

SPRING MEETING

April 10 and 11, 2007

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SPRING MEETING OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 10, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Niels-Erik Andreasen, Jonas Arrais, Raquel Arrais, Rosa T Banks, Harold W Baptiste, Lisa M Beardsley, Matthew A Bediako, B Lyn Behrens, Jannie Bekker, Guillermo E Biaggi, Gordon Bietz, Rodney Brady, Gina S Brown, Dennis N Carlson, Shirley Chang, Stephen Chavez, Carl Patrick Chin, Chester Clark III, G S Robert Clive, Lowell C Cooper, Gary R Councill, James A Cress,

Rajmund Dabrowski, Luka T Daniel, Marino F de Oliveira, Karnik Doukmetzian, C Garland Dulan, George O Egwakhe, Larry R Evans, Laurie J Evans, Howard F Faigao, Martin W Feldbush, Jimmy Ferguson, Melchor A Ferreyra Castillo, Mark A Finley, Karen M Flowers, Ronald M Flowers, John M Fowler, Agustin Galicia, Jonathan Gallagher, Dale Galusha, L James Gibson, Clifford Goldstein, John Graz, Alberto C Gulfan Jr,

Richard H Hart, Bert Haloviak, Allan R Handysides, Ceazar J Hechanova, Keith Rolland Heinrich, Wilmar Hirle, Roscoe J Howard III, Eugene King Yi Hsu, Daniel R Jackson, Johann E Johannson, Del L Johnson, Richard Kajiura, Mikhail F Kaminskiy, Gerry D Karst, Anthony Kent, Donald G King, Bill Knott, Linda Mei Lin Koh, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Jonathan Kuntaraf, Kathleen Kuntaraf, Peter R Kunze, Robert E Kyte,

Peter N Landless, Kevin L Lang, Jairyong Lee, Israel Leito, Robert E Lemon, Jean-Luc Lezeau, Jose R Lizardo, Solomon Maphosa, Gabriel Egon Maurer, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Donna McNeilus, Lester P Merklin Jr, Armando Miranda, Hiskia E Missah, Thomas J Mostert Jr, Baraka G Muganda, Pardon K Mwansa, G T Ng, Quintes Nicola, Don Noble, Barry D Oliver, Daisy J Flores Orion, Richard Osborn,

Orville D Parchment, Vernon B Parmenter, Jere D Patzer, Jan Paulsen, Juan O Perla, Philip Philipsen, Larry J Pitcher, Juan R Prestol, Peter J Prime, Erika F Puni, John Rathinaraj, Paul S Ratsara, Gordon L Retzer, Angel M Rodriguez, Steven G Rose, Blasious M Ruguri,

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Michael L Ryan, Roy E Ryan, Claude Sabot, Donald R Sahly, Nikolaus Satelmajer, Lawrence Schalk, Benjamin D Schoun, Luis Schulz, Greg Scott, Ralph Edmond Shelton, Ella S Simmons, Heather-Dawn Small, David C Smith, Reger Smith Jr, Robert S Smith, Artur A Steele, Hendrik Sumendap, Akeri Suzuki, Gary B Swanson, Robert L Swezey,

Halvard B Thomsen, Bradley Thorp, Homer Trecartin, Max A Trevino, Donald W Upson, Filiberto M Verduzco-Avila, Gilbert Wari, David Weigley, Bertil A Wiklander, Jeffrey K Wilson, Neal C Wilson, Ted N C Wilson, Harald Wollan, Kenneth H Wood, Joel Zukovski

## DEVOTIONAL

The devotional message entitled, “Esther: A Dialogue in Three Acts,” was presented by Alicia W Patterson, wife of Geoff Patterson, pastor of the Marietta, Georgia Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

“Courage is fear that has said its prayers.”

Esther had so many chances to just give up hope. Instead she chose to put her trust in God and was never disappointed. This re-telling of her story focuses on three critical moments in her life when her faith was most tested.

In *Act One* we listen as little Hadassah wrestles with her parents’ death and reaches out to the God of her parents, of “Abraham, Isaac and Jacob” to see if He is her God too. If He truly is “the God who sees and hears” the God who has a plan for her life – one “to prosper her and not to harm” -- as her parents have taught her. She finds God to be alive and listening and very concerned about her. She feels lead by Him to pray for a prosperous future – for the best she can possibly imagine, not just to pray against all the bad things that could happen. She does so and feels comforted by His presence even though she doesn’t yet know how He will answer her prayers. She chooses to trust Him.

