No Letter Without Member's Approval—In no case should a church vote - No change

Church Board Cannot Grant Letters—A board has no authority to vote - No change

~~Membership in the Conference Church—Isolated members should unite with the conference church, which is a body organized for the benefit of believers who otherwise would be without church privileges. Aged and infirmed members who live near a church and conference officers and other employees, including pastors, should be members of a local church, not the conference church.~~

~~The conference president is the presiding elder of the conference church, and the work normally carried by the clerk and the treasurer is handled by the conference secretary and treasurer. Since the church has no board, all business normally conducted by a local church board is conducted by the conference executive committee, which also appoints delegates from the conference church to the conference session.~~

~~Membership Record—The church should have one current, regularly updated membership record. Names are added or removed only on the vote of the church, at death, or at the member's request. (See p. 87.)~~

~~Redemptive Membership Review—Membership records are kept up to date by the local church. They are subject to review by the next higher organization. This rule, which also applies to every entity or level of the organization, provides the maximum privacy of members' personal information and shall comply with legal requirements. (See pp. 87-88.)~~

~~In the Bible we find the words, "[N]ot forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). There is great need to seek for those who are far away. Ellen G. White says, "If the lost sheep is not brought back to the fold, it wanders until it perishes. And many souls go down to ruin for want of a hand stretched out to save" (COL 191). It is a most needed ministry to review the membership records and to approach this exercise in a Christ-like redemptive way.~~

## PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Pierre E Omeler, General Vice President of the General Conference.

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Pierre E Omeler, Chair  
Gary D Krause, Secretary  
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor  
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

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SEVENTH BUSINESS MEETING  
Sixty-Second General Conference Session  
St Louis, Missouri  
July 7, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Artur A Steele, Chair, called to order the seventh meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Gary D Krause, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.

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406-25GS<sub>c</sub> MEMBERS MOVING AWAY AND NOT REPORTING -  
*CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This editorial amendment provides clarity and makes the wording consistent with section on Redemptive Membership Review (see 406-25GS<sub>a</sub>).

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 8, Discipline, pages 71-72, Members Moving Away and Not Reporting, to read as follows:

Members Moving Away and Not Reporting—When members move, they should inform the clerk or elder of their new address. While remaining members of that church, they should report and send their tithe and offerings at least quarterly. If, however, members move without leaving a forwarding address and make no effort to contact or report to the church, and the church cannot locate them for at least two years, then the church may certify that it has tried without success to locate the members and the members may be removed by a vote of the church. The clerk should record in the membership record: “~~Whereabouts~~ Location unknown. Voted to designate as missing.”

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407-25GS<sub>a</sub> FINANCE - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Finance - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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407-25GSa FINANCE - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the item, Finance - *Church Manual* Amendment, by retaining lines 40-43 on page 58 which read as follows:

“God has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and the gifts of His people. Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the Lord’s work. Of the means entrusted to man, God claims a certain portion—the tenth. He leaves all free to say whether or not they will give more than this.”—AA 74

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407-25GSa FINANCE - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses the importance of giving offerings as part of worship.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 12, Finance, pages 141-147, to read as follows:

#### Finance

The biblical plan for the support of the work of God is by the tithes and offerings of His people. The Lord says, “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house” (Mal. 3:10). The Church has followed this plan from its earliest days.

The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy present a beautiful picture of giving as a part of worship. “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work” (2 Cor. 9:7-8).

“The system of tithes and offerings was intended to impress the minds of men with a great truth—that God is the source of every blessing to His creatures, and that to Him man’s gratitude is due for the good gifts of His providence.”—PP 525.

“Tithes and offerings for God are an acknowledgment of His claim on us by creation, and they are also an acknowledgment of His claim by redemption. Because all our power is derived

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from Christ, these offerings are to flow from us to God. They are to keep ever before us the claim of redemption, the greatest of all claims, and the one that involves every other.”—6T 479. “The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. It is to be brought into His treasury to be used to sustain the gospel laborers in their work.”—9T 249.

“He has given His people a plan for raising sums sufficient to make the enterprise self-sustaining. God’s plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality. All may take hold of it in faith and courage, for it is divine in its origin. In it are combined simplicity and utility. . . . Every man, woman, and youth may become a treasurer for the Lord and may be an agent to meet the demands upon the treasury. Says the apostle: ‘Let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.’ ”—3T 388, 389.

“God has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and the gifts of His people. Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the Lord’s work. Of the means entrusted to man, God claims a certain portion—the tenth. He leaves all free to say whether or not they will give more than this.”—AA 74.

“Besides the tithe the Lord demands the first fruits of all our increase. These He has reserved in order that His work in the earth may be amply sustained. . . . If all would pay a faithful tithe and devote to the Lord the first fruits of their increase, there would be a full supply of funds for His work.”—6T 384.

“This matter of giving is not left to impulse. God has given us definite instructions in regard to it. He has specified tithes and offerings as the measure of our obligation. And He desires us to give regularly and systematically. . . . After the tithe is set apart, let gifts and offerings be apportioned, ‘as God hath prospered you.’ ”—RH, May 9, 1893.

“God has given special direction as to the use of the tithe. He does not design that His work shall be crippled for want of means. . . . The portion that God has reserved for Himself is not to be diverted to any other purpose than that which He has specified. Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord’s work.”—9T 247.

“If we love Jesus, we shall love to live for Him, to present our thank offerings to Him, to labor for Him.”—COL 49.

“Our heavenly Father did not originate the plan of systematic benevolence to enrich Himself, but to be a great blessing to man. He saw that this system of beneficence was just what man needed.”—3T 405.

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Stewardship [See 407-25GSb]

Tithe [See 407-25GSc]

Offerings [See 407-25GSd]

General Financial Counsel [See 407-25GSe and 408-25GS]

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407-25GSb STEWARDSHIP - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Stewardship - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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407-25GSb STEWARDSHIP - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses the importance of stewardship in all areas of life.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 12, Finance, page 142, Stewardship, to read as follows:

### Stewardship

Christians are God's stewards, entrusted with His ~~goods~~ blessings and, as His partners, responsible to manage them in harmony with His guidelines and principles. The divine counsel is that as His stewards, we are to "be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2) and live according to His will as we worship Him with our whole lives (Rom. 12:1-3, Gen. 12:2-3). Stewardship covers every aspect of Christian life and experience, including the stewardship of our means. (1 Cor. 4:2). ~~Though the question of stewardship covers many aspects of Christian life and experience, without doubt the stewardship of our means is vitally important.~~ It concerns the entire Church family and involves our recognition of the sovereignty of God, His ownership of all things, and the bestowal of His grace upon our hearts.

While this aspect of Christian stewardship concerns our material possessions, it nevertheless ~~reacts upon~~ defines our Christian experience. The Lord requires certain things of us, in order that He may do certain things for us. ~~Our yielding obedience to what our heavenly~~

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~~Father requires places this phase of stewardship upon a high spiritual plane. He does not arbitrarily demand either that we serve Him or that we recognize Him with our gifts. But He~~ In all areas of our lives, God invites us to obey His word and then trust His promises. Our conscientious stewardship of God's blessings helps to build our faith. God has so arranged that when we work in harmony with Him in these things there will flow great spiritual blessings to us. ~~to our own hearts great spiritual blessings.~~

“God desires all His stewards to be exact in following divine arrangements. They are not to offset the Lord’s plans by performing some deed of charity or giving some gift or some offering when or how they, the human agents, shall see fit. It is a very poor policy for men to seek to improve on God’s plan, and invent a makeshift, averaging up their good impulses on this and that occasion, and offsetting them against God’s requirements. God calls upon all to give their influence to His own arrangement.”—9T 248.

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407-25GS<sub>c</sub> TITHE - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

Upon the decision of the chair, the request to refer item, Tithe - *Church Manual* Amendment, back to the *Church Manual* Committee was accepted.

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407-25GS<sub>d</sub> OFFERINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

Upon the decision of the chair, the request to refer item, Offerings - *Church Manual* Amendment, back to the *Church Manual* Committee was accepted.

NomCom25GCS/25GCS to REM

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #7

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

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### General Conference

#### Vice Presidents Assigned to Divisions:

Harrington S Akombwa, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division  
 Stanley E Arco, South American Division  
 G Alexander Bryant, North American Division  
 Roger O Caderma, Southern Asia-Pacific Division  
 John Victor Chinta, Southern Asia Division  
 Abner De los Santos, Inter-American Division  
 Daniel Duda, Trans-European Division  
 Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Euro-Asia Division  
 Soon Gi Kang, Northern Asia-Pacific Division  
 Barna Magyarosi, Inter-European Division  
 Bassey Effiong Okon Udoh, West-Central Africa Division  
 Blasious M Ruguri, East-Central Africa Division  
 Glenn C Townend, South Pacific Division

Prayer was offered by Ella S Simmons, retired General Vice President of the General Conference.

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407-25GSe TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* ADDITION

Upon the decision of the chair, the request to refer item, Transparency and Accountability - *Church Manual* Addition, back to the *Church Manual* Committee was accepted.

STW/ChManSub/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/24AC/411-24GSb/25GCS to GPS

407-25GSf TO COOPERATE WITH THE CONFERENCE (ELDERS) -  
*CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses the need for local church officers and pastors to support the division offering plan.

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VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 9, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 81, To Cooperate With the Conference (Elders), to read as follows:

To Cooperate With the Conference—The pastor, elders, and all officers should cooperate with conference officers and departmental directors in carrying out approved plans. They should inform the church about the offering plan adopted by the division for their territory and of all regular and special offerings, promote all the programs and activities of the church, and encourage all officers to support conference plans and policies.

Elders should work closely with the treasurer and see that all conference funds are remitted promptly to the conference treasurer at the time established by the conference. Elders should see that the clerk's report is sent promptly to the conference secretary at the close of each quarter.

Elders should regard all correspondence from the conference office as important. Letters calling for announcements should be presented at the proper time.

In the absence of the pastor, the first elder (see p. 120-121) should see that the church elects delegates to conference sessions and that the clerk sends the names of delegates to the conference office.

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407-25GSg TREASURER - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment transfers the information on Sabbath School Offerings from the section on Sabbath School (see 407-25GSI) to this section on the Treasurer, and adds information on how this offering is allocated in different division Offering Plans.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 9, Local Church Officers and Organizations, pages 88-91, Treasurer, to read as follows:

#### Treasurer

Because of the important functions of the treasurer, it is wise to choose one who can be elected to a new term of office to provide continuity in record keeping and reporting. Large churches may elect assistant treasurers as needed.

The treasurer can greatly encourage faithfulness in the returning of tithe and deepen the spirit of liberality on the part of the members. A word of counsel given in the spirit of the Master

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will help members to render faithfully to God His own in tithes and offerings, even in a time of financial stringency.

Treasurer the Custodian of All Funds—The treasurer is the custodian - No change

Conference Funds—Conference funds, which include tithe, all regular - No change

Sabbath School Offerings—Any offering collected during Sabbath School should be accurately recorded by the Sabbath School secretary, who will pass them on to the treasurer as soon as possible. Extension division offerings should be added to the offering regularly collected during Sabbath School.

In territories that have adopted the Combined Offering Plan, these offerings should be distributed according to the formula voted by the division for that Offering Plan. As part of the promotion of any offering collected during Sabbath School in those territories, the givers should be informed that part of their offerings will fund the quarterly world mission projects sponsored by the General Conference.

All Sabbath School offerings in territories that use the Calendar of Offerings Plan, and the Personal Giving Plan are for the support of the mission fields and are to be passed on in their entirety to the conference. These funds include the regular weekly Sabbath School offering, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, Mission Investment, and Birthday-Thank Offering. These Mission funds will then be distributed by the conference according to policy. No mission funds may be retained by the church or conference.

In territories that have adopted the Personal Giving Plan or the Calendar of Offerings Plan, these mission funds are transmitted to the conference office as outlined in the section above (“Conference Funds”). The regular church budget should make provision for Sabbath School expenses, as for other ministries or departments of the church.

~~Sabbath School Funds—All Sabbath School offerings are to be passed over weekly to the treasurer by the Sabbath School secretary-treasurer, the treasurer keeping a careful record of all such offerings. These mission funds are transmitted to the conference office as outlined in the previous paragraph. Sabbath School expense funds are held in trust, subject to the orders of the Sabbath School council (See pp. 103–104.), to meet the routine expenses of the Sabbath School.~~

Local Church Funds—Local church funds include church - No change

Funds of Auxiliary Organizations—Auxiliary organization funds - No change

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Safeguarding the Purpose of Funds—All offerings and gifts contributed by individuals for a specific fund or purpose, under all three offering plans, Funds—When an offering is taken for worldwide missions or for any general or local enterprise, all money placed in the offering plate (unless otherwise indicated by the donor) shall be counted as part of that particular offering. All offerings and gifts contributed by individuals for a specific fund or purpose must be used for that purpose. Neither the treasurer nor the board has the authority to divert any funds from the objective for which they were given.

The funds of auxiliary organizations, often donations given for specific purposes, are raised for that special part of the church's work for which the auxiliary organization is established. Such funds are held in trust by the treasurer, and they too may not be borrowed or in any way diverted by the treasurer or the board from the objective for which they were raised.

When an auxiliary organization is discontinued, the church in a regular business meeting may take action indicating the disposition of any balance of funds in the account of the organization.

Money for Personal Literature Orders—Money for personal orders - No change

Proper Method for Payment of Money by Members—The treasurer - No change

Receipts to Members—Receipts should be issued promptly for all - No change

Proper Method of Remitting Funds to the Conference—In sending - No change

Preservation of Financial Documents—Financial - No change

Books Should Be Audited—The conference - No change

Relations With Members Confidential—The treasurer should [See 409-25GS]

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407-25GS<sup>h</sup> WORLD HEALTH MINISTRIES SABBATH OFFERING -  
*CHURCH MANUAL* DELETION

RATIONALE: This section is being removed since this offering is no longer collected.

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VOTED, To delete the *Church Manual*, Chapter 9, Local Church Officers and Organizations, pages 100-101, World Health Ministries Sabbath Offering, which reads as follows:

World Health Ministries Sabbath Offering—The entire World Health Ministries Sabbath Offering is sent to the conference to be distributed according to policy. Upon the church's request to the conference, up to 25 percent of the offering received in the church may revert to the church for health ministries programs.

STW/ChManSub/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/24AC/411-24GSe/25GCS to GPS

407-25GSi SABBATH SCHOOL - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment incorporates making disciples as an important part of Sabbath School and specifies the responsibility of the Sabbath School secretary. The details regarding Sabbath School Offerings are being moved to the section on the Treasurer (see 407-25GSg).

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 9, Local Church Officers and Organizations, pages 103-106, Sabbath School, to read as follows:

#### Sabbath School

The Sabbath School, the primary religious education program of the Church, has four purposes: study of the Scripture, fellowship, community outreach, and world mission emphasis. The General Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department distributes the Sabbath School Bible study guide for all age levels, provides designs for Sabbath School programming within the context of the various world division cultures, provides resources and training systems for Sabbath School teachers, and promotes world mission ~~Sabbath School~~ offerings. Because it incorporates the core spiritual elements of Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and mission, Sabbath School is an essential part of the church's strategy for making disciples.

“The Sabbath school is an important branch of the missionary work, not only because it gives to young and old a knowledge of God's Word, but because it awakens in them a love for its sacred truths, and a desire to study them for themselves; above all, it teaches them to regulate their lives by its holy teachings.”—CSW 10, 11.

“The Sabbath school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth.”—CSW 115.

Officers of the Sabbath School Council—The church elects - No change

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Sabbath School Superintendent and Other Sabbath School Officers—The superintendent is the leading officer of the Sabbath School and should begin planning for its smooth and effective operation as soon as elected. The superintendent should support the plans and emphases of the conference Sabbath School department and should implement decisions of the Sabbath School council concerning the operation of the Sabbath School. The church may elect one or more assistant superintendents.

The secretary should complete the quarterly report on the appropriate form immediately after the last Sabbath of the quarter and mail it before the deadline to the conference Sabbath School and personal ministries directors. The secretary also should place a copy in the secretary's permanent file, give copies to the superintendent and the pastor, and present it at the business meeting. In addition, any offering collected during Sabbath School should be accurately recorded by the Sabbath School secretary, who will pass them on to the treasurer as soon as possible. (See p. 88.)

The Investment secretary promotes the Investment plan for mission support in all Sabbath School divisions and keeps all members informed as the program progresses.

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) director leads in organizing, promoting, and launching community evangelism through the annual VBS. The church may assign this responsibility to the children's ministries coordinator.

The council may appoint a music director for the Sabbath School in consultation with division leaders. As an expression of worship, music should glorify God. Singers and other musicians should be as carefully selected as are the leaders for other parts of the Sabbath School service and should be measured by the same standards. (See pp. 101, 155, 157.) The council also may appoint pianists and organists for the divisions.

Sabbath School Division Leaders—The church board elects a leader - No change

Sabbath School Teachers—The Sabbath School council chooses - No change

~~Sabbath School Offerings—The Sabbath School secretary should accurately record Sabbath School offerings and pass them on to the treasurer as soon as possible. Extension division offerings should be added to the regular Sabbath School offerings. Many Sabbath Schools take offerings for Sabbath School expense. With the exception of that expense fund, all Sabbath School offerings are for the support of the mission fields and are to be passed on in their entirety by the treasurer to the conference. These funds include the regular weekly Sabbath School offering, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, Sabbath School Investment, and Birthday Thank Offering. Each is to be identified as a separate fund in the financial system of the church.~~

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~~Mission funds are distributed according to policy. No mission funds may be retained by the church or conference.~~

~~The Sabbath School expense offering and the mission offering, where the calendar of offerings is being used, shall not be taken as one offering and divided according to an agreed-upon formula or percentage. The offerings may be taken as combined offering where the church is operating under a division approved combined offering plan.~~

Resources—For Sabbath School and personal ministries - No change

25GCS to AAS

407-25GSj CONDUCTING THE COMMUNION SERVICE - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Conducting the Communion Service - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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407-25GSj CONDUCTING THE COMMUNION SERVICE - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not amend the item, Conducting the Communion Service - *Church Manual* Amendment, by replacing “may be” with “must” on line 33, page 73.

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407-25GSj CONDUCTING THE COMMUNION SERVICE - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Conducting the Communion Service - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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407-25GSj CONDUCTING THE COMMUNION SERVICE - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not amend the item, Conducting the Communion Service - *Church Manual* Amendment, by removing “This offering is promoted as an addition to regular and systematic offerings” from lines 33-34 on page 71.

25GCS to AAS

407-25GSj CONDUCTING THE COMMUNION SERVICE - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Conducting the Communion Service – *Church Manual* Amendment.

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407-25GSj CONDUCTING THE COMMUNION SERVICE - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment explains that any offering taken following the Communion service would be as an addition to regular and systematic offerings.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 11, Services and Other Meetings, pages 131-132, Conducting the Communion Service, to read as follows:

Conducting the Communion Service—Length of Service—Time is not the most significant factor in the communion service. However, attendance can be improved and the spiritual impact increased by (1) eliminating extraneous items from the worship service on this high day, (2) avoiding delays before and after foot-washing, and (3) having the deaconesses arrange the emblems on the communion table well beforehand.