In *Act Two*, Esther the teen wrestles with the reality that she will be taken to the king’s harem. “How could this be God’s will for her life?” she wonders. She grieves over her dream of having a family with a husband she loves. She grieves leaving Mordecai. God asks her if she trusts Him and reminds her of how He provided for her as a little orphan girl and still has a plan to prosper her and not to harm. She tries to imagine “prospering” in a heathen harem and, after a significant struggle, comes to the place where she is willing to trust God and go, believing that He can work good out of even this.

*Act Three* opens with Esther the Queen thanking God for bringing her to the palace and to Ahasuerus, both of which she has learned to love. She acknowledges how God has indeed prospered her, “weaving all the disparate threads” of her life “into a beautiful whole.”

She is interrupted in her praise by Hathach, who tells her that Mordecai is sitting outside the palace gate in sackcloth and ashes. Once again she is plunged into a situation that will test her character and faith in God. She struggles to understand why God would not make her aware of the situation until after the edict had been “signed, sealed, and delivered to 127 provinces.” Why He would ask her to go before the King and risk her life when it was too late.

This is the greatest test of her life and it is only through great struggle that she is able to come to the place where she can bring herself to go before the king. She praises God, acknowledging His ability to change the king’s heart and save her and His people. But she does so knowing that God does not always choose to intervene. Still she acknowledges that whether God sees fit to save her and his people or not, He is still God and still good. *Act Three* ends with Esther saying, “I will obey. You are good. . . . even if I die. I have loved You in life. I will love You in death—if death should come. I have put my trust in You. I will go before the King. . . and if I perish, I perish.”

We can take courage from Esther’s story, for each of us, when we commit our lives to God, can be used by God to bring deliverance to God’s people. We may not always understand how the road ahead is according to God’s plan, but if we will trust Him, and maintain hope, God will accomplish all He needs accomplished through the lives of ordinary people like you and me.

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Jan Paulsen, chair, called to order the first session of the 2007 Spring Meeting.

Prayer was offered by Kenneth H Wood, Chairman of the Ellen G White Estate Board of Trustees.

#### PRESIDENT’S OPENING REMARKS

The 2007 Annual Council will be held at the world headquarters office in Silver Spring, Maryland. A venue has not been chosen for the 2008 Annual Council, but the meetings will be held internationally, and likely in Asia.

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The Commission on Ministries, Services, and Structures will have a report for the 2007 Annual Council, while the Use of Tithe Study Commission will have a report for the 2008 Annual Council.

## MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was read by Roscoe J Howard III, secretary of the business session.

SEC/ADCOM/07SM to LRE

109-07G SPRING MEETING 2007—STANDING COMMITTEES

VOTED, To approve standing committees for the 2007 Spring Meeting, as follows:

### ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Ted N C Wilson, Chairman  
Vernon B Parmenter, Secretary

Members: James A Cress, George O Egwakhe, Roscoe J Howard III, Orville D Parchment.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jan Paulsen, Chairman  
Matthew A Bediako, Secretary

Members: Delbert W Baker, Rosa T Banks, B Lyn Behrens, Shirley Chang, Carl Patrick Chin, Lowell C Cooper, Luka T Daniel, George O Egwakhe, Larry R Evans, Laurie J Evans, Mark A Finley, Ronald M Flowers, Agustin Galicia, Alberto C Gulfan Jr, Roscoe J Howard III, Eugene Hsu, Gerry D Karst, Donald G King, Linda Koh, Erton C Kohler, Jairyong Lee, Israel Leito, Robert E Lemon, Jose R Lizardo,

Gabriel E Maurer, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Armando Miranda, Pardon K Mwansa, G T Ng, Daisy Jane F Orion, Vernon B Parmenter, Jere Patzer, Juan R Prestol, John Rathinaraj, Paul

Ratsara, Steven G Rose, Michael L Ryan, Roy E Ryan, Claude Sabot, Don C Schneider, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Stele, Max A Trevino, Bertil Wiklander, Ted N C Wilson.