*Preliminaries*—The introductory portion of the service should be brief, including only short announcements, a hymn, prayer, offering, and a short sermon before separating for the foot-washing and returning for the Lord’s Supper.

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*Foot-Washing*—Each church should have a plan for meeting the needs of its members for the foot-washing service. (See Notes, #5, p. 188.)

*Bread and Wine*—Following the foot-washing, the congregation comes together once again to partake of the bread and the wine. (See Notes, #6, pp. 188-189.)

*Celebration*—Communion should always be a solemn, never somber, experience. Wrongs have been righted, sins have been forgiven, and faith has been reaffirmed. It is a time for celebration. Let the music be bright and joyous. The service should end on a high note, such as with a musical feature or congregational singing, followed by dismissal.

An offering for the poor ~~is often~~ may be taken as the congregation leaves. This offering is promoted as an addition to regular and systematic offerings.

After the service the deacons and deaconesses clear the table, collect the utensils, and respectfully dispose of any remaining emblems. In no case should these emblems be consumed or returned to common use.

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#### 408-25GS REGULATION OF SOLICITING FUNDS - *CHURCH* *MANUAL* AMENDMENT

**RATIONALE:** The paragraph being removed is relevant to international service employees, rather than local church activities, and is unnecessary since the main point is covered in the first paragraph.

**VOTED,** To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 12, Finance, page 145 and 146, Regulation of Soliciting Funds, to read as follows:

Regulation of Soliciting Funds—The following are regulations for soliciting funds:

1. No conference, church, or institution, without special counsel and arrangement, shall plan work requiring solicitation of funds from outside its territory. Any solicitation within its territory shall be in harmony with local, union, division, and General Conference policies. No authority is granted to denominational employees representing special interests in one part of the field to solicit help in any other part of the field or in any other conference without arrangement with and written authorization from conference officers where the fund-raising would take place.

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2. The following principles protect churches from unauthorized, fraudulent, and undenominational solicitation:

a. Pastors and officers shall not grant the privilege of the pulpit to persons for fund-raising who have not been recognized or recommended by the conference. (See pp. 126-127.) No permission shall be granted to solicit funds either publicly or privately without such recognition.

b. All funds contributed for any cause in response to appeals shall be passed through regular church channels.

c. Conference and church officers shall take such steps as may be necessary to prevent unauthorized or illegal public solicitation.

3. No campaign other than the Annual Appeal (Ingathering or equivalent appeal), which involves using Appeal literature and containers with authorized Appeal labels, shall be conducted for the solicitation of money for either home or overseas mission work. Unions and conferences should prevent violations of this regulation.

~~4. Interdivision employees visiting their home churches or otherwise communicating with their home bases are asked to solicit funds only for enterprises included in the budget of appropriations, working in cooperation with churches and conferences to raise the funds required to meet the appropriations on which our world mission work depends. All such funds shall be passed through regular channels.~~

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409-25GS RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS CONFIDENTIAL -  
*CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Relations with Members Confidential - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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409-25GS RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS CONFIDENTIAL -  
*CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses the need for confidentiality regarding the giving practices of members.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 9, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 91, Relations With Members Confidential, to read as follows:

Relations With Members Confidential—The treasurer should always remember that ~~relations with individual members are strictly confidential. The treasurer should never comment on personal giving decisions~~ are strictly confidential. The treasurer and the pastor should never disclose individual giving records, except with consent of the giver, as required by law, as needed to audit or review the church's financial records, or as needed for the nominating committee process (see p. 118). ~~the title returned by any member or on the income or anything concerning it except to those who share the responsibility of the work.~~ Great harm may be caused by failure to observe this rule.

25GCS to AAS

410-25GS USE OF “DISCIPLESHIP” - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
DIRECTIVE

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Use of “Discipleship” - *Church Manual* Directive.

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410-25GS USE OF “DISCIPLESHIP” - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
DIRECTIVE

RATIONALE: This directive intends to highlight the idea of active disciple-making and its evangelistic engagement.

VOTED, To approve a directive to amend the *Church Manual*, by replacing “discipleship” with “disciple-making” or “making disciples,” where appropriate.

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## PRAYER

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

Artur A Steele, Chair  
Gary D Krause, Secretary  
Hensley M Mooroooven, Actions Editor  
Marietta R Fowler, Recording Secretary

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EIGHTH BUSINESS MEETING  
Sixty-Second General Conference Session  
St Louis, Missouri  
July 8, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Guillermo E Biaggi, Chair, called to order the eighth meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy, Director of Education.

ELECTIONBUDDY VOTING SOFTWARE

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

25GS to GEB

409-25GS RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS CONFIDENTIAL - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to reconsider the item Relations with Members Confidential - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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409-25GS RELATIONS WITH CHURCH MEMBERS CONFIDENTIAL -  
*CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not reconsider the item, Relations with Members Confidential - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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25GCS to GEB

411-25GS CHURCH BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

Upon the decision of the chair, the request to refer item, Church Board and Its Meetings - *Church Manual* Amendment, back to the *Church Manual* Committee was accepted.

NomCom25GCS/25GCS to REM

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #8

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

East-Central Africa Division

Secretary: Moses Maka Ndimukika

Treasurer: Yohannes Olana Beyene

Euro-Asia Division

Secretary: Ivan I Velgosha

Treasurer: Oleg Voronyuk

Inter-American Division

Secretary: Pierre Caporal

Treasurer: Ivelisse Herrera

Inter-European Division

Secretary: Ruben de Abreu

Treasurer: Norbert G Zens

North American Division

Secretary: Kyoshin Ahn

Treasurer: Judy R Glass

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Northern-Asia Pacific Division

Secretary: Toshio Shibata  
Treasurer: Tae Seung (Ted) Kim

South American Division

Secretary: Edward Heidinger  
Treasurer: Edson E de Medeiros

South Pacific Division

Secretary: Michael B Sikuri  
Treasurer: J Francois Keet

Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Secretary: Gideon P Reyneke  
Treasurer: Hopekings K Ngomba

Southern Asia Division

Secretary: Ujwal Anant Kandane  
Treasurer: Riches Christian

Southern Asia-Pacific Division

Secretary: Samuel Yotam Bindosano  
Treasurer: Jacinto M Adap

Trans-European Division

Secretary: Robert C Csizmadia  
Treasurer: Nenad Jepuranovic

West-Central Africa Division

Secretary: Vincent Roger Same  
Treasurer: Dickson Sarfo-Marfo

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Prayer was offered by Marcos F Bomfim, Director of Stewardship Ministries.

25GCS to GEB

412-25GS BUSINESS MEETINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the amendment to the item, Business Meetings - *Church Manual* Amendment.

25GCS to GEB

412-25GS BUSINESS MEETINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not amend the item, Business Meetings - *Church Manual* Amendment, by adding “This method should not be used when the agenda is dealing with personal or confidential issues,” following “meeting” on line 30.

25GCS to GEB

412-25GS BUSINESS MEETINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

Upon the decision of the chair, the request to refer item, Business Meetings - *Church Manual* Amendment, back to the *Church Manual* Committee was accepted.

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413-25GS TO FOSTER TITHING (ELDERS) - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, To Foster Tithing (Elders) - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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413 -25GS TO FOSTER TITHING (ELDERS) - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the motion, To Foster Tithing (Elders) by replacing “should regard” with “must keep” on line 15 of page 83.

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413-25GS TO FOSTER TITHING (ELDERS) - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses the need for confidentiality regarding the giving practices of members.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 9, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 80, To Foster Tithing (Elders), to read as follows:

To Foster Tithing—By faithfully returning tithe, elders do much to encourage other members to return a faithful tithe. (See pp. 142-143, 175.) Elders can foster tithing by public presentation of the scriptural privilege and responsibility of stewardship and by personal labor with members in a tactful and helpful manner. Elders must keep all personal giving information as strictly confidential.

~~Elders should regard all financial matters pertaining to members as confidential and shall not give such information to unauthorized persons.~~

25GCS to GEB

414-25GS ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

Upon the decision of the chair, the request to hold discussion on the item, Adventist Youth Ministries - *Church Manual* Amendment, until after lunch was accepted.

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## PRAYER

Prayer was offered by John Victor Chinta, President of the Southern Asia Division.

Guillermo E Biaggi, Chair  
Claude J Richli, Secretary  
Hensley M Mooroooven, Actions Editor  
Tendani P Severance, Recording Secretary

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NINTH BUSINESS MEETING  
Sixty-Second General Conference Session  
St Louis, Missouri  
July 8, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Thomas L Lemon, Chair, called to order the ninth meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION MEMBERS' MEETING

At 2:06 p.m., the General Conference Corporation Members' meeting was convened, after which the business session of the General Conference Session reconvened.

*ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS*

David Trim, Director of Archives, Statistics, and Research; and Dragoslava Santrac, Managing Editor for the *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists* (ESDA), presented a video and gave a brief presentation of ESDA, which is an online site that provides articles, photographs, and videos on Adventist missionaries, institutions, events, beliefs, and more.

25GCS to TLL

202-25GS GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -  
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

Upon recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the item, General Conference Executive Committee - Constitution and Bylaws Amendment, was withdrawn.

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201-25GS TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION - CONSTITUTION AND  
BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: Now that the full General Conference Executive Committee is invited to participate in a hybrid Spring Meeting, agenda items previously handled only at an Annual Council are now open for consideration at Spring Meeting.

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VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article I—Territorial Administration, to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE I—TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION

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

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

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

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

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#### 203-25GS APPROPRIATIONS - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To take from the table the motion, Appropriations - Constitution and Bylaws Amendment.

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### 203-25GS APPROPRIATIONS - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Appropriations - Constitution and Bylaws Amendment.

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### 203-25GS APPROPRIATIONS - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the item, Appropriations - Constitution and Bylaws Amendment, by removing “Spring Meetings or,” on line 18 to read as follows:

“Sec. 1. The General Conference Executive Committee shall make its regular appropriations to the world field at Annual Councils. These appropriations are to be based on a methodology that promotes mission priorities to be fulfilled through the work of world divisions and other denominational entities. ~~budget requests from the fields.~~”

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### 203-25GS APPROPRIATIONS - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: Now that the full General Conference Executive Committee is invited to participate in a hybrid Spring Meeting, agenda items previously handled only at an Annual Council are now open for consideration at Spring Meeting. The language regarding the process by which appropriations are considered is being updated to reflect current realities.

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

### ARTICLE XIX—APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 1. The General Conference Executive Committee shall make its regular appropriations to the world field at Annual Councils. These appropriations are to be based on a

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methodology that promotes mission priorities to be fulfilled through the work of world divisions and other denominational entities. ~~budget requests from the fields.~~

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

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

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

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

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414-25GS ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to divide the question on the item,  
Adventist Youth Ministries - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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414-25GS ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not divide the question on the motion, Adventist Youth Ministries - *Church Manual* Amendment, into two parts, separating the AYM Motto from the rest of the text.

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414-25GS ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses the importance of youth disciple-making.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 9, Local Church Officers and Organizations, pages 110 to 115, Adventist Youth Ministries, to read as follows:

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### Adventist Youth Ministries

The various youth organizations of the church should work closely with the ~~youth ministries~~ Youth Ministries department of the conference. The church works for and with its youth through Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM). Under the AYM, youth are to work together, in cooperation with the wider church community, towards the development of a strong youth ministry that includes spiritual, mental, and physical development of each individual, Christian social interaction, and an active witnessing program that supports the general soul-winning plans of the church. In the quest for ~~discipleship~~, disciple-making, the goal of AYM should be to bring all youth to a saving relationship with Christ, build them up in His Word to reflect a Christ-like character, train them how to serve the ~~church~~ church, public campuses, and communities using their spiritual gifts, and send them out to reach the communities in the power of the Holy Spirit.

AYM Mission—To lead young people into a an authentic saving relationship with Jesus Christ and help them embrace His call to disciple-making and mission involvement. ~~discipleship~~.

AYM Motto—The love of Christ compels me. ~~us~~.

AYM Aim—The Advent Message to all the world in my generation.

AYM Pledge—Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in the youth ministry of the church, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world.

The ~~youth ministries~~ Youth Ministries program of the church comprises ~~three~~ two broad categories, namely: Junior Youth (Adventurers: ages 4-9 and Pathfinders: ages 10-15) and Senior Youth (Ambassadors: ages 16-21, Young Adults: ages 22-30, and Public Campus Students and Staff (PCM): ages 16-30+). Public Campus Ministry is a specialized Senior Youth Ministry because it caters for both Ambassadors and Young Adults on public campuses. ~~ages 10-15~~, ~~Senior Youth (Ambassadors: ages 16-21 and Young Adults: ages 22-30), and Public Campus Students: ages 16-30+.~~

God said to Moses, “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deut. 6:6-9).

The apostle Paul added, “Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Tim. 4:12).

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~~“We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. . . . We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth.”—GCB, Jan. 29, 30, 1893, p. 24.~~

“We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth. Let all be so trained that they may rightly represent the truth, giving the reason of the hope that is within them, and honoring God in any branch of the work where they are qualified to labor.”—GCB, Jan. 29, 30, 1893, p. 24.

“When the youth give their hearts to God, our responsibility for them does not cease. They must be interested in the Lord’s work, and led to see that He expects them to do something to advance His cause. It is not enough to show how much needs to be done, and to urge the youth to act a part. They must be taught how to labor for the Master. They must be trained, disciplined, drilled, in the best methods of winning souls to Christ. Teach them to try in a quiet, unpretending way to help their young companions. Let different branches of missionary effort be systematically laid out, in which they may take part, and let them be given instruction and help. Thus they will learn to work for God.”—GW 210.

“With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world!”—MYP 196.

While there is to be an active Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) in every church, it is important that the youth program not be isolated from the rest of the church. In addition to their AYM participation, youth should be integrated into responsible leadership and in all lines of church work. As young elders, deacons, and deaconesses, for example, they can work with and learn from experienced officers.

“In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigor, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause. To plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand demands fresh, uncrippled energies. Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their powers, through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellow men.”—GW 67.

Adventist Youth Ministries Committee—The Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) Committee is the umbrella organization in the church for the general planning of the youth ministry program. (See pp. 139-140.) The AYM Committee includes the following church-elected officers: Young Adults leader, Public Campus Ministry ~~Ministries~~ leader/coordinator,

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Ambassador leader, Pathfinder director, Adventurer director, plus the ~~personal ministries~~ Personal Ministries leader, youth Sabbath School division leader, ~~children's ministries~~ Children's Ministries leader, ~~health ministries~~ Health Ministries leader, principal of the school, the AYM advisor, and the pastor. The Young Adults leader, Ambassador leader, Pathfinder director, Adventurer director, and Public Campus Ministry Ministries leader are members of the church board.

If there are no distinct Ambassador Ministry or Young Adults Ministry ~~ministry or young adults ministries~~ established in the church, or until such time as they are established, the AYM Committee will plan for the senior youth ministry to include both age groups.

In parts of the world where there is no Pathfinder or Adventurer ministry, or until such time as they are organized, the AYM Committee will plan for appropriate activities for the junior youth.

The Young Adults leader may chair the AYM Committee. The committee should meet as necessary to develop short- and long-range goals and plans for a successful ministry. (See Notes, #19, p. 184.)

Young Adults Ministry Ministries Committee—The Young Adults Ministry Ministries Committee is responsible for Young Adult activities and works in coordination with the Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) Committee.

The church elects the following Young Adults Ministries officers: leader, associate leader, secretary-treasurer, and music director. This group forms the nucleus for the Young Adults Ministry Ministries Committee, which appoints other officers for the respective activities.

Local churches are encouraged to have Young Adult committees and to establish Senior Youth Societies (SYS). Senior Youth Societies serve as forums where evangelistic plans and senior youth issues are discussed. SYS will encompass the Ambassadors, Young Adults, and Public Campus Students. In these SYS meetings, young professionals should mentor those who are younger than them. The Young Adults Ministry Committee will manage the SYS.

Public Campus Ministries ~~Strengthening Ministry~~—Strengthening the Youth Ministries of the church, Public Campus Ministries Ministry (PCM), in collaboration with the Adventist Ministry to College and University Students (AMiCUS), provides vision and strategic planning for ministry to and support for Seventh-day Adventist students (ages 16-30+) who attend college or university institutions not operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Public Campus Ministries Ministry Leader/Coordinator—The church ~~may~~ should appoint a Public Campus Ministries Ministry leader/coordinator to develop an intentional ministry with

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the purpose of caring for the special needs of college or university students in nearby institutions not operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and discipling them to fulfil the AYM goal, mission, motto, and aim, in consultation with and support of the Adventist Youth Ministries Committee. Each local church may adopt one or two public campuses to support Adventist students and staff in executing their mission obligations and furthering their education or professional lives.

Ambassador Ministry—The Ambassador Ministry provides - No change

Ambassador Committee—The Ambassador Committee is responsible for Ambassador activities and works in coordination with the Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) Committee.

The church elects the following Ambassador officers: leader, associate leader, secretary treasurer, assistant secretary-treasurer, and music director. This group forms the Ambassador Committee which appoints other officers for the respective activities.

Pathfinder Club—The Pathfinder Club provides a church-centered outlet for the spirit of adventure and exploration, in the context of spiritual development and soul-winning, for ages 10 to 15. Activities are carefully tailored to ~~include~~ include, but not limited to, spiritual growth, leadership skills, witnessing opportunities, disciple-making, outdoor living, nature exploration, crafts, hobbies, or vocations.

Pathfinder Committee—The Pathfinder Club director and deputy directors are elected by the church. (See pp. 111-112, 184-185.) If two deputy directors are elected, there should be one male and one female. One of the deputy directors may also serve as club secretary and treasurer.

Additional Pathfinder staff may include instructors of ~~craft and nature~~ honor classes and counselors who are each responsible for a unit of six to eight Pathfinders.

Resource materials are available from the conference ~~youth ministries~~ Youth Ministries director.

Everyone involved in work with minor children must meet Church and legal standards and requirements, such as background checks or certification. Local church leaders should consult with the ~~conference~~, conference AYM, which will ascertain and advise as to what background checks and certifications are available and/or required. (See Notes, #8, pp. 180-181.)

Adventurer Club—The Adventurer Club provides home and church - No change

Adventurer Committee—The church elects the club director and associates. (See pp. 111-112, 184-185.) Additional staff members are selected by the administrative staff of the club.

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Resource materials are available from the conference ~~youth ministries~~ Youth Ministries director. Everyone involved in work with minor children must meet Church and legal standards and requirements, such as background checks or certification. Local church leaders should consult with the conference, which will ascertain and advise as to what background checks and certifications are available and/or required. (See Notes, #8, pp. 180-181.)

AYM Officers—The leaders/directors of the five youth ministry entities must exemplify Christlike graces and have a burden for soul ~~winning~~ winning and nurturing, and display contagious enthusiasm. The five leaders/directors are members of the church board. In helping motivate youth to work together and take responsibilities, the leaders/directors will be in the background—guiding, counseling, and encouraging youth, helping them gain experience and the joys of achievement. The leaders/directors should study the youth profile of the church and seek to involve every eligible youth in the Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM).

The leaders/directors will keep in touch with the pastor, advisor, and the conference ~~youth ministries~~ Youth Ministries director, taking advantage of opportunities for in-service training and leading their respective ministry into a cooperative relationship with the church and the conference.

The associate leaders/deputy directors (if needed) will assist the leaders/directors and perform leadership duties when the leaders/directors are absent. The respective committees may assign additional responsibilities to the associate leaders/directors.

The secretary-treasurers will keep a record of the activities of their respective ministries, submit monthly reports on forms provided to the conference ~~youth ministries~~ Youth Ministries director, and encourage youth to report their witnessing activities during the ten-minute personal ministries period.

The respective assistant secretary-treasurers (if needed) assist with the secretary-treasurers' work as assigned.

AYM Advisor—The Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) advisor may be an elder or other person on the board who understands the objectives of the AYM, is sympathetic with youth and their involvement in the church's ministries, and will serve as a valued counselor to the youth. The advisor serves as a guide or counselor to AYM officers and joins them regularly in AYM Committee meetings.

The ministry leader should become acquainted with the conference ~~youth ministries~~ Youth Ministries director and keep the director informed of changes in officer personnel and other AYM matters. Along with AYM leaders, the advisor should attend conference youth training institutes to keep informed about developments in youth ministry.

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For the sake of continuity, the advisor, if possible, should serve multiple terms.

Everyone involved in work with minor children must meet Church and legal standards and requirements, such as background checks or certification. Local church leaders should consult with the ~~conference~~, conference AYM, which will ascertain and advise as to what background checks and certifications are available and/or required. (See Notes, #8, pp. 180-181.)

Resources—For ~~youth ministries~~ Youth Ministries resources, see Notes, #20, p. 184.

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415-25GS SETTING TITHING EXAMPLE - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Setting Tithing Example - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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415-25GS SETTING TITHING EXAMPLE - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not amend the item, Setting Tithing Example - *Church Manual* Amendment, by adding “in a systemic plan” following “Church” on line 14.

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AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Setting Tithing Example - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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415-25GS SETTING TITHING EXAMPLE - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses the importance of local church officers setting an example in not just returning a faithful tithe, but also in giving offerings to the Church.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 9, Local Church Officers and Organizations, page 77, Setting Tithing Example, to read as follows:

~~Setting Tithing Example—All officers shall set an example in the matter of returning a faithful tithe to the Church.~~ Setting an Example in Tithe and Offerings—All officers shall set an example in the matter of returning a faithful tithe and giving offerings to the Church. Anyone who fails to set such an example shall not be elected to church office.

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421-25GS USE OF “THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING” -  
*CHURCH MANUAL* DIRECTIVE

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Use of “Thirteenth Sabbath Offering” - *Church Manual* Directive.

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421-25GS USE OF “THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING” -  
*CHURCH MANUAL* DIRECTIVE

RATIONALE: Since the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is collected throughout the quarter, the additional name, “Quarterly Mission Project Offering,” is being added for clarity.

VOTED, To approve a directive to amend the *Church Manual*, where appropriate, by replacing “Thirteenth Sabbath Offering” with “Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (also known as Quarterly Mission Project Offering).”

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422-25GSE CAPITALIZATION OF CHURCH DEPARTMENTS -  
*CHURCH MANUAL* EDITORIAL DIRECTIVE

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Capitalization of Church Departments -  
*Church Manual* Editorial Directive.

SEC/ChManSub/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/24AC/424-24GS/25GCS to GPS

422-25GSE CAPITALIZATION OF CHURCH DEPARTMENTS -  
*CHURCH MANUAL* EDITORIAL DIRECTIVE

RATIONALE: This editorial amendment provides consistency and clarity throughout the  
*Church Manual*.

VOTED, To approve a directive to amend the *Church Manual*, where appropriate, by capitalizing the names of church departments (e.g. Family Ministries, Youth Ministries, etc).

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423-25GS DISSOLVING OR EXPELLING A CHURCH - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Dissolving or Expelling a Church -  
*Church Manual* Amendment.

OGC/ChMan/ADCOM(Steering)/24AC/425-24GS/25GCS to GPS

423-25GS DISSOLVING OR EXPELLING A CHURCH - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment clarifies the original purpose of the text.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 5, Organizing, Uniting, and Dissolving Churches, pages 40-42, Dissolving or Expelling a Church, to read as follows:

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### Dissolving or Expelling a Church

“Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. . . . For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones” (Eph. 5:25-30).

This spirit should permeate all efforts to help an erring church and all aspects of any discipline that may be applied—always to help and save for the cause of God.

Church status is not necessarily perpetual. A church may be dissolved or expelled from the sisterhood of churches for the following reasons:

1. Loss of Members—Occasionally, despite efforts to preserve - No change
2. Discipline—Occasions for expelling a church for disciplinary reasons are rare because the mission of the church is to seek and to save. Where serious problems such as apostasy, refusal to operate in harmony with the *Church Manual*, or rebellion against the conference persist, earnest efforts should be made to avert the need for expulsion. The pastor should seek to deepen the spiritual life of the church through preaching and personal visitation ministries. The conference should encourage a series of revival meetings to lead the members to renew their covenant with their Lord. If these efforts are unsuccessful, the pastor, in cooperation with the conference executive committee, should counsel with the church and its leadership, seeking to bring healing and reconciliation and to preserve the church.

Such remedial measures are preferable to permitting the deterioration of relationships, which could lead to expulsion of the church.

However, if all efforts to preserve the church fail, the conference executive committee should give careful study to the question of expulsion. If such action is decided upon, the conference shall follow the following procedure:

- a. The decision to recommend expulsion, with supporting - No change
- b. If the church does not accept the recommendation, it may respond in one of the following ways:
  - 1) Eliminating the causes for discipline and - No change

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2) Appeal to the union executive committee, or to the division in case of a union of churches, to ~~arbitrate~~ mediate on behalf of the church.

c. If the church remains in rebellion, the conference - No change

d. If the constituency takes action to expel, the conference - No change

#### SOUTH SUDAN ATTACHED TERRITORY REORGANIZATION

The South Sudan Attached Territory in the East-Central Africa Division was granted union mission status. The members of this new entity were recognized.

Prayer was offered by Geoffrey G Mbwana, General Vice President of the General Conference.

#### NORTH PHILIPPINE UNION CONFERENCE REORGANIZATION

The North Philippine Union Conference in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division was reorganized into the Northern Luzon Philippine Union Mission and the Southern Luzon Philippine Union Mission. The members of these new entities were recognized.

Prayer was offered by Abner De los Santos, President of the Inter-American Division.

#### SOUTH PHILIPPINE UNION CONFERENCE REORGANIZATION

The South Philippine Union Conference in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division was reorganized into the Southwestern Philippine Union Conference and the Southeastern Philippine Union Mission. The members of these new entities were recognized.

Prayer was offered by Geoffrey G Mbwana, former General Vice President of the General Conference.

#### NORTHERN GHANA UNION CONFERENCE REORGANIZATION

The Northern Ghana Union Conference in the West-Central Africa Division was reorganized into the Mid-Ghana Union Conference and the North-Central Ghana Union Mission. The members of these new entities were recognized.

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Prayer was offered by Thomas L Lemon, General Vice President of the General Conference.

#### CAMEROON UNION MISSION REORGANIZATION

The Cameroon Union Mission in the West-Central Africa Division was reorganized into the North-East Cameroon Union Mission and the West-Central Cameroon Union Mission. The members of these new entities were recognized.

Prayer was offered by Abner De los Santos, President of the Inter-American Division.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION MISSION REORGANIZATION

The South Central American Union Mission in the Inter-American Division was reorganized into the Costa Rica Union Mission and the Nicaragua Union Mission. The members of these new entities were recognized.

Prayer was offered by Elie Henry, former President of the Inter-American Division.

NomCom25GCS/25GCS to REM

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #9

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

#### General Conference

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries

Director:

Ivan H Omana

Children's Ministries

Director:

Orathai Chureson

Communication

Director:

Alyssa Truman

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Education

Director:

Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy

Family Ministries

Director:

Willie Oliver

Health Ministries

Director:

Zeno L Charles-Marcel

Ministerial Association

Secretary:

Ramon J Canals

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Director:

Nelu Burcea

Planned Giving and Trust Services

Director:

Hector O Reyes

Publishing Ministries

Director:

Mario Martinelli

Sabbath School and Personal Ministries

Director:

James M Howard

Stewardship Ministries

Director:

Marcos F Bomfim

Women's Ministries

Director:

Galina Stele

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Youth Ministries  
Director:  
Sibusiso B Khumalo

## PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Thomas L Lemon, General Vice President of the General Conference, for the newly elected directors of the General Conference.

## ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn the business session of the General Conference Session and convene the General Conference Corporation Members' Meeting.

*(Note: Nominating Committee Report #10, regarding the election of the General Conference Corporation Board of Directors, was voted during the General Conference Corporation Members' Meeting.)*

Thomas L Lemon, Chair  
Elbert Kuhn, Secretary  
Hensley M Mooroooven, Actions Editor  
Nichole N Miles, Recording Secretary

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TENTH BUSINESS MEETING  
Sixty-Second General Conference Session  
St Louis, Missouri  
July 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Audrey E Andersson, Chair, called to order the tenth meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by G Alexander Bryant, President of the North American Division, for the victims of flooding in Texas and New Mexico.

ELECTIONBUDDY VOTING SOFTWARE

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

BIBLICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE REPORT

A video report on the work of the Biblical Research Institute was shared, providing the history and contributions of this important ministry. The report particularly focused on new books available on Scripture, the Trinity, technology, and the human body. The report also featured a biblical dictionary.

ADVENTIST.CLOUD

A short video was shown that shared the benefits of using Jet Stream Studio on Adventist.Cloud to assist with video editing and sharing.

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136-25Ga COMMUNION WITH GOD

Dwain N Esmond, Associate Director of the Ellen G White Estate, highlighted the critical need for God's Remnant Church for Bible prophecy to be intimately connected with Him in order to be personally transformed and become His agents of transformation in the world. At

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creation, God demonstrated His close communion with Adam and Eve through daily, personal visits with the holy pair (Gen 3:8). Communion with God is first and foremost personal.

When God delivered Israel from Egyptian captivity, He bid Moses build a sanctuary that He might dwell among His people (Exod 25:8-10). He encouraged daily sacrificial worship morning and evening (Exod 29:39). God taught us that worship was not only personal, but essentially communal. We must never forsake to assemble (Heb 10:25), especially as we near the return of Christ.

Scripture also tells us that communion with God empowers us for mission. We are called to share the gospel (Matt 28:19-20) with the lost through the Three Angels' Messages (Rev 14:6-12). We cannot be effective ministers for Christ if we are not spending unrushed, personal time in worship to God. Mission requires communion with God.

Finally, communion with God is eternal. Revelation 12:1-5 reminds us that one day all the saved will be with God in peace. He will wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no more sorrow and death. God's people will live forever with Him, and communion will never end. To this end, Ellen G White summed it up best when she wrote: "Give yourselves to prayer. Live at the altar. Strengthen your purposes by the promises of God" (1T 169).

## PRAYER

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

Audrey E Andersson, Chair  
Gary D Krause, Secretary  
Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor  
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

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ELEVENTH BUSINESS MEETING  
Sixty-Second General Conference Session  
St Louis, Missouri  
July 9, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Thomas L Lemon, Chair, called to order the eleventh meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Thomas L Lemon.

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Keldie Paroschi, Assistant Director of the Biblical Research Institute, explored how sin has fractured human identity, creating disconnection from God, others, and us. This brokenness leads to confusion about our true nature and purpose. The example of the Apostle Paul illustrates how an encounter with Christ transforms identity. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, found his true self and mission after meeting Jesus. This transformation is rooted in recognizing who Christ is, which in turn reveals who we are meant to be—new creations with a divine purpose to serve and testify.

Understanding our identity in Christ is not only personal but also doctrinal, especially within the Adventist context. Many biblical warnings highlight the danger of false representations of Christ. Therefore, a clear and accurate understanding of Jesus is essential. The Adventist message, with its emphasis on doctrines like the Sabbath, the state of the dead, the sanctuary, the spirit of prophecy, and the second coming, is portrayed as a means of upholding the truth about Christ. Each doctrine reveals a different aspect of Jesus' character and mission, reinforcing the believer's identity in Him.

Just as Paul's life was redefined by his encounter with Christ, believers today are called to find their identity in Him. When Christ becomes central to our lives, we are compelled to reflect His character and proclaim His message. This identity leads not only to personal clarity and transformation but also to a life of purpose and mission, dedicated to uplifting Jesus in all aspects of life.

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## ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY TRAILER

A short trailer video was presented by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, as a preview of a documentary to be shown at the Ferrara Theater, American Convention Center, on July 10, 2025.

## THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES REPORT

Michael L Ryan, Assistant to the President of the General Conference, presented a message from memory using only biblical passages.

Vyacheslav Demyan, President of Hope Channel International, shared that the network now has 88 entities worldwide and aims to reach one billion people in 70 languages by 2030. *Net 2.0*, a digital evangelism initiative, focuses on engaging young audiences through platforms like YouTube and Instagram. Delegates were encouraged to visit [hopetv.org](http://hopetv.org) and become part of a global movement committed to sharing a message of hope with the world.

Orathai Chureson, Director of Children's Ministries, reported on three resources made possible with funding provided by the Three Angels' Messages Committee: Three Angels' Messages Bible study guides, designed to explain Christ's second coming; Twenty-eight Fundamental Beliefs video resources, to help lead children to a greater understanding of the core beliefs and foundation of our faith; and Bible Songs, a collection of 210 Scripture-based songs. Each song presents themes of faith, hope, and love. Free resources are available at [children.adventist.org](http://children.adventist.org) and [faithfinders.com](http://faithfinders.com).

Bledi Leno, Director of Urban Ministry Center, introduced Sidewalk Evangelism, a city-focused outreach method that combines Bible study, evangelism, and community engagement. Designed specifically for fast-paced urban environments, the initiative focuses on the Three Angels' Messages. It has already led to the planting of a new church. Resources are available at [sppm.adventist.org](http://sppm.adventist.org).

Almir M Marroni, former Director of Publishing Ministries, introduced the SCORE Project—Supplying Contextualized Open-Access Resources for Evangelism. The initiative provides free, tailored literature for five major non-Christian groups: Islam, Secularism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Judaism. All resources are available at [sharinghope.com](http://sharinghope.com).

Michael Eckert, Assistant Director of Publishing Ministries, reported that since 2001, the SCORE Project has produced 31 tracts and 31 magazines, translated into 95 languages, totaling 1,372 publications. Each magazine is culturally relevant and timeless, marked with a color code and image to align with its intended audience, and includes a QR code for digital access. The

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content presents the Three Angels' Messages, the person of Jesus, God's remnant people, last-day events, and the Second Coming in clear, simple language for better understanding.

James M Howard, Director of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, emphasized that the distribution of *The Great Controversy* is a key method for sharing the Three Angels' Messages. Publishing Ministries has promoted global digital downloads, resulting in widespread Bible study interest. The Global Bible School initiative—developed in partnership with Publishing Ministries and Adventist World Radio 360 (AWR360°)—follows a three-step process: identifying Bible study interests, initiating digital studies via WhatsApp or Facebook using an avatar named Daniel, and connecting contacts with local churches. Over 2 million digital copies of *The Great Controversy* have been downloaded in multiple languages, leading to 670 Zoom Bible studies, 1,180 online studies, 214 master classes, 488 personal contacts, and 25,000 daily downloads.

Prayer was offered by Michael L Ryan.

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#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #11

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

#### General Conference

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Furaha Mpozembizi, Trans Africa

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*To be named*, Trans Euro Asia

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Prayer was offered by Thomas L Lemon, General Vice President of the General Conference.

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#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #12

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

##### General Conference

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Nilde Itin

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Samuel Gil Soldevilla

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E Douglas Venn, Adventist Possibility Ministries

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Associate Director:

Omobonike Adeola Sessou

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Associate Directors:

Petronio Genebago, Senior Youth

Alfred Asiem, Pathfinders and Adventurers

## PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Thomas L Lemon, General Vice President of the General Conference.

Thomas L Lemon, Chair

Karen J Porter, Secretary

Hensley M Mooroven, Actions Editor

Tendani P Severance, Recording Secretary

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TWELFTH BUSINESS MEETING  
Sixty-Second General Conference Session  
St Louis, Missouri  
July 10, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Audrey E Andersson, Chair, called to order the twelfth meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Elbert Kuhn, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.

ELECTIONBUDDY VOTING SOFTWARE

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

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401-25GS A DIVINELY APPOINTED MINISTRY - *CHURCH MANUAL*  
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, A Divinely Appointed Ministry - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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19AC/418-19GS/418-20GS/417-21GS/417-22GS/ChManSub/400-23GS/ChMan/  
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401-25GS A DIVINELY APPOINTED MINISTRY - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses how important it is for pastors to focus on training the local church leadership in the mission and work of the church.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 4, Pastors and Other Church Employees, pages 32 to 35, A Divinely Appointed Ministry, to read as follows:

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### A Divinely Appointed Ministry

Seventh-day Adventist ministers bear the God-given responsibility of proclaiming the everlasting gospel, making disciples, and equipping the saints according to their spiritual gifts in order to equip them for service (Eph. 4:11, 12; 2 Tim. 4:2). As Ellen G. White stated: “It was at the very beginning of His ministry that Christ began to gather in His helpers. This is a lesson to all ministers. They should constantly be looking for and training those who they think could help them in their work. They should not stand alone, trying to do by themselves all that needs to be done” (Letter 53, 1905).

Among other responsibilities, pastors are called to do the work of an evangelist, reading God’s word publicly and teaching obedience to it (1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; 4:2, 5). They are to encourage and exhort the believers (1 Tim. 5:1, 2; 6:2), and rebuke sinners (1 Tim. 5:20); ordain elders (1 Tim. 5:22; Titus 1:5); encourage the church to help the poor and those in need (Matt. 25:40); uphold the truth and take a firm stance against false doctrines (1 Tim. 1:3, 4; 4:7; 6:20, 21; Titus 1:9). They should be examples to the believers in all matters of faith and practice (1 Tim. 4:12). “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock” (1 Peter 5:2-3). Another important part of the pastoral work is the visitation ministry. Ellen G. White stated: “Remember that a minister’s work does not consist merely in preaching. He is to visit families in their homes, to pray with them, and to open to them the Scriptures. He who does faithful work outside the pulpit will accomplish tenfold more than he who confines his labors to the desk” (9T 124).

All believers have the privilege of being part of “a royal priesthood” that proclaims “the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:5-9). To support and guide this work God “gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Eph. 4:11-13).