STEERING

Jan Paulsen, Chairman  
Larry R Evans, Secretary

Members: Rosa T Banks, Matthew A Bediako, Sheri Clemmer, Lowell C Cooper, George O Egwakhe, Mark A Finley, Agustin Galicia, Roscoe J Howard III, Eugene Hsu, Gerry D Karst, Robert E Kyte, Robert E Lemon, Jose R Lizardo, Armando Miranda, Pardon K Mwansa, G T Ng, Daisy Jane F Orion, Orville D Parchment, Vernon B Parmenter, Juan R Prestol, Steven G Rose, Michael L Ryan, Roy E Ryan, Claude Sabot, Don C Schneider, Ella S Simmons, Ted N C Wilson.

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110-07G COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE—2007  
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VOTED, To appoint the Compensation Review Committee for the 2007 Spring Meeting, as follows:

MEMBERS

King, Donald G, Chair  
Lemon, Robert E, Secretary

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Cooper, Lowell C  
Daniel, Luka T  
Evans, Laurie J  
Finley, Mark A  
Gulfan, Alberto C Jr  
Hsu, Eugene  
Karst, Gerry D  
Kohler, Erton C  
Lee, Jairyong  
Leito, Israel  
Mbwana, Geoffrey G

Miranda, Armando  
Mwansa, Pardon K  
Paulsen, Jan  
Ratsara, Paul S  
Ryan, Michael L  
Schneider, Don C  
Simmons, Ella S  
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Bediako, Matthew A  
Evans, Larry R  
Howard, Roscoe J III  
Maurer, Gabriel E  
Rathinaraj, John

Treasury

Prestol, Juan R  
Rose, Steven G  
Ryan, Roy E

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Brown, Gina S  
Chang, Shirley  
Chin, Carl Patrick  
Green, Shelton  
Pechero, Reuben Daniel  
Saravia, Evelyn J  
Smith, David  
Young, Debbie

Pastor

Shelton, Ralph Edmond

Union Presidents

Carlson, Dennis N  
Jackson, Daniel R  
Mostert, Thomas J Jr  
Patzner, Jere D  
Retzer, Gordon L  
Trevino, Max A  
Weigly, Dave  
Wright, Walter L

Departments and Services

Muganda, Baraka G  
Small, Heather Dawn

TELL THE WORLD REPORT

Lowell C Cooper, Michael L Ryan, and Mark A Finley, General Vice Presidents of the General Conference, reported on the progress of the *Tell the World* program.

A prayer of rededication was offered by Ella S Simmons, General Vice President of the General Conference.

VOTED, To accept the *Tell the World* report.

CEW/07SM to LCC

## CONSERVING MEMBERSHIP GAINS—AN APPEAL

VOTED, 1. To approve the following appeal to the world Church regarding membership retention and the reclaiming of former members; and further

2. To encourage widespread circulation of this appeal to church leaders and local congregations.

### Conserving Membership Gains—An Appeal

Seventh-day Adventists around the world rejoice in the rapid membership growth of recent years. The Church views this as evidence of Holy Spirit-led movements and a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. (Matthew 24:14, Revelation 14:6, 7) Although the Seventh-day Adventist Church baptized over 5 million people from 2000 – 2005, membership losses during that time equaled nearly 1.4 million. Current indications are that annual membership losses, for reasons other than death, equal approximately 28 percent of membership accessions. Some membership loss occurs among recent converts, however, this tragic outcome is not limited to new members.

Members leave Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship for a variety of reasons. It is unrealistic to expect the Church to reach a point where the membership retention rate is 100 percent. This, however, should not excuse the Church from consciously creating and maintaining a nurturing environment for all members. Research on why members leave Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship suggests that social and relational factors are much more significant than disagreement with denominational teachings. In fact, many who leave denominational fellowship remain supportive of Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and even maintain Church practices for some time following their departure.

The reasons most frequently cited by persons who leave local church fellowship are found in the realm of relationships, the absence of a sense of belonging, and the lack of meaningful engagement in the local congregation and its mission. Therefore, the loss of members for these reasons should be preventable.

Seventh-day Adventists understand that last-day events will be accompanied by multiplied thousands turning to God, seeking spiritual foundations for life, and identifying with a community of believers that holds fast to biblical teaching. Church members and leaders around the world continue to place great emphasis on evangelism and church growth believing that even greater and more rapid membership growth lies just ahead.

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To prepare the Church for this large influx of new members, to reclaim members who have left, and to prevent current membership losses, the General Conference Executive Committee voices an appeal for members and leaders everywhere to give renewed emphasis to the matter of membership retention and reclamation. This involves understanding the reasons for membership loss in each local church and focusing on how to develop the capacity of the church to attract, reclaim, retain, and engage its members in the mission of the Church.

While the specific response to this appeal will vary from place to place and will reflect cultural diversity that is so evident in the global Church family, certain specifics are universal. For example, an individual's spiritual life must be fed through Bible study and prayer. We also know that to retain new members, the following factors are essential. If one of these factors is missing, the member is weakened, but may survive. If two factors are absent, they almost certainly will leave the fellowship of church members.

1. They must be able to articulate their beliefs.
2. They must have friends within the congregation.
3. They must engage in a personally-meaningful ministry.

Every member, whether or not recently baptized, should be able to experience an atmosphere in which to grow spiritually, to know a sense of belonging and identity, and to use their spiritual gifts in the advancement of mission. Creating such an environment requires more than a program. It necessitates the creation of a loving atmosphere with each member taking a personal interest in others.

Persons who join the Seventh-day Adventist Church come from widely varied backgrounds and experiences. All members are not at the same point of spiritual development. But all should find within church fellowship a place to continue their growth. Peter urges, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another, without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:8-10 (NIV)

The following actions will help to bring this into reality:

1. Along with their annual planning and budgeting for evangelism, executive committees and local church boards should assess the membership retention capacity in their territory. This will require careful review of membership care measures along with accession and loss patterns. Analysis of the situation should be followed by deliberate steps to address the circumstances that lie within the church's ability to change.

2. Repeated instructions of basic Bible teaching should be provided for all newly-baptized members in an intentionally-designed follow-up for a period of months after their baptism.
3. Ensuring that outreach methods used by the church take into consideration how new members will become integrated into the life of the church family and advance in the pathway of discipleship. Such planning should include the formation of friendships, fellowship in small groups, active participation in witnessing, and recruitment into specific roles and responsibilities as a member of the local congregation.
4. Designing ministry that addresses the developmental and spiritual needs of children, youth, and young adults, affirming their value to the church by training them for, and entrusting them with, responsibility.
5. Making certain that the provision of adequate places of worship is an integral part of the evangelistic initiative which brings people into church fellowship. No programs should be permitted that do not honor this essential requirement.
6. Training members in how to re-connect with those who have discontinued church fellowship. In many cases, the return to fellowship of former members is more challenging to the congregation than the acceptance of new converts. Careful attention is needed to facilitate the healing of relationships and the realization, between persons, of the reconciliation that flows from the forgiveness and acceptance received through Jesus Christ.

The General Conference Executive Committee praises God for the rapid growth that is taking place in many areas. Evangelism is the mission of the Church. Leaders and members are commended for making this the priority in planning and budgeting. This we must continue and, while so doing, demonstrate the loving concern of the Good Shepherd for His sheep who may have strayed.

#### AUDITED STATEMENT PRESENTATION PROCEDURE

VOTED, To distribute the Treasury documents so that the committee can review them before the items are presented tomorrow.

Prayer was offered by Niels-Erik Andreasen, President of Andrews University.

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Jan Paulsen and Pardon K Mwansa, Chair  
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Larry R Evans, Editorial Secretary  
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

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The devotional message entitled, “In the Presence of Hope,” was presented by Pastor and Mrs Geoff Patterson of the Marietta, Georgia Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Revelation 14:6,7 promises three things: That there is eternal good news that is ours through forgiveness of sins in Jesus; that there is a God who is the Creator of all things to whom we owe worship and praise; and that a judgment day is coming.

Some have feared the judgment day, but for those who are in Christ Jesus, the judgment day is the day of hope, the day of a promise fulfilled. Which promise? The one made by Jesus in John 14:1-3: “If I go. . . I will come again.”

The promise of heaven gives us hope as we face the trials of this life. Our hope in the knowledge of the resurrection even takes the sting out of death. After the tragic funeral of a third-grade class mate’s mother last year, our son, Gable, said: “I think the right expression for today is the eyes are frowning, but the mouth is smiling. The eyes are smiling because it’s just so sad. But the mouth is smiling, because we know we’ll get to see her again in heaven.” And that, in a nutshell, is why we do what we do—because there are so many whose eyes and mouth are frowning—because they don’t know Jesus, because they don’t have the “blessed hope.”

The hope of heaven is not the hope of a place, but a person—Jesus. Ellen White says that “Heaven is a ceaseless approaching to God through Christ.” And that we can have as much of His presence right here and now as we can bear. (DA 331-332). We know, from Romans 5:1-5, that we will never be disappointed when our hope is anchored in Jesus. As we wait “God pours out His love in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.” His current presence changes the nature of our waiting from anxious and lonely to secure and loved. This is exactly the perspective we need to face any trial: the reassurance of God’s current presence and the glorious hope of heaven.