The New Testament describes how the leadership of the church was established. During His ministry on Earth, Jesus appointed twelve apostles to accompany Him on His travels and sent them out to preach the Gospel and heal the sick (Mark 3:14, 15; Luke 6:13). He also sent out a larger group of seventy (Luke 10:1-23). This indicates that the organization of the church was initiated by Jesus Christ Himself in order to fulfill the mission of making disciples and teaching Bible truth (Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:8).

Soon after Christ’s ascension, the apostles faced increasing demands with the fast-growing church in Jerusalem. To cope with these challenges, they divided the leadership responsibilities in the local church into different areas. Seven men were chosen to “serve tables,” caring mainly for the practical and material needs of the church, while the apostles confined

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themselves “to prayer and the ministry of the Word” (Acts 6:2, 4). Both leadership groups were involved in serving or ministering, but the manner of their involvement differed significantly. These avenues of ministry reflect the offices of deacon and elder/overseer described in Paul’s writings (Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:6-9). While most elders and deacons ministered in local settings, some elders, such as Timothy and Titus, were itinerant and supervised greater territory with multiple congregations (1 Tim. 1:3, 4; Titus 1:5).

In harmony with the leadership model of the Jerusalem church, the apostles appointed elders as spiritual leaders in every church (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5). This practice explains why apostles, when they left Jerusalem to preach the Gospel, did not leave a leadership vacuum in this major center of the early church. Several years later, Barnabas and Saul delivered to the elders the relief contributions they had collected from far-flung churches for the needy believers in Judea (Acts 11:29, 30). As Ellen G. White indicates, the “organization of the church at Jerusalem was to serve as a model for the organization of churches in every other place where messengers of truth should win converts to the Gospel.”—AA 91.

These New Testament principles of church organization guided Seventh-day Adventists in the years prior to and the decades following its official organization as a church in 1863. During this time, ministers were employed by the various conferences as administrators and evangelists, raising up churches, and visiting established churches that needed counsel. Following the model of ministry of Timothy and Titus, conference-employed ministers almost never functioned as resident or “settled” pastors of a local church, in contrast to the practice in most Protestant churches then and now. In this regard, Ellen G. White wrote: “Instead of keeping the ministers at work for the churches that already know the truth, let the members of the churches say to these laborers: ‘Go work for souls that are perishing in darkness. We ourselves will carry forward the services of the church. We will keep up the meetings, and, by abiding in Christ, will maintain spiritual life. We will work for souls that are about us, and we will send our prayers and our gifts to sustain the laborers in more needy and destitute fields.’”—6T 30. “As a general rule, the conference laborers should go out from the churches into new fields, using their God-given ability to a purpose in seeking and saving the lost.”—Ev 382.

As a divinely appointed ministry, ministers are “to sow the seeds of truth. Place after place is to be visited; church after church is to be raised up. Those who take their stand for the truth are to be organized into churches, and then the minister is to pass on to other equally important fields.”—7T 20 “Just as soon as a church is organized, let the minister set the members at work. They will need to be taught how to labor successfully. Let the minister devote more of his time to educating than to preaching. Let him teach the people how to give to others the knowledge they have received. While the new converts should be taught to ask counsel from those more experienced in the work, they should also be taught not to put the minister in the place of God. Ministers are but human beings, men compassed with infirmities. Christ is the One to Whom we are to look for guidance.”— 7T 20. “Our ministers should plan wisely, as faithful

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stewards. They should feel that it is not their duty to hover over the churches already raised up, but that they should be doing aggressive evangelistic work, preaching the Word and doing house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth. . . . They will find that nothing is so encouraging as doing evangelistic work in new fields.”—Ev 382.

These inspired counsels remain just as relevant today. Our ministers have the solemn responsibility of leading their congregations in the mission of reaching others for Christ. As Ellen G. White stated, “The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.”—9T 117. And “when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away” (1 Peter 1:4).

~~“God has a church, and she has a divinely appointed ministry. ‘And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. . . .’~~

~~“Men appointed of God have been chosen to watch with jealous care, with vigilant perseverance, that the church may not be overthrown by the evil devices of Satan, but that she shall stand in the world to promote the glory of God among men.”—TM 52, 53.~~

Conference President—The conference president should be an - No change

Conference Departmental Directors—Conference departmental directors - No change

Ordained Pastors—Ordained pastors appointed by the conference committee - No change

Licensed Pastors—To give individuals an opportunity to demonstrate their - No change

Bible Instructors—The conference may employ Bible instructors and assign - No change

Conference Directs Church Employees—The conference president in - No change

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407-25GSc TITHE - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Tithe - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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#### 407-25GSc TITHE - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses that faithfulness in tithing is vital to the work of the Church.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 12, Finance, pages 142 and 143, Tithe, to read as follows:

#### Tithe

~~In recognition of the biblical plan and the solemn privilege and responsibility that rest upon members as children of God and members of His body, the Church,~~ In loving response to the gift of salvation (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-10), and in accordance with the biblical plan (Lev. 27:30), all are encouraged to faithfully return a tithe, one tenth of their increase or personal income, into the denomination's treasury.

Tithe shall not be used in any way by the local church, but held in trust and remitted to the conference treasurer. Thus tithe from all the churches flows into the conference treasury, and percentages are forwarded to the next level in accordance with General Conference and division working policies. This allows the Church to be a disciple-making movement in its regions, actively fulfilling its mission of sharing the everlasting gospel to the whole world in preparation for Christ's soon return. ~~next higher level in accordance with General Conference and division working policies to meet the expenses of conducting the work of God in their respective spheres of responsibility and activity.~~

These policies have been developed for the gathering and disbursing of funds in all the world ~~and for the conducting of the business affairs of the cause. The financial and business aspects of the~~ for funding mission and evangelistic initiatives, and for conducting the business affairs of the Church. ~~The financial and business aspects of this~~ work are of great importance. They cannot be separated from the proclamation of the message of salvation. They are indeed an integral part of it.

Systematic Benevolence and ~~Unity~~ The Unity—God's word invites all believers to be faithful and systematic in their returning of tithe and giving offerings. The financial plan of the Church serves a larger purpose than appears in its financial and statistical reports. The system of sharing the funds with the world fields, as outlined by General Conference *Working Policy*, serves a wonderful purpose of unifying the Church's spiritual work throughout the world.

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How Tithe Is to Be Used—Tithe is held sacred for the work of the ministry, for Bible teaching, and for the support of conference administration in the care of the churches and of field outreach (missionary) endeavors. Tithe shall not be spent on other work, on paying church or institutional debts, or on building programs, except as approved under General Conference *Working Policy*. For more information on the use of tithe, review Stewardship Ministries Resources, see Notes, #1, p. 190-191.

“A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord’s arrangement. God will judge for these things.”—9T 248.

How Tithe Is Handled—Tithe is the Lord’s and is to be brought as an act of worship to the conference treasury through the church in which the person’s membership is held. Where unusual circumstances exist, members should consult with conference officers.

Church and Conference Officers to Set Example—Elders and other officers, as well as the pastor and conference and institutional employees, are expected to set good leadership examples by returning tithe. No one shall be continued as either a church officer or conference employee who does not conform to this standard of leadership.

#### CONTINUING *CHURCH MANUAL* AGENDA

VOTED, To continue with the *Church Manual* agenda.

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407-24GSd OFFERINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Offerings - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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#### 407-25GSd OFFERINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment expresses the importance of giving offerings as an act of worship and explains the different offering plans.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 12, Finance, pages 143-145, Offerings, to read as follows:

#### Offerings

In addition to the tithe, Scripture emphasizes our privilege and responsibility to bring offerings to the Lord. We are encouraged to give offerings cheerfully and systematically as an act of worship for all that God has blessed us with, both great and small. Giving offerings is an act of loving sacrifice and a response of gratitude as we follow the Holy Spirit's promptings. Malachi 3:8-12 warns about withholding offerings and tithe and encourages us with the promise of God's blessing that will be poured out in abundance. Since the Church's earliest days, believers have given liberal offerings that have blessed and prospered God's work. ~~our obligation to bring offerings to the Lord. Withholding of offerings is classed with withholding tithe and is called robbery (Mal. 3:8). Since the Church's earliest days, members have given liberal offerings that have blessed and prospered God's work.~~

~~In addition to the traditional calendar of offerings program, where each offering taken is for a specific purpose, the General Conference has approved the combined offering system and the personal giving plan.~~ The Church has three offering plans: the Combined Offering Plan, the Calendar of Offerings, and the Personal Giving Offering Plan. Each division executive committee is authorized to determine which plan(s) will be used in its territory.

Regular and Systematic Offerings—Regular and systematic offerings are given after any income or increase in assets (Proverbs 3:9) as an act of worship, in recognition of God's blessings. They represent a worshiper's chosen proportion of any income or increase in assets (Deut. 16:17; 1 Cor. 16:2). One's expression of worship through financial stewardship begins with tithing and the support of the Church through regular and systematic offerings. Worshipers should be encouraged to distribute their regular and systematic offerings to equitably cover all the mission needs of the Church, locally, regionally, and internationally (Acts 1:8).

Where the Combined Offering Plan is practiced, worshipers are encouraged to give their regular and systematic offerings as unassigned offerings, that will be equitably distributed by the church according to a pre-arranged formula, covering all the mission needs of the Church.

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locally, regionally, and internationally (Acts 1:8). All unassigned offerings, collected at any time or mode, including during Sabbath School, will be distributed according to this same formula. (See p. 89.)

“Those churches who are the most systematic and liberal in sustaining the cause of God are the most prosperous spiritually.”—3T 405.

“If the plan of systematic benevolence were adopted by every individual and fully carried out, there would be a constant supply in the treasury. The income would flow in like a steady stream constantly supplied by overflowing springs of benevolence.”—3T 389.

~~Sabbath School Offerings—The Church’s most widely used and successful method of regular systematic giving is through Sabbath School offerings, which are devoted to world mission work.~~

~~Other Offerings—Other offerings may be necessary from time to time for world mission work and for local projects. However, such offerings should be limited so as not to detract from the purpose and benefit of promoting regular and systematic giving. When such offerings are collected, they are to be used for the specific purpose for which it has been given. Those offerings should be promoted and given above and beyond regular return of tithe and systematic offerings through the local church. (For information regarding offerings collected during Sabbath School, see p. 88.) are taken from time to time for world mission work and for general and local projects. When any offering is taken, all money collected, unless otherwise indicated by the donor, shall be counted as part of that particular offering.~~

~~Special Gifts to Fields—The financial support of the worldwide work of the Church is based on the budget system. Appropriations are made to the various fields on the basis of budgeted needs. This is a fair and equitable method of distributing the funds.~~

~~Where special gifts outside the regular budget plan are made to a particular field, a disparity is created to the disadvantage of other fields. If such gifts are given for the purpose of starting new work, the work thus started may languish when the special gift is used up, or it may have to be included in the budget for its future support. Thus other fields, with perhaps greater needs but without the opportunity of making them known, would be deprived of their equitable part of general funds that would be diverted to the work started by special gifts.~~

~~History has proved the wisdom of having members generously and loyally give their offerings and gifts through the accepted channels and knowing that every field shares in the benefits of their giving.~~

~~Assisting the Poor and Needy—Offerings for the poor and needy are may be taken to assist the members who require help. A reserve fund should be kept for such emergency cases. In~~

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addition, the church should take a benevolent attitude toward all in need, and the board may make appropriations from this fund to assist the church's health and welfare work for families in the community.

Church Budget for Local Expenses—The most satisfactory method of providing for church expenses is the budget plan. Before the beginning of the new budget year, the board should prepare a budget of expenses for church activities during the next year. The budget should include all income and expenses, including those related to all departments. It should provide for such projected costs as utilities, insurance, maintenance, janitor service, funds for the poor and needy, and church school expense. (See Notes, #2, p. 191, for sample budget.)

The budget should be presented to the church for its study and adoption, and for plans to assure that funds shall be provided to balance the budget during the coming year. Funds to meet the church expense budget may be raised by offerings or subscriptions. Members should be urged to support their local church in proportion to their financial circumstances.

Announcing Tithe and Offerings—Returning tithe and giving offerings is an essential part of the worship service. Great care should be given to announcing the tithe and offering collection during Sabbath School, Sabbath worship service, and, where possible, via church bulletins and other church communications. The announcement should promote biblical stewardship principles, including giving as an act of worship, the clear connection that exists between giving and mission, the value of regular and systematic giving, and the wonderful blessings that result from faithfulness. Resources are available through the offices of Adventist Mission and Stewardship Ministries of the local conference.

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#### 407-25GSe TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY - *CHURCH* *MANUAL* ADDITION

RATIONALE: This addition underscores the importance of accountability through transparency and financial reporting.

VOTED, To add a new section, Transparency and Accountability, to the *Church Manual*, Chapter 12, Finance, following Auditing, on page 147, to read as follows:

Transparency and Accountability—The church should prepare quarterly reports to be presented to the church members. These reports should include information about the proper governance of funds, the adequate allocation of resources for mission-related purposes, and

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testimonies highlighting the impact of contributions on advancing the Church's mission. Furthermore, the church should present an annual report showing the proportion that is systematic in returning tithe and giving offerings.

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411-25GSa CHURCH BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the motion to amend the item, Church Board and its Meetings.

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411-25GSa CHURCH BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To not amend the item, Church Board and its Meetings - *Church Manual* Amendment by adding “the study and promotion of the writings of Ellen G White, Adventist history, and Adventist identity” after “Bible study” on line 16, page 13 of the revised agenda.

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411-25GSa CHURCH BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Church Board and its Meetings - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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411-25GSa CHURCH BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS - *CHURCH*  
*MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment intends to highlight the importance of disciple-making, evangelism, and reclaiming ministries in the strategic plans of the church board.

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VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 11, Services and Other Meetings, pages 134 to 138, Church Board and Its Meetings, to read as follows:

### Church Board and Its Meetings

Definition and Function—Every church must have a functioning board whose members have been elected during a church business meeting. Its chief concern is having an active and comprehensive plan to fulfill its mission of making disciples, which includes evangelism, outreach to the community, and the spiritual nurture and training of the church. ~~discipleship plan in place, which includes both the spiritual nurture of the church and the work of planning and fostering evangelism.~~

~~Included in church board responsibilities are:~~

- ~~1. An active discipleship plan.~~
- ~~2. Evangelism in all of its phases.~~
- ~~3. Spiritual nurturing and mentoring of members.~~
- ~~4. Maintenance of doctrinal purity.~~
- ~~5. Upholding of Christian standards.~~
- ~~6. Recommending changes in church membership.~~
- ~~7. Oversight of church finances.~~
- ~~8. Protection and care of church properties.~~
- ~~9. Coordination of church departments.~~

[Additional paragraph, see 411-25Gb]

The gospel commission of Jesus tells us that making disciples, which includes baptizing and teaching, is the primary function of the church (Matt. 28:18-20). It is, therefore, also the primary function of the board, which serves as the chief committee of the church. When the board devotes its first interests and highest energies to involving every member in proclaiming the good news and making disciples, most problems are alleviated or prevented, and a strong, positive influence is felt in the spiritual life and growth of members.

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Christ's love for the Church needs to be manifested within the Church by His followers. Being a disciple entails not only Biblical teaching, but also a passionate commitment to loving our fellow believers unconditionally. This was the heart of Christ's message to His disciples as He faced the cross (John 15:9-13). Christ's command to them applies to us: that we "love one another." Ellen G. White's powerful insight into this historical scene is still vital for us: "This love is the evidence of their discipleship."—DA 677, 678.

~~Spiritual Nurture—Christ's love for the Church needs to be manifested within the Church by His followers. True discipleship entails not only Biblical teaching (Matt. 28:20), but also a passionate commitment to loving our fellow believers unconditionally. This was the heart of Christ's message to His disciples as He faced the cross (John 15:9-13). Christ's command to them applies to us: that we "love one another." Ellen G. White's powerful insight into this historical scene is still vital for us: "This love is the evidence of their discipleship."—DA 677, 678.~~

~~Therefore, it is one of the primary functions of the board to ensure that members are nurtured and mentored in a personal, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.~~

Making Disciples—The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ, who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel of the Three Angels' Messages in preparation for His soon return (Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Rev. 14:6-12). The purpose of the Church as the body of Christ is to intentionally make disciples so that they continue in an active and fruitful relationship with Christ and His Church.

Disciple-making is based on an ongoing, lifelong relationship with Jesus. The believer commits to "abiding in Christ" (John 15:8), to being trained for fruitful ~~discipleship~~ disciple-making by sharing Jesus with others, as well as to leading other members to also be faithful disciples.

The Church, individually and collectively, shares responsibility for ensuring that every church member remains part of the body of Christ.

Membership—The board is elected by the members at the time - No changes

Officers—The chairperson of the board is the conference-appointed - No change

Meetings—Because the work of the board is vital to the - No change

Work of the Board—The board is responsible to: 1. Develop and oversee an active, ongoing disciple-making plan which includes both spiritual nurture and evangelistic outreach.

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This plan is the most important item for the board's attention. Ensure that there is an active, ongoing discipleship plan in place, which includes both spiritual nurture and outreach ministries. This is the most important item for the board's attention.

2. Study membership lists and initiate plans for reconnecting (reclaiming) members who have separated from the church.

3. 2. Educate and nurture all members into a personal and dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ; one that includes prayer, Bible study, attending Sabbath School, witnessing, intentional spiritual growth, and using their talents and spiritual gifts in the church and community. Train local church leadership in how to encourage intentional spiritual growth in themselves and others.

3. Study the membership list and initiate plans for reconnecting with (reclaiming) members who have separated from the church. A healthy church develops a nurturing plan that equips every member to be involved in disciple-making using their talents and spiritual gifts. In addition, it should create a strategy to retain and reclaim former and inactive members through (1) a regular redemptive membership review process and (2) reclaiming ministries. (See p. 61.)

4. Evangelize the outreach (missionary) territory of the church. Once each quarter an entire meeting should be devoted to plans for evangelism. The board will study conference recommendations for evangelistic programs and methods and how they can be implemented locally. The pastor and the board will initiate and develop plans for public evangelistic meetings.

5. Coordinate outreach programs for all church departments, although each department develops its plans for outreach within its own sphere. To avoid conflict in timing, competition in securing volunteers, and to achieve maximum beneficial results, coordination is essential. Before completing and announcing plans for any program, each department should submit its plans to the board for approval. The departments also report to the board on the progress and results of their outreach programs. The board may suggest how departmental programs can contribute to the preparation, conduct, and follow-up of a public evangelistic campaign.

6. Encourage the personal ministries department to enlist all members and children in some form of personal outreach (missionary) service. Training classes should be conducted in various lines of outreach ministry.

7. Encourage the interest coordinator to ensure that every interest is personally and promptly followed up by assigned laypersons.

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8. Encourage each department to report at least quarterly to the board and to members at business meetings or in Sabbath meetings in regards to spiritual nurture and evangelism.