Why does Jesus come back? He comes because He longs to be with us, in person, or as He says, “. . . that you also may be where I am.” (John 14:3b, NIV). Then He will set things right, so “there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away” (Rev 21:4).

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This is our vision. Without it we would perish. Let us use our holy imaginations to practice the reality of God's current presence and to envision His coming and dwelling with us. Let us make it so real and compelling—for ourselves, and our children and those to whom we minister to—that it will help us through any trial, no matter how grave.

We are the keepers of the ancient prophecy of the Second Coming, of the ancient story of the God who would not let us go, but kept making a way to dwell with us once again. This is the special message of hope that we as Adventists have the joy of experiencing and sharing. To you who have faithfully proclaimed this message, thank you. Your words have brought courage to literally millions around the world. The message that you proclaim will continue to bring hope. Let it bring hope to your heart as well.

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Jan Paulsen, chair, called to order the second session of the 2007 Spring Meeting.

Prayer was offered by Lester P Merklin, Director of the Institute of World Mission.

KATTWINKEL, EDEMAR—ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF  
GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDITING SERVICE—  
ELECTION DECLINED

VOTED, To record that Edemar Kattwinkel has declined his election as Associate Director of General Conference Auditing Service for the South American Division.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

I never cease to marvel that God, with all the angels at His command, has chosen us, sinful human beings, TO TELL THE WORLD of His love for us and of the plan of redemption. Even though He owns "the cattle on a thousand hills" and everything is His, He still allows us the blessings that flow from the returning of our tithes and of giving freewill offerings to Him. The blessing of the Sabbath, which reminds us that He is the Creator, and the blessing of tithing, which reminds us that everything we have comes from Him, are too little appreciated. In a presentation this past week, G Edward Reid, North American Division Stewardship Director, reminded us that the children of Israel journeyed to Jerusalem three times a year to worship and to bring their tithes and offerings before the Lord. It was a joyous time of singing and rejoicing

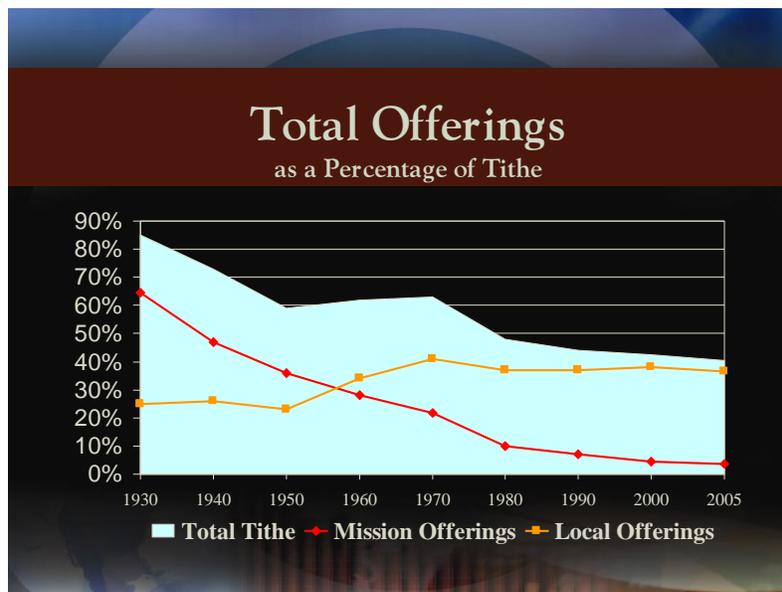
as they traveled to Jerusalem. Even though they were surrounded on all sides by enemies who were just waiting for an opportunity to plunder their cities and take them captive, three times a year all the male Israelites would leave their cities and villages unprotected and journey to Jerusalem to worship and to bring their tithes and offerings to the Lord. The servant of the Lord wrote: “While the Israelites went up to worship, divine power would place a restraint upon their enemies.” God’s promise was, “I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in the year.” Exodus 34:24” (PP 537.2) God is no less interested in His children today than He was in the days of Israel.

It is a privilege to bring a report of the tithes and offerings, which God’s children have brought with rejoicing to the House of the Lord.

### Mission Offerings

With only 52 Sabbaths in 2006 as compared to 53 in 2005, worldwide tithe was up 10 percent in 2006. It increased from US\$1,457,140,002 in 2005 to US\$1,602,733,957 in 2006. We praise the Lord for the faithfulness of His children. The tithe accruing to the General Conference for the World Budget totaled US\$83.7 million in 2005 as compared to US\$79.2 million in 2004 which was a 5.7 percent increase. (The actual amount received by the General Conference in 2005 varies slightly from this figure because of the timing of the release of some blocked currencies). Approximately 46 percent of the worldwide tithe is received in currencies other than the US dollar. A small portion of the overall 10 percent tithe increase is attributable to the weakening of the US dollar.

Mission offerings have declined as a percentage of tithe for many years. This has been especially apparent in the case of the North American Division, but has also been true of most other divisions. Local offerings have increased from 23 percent of tithe in 1950 to 36 percent in 2005. Mission offerings over the same period declined from 36 percent of tithe to less than 4 percent. The graph below shows total offerings, local offerings, and mission offerings as a percentage of tithe.



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We praise the Lord that this trend appears to be changing. Total mission offerings from divisions other than the North American Division declined in US\$ terms every year from 1997 through 2002, but have increased each of the last four years. It is hard to compare the numbers precisely because of varying exchange rates but a shift in the trend is still clear. In 1997, the mission offerings from outside North America totaled US\$29.1 million and over the next five years declined 20 percent to US\$24.1 million. In the four years between 2002 and 2006, mission offerings have increased 33 percent from US\$24.1 million to US\$32.3 million. During the same period, tithes in those divisions increased 70 percent. Even though the increase has not entirely kept up with the increase in tithes, it is heading in the right direction.

In the North American Division, mission offerings have remained basically flat for the past 25 years. The last two years have shown increases in mission offerings in North America that are very encouraging. The increase in 2005 was over 4 percent and in 2006, it was over 6 percent. Last year and this year, the percentage increase in mission offerings in the North American Division have exceeded the percentage increase in tithes which is extremely encouraging.

If the percentage in mission offerings had kept pace with tithes since 1950, it would now be over US\$525 million per year. We would not be facing challenges in providing non-tithe funds for the needs of the Church and would be able to expand the work in a marked way within the 10/40 Window territories.

If mission offerings had kept pace with tithes since 1970, a time that most of us can remember and many of us had already entered denominational service, the total in 2006 would be over US\$320 million.

Even if mission offerings had kept pace with tithes since 1980, a point at which many here today were already carrying major leadership responsibilities in God's work, the total would be over US\$151 million per year as compared to the US\$56 million we had in 2006.

We want to thank all those in the divisions, unions, conference/missions and local churches who have given special emphasis to the mission offerings. We want to thank those in the office of Adventist Mission for the work they are doing to help our members understand that there is still a great work to be done in reaching the whole world.

#### Operating Expense Cap and 2006 Audited Financial Statement

Steven G Rose, Undertreasurer of the General Conference, will be reviewing the 2006 audited financial statement which shows that the finances of the General Conference are strong. The increase for 2006 was sufficient to provide working capital in excess of requirement of slightly over US\$10 million. This allows us to propose a Supplemental Budget of US\$10 million

today to be used for special projects and needs of the Church. God has blessed in a marvelous way.

In the early 1990s, the Church wisely placed a cap on the amount of funds that could be spent at the world headquarters in guiding the worldwide work of the Church. A new spending cap and tithe sharing formula was implemented in 2000 and we have been able to meet the objectives of the new lower cap in each year of the five years of the phase-in period and, in spite of some major increases in the cost of living in the Washington, DC area in the last couple of years, we have continued to operate within the 2 percent of tithe set as a spending cap. In 2006, the operating costs of the General Conference headquarters were 1.94 percent of tithe or a little more than US\$1 million under the spending cap.

The Combined Statement of Activities for 2006 shows total expenses (operating expenses) of US\$171 million. The expenses fall into the following categories: appropriations to divisions and institutions (44 percent), funding for interdivision missionaries (12 percent), General Conference Administered funds for various programs and services (21 percent), General Conference Headquarters operations (21 percent) and special appropriations and other items (2 percent). The total expenses for 2005 were US\$166 million.