9. Receive regular reports. The board should consider details of church business and receive regular reports of the treasurer on the church's finances. ~~The board should study the membership record and inquire into the spiritual standing of all members and provide for visits to sick, discouraged, or backslidden members.~~ Other officers should periodically report.

10. Promote Adventist education.

Committees of the Board—The board should permit no other business - No change

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411-25GSb CHURCH BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Church Board and its Meetings - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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411-25GSb CHURCH BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS - *CHURCH  
MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment intends to highlight the importance of disciple-making, evangelism, and reclaiming ministries in the strategic plans of the church board.

VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 11, Services and Other Meetings, pages 134 to 138, Church Board and Its Meetings, to read as follows:

#### Church Board and Its Meetings

Definition and Function—Every church must have [See 411-25GSa]

Included in church board responsibilities [See 411-25GSa]

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In addition to this overarching plan, the church board is to ensure the protection, safeguarding, and care of all church attendees, foster faithfulness to biblical teaching and uphold Christian standards in the church, recommend changes in church membership, oversee church finances, coordinate the work of the various departments of the church, and maintain church properties.

The gospel commission of Jesus tells us that making [See 411-25GSa]

[Additional new paragraph, see 411-25GSa]

Spiritual Nurture—Christ's love for the Church needs to be manifested [See 411-25GSa]

Making Disciples—The mission of the Church is to make disciples [See 411-25GSa]

Membership—The board is elected by the members at the time - No changes

Officers—The chairperson of the board is the conference-appointed - No change

Meetings—Because the work of the board is vital to the - No change

Work of the Board—The board is responsible [See 411-25GSa]

Committees of the Board—The board should permit no other business - No change

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412-25GS BUSINESS MEETINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

VOTED, To cease debate and vote on the item, Business Meetings - *Church Manual* Amendment.

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412-25GS BUSINESS MEETINGS - *CHURCH MANUAL* AMENDMENT

RATIONALE: This amendment allows for church business meetings to be held virtually.

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VOTED, To amend the *Church Manual*, Chapter 11, Services and Other Meetings, page 134, Business Meetings, to read as follows:

### Business Meetings

The local church operates within defined roles in Seventh-day Adventist Church structure. Within the context of those roles, the business meeting is the constituency meeting of the local church. (See pp. 28-29.) Members in regular standing are encouraged to attend and are entitled to vote. A member under censure has no right to participate by voice or vote.

Business meetings shall be held at least once a year. The pastor, or the board in consultation with and support of the pastor, calls the meeting. Business meetings should be announced a week or two in advance at the regular Sabbath worship service, with detail as to time and place. The pastor, an elder chosen by the pastor, or, in some cases, the conference president, or his designee, serves as chairperson of the business meeting.

Each church decides what the quorum will be for future meetings.

Where authorized by the conference executive committee (who shall give guidance on basic principles and technical solutions) and approved by the church, members may participate in business meetings by means of an electronic conference or similar communication by which all persons participating can communicate with each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting. Votes by proxy or letter are not permitted.

Major items should be decided at a regular or specially called business meeting.

The business meeting has authority over the board and may delegate responsibilities to the board in addition to those already assigned by the *Church Manual*. (See pp. 134-138.)

The business meeting agenda should include reports about the work of the church. At least once a year the agenda should include reports covering church activities. Based on those reports, a proposed plan of action for the next year, including an annual budget, should be presented for approval. When possible, reports and plans for the next year should be presented in writing. (See Notes, #7, pp. 189-190.)

In order to maintain a spirit of cooperation between the church and conference, the church shall secure counsel from conference officers on all major matters.

Conference and union officers (president, secretary, treasurer) or their designee may attend without vote (unless granted by the church) any business meeting of any church in their

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territory. An action to allow voting is not required if the officer is currently a member of that congregation.

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### 136-25GSc UNITY THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Elias Brasil de Souza, Director of the Biblical Research Institute, shared that one of the essential qualities of the Church is its unity. This presentation examined the theological aspects of unity within the Church, situated against the backdrop of a diverse and often divided world. Drawing on passages such as Psalm 133, John 17, and Ephesians, as well as various biblical images of unity, this examination explored both the spiritual and practical aspects of unity as the foundation for a Church that can fully serve God's purposes. Unity is not merely an abstract concept but a living expression of what it means to be the body of Christ. When God's people stand together around Jesus, they become a powerful witness to the world and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission God has entrusted to them.

### PRAYER

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

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THIRTEENTH BUSINESS MEETING  
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St Louis, Missouri  
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Pierre E Omeler, Chair, called to order the thirteenth meeting of the 2025 General Conference Session.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Stephen E Brooks, Secretary of the Southwestern Union Conference in the North American Division.

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135-25GS 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. He also calls each Adventist entity to this mission of restoration and redemption.

The soon return of Jesus Christ compels us to urgently advance this unique Adventist 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.

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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 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

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

<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> Ps 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> Josh 1:8; Ps 1:2, 63:6, 77:12, 119:15, 97, 145:5; DA 82-83, 207, 271; 5T 112-13.

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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:

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, experiencing, 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>

<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

<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); Holy Spirit (FB 5); 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> LS 196.

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## 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> serving the needs of others,<sup>17</sup> and preparing for the latter rain of the Holy Spirit.<sup>18</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>19</sup>

### *Measurable Goals*

Significant increases in:

3.1 Church members embracing worldwide church unity in the body of Christ through biblical truth as understood by Seventh-day Adventists, led by the Holy Spirit

3.2 Cooperative working relationships across church, organizational, and institutional boundaries/structures to advance mission

3.3 Community, and harmony in local churches and in church organizations at all levels of church structure, through the power of the Holy Spirit and through training in Biblical reconciliation and conflict resolution

3.4 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

3.5 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>20</sup> Seventh-day Adventist members and church entities are engaged in personal and public proclamation of “the everlasting gospel... to

<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 Peter 2:5

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

<sup>17</sup> Luke 4:40; James 1:27

<sup>18</sup> Deut 11:14; Joel 2:28-32; Isa 44:3; James 5:7-8

<sup>19</sup> 2 Cor 5:17-20

<sup>20</sup> 1 Cor 12:4-27; Eph 4:11-12

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every nation, tribe, language, and people” (Rev 14:6, NASB). The Great Commission to make disciples<sup>21</sup> requires creative and modern means while remaining true to Christ’s incarnational<sup>22</sup> and wholistic approach to mission.<sup>23</sup> Christ mingled, showed sympathy, ministered to needs, won confidence, then invited people to follow Him.<sup>24</sup> The goal is to take a genuine interest in people, leading them to Christ and inviting 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 through 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

### MISSION REFOCUS: SOCIAL MEDIA

A short video was presented regarding Mission Refocus: “Integrated for Mission, Reaching Challenging Areas and People Groups.” It highlighted various social media platforms for individuals to connect and be more involved in mission.

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<sup>21</sup> Matt 28:18-20

<sup>22</sup> John 1:14, Phil 2:5-16

<sup>23</sup> Matt 9:35-38

<sup>24</sup> MH 73

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## HEROES GAME APP - WINNERS AND FINALISTS

Sibusiso B Khumalo, Director of Youth Ministries, Sam H Neves, Associate Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, and several teen students presented and demoed a game called “Bible Trivia Game: Heroes,” currently available for download on Android and iPhone. Erton C Kohler, President of the General Conference, presented awards to the students for their participation. The Bible trivia game is used to get the youth more involved in the Church.

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST INTERNATIONAL BIBLE COMMENTARY

A video presentation was shown, provided by Pacific Press Publishing Association and the Review and Herald Publishing Association, regarding the *Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary*. A new and updated approach has been introduced, to include the use of several languages such as English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish that will help to strengthen the unity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## SAFELIZ

A short video was shown, showcasing the *Maranatha Study Bible* and the *Praise and Worship Bible* produced by Safeliz. The *Maranatha Study Bible* will include study notes, references, history charts, infographics, articles, and a host of other resources designed to help individuals better understand God’s Word. The *Praise and Worship Bible* includes 210 Bible songs and assorted daily devotionals according to age groups.

## WEIMAR UNIVERSITY: LIVES TRANSFORMED

A short video presentation by Weimar University highlighted the use of God’s Word in education and Total Community Involvement (TCI).

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## 136-25Gd MISSION FOR ALL

Justin Kim, Editor of *Adventist Review*, spotlighted the life and legacy of Major-General John Charles Beckwith, a Canadian who dedicated his life to revitalizing the Waldensian church in Italy. Inspired by a book detailing the Waldensians’ poverty and decline, Beckwith focused on education, church reform, and evangelism, emphasizing the importance of mission as the core

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identity of the Church. His famous declaration, “You will be missionaries, or you will not be at all,” underscores the belief that without mission, a Church loses its purpose and vitality.

There is a visible contrast between a mission-driven Church and a “club church,” where members are passive and self-focused. Ellen G White advocated for churches to be training grounds for active discipleship and outreach. Mission must be holistic—combining service and proclamation, addressing both spiritual and physical needs. Churches should not become like the rich man surrounded by gold, isolated and stagnant. True vitality comes from outward-focused, sacrificial engagement in both local and global mission.

There are three “balancing acts” essential to sustaining mission: service and proclamation, sending and receiving, and the theological tension between Christ’s first and second advents. Every believer is both a missionary and a mission field. Every member should be challenged to rekindle their passion and actively participate in spreading the gospel across all cultures and contexts.

## ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn *sine die*.

## PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Claude J Richli, Associate Secretary for the General Conference.

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101-25Ga CALENDAR OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS—  
 WORLD 2026-2031

RECOMMENDED, To record the Calendar of Thirteenth Sabbath (Quarterly Mission Project)  
 Offerings—World 2026-2031, which reads as follows:

			<u>Proj Selection</u> <u>Deadline</u>	<u>Visit to</u> <u>Division</u>
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
2029				
	First Quarter	South American Division	Mar 2027	Jun 2027
	Second Quarter	South Pacific Division	June 2027	Sep 2027
	Third Quarter	East-Central Africa Division	Sep 2027	Dec 2027
	Fourth Quarter	Inter-European Division	Dec 2027	Mar 2028
2030				
	First Quarter	Trans-European Division	Mar 2028	Jun 2028
	Second Quarter	West-Central Africa Division	June 2028	Sep 2028
	Third Quarter	Southern Asia Division	Sep 2028	Dec 2028
	Fourth Quarter	Euro-Asia Division	Dec 2028	Mar 2029

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101-25Ga CALENDAR OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS—  
WORLD 2026-2031 - 2

1			Proj Selection	Visit to
2			<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Division</u>
3	2031			
4	First Quarter	Inter-American Division	Mar 2029	Jun 2029
5	Second Quarter	North American Division	June 2029	Sep 2029
6	Third Quarter	Northern Asia-Pacific Division	Sep 2029	Dec 2029
7	Fourth Quarter	Southern Asia-Pacific Division	Dec 2029	Mar 2030
8				
9				
10	Distribution summary among divisions from 2026 through 2031:			
11				
12	East-Central Africa	2		
13	Euro-Asia	2		
14	Inter-American	2		
15	Inter-European	2		
16	North American	2		
17	Northern Asia-Pacific	2		
18	South American	1		
19	South Pacific	2		
20	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean	1		
21	Southern Asia	2		
22	Southern Asia-Pacific	2		
23	Trans-European	2		
24	West-Central Africa	2		

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101-25Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2026

RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2026, which reads as follows:

January

3 Outreach/Church Budget

10 Division

17 Church Budget

24 Conference/Union

31 Church Budget

February

7 Outreach/Church Budget

14 Division

21 Church Budget

28 Conference/Union

March

7 Outreach/Church Budget

14\*+ Adventist World Radio

21 Church Budget

28 Conference/Union

April

4 Outreach/Church Budget

11\*+ Hope Channel International

18 Church Budget

25 Conference/Union

May

2 Outreach/Church Budget

9\*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)

16 Church Budget

23 Conference/Union

30 Church Budget

June

6 Outreach/Church Budget

13 Division

20 Church Budget

27 Conference/Union

## 101-25Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2026 - 2

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

## 101-25Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2026 - 3

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

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101-25Gd CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2027

RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2027, which reads as follows:

January

2 Outreach/Church Budget

9 Division

16 Church Budget

23 Conference/Union

30 Church Budget

February

6 Outreach/Church Budget

13 Division

20 Church Budget

27 Conference/Union

March

6 Outreach/Church Budget

13\*+ Adventist World Radio

20 Church Budget

27 Conference/Union

April

3 Outreach/Church Budget

10\*+ Hope Channel International

17 Church Budget

24 Conference/Union

May

1 Outreach/Church Budget

8\*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)

15 Church Budget

22 Conference/Union

29 Church Budget

June

5 Outreach/Church Budget

12 Division

19 Church Budget

26 Conference/Union

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## 101-25Gd CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2027 - 2

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

## 101-25Gd CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2027 - 3

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

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101-25Gi CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2028

RECOMMENDED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2028, which reads as follows:

January

1 Outreach/Church Budget

8 Division

15 Church Budget

22 Conference/Union

29 Church Budget

February

5 Outreach/Church Budget

12 Division

19 Church Budget

26 Conference/Union

March

4 Outreach/Church Budget

11\*+ Adventist World Radio

18 Church Budget

25 Conference/Union

April

1 Outreach/Church Budget

8\*+ Hope Channel International

15 Church Budget

22 Conference/Union

29 Church Budget

May

6 Outreach/Church Budget

13\*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)

20 Church Budget

27 Conference/Union

June

3 Outreach/Church Budget

10 Division

17 Church Budget

24 Conference/Union

## 101-25Gi CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2028 - 2

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

## 101-25Gi CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2028 - 3

1	<u>Summary of Offerings</u>	
2	General Conference	6
3	Division	6
4	Conference/Union	12
5	Church	29
6		
7	Total	53
8		
9	*Program provided by the General Conference	
10	+Worldwide offering	

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# 101-25Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD 2026

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

## MATERIALS

### January

3	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
7-17	Ten Days of Prayer	GC-MIN
10	Health Ministries	GC-HM/DIV
17	Religious Liberty Day	GC/NAD-PARL
24		
31		

### February

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

### March

7	Women's Day of Prayer	GC-WM
14	Adventist World Radio	GC-AWR
21-28	Youth Week of Prayer	GC-YOU
21	Global Youth Day/Global Children's Day	GC-YOU/CHM
28	Christian Education	Divisions

### April

4	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
4	World Ambassador Day	GC-YOU
11-17	Literature Evangelism Rally Week	Divisions
11	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's Day)	GC-SSPM
11	Hope Channel International	GC-HCI
11	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	Divisions
18	Possibility Ministries Day	GC-APM

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101-25Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2026 - 2

1			<u>MATERIALS</u>
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		
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	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 and Mission	Divisions
39		Commitment Day	
40	6-12	Family Togetherness Week of	GC-FM
41		Prayer	
42	12	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	GC-FM

# 101-25Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD 2026 - 3

## MATERIALS

1			
2	<u>September</u>	contd	
3	12	Mission Promotion	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> Promotion	GC-AR
10		Sabbath	
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-AR
19	14-20	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	GC-YOU
20		Young Adults	
21	14	Mission Promotion	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	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at		
34	<a href="https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days">https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days</a> .		

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# 101-25Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD 2027

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

## MATERIALS

### January

2	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
6-16	Ten Days of Prayer	GC-MIN
9	Health Ministries	GC-HM/DIV
16	Religious Liberty Day	GC/NAD-PARL
23		
30		

### February

6	<i>Reach the World:</i> Personal Outreach	GC-SSPM
13-20	Christian Home and Marriage Week	GC-FM
20		
27		

### March

6	Women's Day of Prayer	GC-WM
13	Adventist World Radio	GC-AWR
20-27	Youth Week of Prayer	GC-YOU
20	Global Youth Day/Global Children's Day	GC-YOU/CHM
27	Christian Education	Divisions

### April

3	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
3	World Ambassador Day	GC-YOU
10-16	Literature Evangelism Rally Week	Divisions
10	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's Day)	GC-SSPM
10	Hope Channel International	GC-HCI
10	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	Divisions
17	Possibility Ministries Day	GC-APM
24		

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101-25Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2027 - 2

1			<u>MATERIALS</u>
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		
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	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 and Mission	Divisions
39		Commitment Day	
40	5-11	Family Togetherness Week of	GC-FM
41		Prayer	
42	11	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	GC-FM

101-25Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2027 - 3

MATERIALS

1			
2	<u>September</u>	contd	
3	11	Mission Promotion	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> Promotion	GC-AR
10		Sabbath	
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-AR
19	13-19	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	GC-YOU
20		Young Adults	
21	13	Mission Promotion	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	Promotional materials for events sponsored by General Conference departments can be found at		
34	<a href="https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days">https://gc.adventist.org/events/special-days</a> .		

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## 101-25Gh CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD 2028

RECOMMENDED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2028, to read as follows:

### MATERIALS

#### January

1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
5-15	Ten Days of Prayer	GC-MIN
8	Health Ministries	GC-HM/DIV
15	Religious Liberty Day	GC/NAD-PARL
22		
29		

#### February

5	<i>Reach the World:</i> Personal Outreach	GC-SSPM
12-19	Christian Home and Marriage Week	GC-FM
19		
26		

#### March

4	Women's Day of Prayer	GC-WM
11	Adventist World Radio	GC-AWR
18-25	Youth Week of Prayer	GC-YOU
25	Global Youth Day/Global Children's Day	GC-YOU/CHM
25	Christian Education	Divisions

#### April

1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
1	World Ambassador Day	GC-YOU
8-14	Literature Evangelism Rally Week	Divisions
8	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's Day)	GC-SSPM
8	Hope Channel International	GC-HCI
8	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	Divisions
15	Possibility Ministries Day	GC-APM

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101-25Gh CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2028 - 2

1			<u>MATERIALS</u>
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		
7	13	Global Adventurer's Day	GC-YOU
8	20	World Day of Prayer for Children	GC-CHM
9		at Risk	
10	27		
11			
12	<u>June</u>		
13	3	<i>Reach the World:</i> Bible Study:	GC-SSPM
14		Sabbath School and	
15		Correspondence Courses	
16	10	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	GC-WM
17	17	<i>Reach the World:</i> Nurturing Other	GC-SSPM
18		Members and Reclaiming	
19	17	Adventist Church World	ADRA
20		Refugee Day	
21	24	World Public Campus Ministries Day	GC-YOU
22			
23	<u>July</u>		
24	1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
25	8	Missions Promotion	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 and Mission	Divisions
39		Commitment Day	
40	3-9	Family Togetherness Week of	GC-FM
41		Prayer	
42	9	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	GC-FM

101-25Gh CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—WORLD  
2028 - 3

1			<u>MATERIALS</u>
2	<u>September</u>	contd	
3	9	Mission Promotion	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	Adventist Review Promotion	GC-AR
11		Sabbath	
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-AR
19	11-17	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	GC-YOU
20		Young Adults	
21	11	Mission Promotion	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		
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#### 102-25Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2025

RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2025, with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2025</u>			
7(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Tue	French Media Advisory Committee	Silver Spring MD
8	<del>Wed</del>	<del>French Media Advisory Committee</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
8(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Wed	<u>Institute for Prevention of Addictions Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
8(pm)	Wed	<u>Data Sovereignty and Stewardship Commission</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
8(pm)	Wed	<u>AIAS Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
8(eve)-15	Wed	<u>Annual Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
9-10	<del>Thu</del>	<del>LEAD Conference</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
9-15	<del>Thu</del>	<del>Annual Council</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
9	Thu	<u>LEAD Conference</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
10(pm)	Fri	<del>ADRA International Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
10(pm)	Fri	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
12(eve)	Sun	<u>ADRA International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
13(pm)	Mon	<u>Hope Channel International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
20-Nov 8	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Istanbul TURKIYE
20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
22-25	Wed	Young Adult Relationship Convention	Istanbul TURKIYE
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
<u>November 2025</u>			
<u>December 2025</u>			
3(am)	Wed	ADRA International Board	Online Meeting
3(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD

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GCDO24AC/24AC/ADCOM/101-24Gc/ADCOM/GCDO25SM/25SM/ADCOM/GCDO25AC to  
KJP-25AC(DIV)

#### 102-25Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2026

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2026</u>			
8	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
12-13	Mon	Executive Officer's Meeting	MEXICO
<del>14-16</del>	<del>Wed</del>	<del>PREXAD and Division Officers</del>	<del>MEXICO</del>
<u>14-16</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>PREXAD and GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>MEXICO</u>
<u>16-18</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>PREXAD, GC &amp; Div Off, GC Dept Dirs/Assoc</u>	<u>MEXICO</u>
<u>17-18</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>GCDO and GC Dept Directors/Associates</u>	<u>MEXICO</u>
<u>18-20</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>PREXAD, GC Officers, GC Dept Dirs/Assoc</u>	<u>MEXICO</u>
<u>18-19</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>GC Officers, Field Sees, &amp; GC Dept Dir/Assoe</u>	<u>MEXICO</u>
<del>19-Feb 7</del>	<del>Mon</del>	<del>IWM Mission Institute</del>	<del>Chiang Mai THAILAND</del>
<u>26-Feb 14</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Chiang Mai THAILAND</u>
26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
27(am)	Tue	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Online Meeting
28(am)	Wed	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Online Meeting
<u>February 2026</u>			
2-3	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Collegedale TN
<u>20-22</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Public Affairs &amp; Religious Liberty Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
22	Sun	Mission Conf: Hybrid Mission in a Digital Age	Online Meeting
<u>23-28</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist Technology Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>23-28</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Communication Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>23-28</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Ministerial Association Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>23-28</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Youth Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>23-26</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Children's Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>23-26</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Planned Giving &amp; Trust Services Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>28-Mar 5</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Family Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>March 2026</u>			
<u>1(pm)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Executive Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
<del>2-7</del>	<del>Mon</del>	<del>Sabbath School/Personal Ministries Advisory</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
<u>2-5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist Chaplaincy Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>2-4</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist Mission Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<del>2-4</del>	<del>Mon</del>	<del>Public Affairs &amp; Religious Liberty Advisory</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
<u>2</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Board Committees</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
2				
3	<u>March 2026</u>	contd		
4	<u>2(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Seminary Executive Com</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
5	<u>3</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Andrews University Board</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
6	<u>3(pm)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Andrews University Membership</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
7	<u>6-11</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Stewardship Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
8	<u>6-10</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Women's Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
9	<u>9-12</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist Possibility Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
10	<u>9-12</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Publishing Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
11	<u>9-12</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Secretariat /AVS /IPRS Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
12	<u>9-11</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Secretariat/AVS/IPRS/VF Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
13	<u>10-14</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Women's Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
14	<u>11-15</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Adventist Possibility Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
15	<u>11-12</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Archives, Statistics, and Research Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
16	<u>13-14</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Ellen G White Estate Board</u>	
17	<u>14-17</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Health Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
18	<u>14-17</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Publishing Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
19	<u>16-21</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>SSPM and SS Curriculum Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
20	<u>16-20</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Health Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
21	<u>16-19</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Health Ministries Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
22	<u>23-26</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Prime Time</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
23	<u>23-24</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Ellen G White Estate Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
24	<u>23(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>ADRA International Board</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
25	<u>24(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
26	<u>26(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
27				
28	<u>April 2026</u>			
29	<u>1-6</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Education Advisory</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
30	<u>1(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
31	<u>2(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>IRLA Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
32	<u>5</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>GCAS Board</u>	
33	<u>6</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Presidents Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
34	<u>6</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Secretaries Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
35	<u>6</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Treasurers Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
36	<u>7-8</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Global Mission Issues Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
37	<u>7(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
38	<u>7(pm)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
39	<u>7(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
40	<u>7(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed (IBMTE)</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
41	<u>8-9</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Global Mission Issues Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
42	<u>8(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
43	<u>8(eve)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
2				
3	<u>April 2026</u>	contd		
4	<u>9(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
5	<u>9(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
6	<u>9(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
7	<u>13-May 2</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Istanbul TURKIYE</u>
8	<u>13(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
9	<u>13(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Hope Channel International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
10	<u>13(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Hope Channel International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
11	<u>13(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
12	<u>14-15</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Spring Meeting</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
13	<u>15-19</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>GCDO Adventist Heritage Tour</u>	<u>New England</u>
14	<u>16(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Health Constituency Mtg</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
15	<u>16(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Health Organizing Boards</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
16	<u>20-21</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Biblical Research Institute Committee</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
17	<u>21(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Health Constituency Mtg</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
18	<u>21(pm)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Health Organizing Boards</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
19	<u>22-23</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Faith and Science Council</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
20				
21	<u>May 2026</u>			
22	<u>7</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>AIAS Board</u>	<u>Cavite PHILIPPINES</u>
23	<u>18-19</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
24	<u>20</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>GRI Operating Committee</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
25	<u>27-28</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ARM/Gencon Insurance</u>	<u>Burlington VT</u>
26				
27	<u>June 2026</u>			
28	<u>1-4</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Prime Time</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
29	<u>4</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Ellen G White Estate Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
30	<u>5-8</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Andrews University Board Retreat</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
31	<u>8(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Board</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
32	<u>8-13</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Welcome Home Retreat (Family &amp; Teen)</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
33	<u>9-14</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Global Adventist Muslim Relations Conference</u>	<u>Bangkok THAILAND</u>
34	<u>9-14</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Mission Refocus Conf: Integrated AMR Vision</u>	<u>Bangkok THAILAND</u>
35	<u>10-11</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ARM/Gencon Insurance</u>	<u>Burlington VT</u>
36	<u>10-11</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>GC Leadership Development Zoom Conference</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
37				
38	<u>July 2026</u>			
39	<u>9-13</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Digital Strategy for Mission Convention</u>	<u>Cooranbong AUSTRALIA</u>
40	<u>13-Aug 1</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Chiang Mai THAILAND</u>
41	<u>29</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Geoscience Research Institute Committee</u>	<u>Pasco WA</u>
42	<u>30-Aug 3</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>GRI Conference for NAD Science Professors</u>	<u>Pasco WA</u>

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
2				
3	<u>August 2026</u>			
4	7-15	Fri	Intercultural Workshop: Advancing God's Mission	Bangkok THAILAND
5	17-19	Mon	10th IRLA World Congress	
6	31-Sep 1	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
7				
8	<u>September 2026</u>			
9	<u>7-12</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Welcome Home Retreat (Family &amp; Teen)</u>	
10	7-8	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
11	14-17	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
12	16(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
13	17	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
14	22(am)	Tue	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
15	22(am)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
16	24(am)	Thu	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
17	<u>28</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Division Officers Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
18	<u>29</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Presidents Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
19	<u>29</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Secretaries Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
20	<u>29</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Treasurers Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
21	<u>30(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Church Manual Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
22				
23	<u>October 2026</u>			
24	<del>1(am)</del>	<del>Thu</del>	<del>IRLA Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
25	<u>1(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
26	<del>1(pm)</del>	<del>Thu</del>	<del>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
27	<del>1(pm)</del>	<del>Thu</del>	<del>Adventist World Radio Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
28	<del>1(pm)</del>	<del>Thu</del>	<del>Hope Channel International Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
29	<u>1(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
30	<u>2</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Division Officers Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
31	<del>2(am)</del>	<del>Fri</del>	<del>ADRA International Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
32	<u>4</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Division Officers Interviews</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
33	<del>4(eve)</del>	<del>Sun</del>	<del>AHAS Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
34	<u>5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Presidents Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
35	<u>5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Secretaries Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
36	<u>5</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Treasurers Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
37	<u>5(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
38	<u>5(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist University of Africa Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
39	<u>5(eve)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
40	<del>6(am)</del>	<del>Tue</del>	<del>GC &amp; Division Officers</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
41	<u>6(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>ADRA International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
42	<del>6(pm)</del>	<del>Tue</del>	<del>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
43	<u>6(pm)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
2				
3	<u>October 2026</u>	contd		
4	<u>6(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>AIAS Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
5	<u>7(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
6	<u>7(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Hope Channel International Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
7	<u>7(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Church Manual Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
8	<u>7(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Adventist World Radio Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
9	<u>7(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>IRLA Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
10	<u>8</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>LEAD Conference</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
11	<u>8-14</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Annual Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
12	<u>9-14</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Annual Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
13	<u>19-20</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Biblical Research Institute Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
14	<u>21-22</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Faith and Science Council</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
15	<u>23(pm)</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Andrews University Governance Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
16	<u>25</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Board Committees</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
17	<u>25(pm)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Seminary Executive Com</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
18	<u>26</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Board</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
19				
20	<u>November 2026</u>			
21				
22	<u>December 2026</u>			
23	<u>2-3</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ARM/Gencon Insurance</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>

SEC/ADCOM/GCDO24AC/24AC/ADCOM/101-24Gd/ADCOM/GCDO25SM/25SM/ADCOM/  
GCDO25AC to KJP-25AC(DIV)

#### 102-25Gc AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2027

RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2027, with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2027</u>			
7	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
<del>18-Feb-6</del>	<del>Mon</del>	<del>IWM Mission Institute</del>	<del>Chiang Mai THAILAND</del>
<u>25-Feb 13</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Chiang Mai THAILAND</u>
22-24	Fri	Loma Linda Univ Health Board of Trustees Retreat	Loma Linda CA
25-26	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
<u>February 2027</u>			
<u>28(pm)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Executive Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
<u>March 2027</u>			
<u>1</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Board Committees</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
<u>1(pm)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Seminary Executive Com</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Andrews University Board</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
22-25	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
25(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>31(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
<u>April 2027</u>			
5	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
<del>6-7</del>	<del>Tue</del>	<del>Global Mission Issues Committee</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
<u>6(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</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>6(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>6(eve)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed (IBMTE)</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7-8</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Global Mission Issues Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<del>8(am)</del>	<del>Thu</del>	<del>GC &amp; Division Officers</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
<del>8(pm)</del>	<del>Thu</del>	<del>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
<u>8(pm)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<u>12-13</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Spring Meeting</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
<del>12(am)</del>	<del>Mon</del>	<del>General Conference Mission Board</del>	<del>Silver Spring MD</del>
<u>13-14</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Spring Meeting</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
2				
3	<u>April 2027</u>	contd		
4	<u>14-17</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>GCDO Adventist Heritage Tour</u>	<u>New England</u>
5	19-May 8	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Istanbul TURKIYE
6	<u>19-20</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Biblical Research Institute Committee</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
7	<u>21-22</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Faith and Science Council</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
8				
9	<u>May 2027</u>			
10	6	Thu	AIAS Board	Cavite PHILIPPINES
11	12-15	Wed	Intl Leadership Conf for CHM, WM, and FM	THAILAND
12	24-25	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
13	<u>26</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>GRI Operating Committee</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
14				
15	<u>June 2027</u>			
16	<u>2-3</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ARM/Gencon Insurance</u>	<u>Burlington VT</u>
17	7-10	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
18	7-12	Mon	IWM Welcome Home Retreat (Family & Teen)	Berrien Springs MI
19	<u>8-9</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>GC Leadership Development Zoom Conference</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
20	10-21	Thu	PRE Study Trip	
21	10(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
22	<u>13(pm)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Executive Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
23	<u>13(eve)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Governance Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
24	<u>14(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Board</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
25	22-30	Tue	International Bible Conference	Athens GREECE
26				
27	<u>July 2027</u>			
28	12-31	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai THAILAND
29				
30	<u>August 2027</u>			
31	30-31	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
32				
33	<u>September 2027</u>			
34	<u>6-11</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Welcome Home Retreat (Family &amp; Teen)</u>	
35	13-16	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
36	16(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
37	<u>22</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
38	<u>28</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
39	<u>28</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed (IBMTE)</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
40	<u>30</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
41				
42	<u>October 2027</u>			
43	3(eve)	Sun	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
2				
3	<u>October 2027</u>	contd		
4	4	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
5	4	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
6	4	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
7	5(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
8	5(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
9	6(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
10	6(pm)	Wed	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
11	7-13	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
12	7	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
13	<u>18-19</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Biblical Research Institute Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
14	<u>20-21</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Faith and Science Council</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
15	<u>22(pm)</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Andrews University Governance Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
16	<u>24</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Board Committees</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
17	<u>24(pm)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Seminary Executive Com</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
18	<u>25</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Board</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
19				
20	<u>November 2027</u>			
21				
22	<u>December 2027</u>			
23	<u>1-2</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ARM/Gencon Insurance</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>

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#### 102-25Gd AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2028

RECOMMENDED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2028, with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2028</u>			
17-Feb-5	Mon	<del>IWM Mission Institute</del>	<del>Chiang Mai THAILAND</del>
24-Feb 12	Mon	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	<u>Chiang Mai THAILAND</u>
24-25	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
<u>February 2028</u>			
<u>March 2028</u>			
5(pm)	Sun	<u>Andrews University Executive Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
6	Mon	<u>Andrews University Board Committees</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
6(pm)	Mon	<u>Andrews University Seminary Executive Com</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
7	Tue	<u>Andrews University Board</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
20-23	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
23(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
29	Wed	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
<u>April 2028</u>			
3	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
3	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
3	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
4-5	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
4	Tue	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
4	Tue	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed (IBMTE)</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
5	Wed	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
6(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
11-12	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
17-May 6	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Istanbul TURKIYE
17-18	Mon	<u>Biblical Research Institute Committee</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
19-20	Wed	<u>Faith and Science Council</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
<u>May 2028</u>			
4	Thu	AIAS Board	Cavite PHILIPPINES
22-23	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
2				
3	<u>May 2028</u>	contd		
4	<u>24</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>GRI Operating Committee</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
5	<u>31-Jun 1</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ARM/Gencon Insurance</u>	<u>Burlington VT</u>
6				
7	<u>June 2028</u>			
8	<u>5-10</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Welcome Home Retreat (Family &amp; Teen)</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
9	<u>7-8</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>GC Leadership Development Zoom Conference</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
10	<u>11(pm)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Executive Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
11	<u>11(eve)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Governance Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
12	<u>12(am)</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Board</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
13	<u>12-15</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Prime Time</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
14	<u>15-25</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Geoscience Field Study Trip</u>	
15	<u>15(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>General Conference Leadership Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
16				
17	<u>July 2028</u>			
18	<u>10-29</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Mission Institute</u>	
19				
20	<u>August 2028</u>			
21	<u>28-29</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees</u>	<u>Loma Linda CA</u>
22				
23	<u>September 2028</u>			
24	<u>4-9</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>IWM Welcome Home Retreat (Family &amp; Teen)</u>	
25	<u>11-14</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Prime Time</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
26	<u>14(am)</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>General Conference Leadership Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
27	<u>22</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>IBE Programs Review Committee</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
28	<u>26</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Education</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
29	<u>26</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>International Board of Min &amp; Theol Ed (IBMTE)</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
30	<u>28</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, &amp; Univ</u>	<u>Online Meeting</u>
31				
32	<u>October 2028</u>			
33	<u>1(eve)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>AIAS Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
34	<u>2</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Presidents Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
35	<u>2</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Secretaries Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
36	<u>2</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Treasurers Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
37	<u>3(am)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>GC &amp; Division Officers</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
38	<u>3(pm)</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
39	<u>4(am)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>General Conference Mission Board</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
40	<u>4(pm)</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Church Manual Committee</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
41	<u>5</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>LEAD Conference</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
42	<u>5-11</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Annual Council</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
43	<u>16-17</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Biblical Research Institute Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1				
2				
3	<u>October 2028</u>	contd		
4	<u>18-19</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Faith and Science Council</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
5	<u>20(pm)</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Andrews University Governance Committee</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
6	<u>22</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Board Committees</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
7	<u>22(pm)</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Andrews University Seminary Executive Com</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
8	<u>23</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Andrews University Board</u>	<u>Berrien Springs MI</u>
9				
10	<u>November 2028</u>			
11	<u>29-30</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>ARM/Gencon Insurance</u>	<u>Silver Spring MD</u>
12				
13	<u>December 2028</u>			

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-25AC

2  
3 138-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
4 MEMBERSHIP

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To record the members of the General Conference Executive Committee, as  
7 follows:

8  
9 *East-Central Africa Division*

10  
11 Bisanda, Philip, Layperson  
12 Georges, Ntumba M, Additional Frontline  
13 Gullo, Safawo, Additional Frontline  
14 Ivule, Ivan, Additional Frontline  
15 Kayatta, Judith A, Layperson  
16 Kitila, Hirut Birassa, Additional Frontline  
17 Kuyenga, Kulindwa Harun, Additional Frontline  
18 Laurent, Kyembwa Bulako, Additional Frontline  
19 Liet, Gatkhor Badeng, Additional Frontline  
20 Minani, Jacques, Pastor  
21 Muhasa, Kamale, Additional Frontline  
22 Otadoh, Emmans, Layperson

23  
24 *Euro-Asia Division*

25  
26 Duca, Aurel, Layperson  
27 Evdokimenko, Valentina, Layperson  
28 Golovizin, Anatoliy, Pastor  
29 Larin, Ruslan, Layperson

30  
31 *Inter-American Division*

32  
33 Arce Carrasquel, Juan C, Layperson  
34 Carrillo Valenzuela, Martin E, Additional Frontline  
35 Echavarria Payero, Irma F, Layperson  
36 Gutierrez Castillo, Faustino, Additional Frontline  
37 Hazel, Jamiro, Additional Frontline  
38 Medeus, Harry, Additional Frontline  
39 Perez Betancour, Omar I, Additional Frontline  
40 Sanchez, Hugh, Layperson  
41 Segura, Luis A, Pastor  
42 Williams, Lillieth, Additional Frontline  
43