#### Program Assessment Function

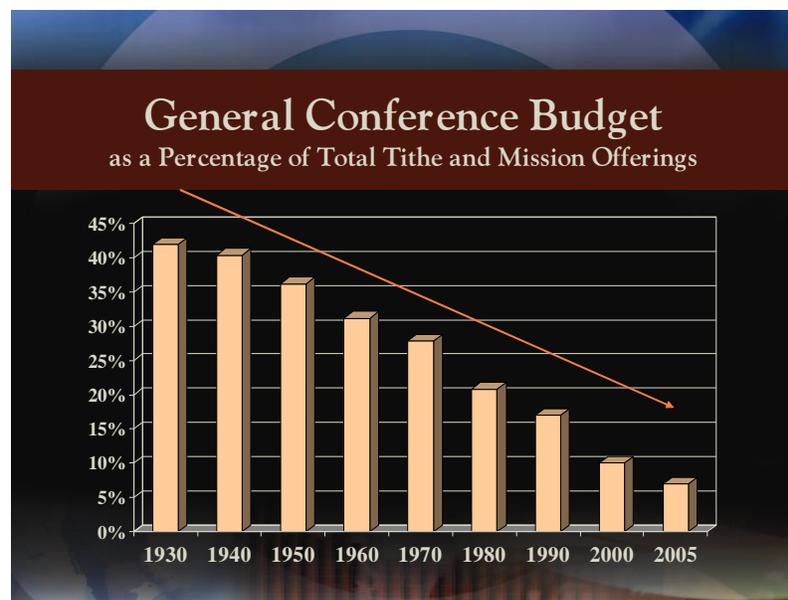
The General Conference provides funding for many initiatives and programs designed to serve the world Church. In some cases the General Conference provides a subsidy covering part of the cost and in others, it covers the entire cost. There are services such as Adventist Risk Management which charge for their services. In such cases, there is an external validation of the value of the service. If the service is deemed to be of value, the various church entities purchase the service and if not, the market place provides an indication of how much they value the service. But when we provide services and programs at a subsidized rate or without charge, we need to develop objective measures to evaluate their value to the Church and to make sure they are provided in a way that will maximize their value to the Church. We have an excellent auditing service that evaluates the accuracy of financial reporting, but have not had a structured process of evaluating the effectiveness of programs or services provided from the General Conference office. Administration and the Financial Planning and Budgeting Committee have been giving study to recommending the provision of funding to set up just such a function for the General Conference. It is intended to provide both administration and those providing the services with objective information with which to evaluate the services and make adjustments where needed. We feel it will be a valuable asset in maximizing the value of programs and services provided from the General Conference.

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### Emphasis Needed in 10/40 Window

In many areas of the world where we have a strong presence, the work is growing rapidly. Through the combined efforts of the pastors and laity, on average, over 3,000 are baptized each day. Where we have strong membership, they can assist new members and nurture and strengthen them in the faith. They can help provide the resources needed for church buildings and facilities for training leaders and workers for God's work. But in the parts of the world where we are "thin on the ground," as Elder Paulsen refers to it, we need to provide more assistance. At one time, nearly 40 percent of all the tithes and offerings of the Church flowed through the General Conference's World Budget. Those funds were sufficient to provide major help both in the areas where we had a well-established work and in new areas that needed to be entered. This was a time of unprecedented expansion into new unentered areas. As the Church grows stronger financially, local areas are administering a larger and larger portion of the funds provided from the tithes and offerings. With less than 7 percent of the total tithes and offerings now flowing through the World Budget of the General Conference, we need to give special attention to directing a larger and larger portion of that budget towards entering the parts of the world where we have very few members, especially the 10/40 Window territories.

I am confident that as we lay before God's people this challenge, they will respond. These are not easy areas in which to present the Gospel. They are areas with very few Christians. Areas with world religions that come with a very different world view than do the historically Christian countries. Traditional "frontline" interdivision missionaries are not necessarily the most effective way of entering these areas. Individuals from cultures more similar to theirs can often be more effective. Non-traditional evangelistic methods must be employed.



There are some who would suggest that most of our interdivision missionaries (IDEs) should be working as church planters in villages and cities as "frontline workers". There has been and will continue to be a place for such interdivision missionaries, but one of the areas

where our interdivision missionaries can be most effective is in training others to work in these areas. Their efforts can be multiplied many fold by training individuals who can be both more effective in reaching the people in these areas and also do it in a more cost effective way. It is far better to teach a person to fish than to give him or her a fish. Even in areas where we have a strong established work, we will still want to continue to provide some interdivision missionary budgets for individuals in training institutions. When we send individuals “from everywhere to everywhere” to train workers and members, we strengthen our unity of purpose and message. By this practice, we have achieved a level of unity in beliefs and practices that would not have been possible if everyone were trained by individuals from their own local region. We are truly a global Church. It is not only the strong helping the financially weak, but all of us helping each other to understand God’s will and His last day message for a dying world.