138-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP - 2

- 1 *Inter-European Division*
- 2
- 3 Bastos, Daniel , Pastor
- 4 Horakova, Jana, Layperson
- 5 Lacatuso, Laura, Layperson
- 6 Penca, Dragos, Layperson
- 7
- 8 *North American Division*
- 9
- 10 Chavers, Cheryl, Layperson
- 11 Reed, Monica, Layperson
- 12 Ridley, Jason, Pastor
- 13 Smith, Matthew, Additional Frontline
- 14 Turk, Carol, Layperson
- 15
- 16 *Northern Asia-Pacific Division*
- 17
- 18 Chun, Young Sook, Layperson
- 19 Lim, Seung Min, Pastor
- 20 Pandey, Magdalena, Layperson
- 21 Suzuki, Makiko, Layperson
- 22
- 23 *South American Division*
- 24
- 25 Cabanillas Chavez, Maria T, Additional Frontline
- 26 Ferreira Duarte, Raphael, Additional Frontline
- 27 Jones, Vanda Cynthia, Layperson
- 28 Luci de Oliveira, Paulo, Additional Frontline
- 29 Marcillo Cedeno, Angel Vinicio, Pastor
- 30 Portillo Franco, Diego D, Additional Frontline
- 31 Rocha Lino, Paulo de Tarcio, Layperson
- 32 Rosa de Araujo, Helio F, Layperson
- 33
- 34 *Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division*
- 35
- 36 Barra, Norris Jean Noel, Additional Frontline
- 37 Cassule, Afonso Gaspar, Additional Frontline
- 38 Chiyokoma, Isaac, Pastor
- 39 Chongo, Beauty, Additional Frontline
- 40 Dennis, Kamwi, Additional Frontline
- 41 Kamedi, John Accord, Additional Frontline
- 42 Kandjawe, Teresa, Layperson

138-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP - 3

- 1 Mafabune, Ivor, Additional Frontline
- 2 Makanyire, Enough, Additional Frontline
- 3 Mendonca, Geremias A, Layperson
- 4 Ndebele, Nozipho, Layperson
- 5
- 6 *Southern Asia Division*
- 7
- 8 Barnabas, Deva Anul, Pastor
- 9 Kaligithim, Sudhakar, Layperson
- 10 Renjith, John Jacob, Layperson
- 11 Roy, Susanth Geddam, Additional Frontline
- 12 Singh, Tanveer, Layperson
- 13
- 14 *South Pacific Division*
- 15
- 16 Esau, Stephen, Layperson
- 17 Fua, Karyn, Layperson
- 18 Melville, David, Layperson
- 19 Natina, Samuel, Pastor
- 20 Puongo, Georgina, Additional Frontline
- 21
- 22 *Trans-European Division*
- 23
- 24 Djordjevic Runic, Lidija, Pastor
- 25 Ninvalle, Naomi, Layperson
- 26 Philipsen, Birgit, Layperson
- 27 Rantanen, Niklas, Layperson
- 28
- 29 *West-Central Africa Division*
- 30
- 31 Aboagye, Frank, Pastor
- 32 Adeleke, Adedeji T, Layperson
- 33 Adu-Manu, Kofi Sarpong, Layperson
- 34 Kakoh, Ezekiel Yayi, Additional Frontline
- 35 Valery, Dang Cecile, Layperson
- 36
- 37 *20 Denominational Retirees and Current Employees*
- 38
- 39 1. Biaggi, Guillermo E (Retired General Conference Vice President)
- 40 2. Brito, Mario A (Retired Inter-European Division President)
- 41 3. Finley, Mark A (Assistant to the General Conference President)
- 42 4. Hilliard, Anthony (Loma Linda University Hospitals, CEO)

138-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP - 4

5. Kim, Yo Han (Retired Northern Asia-Pacific Division President)
6. Kuhn Wagner (Andrews University Provost)
7. Lakra, Ezras (Retired Southern Asia Division President)
8. Lalas, Angela (Loma Linda University Hospitals, CFO)
9. Mbwana, Geoffrey G (Retired General Conference Vice President)
10. Meekma, Chip Jr (Andrews University Vice President for Finance)
11. Neal, Rodney (Loma Linda Univ Health Sr Vice President for Financial Affairs)
12. Ng, G T (Retired General Conference Secretary)
13. Osindo, Oscar (Institute of World Mission Director)
14. Prestol-Puesan, Juan R (Retired General Conference Treasurer)
15. Ryan, Michael L (Assistant to the General Conference President)
16. Sackett, John (Adventist HealthCare President)
17. Williams, Lori E (General Conference Human Resources Director)
18. *To be named*
19. *To be named*
20. *To be named*

*20 Laity Including Young Adults*

1. Askarova, Rakhilya, (Layperson, Euro-Asia Division)
2. Butler, Harold E (Layperson, General Conference)
3. Cabahug-Fugoso, Gizelle Lou (Layperson, Southern Asia-Pacific Division)
4. Casado, Ricardo (Layperson, Inter-American Division)
5. Cussomba, Agostinho (Layperson, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division)
6. Dickman, Steve (Layperson, General Conference)
7. Dike, Emmanuel (Layperson, West-Central Africa Division)
8. Helfenstein, Urs (Layperson, Inter-European Division)
9. Houghton, Danny (Layperson, General Conference)
10. Hunsaker, Andi (Layperson, General Conference)
11. Kemuel, Samuel (Layperson, South Pacific Division)
12. Koolik, Peter (Layperson, General Conference)
13. Nagel Reis, Felipe (Layperson South American Division)
14. Radosh, Mariusz J (Layperson, Trans-European Division)
15. Reece, E Albert (Layperson, General Conference)
16. Shaiza, Agnes (Layperson, Southern Asia Division)
17. Tominaga, Minako (Layperson, Northern Asia-Pacific Division)
18. *To be named*
19. *To be named*
20. *To be named*

\*The Southern Asia-Pacific Division will select their members at their yearend meetings.

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2  
3 146-25Ga GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
4 INVITEES—ASSOCIATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To record the associate department directors as invitees to the General  
7 Conference Executive Committee, as follows:

8  
9 Asiemi, Alfred Kent, Anthony R  
10 Balisasa, Juvenal Mesa, Milton A  
11 Barbe, Aniel Moesi, Super M  
12 Bondarenko, Yury Oliver, Elaine  
13 Brown, Jeffrey O Papu, Jongimpi D  
14 Canals, Aurora M Quispe, Socrates  
15 Coria-Navia, Anneris Reinert, Katia  
16 Ebenezer, J Daniel Sabuin, Richard A  
17 Genebago, Petronio Sessou, Omobonike Adeola  
18 Gil Soldevilla, Samuel Venn, E Douglas  
19 Henry, Elie Ward, Crystal E  
20 Itin, Nilde

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2  
3 146-25Gb GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
4 INVITEES—SELECTED

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To record the selected invitees to the General Conference Executive  
7 Committee, as follows:

8		
9	Allen, Ray	McFarland, Todd R
10	Awuor, Risper	Montero, Jorge
11	Batchelor, Doug	Moskala, Jiri
12	Beckett, John R	Nedley, Neil
13	Bediako, Daniel K	Neves, Samuel H
14	Boonstra, Shawn	Nick, Doyle R
15	Burdick, Brent B	Noble, Don J
16	Carter, Ron	Oetman, Cami
17	Castillo, Mildred F	Park, Lissy
18	Chung, Chanmin	Pearman, Delbert B
19	Daco, Sikhululekile	Petersen, Anne Berit
20	Doukmetzian, Karnik	Poirier, Timothy L
21	Esmond, Dwain N	Proffitt, Kathryn L
22	Evans, Dwight	Renou, Charne
23	Filkoski, Stephen	Roberts, Beth
24	Funna, Sonya	Rose, Steven G
25	Galeniece, Anna	Scott, Greg
26	Haddad, M Mark	Siliga, T Matthew
27	Hasel, Frank M	Sokupa, Michael
28	Hopp Marshak, Helen	Swanson, Joel G
29	Iseminger, Myron A	Tham, James
30	Kajiura, Richard D	Thompson, Darryl
31	Kajiura, Robyn W	Timm, Alberto R
32	Krause, Derris	Velechuk, Volodymyr S
33	Kryvoi, Vitalii	Wahlen, Clinton L
34	Kuhn, Ronald	Whitsett, Gregory P
35	Kutzschbach, Markus	Williams, David R
36	Levterov, Theodore	Worden, Melinda J
37	Madanat, Imad	

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-25AC

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3 140-25G *ADVENTIST REVIEW* PUBLISHING BOARD (GCC-B)—  
4 REAPPOINTMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the *Adventist Review* Publishing Board (ARBd) (GCC-B),  
7 with terms of reference and membership as follows:

8  
9 TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

10  
11 1. Assign an individual to supervise the  
12 publishing functions and provide  
13 counsel to that individual.

1. Power to act.

14  
15 2. Establish advertising and marketing  
16 policies.

2. Power to act.

17  
18 3. Negotiate and contract with the  
19 Pacific Press Publishing Association  
20 and other individuals and entities for  
21 specified services.

3. Power to act.

22  
23 4. Recommend the appointment of the  
24 *Adventist Review* editor-in-chief and  
25 associate editors.

4. Recommend to Annual Council  
through the General Conference  
Administrative Committee  
(ADCOM) (GCC-S).

26  
27  
28 5. Recommend the appointment of  
29 *Adventist Review* assistant editors.

5. Recommend to the General  
Conference Administrative  
Committee (ADCOM-S) (GCC-S).

30  
31  
32 MEMBERS

33  
34 KOHLER, ERTON C, Chair  
35 Omeler, Pierre E, Vice-chair  
36 Kim, Justin, Secretary

37  
38 Andersson, Audrey E  
39 Beardsley-Hardy, Lisa M  
40 Bryant, G Alexander  
41 Charles-Marcel, Zeno L  
42 DeSouza, Sabrina C  
43 Douglas, Paul H  
44 Finley, Mark A  
45 Howard, James M

Johnson, Leonard A  
Martinelli, Mario  
McEdward, Richard E  
Perez Schulz, Magdiel E  
Stele, Artur A  
Truman, Alyssa  
Wahlen, J Raymond II

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140-25G *ADVENTIST REVIEW* PUBLISHING BOARD (GCC-B)—  
REAPPOINTMENT - 2

- 1 LEGAL ADVISOR
- 2
- 3 Doukmetzian, Karnik

SEC/ADCOM/ADCOM to HMM-25AC

139-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
(GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT

RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S), with terms of reference and membership as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

A. Standing Committees

1. Appoint standing committees and develop, approve, and adjust their terms of reference.

1. Power to act.

2. Evaluate the work of standing committees on an annual basis.

2. Power to act.

3. Receive referrals from the subcommittees that report to it.

3. Power to act or refer to the General Conference Executive Committee (GCC).

B. Financial Oversight

1. Receive reports from Treasury on an annual basis regarding interdependence trends of union missions and conferences and make recommendations, to the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee (SP&B) (GCC-S).

1. Power to act.

2. Develop the General Conference budget in harmony with established procedures.

2. Recommend to Annual Council.

3. Review the operations of the General Conference in relation to the budget.

3. Power to act in counsel with the responsible officers.

4. Approve the opening and closing of bank accounts with appropriate signatures.

4. Power to act.

139-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 2

- 1 5. Authorize expenditure of  
2 of Emergency and Contingency  
3 Funds as provided for in the  
4 Budget.  
5

5. Power to act within limits  
established by the General  
Conference Executive  
Committee (GCC).

6 C. Planning and Development  
7

- 8 1. Direct in the formulation and  
9 publication of internal policies,  
10 protocols, and procedures.  
11

1. Power to act.

- 12 2. Direct in the development of  
13 long-range planning for the  
14 staffing and operation of the  
15 General Conference  
16 Headquarters.  
17

2. Recommend to the General  
Conference Executive  
Committee (GCC).

18 D. Official Statements  
19

- 20 1. Request the Public and Official  
21 Statements Committee  
22 (POSCOM) (ADCOM-S) to  
23 draft official public statements  
24 of the Seventh-day Adventist  
25 Church.  
26

1. Power to act.

- 27 2. Review official public  
28 statements and refer to the  
29 General Conference Executive  
30 Committee (GCC) for approval.  
31

2. Power to act.

32 E. Personnel Matters  
33

- 34 1. Initiate a work assessment  
35 process for elected staff.  
36

1. Power to act.

- 37 2. Recommend to the General  
38 Conference Executive  
39 Committee (GCC) employment  
40 or discharge of all elected  
41 personnel between General  
42 Conference Sessions.

2. Power to act.

139-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 3

- 1  
2 3. Employ appointed personnel 3. Power to act.  
3 with a remuneration rate  
4 maximum of 110% or above, or  
5 who hold the following  
6 positions regardless of  
7 remuneration:  
8  
9 a. Assistants to the General  
10 Conference Executive  
11 officers.  
12  
13 b. Resource management  
14 team directors and  
15 associate directors not  
16 subject to election by a  
17 General Conference  
18 Session or to  
19 appointment by the  
20 General Conference  
21 Executive Committee.  
22  
23 c. Editors, associate and  
24 assistant editors, and  
25 publishers of  
26 publications circulated  
27 to the world Church and  
28 who are not otherwise  
29 appointed by the  
30 General Conference  
31 Executive Committee  
32 (GCC), in accordance  
33 with General  
34 Conference Constitution  
35 Article VII.  
36  
37 d. Assistant secretaries and  
38 assistant treasurers.  
39  
40 e. Assistant directors of  
41 ministries departments.  
42

139-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 4

- |   |    |                                 |    |               |
|---|----|---------------------------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | 4. | As soon as possible following a | 4. | Power to act. |
| 2 |    | regular General Conference      |    |               |
| 3 |    | Session, appoint personnel for  |    |               |
| 4 |    | positions defined in paragraph  |    |               |
| 5 |    | 3. above.                       |    |               |

6  
7 F. General Administrative Items

- |    |    |                                    |    |               |
|----|----|------------------------------------|----|---------------|
| 8  | 1. | Consider other routine             | 1. | Power to act. |
| 9  |    | administrative issues as they      |    |               |
| 10 |    | arise, and give general counsel to |    |               |
| 11 |    | world Church entities as           |    |               |
| 12 |    | requested.                         |    |               |
| 13 |    |                                    |    |               |
| 14 |    |                                    |    |               |
| 15 | 2. | Express condolences and            | 2. | Power to act. |
| 16 |    | appreciation as circumstances      |    |               |
| 17 |    | may indicate.                      |    |               |

18  
19 G. Publisher of Sabbath School Bible Study Guides

- |    |    |                                   |    |               |
|----|----|-----------------------------------|----|---------------|
| 20 | 1. | Appoint the membership of the     | 1. | Power to act. |
| 21 |    | World Sabbath School Bible        |    |               |
| 22 |    | Study Guide Curriculum            |    |               |
| 23 |    | Committee (WSSCC) (GCC-S),        |    |               |
| 24 |    | membership of the Sabbath         |    |               |
| 25 |    | School Publications Board         |    |               |
| 26 |    | (SSPubBd) (ADCOM-B), the          |    |               |
| 27 |    | manuscript evaluation             |    |               |
| 28 |    | committees (SSPubBd-Ssub),        |    |               |
| 29 |    | and the international translation |    |               |
| 30 |    | and contextualization             |    |               |
| 31 |    | committees.                       |    |               |
| 32 |    |                                   |    |               |
| 33 |    |                                   |    |               |
| 34 | 2. | Receive reports and process       | 2. | Power to act. |
| 35 |    | recommendations from the          |    |               |
| 36 |    | World Sabbath School              |    |               |
| 37 |    | Advisory.                         |    |               |
| 38 |    |                                   |    |               |

139-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 5

- |    |                                       |                  |
|----|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1  | 3. Approve the world Sabbath          | 3. Power to act. |
| 2  | School curriculum for all age         |                  |
| 3  | levels and authorize the              |                  |
| 4  | Sabbath School Publications           |                  |
| 5  | Board (SSPubBd) (ADCOM-B)             |                  |
| 6  | to proceed with the development       |                  |
| 7  | of curricula and manuscripts.         |                  |
| 8  |                                       |                  |
| 9  | 4. Appoint an ad hoc committee,       | 4. Power to act. |
| 10 | as needed, to examine the             |                  |
| 11 | recommendations of the World          |                  |
| 12 | Sabbath School Bible Study            |                  |
| 13 | Guide Curriculum Committee            |                  |
| 14 | (WSSCC) (GCC-S), the                  |                  |
| 15 | membership to be composed             |                  |
| 16 | mainly of qualified individuals       |                  |
| 17 | other than those involved with        |                  |
| 18 | Sabbath School Bible Study            |                  |
| 19 | Guide preparation or evaluation.      |                  |
| 20 |                                       |                  |
| 21 | 5. Identify and approve additional    | 5. Power to act. |
| 22 | topics that may be essential to       |                  |
| 23 | Church plans and strategies and       |                  |
| 24 | authorize the Sabbath School          |                  |
| 25 | Publications Board (SSPubBd)          |                  |
| 26 | (ADCOM-B) to include such             |                  |
| 27 | topics in the world Sabbath           |                  |
| 28 | School curriculum.                    |                  |
| 29 |                                       |                  |
| 30 | 6. Make a determination in the        | 6. Power to act. |
| 31 | event a situation arises in which     |                  |
| 32 | there is not concurrence              |                  |
| 33 | between the editor and the            |                  |
| 34 | Sabbath School Publications           |                  |
| 35 | Board (SSPubBd) (ADCOM-B).            |                  |
| 36 |                                       |                  |
| 37 | 7. Approve policies for translation,  | 7. Power to act. |
| 38 | adaptation, and contextualization     |                  |
| 39 | of Sabbath School student and         |                  |
| 40 | teacher materials for all age levels. |                  |
| 41 |                                       |                  |

139-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 6

8. Publish student and teacher  
Sabbath School Bible Study  
Guides.

8. Power to act.

MEMBERS

KOHLER, ERTON C, Chair  
Moorooven, Hensley M, Secretary  
Boward, Tamara K, Recording Secretary

President  
Undersecretary

Andersson, Audrey E  
Johnson, Leonard A  
Lemon, Thomas L  
Omeler, Pierre E  
Osei-Bonsu, Robert  
Samuel, Saw  
Stele, Artur A

General Vice Presidents

Finley, Mark A  
Ryan, Michael L

Assistants to the President

McEdward, Richard E

Secretary

Krause, Gary D  
Kuhn, Elbert  
Ott, Alexander  
Porter, Karen J  
Santos, Gerson P  
Sessou, Selom K

Associate Secretaries

Douglas, Paul H

Treasurer

Wahlen, J Raymond II

Undertreasurer

Aka, Timothy H  
DeSouza, Sabrina C  
Lust, German A  
Mutero, Gideon M  
Pierre, Josue  
Stephenson, Richard T

Associate Treasurers

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139-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 7

1	Brasil de Souza, Elias	Field Secretaries
2	Burt, Merlin	
3	Demyan, Vyancheslav	
4	Howard, James M	
5	Lopes, Paulo	
6	Nalin, Ronald	
7	Perez Schulz, Magdiel E	
8	Winegardner, James S	
9		<u>DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS</u>
10	Beardsley-Hardy, Lisa M	Education
11	Bomfim, Marcos F	Stewardship Ministries
12	Burcea, Nelu	Public Affairs and Religious Liberty
13	Canals, Ramon J	Ministerial Association
14	Charles-Marcel, Zeno L	Health Ministries
15	Chureson, Orathai	Children's Ministries
16	Khumalo, Sibusiso	Youth Ministries
17	Martinelli, Mario	Publishing Ministries
18	Oliver, Willie	Family Ministries
19	Omana, Ivan H	Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries
20	Reyes, Hector O	Planned Giving and Trust Services
21	Stele, Galina	Women's Ministries
22	Truman, Alyssa	Communication
23	<i>To be named</i>	Sabbath School and Personal Ministries
24		
25		<u>ENTITY DIRECTOR</u>
26	Kim, Justin	<i>Adventist Review</i>
27	Williams, Lori E	Human Resources
28		
29	<u>INVITEES*</u>	
30		
31	Burdick, Brent B	Assistant to the Treasurer
32	Kajiura, Robyn W	Dir, General Conference Auditing Service
33	Nestares, Raul A	Assistant Treasurer
34	Park, Lissy	Assistant Secretary
35		
36	<u>LEGAL ADVISOR</u>	
37		
38	Doukmetzian, Karnik	
39		
40		
41	*Invitees will be determined by the Administrative Committee and will function as members of	
42	the committee with voice and vote at the discretion of the Chair.	

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-25AC

2  
3 141-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—  
4 REAPPOINTMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the General Conference Audit Committee (AudCom)  
7 (GCC-S), with terms of reference and membership as follows:

8  
9 TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

10  
11 1. Select an auditing firm, in  
12 consultation with the General  
13 Conference Auditing Service, to  
14 accomplish the annual financial audit  
15 of the General Conference.

1. Recommend to the General Conference  
Executive Committee (GCC).

16  
17 2. Agree upon the fees and scope of the  
18 audit engagement.

2. Power to act.

19  
20 3. Maintain a direct and open line of  
21 communication with the auditor.

3. Power to act.

22  
23 4. Receive and discuss with the auditor  
24 the audited financial statement, audit  
25 communication letter, and response  
26 from General Conference  
27 administration.

4. Power to act.

28  
29 5. Review any serious difficulties  
30 encountered during the course of the  
31 audit.

5. Power to act.

32  
33 6. Develop and review with the General  
34 Conference administration adequate  
35 internal controls.

6. Power to act.

36  
37 7. Develop and review procedures for  
38 the receipt and resolution of  
39 confidential complaints regarding any  
40 unethical business practice.

7. Power to act.

41  
42 8. Discuss with General Conference  
43 administration the assertions made  
44 regarding compliance with core  
45 policies enumerated in General  
46 Conference *Working Policy* S 90.

8. Power to act.

141-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—  
REAPPOINTMENT - 2

9. Identify, evaluate, and respond to any potential business and fraud risks.

9. Power to act.

10. Understand emerging trends in accounting standards and their impact on financial reporting for the organization.

10. Power to act.

11. Provide oversight for the conflict of interest policy and address risks associated with any conflicts identified.

11. Power to act.

12. Hold an executive session where the General Conference executive officers, who may be attending as invitees, have been excused.

12. Power to act.

13. Present a report to the General Conference Executive Committee at its scheduled Spring Meeting regarding the results of the audit engagement, operational effectiveness of internal control, compliance with core policies, and potential business risks. This report should be accompanied by recommendations for the General Conference Executive Committee to consider.

13. Power to act.

MEMBERS

SMITH, RON C, Chair

Union President (From USA; to facilitate communications with the auditor)

Adeleke, Adedeji T  
Asiedu, Emmanuel\*

Layperson (With business acumen)  
Union Treasurer\* (Based in USA and CPA; to meet the characteristic of financial expert)

Duda, Daniel D

Division President

Glass, Judy R

Division Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

Ketting-Weller, Ginger

GC Institution President

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141-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—  
REAPPOINTMENT - 3

1	Meekma, Chip Jr	GC Institution CFO (Based in USA and CPA; to meet the characteristic of financial expert)
2		
3		
4	<u>INVITEES</u>	
5		
6	Kohler, Erton C	GC President
7	McEdward, Richard E	GC Secretary
8	Douglas, Paul H	GC Treasurer
9		
10	Doukmetzian, Karnik	GC Counsel**
11	Kajiura, Robyn W	GCAS Director**
12	Wahlen, J Raymond II	GC Undertreasurer**
13		
14	* Ordinarily, all members of the General Conference Audit Committee should also be members of	
15	the General Conference Executive Committee. However, the General Conference Executive	
16	Committee may appoint persons to the audit committee who are not also members of the General	
17	Conference Executive Committee to ensure the required characteristic of having at least one	
18	financial expert who understands the financial reporting framework in the USA, is able to apply	
19	that framework to accounting matters, has experience in preparing and analyzing financial	
20	statements, understands internal controls, and understands the function of an audit committee.	
21		
22	** Invitees to be included in executive sessions of the audit committee.	

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-25AC

2  
3 142-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD (GCC-B)—  
4 REAPPOINTMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the General Conference Mission Board (GCMB) (GCC-B),  
7 with terms of reference and membership as follows:

8  
9 TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

10  
11 1. Oversee and coordinate mission  
12 planning and funding in consultation  
13 with the divisions and in harmony  
14 with guidelines voted by the General  
15 Conference Executive Committee  
16 (GCC) and the General Conference  
17 Strategic Planning and Budgeting  
18 Committee (SP&B) (GCC-S).

1. Power to act.

19  
20 2. Oversee and coordinate the  
21 communication of mission news,  
22 plans, and appeals for involvement.

2. Power to act.

23  
24 3. Oversee and coordinate missionary  
25 placement and support in  
26 consultation with the divisions and in  
27 harmony with guidelines voted by  
28 the General Conference Executive  
29 Committee (GCC) and the General  
30 Conference Strategic Planning and  
31 Budgeting Committee (SP&B)  
32 (GCC-S).

3. Power to act.

33  
34 4. Meet at least two times a year:  
35 Spring Meeting and Annual Council.

4. Power to act.

36  
37 5. Approve new policies and policy  
38 amendments for inclusion in the  
39 International Service Employee  
40 *Working Policy*.

5. Power to act.

142-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD (GCC-B)—  
REAPPOINTMENT - 2

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

KOHLER, ERTON C, Chair	GC President
Douglas, Paul H, Vice-chair	GC Secretary
McEdward, Richard E, Secretary	GC Treasurer
Krause, Gary D, Associate Secretary	GC Associate Secretary, Adventist Mission
Mbwana, Orupa, Recording Secretary	
Johnson, Leonard A	GC Vice President
Moorooven, Hensley M	GC Undersecretary
Omeler, Pierre E	GC Vice President
Wahlen, J Raymond II	GC Undertreasurer

MEMBERS

GC Vice Presidents	
GC Assistants to the President	
Division Presidents	
Division Secretaries	
Division Treasurers	
GC Associate Secretaries	
GC Associate Treasurers	
GC Department Directors	
Bahadur, Petras	Global Mission Ctr for Adv-Muslim Relations
Barbosa, Mauro	Adventist Mission Special Assistant
Brasil de Souza, Elias	BRI Director
Burt, Merlin D	Ellen G White Estate Director
Chung, Chamin	Global Mission Centers Director
Demyan, Vyacheslav	Hope Channel International President
Hart, Richard H	LLU President
Howard, James M	Adventist World Radio President
Ingram-Hudgins, Sherri	Adventist Church Management System Director
Jiao, Daniel Wang Xin	CHUM President
Kim, Justin	<i>Adventist Review</i> Editor
Kline, Fylvia F	VividFaith Manager
Leno, Bledi	Global Mission Urban Ministry Center
Lopes, Paulo	ADRA President
Nag, Umesh K	Global Mission Center for South-Asian Religions
Osindo, Oscar	Institute of World Mission Director
Park, Lissy	Assistant Secretary
Phetchareun, Khamsay	Global Mission Center for East Asian Religions

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142-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD (GCC-B)—  
REAPPOINTMENT - 3

1	Prodanyuk, Roman	UUC President
2	Sand, Denis	MENAUM President
3	Siqueira, Reinaldo	Global Miss World Jewish-Adv Friendship Center
4	Taylor, John Wesley V	Andrews University President
5	Trim, David	Archives, Statistics, and Research Director
6	Whitsett, Amy	ISE Care and Support Manager
7	Whitsett, Gregory P	Global Miss Ctr Dir/ E Asian Rel Ctr Dir
8	Winegardner, James S	ARM President
9	<i>To be named</i>	Global Mission Ctr for Sec & Post-Christian Mission
10		
11	Injety, Vincent (AUA)	Others selected from GC institutions
12	Ketting-Weller, Ginger (AIIAS)	
13		
14	Dickman, Steve (OCI)	Selected individuals from supporting ministries
15	Mills, Bradley (AFM)	
16		
17	Guerrero, Gladys	Three (3) Young Adults
18		
19	<i>To be named</i>	Two (2) Laymembers of the GC Exec Com
20		
21	<i>To be named</i>	Two (2) Frontline Members of the GC Exec Com
22		
23	<u>INVITEES</u>	
24		
25	Haddad, M Mark	MENAUM Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
26	Iseminger, Myron A	MENAUM Secretary
27	Kajiura, Richard D	Adventist Mission Communication Director
28	Kryvoi, Vitalii	UUC Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
29	Rose, Steven G	CHUM Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
30	Velechuk, Volodymyr S	UUC Secretary
31	Zhang, John Xiao Ming	CHUM Secretary
32		
33	<u>LEGAL ADVISOR</u>	
34		
35	Gandia, Ruben	

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-25AC

2  
3 143-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE, SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION  
4 COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT

5  
6 RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the General Conference, Southern Asia Division Committee  
7 (GENCOSUD) (GCC-S), with membership as follows:

8  
9 PURPOSE

10  
11 To administer the work of the Southern Asia Division in territories outside of India.

12  
13 MEMBERS

14  
15 LEMON, THOMAS L, Chair (GC)  
16 Sessou, Selom K, Vice-chair/Secretary (GC)  
17 Douglas, Paul H, Vice-chair/Treasurer (GC)  
18  
19 Beardsley-Hardy, Lisa M (GC)  
20 Chinta, John Victor (SUD)  
21 Christian, Riches (SUD)  
22 Kandane, Ujwal A (SUD)  
23 Korff, Eugene A (GC)  
24 Perez Schulz, Magdiel E (GC)

25  
26 At least five members in attendance will constitute a quorum. The agenda will be  
27 determined in consultation with the Southern Asia Division Advisory Committee (SUDAC).

1 SEC/ADCOM to HMM-25AC

2  
3 148-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE HOSPITAL PROFESSIONAL  
4 LIABILITY (HPL) AND AIRCRAFT LIABILITY INSURANCE  
5 COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT  
6

7 RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the General Conference Hospital Professional Liability (HPL)  
8 and Aircraft Liability Insurance Committee (HPL&AirLiabInsC) (GCC-S), with terms of  
9 reference and membership as follows:

10  
11 TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- |  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| 13 1. Review trends in HPL/Aircraft Liability    | 1. Power to act. |
| 14 exposures in regions where the Church         |                  |
| 15 has health care and aviation programs.        |                  |
| 16   |                  |
| 17 2. Receive and process requests for           | 2. Power to act. |
| 18 exceptions to General Conference              |                  |
| 19 <i>Working Policy</i> requirements for limits |                  |
| 20 for HPL/Aircraft Liability Insurance in       |                  |
| 21 light of local circumstances, taking into     |                  |
| 22 consideration levels of exposure to the       |                  |
| 23 Church including, but not limited to,         |                  |
| 24 potential jurisdictional risk.                |                  |
| 25   |                  |
| 26 3. Review on a five-year basis any            | 3. Power to act. |
| 27 exceptions that have been granted in          |                  |
| 28 paragraph 2. above to determine               |                  |
| 29 whether current circumstances                 |                  |
| 30 continue to warrant any exceptions to         |                  |
| 31 General Conference <i>Working Policy</i> .    |                  |
| 32   |                  |

33 MEMBERSHIP

34  
35 WAHLEN, J RAYMOND II, Chair  
36 DeSouza, Sabrina C, Secretary

37  
38 Charles-Marcel, Zeno L  
39 Lemon, Thomas L  
40 Ott, Alexander  
41 Samuel, Saw

42  
43 EX OFFICIO

44  
45 Douglas, Paul H  
46

148-25G GENERAL CONFERENCE HOSPITAL PROFESSIONAL  
LIABILITY (HPL) AND AIRCRAFT LIABILITY INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT - 2

1 ADVISORS

2  
3 Doukmetzian, Karnik  
4 Winegardner, James S

5  
6 The applicable division treasurer or designee would be a member and be invited to  
7 participate by video conference, or in person, when reviewing any requests from that specific  
8 division.

SEC/ADCOM to HMM-25AC

149-25G STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE  
(GCC-S)—REAPPOINTMENT

RECOMMENDED, To reappoint the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee (SP&B) (GCC-S), with terms of reference and membership as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Prepare a strategic plan for the world Church whose development process includes:

- a. Define and refine the Mission Statement of the Church.
- b. Conduct research and obtain input from leadership.
- c. Consult with the world divisions in identifying global priorities, strategic issues, and goals.
- d. Approve action plans which are informed by analysis of available resources.
- e. Create a plan for assessment and evaluation.

2. Consider trends, developments, needs, and opportunities each year prior to Spring Meeting and in light of the considerations, frame the budget priorities for the next fiscal year.

3. Review and recommend the annual General Conference budget.

1. Recommend to the General Conference Executive Committee (GCC) through the President's Executive Administrative Council (PREXAD).

2. Power to act.

3. Recommend to the General Conference Executive Committee (GCC).

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|----|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1  | 4.  | Review and recommend financial       | 4.  | Recommend to the General         |
| 2  |     | contingency plans for crisis         |     | Conference Administrative        |
| 3  |     | situations.                          |     | Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S).       |
| 4  |     |                                      |     |                                  |
| 5  | 5.  | Review and approve funding           | 5.  | Power to act.                    |
| 6  |     | requests for major opportunities     |     |                                  |
| 7  |     | which have been processed through    |     |                                  |
| 8  |     | and endorsed by General Conference   |     |                                  |
| 9  |     | Treasury and include an analysis of  |     |                                  |
| 10 |     | available funding sources.           |     |                                  |
| 11 |     |                                      |     |                                  |
| 12 | 6.  | Review reports on the General        | 6.  | Report to the General Conference |
| 13 |     | Conference operating expense caps    |     | Executive Committee (GCC).       |
| 14 |     | as required by the General           |     |                                  |
| 15 |     | Conference Executive Committee       |     |                                  |
| 16 |     | (GCC).                               |     |                                  |
| 17 |     |                                      |     |                                  |
| 18 | 7.  | Review reports on the                | 7.  | Power to act.                    |
| 19 |     | interdependence trends (including    |     |                                  |
| 20 |     | financial self-support) in           |     |                                  |
| 21 |     | denominational structures and        |     |                                  |
| 22 |     | determine how such trends should     |     |                                  |
| 23 |     | affect budgeting and appropriation   |     |                                  |
| 24 |     | patterns.                            |     |                                  |
| 25 |     |                                      |     |                                  |
| 26 | 8.  | Approve guidelines and authorize     | 8.  | Power to act.                    |
| 27 |     | distribution of Thirteenth Sabbath   |     |                                  |
| 28 |     | (Quarterly Mission Project) offering |     |                                  |
| 29 |     | monies in harmony with the strategic |     |                                  |
| 30 |     | plan.                                |     |                                  |
| 31 |     |                                      |     |                                  |
| 32 | 9.  | Review and recommend a Calendar      | 9.  | Recommend to the General         |
| 33 |     | of Offerings.                        |     | Conference Executive Committee   |
| 34 |     |                                      |     | (GCC).                           |
| 35 |     |                                      |     |                                  |
| 36 | 10. | Approve methods and strategies for   | 10. | Power to act.                    |
| 37 |     | increasing income from traditional   |     |                                  |
| 38 |     | and new sources.                     |     |                                  |
| 39 |     |                                      |     |                                  |
| 40 | 11. | Appoint subcommittees as needed.     | 11. | Power to act.                    |
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1 MEMBERS

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3	KOHLER, ERTON C, Chair	President
4	McEdward, Richard E, Vice-chair	Secretary
5	Douglas, Paul H, Secretary	Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
6	Wahlen, J Raymond II, Secretary	Undertreasurer
7	Mooroooven, Hensley M, Associate Secretary	Undersecretary
8	Colomb, Lisa D, Recording Secretary	
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10	Aka, Timothy H	Associate Treasurer
11	Andersson, Audrey E	Vice President
12	Beardsley-Hardy, Lisa M	Education Director
13	Bomfim, Marcos F	Stewardship Ministries Director
14	Canals, Ramon J	Ministerial Association Secretary
15	Charles-Marcel, Zeno L	Health Ministries Director
16	DeSouza, Sabrina C	Associate Treasurer
17	Finley, Mark A	Assistant to the President
18	Jiao, Daniel Wang Xin	CHUM President
19	Johnson, Leonard A	Vice President
20	Krause, Gary D	Associate Secretary
21	Kuhn, Elbert	Associate Secretary
22	Lemon, Thomas L	Vice President
23	Lopes, Paulo	ADRA President
24	Lust, German A	Associate Treasurer
25	Martinelli, Mario	Publishing Ministries Director
26	Mutero, Gideon M	Associate Treasurer
27	Omeler, Pierre E	Vice President
28	Osei-Bonsu, Robert	Vice President
29	Ott, Alexander	Associate Secretary
30	Perez Schulz, Magdiel E	Assistant to the President
31	Pierre, Josue	Associate Treasurer
32	Porter, Karen J	Associate Secretary
33	Prodanyuk, Roman	UUC President
34	Ryan, Michael L	Assistant to the President
35	Samuel, Saw	Vice President
36	Sand, Denis	MENAUM President
37	Santos, Gerson P	Associate Secretary
38	Sessou, Selom K	Associate Secretary
39	Stele, Artur A	Vice President
40	Stephenson, Richard T	Associate Treasurer
41	Williams, Lori E	Human Resources Director
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1 All Divisions: President, Secretary, and Treasurer

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3 INVITEES

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5 Demyan, Vyacheslav

Hope Channel International President

6 Doukmetzian, Karnik

Legal Advisor

7 Haddad, M Mark

MENAUM Treasurer

8 Howard, James M

Adventist World Radio President

9 Iseminger, Myron A

MENAUM Secretary

10 Kajiura, Robyn W

GC Auditing Service Director

11 Korff, Eugene A

Controller

12 Kryvoi, Vitalii

UUC Treasurer

13 Park, Lissy

Assistant Secretary

14 Rose, Steven G

CHUM Treasurer

15 Trim, David

Archives, Statistics, and Research Director

16 Truman, Alyssa

Communication Director

17 Velechuk, Volodymyr S

UUC Secretary

18 Zhang, John Xiao Ming

CHUM Secretary

19 *To be named*

Associate Controller

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21 STEERING COMMITTEE

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23 KOHLER, ERTON C, Chair

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27 Mooroooven, Hensley M, Associate Secretary

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29 Lemon, Thomas L

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