There is a need to move more of our interdivision missionary budgets and other resources into the 10/40 Window territory and into “frontline” work. But let us not be mistaken, training workers in our institutions is also “frontline” work.

#### Growing Number of Missionaries

In some people’s thinking, the only missionaries we have are those who are classified as interdivision missionaries or IDEs as we commonly refer to them. Some look at the number of IDEs and say our mission program has declined over the years. The Church’s mission program has never been stronger than it is today. We have thousands and thousands of missionaries serving in all parts of the world. We have thousands of missionaries who are serving within their own divisions but outside their home country or territory; we have thousands of Global Mission Pioneers going into difficult areas and planting churches; we have thousands of volunteers also doing mission work. Rather than just looking at funding for interdivision missionary budgets (IDE budgets), we must also look at ways to support and encourage all our missionaries.

There are many challenges in reaching “all nations” but the battle is not ours, it is the Lord’s. May He guide each of us as we work together to finish His work in all parts of the world.

We must remember that none of us are going home until we all can go and that means finishing the work “in all the world.” “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” Matt 24:14 “He which testifieth these things saith Surely, I come quickly. Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus.” Rev 22:20

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 FinPl&Bud02SM/02SM/103-02G/FinPl&Bud03SM/03SM/103-03G/FinPl&Bud04SM/  
 04SM/103-04G/FinPl&Bud05SM/05SM/103-05G/FinPl&Bud06SM/06SM/103-06G/  
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103-07G OPERATING EXPENSE CAP 2006 - REPORT

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

VOTED, To record the report for the Operating Expense Cap 2006, as follows:

Operating Expense Cap 2006

Total income basis .....	\$1,602,733,957.00
Expense cap at 2% of world tithe .....	\$32,054,679.00
Expense for 2006 .....	\$31,036,519.00
Expense as a percentage of cap.....	96.82%
Amount under the cap.....	\$1,018,160.00

Operating Expense Cap Summary

YEAR	GROSS NAD TITHE	WORLD TITHE %	TOTAL	CAP	ACTUAL OPERATING EXPENSE	EXPENSE UNDER THE CAP	EXPENSE AS % OF CAP
4.85%*							
1992	446,977,202	2,616,378	449,593,580	21,805,289	19,152,695	2,652,594	87.84%
1993	454,792,764	2,685,069	457,477,833	22,187,675	21,083,033	1,104,642	95.02%
1994	480 730 812	2,902,438	483,633,250	23,456,213	21,918,901	1,527,312	93.45%
1995	491,795,455	3,226,237	495,021,692	24,008,552	22,098,370	1,910,182	92.04%
1996	507,406,829	2,912,685	510,319,514	24,750,496	23,073,972	1,676,524	93.23%
4.25%*							
1997	534,169,178	4,233,457	538,402,635	22,882,112	21,422,458	1,459,654	93.62%
1998	569,714,074	9,073,464	578,787 538	24,598,470	21,618,414	2,980,056	87.89%
1999	610,215,571	4,209,332	614,424,903	26,113,058	20,999,068	5,111,990	80.42%

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2000	656,938,361	4,235,930	661,174,291	28,099,907	22,877,949	5,221,958	81.42%
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YEAR	GROSS NAD TITHE	GROSS NON-NAD TITHE	GROSS WORLD TITHE	CAP	ACTUAL OPERATING EXPENSE	EXPENSE UNDER THE CAP	EXPENSE AS % OF CAP
2.00%**							
2001	685,051,305	429,500,692	1,114,551,997	27,913,439	23,862,558	4,044,881	85.51%
2002	707,805,149	434,912,910	1,142,718,059	27,342,516	24,879,758	2,462,758	90.99%
2003	727,180,606	475,704,684	1,202,885,290	26,922,403	26,172,840	749,563	97.22%
2004	762,318,491	555,412,923	1,317,731,414	27,646,624	26,886,383	760,241	97.25%
2005	834,926,654	622,213,348	1,457,140,002	29,142,800	28,740,301	402,499	98.62%
2006	861,581.965	741,151.992	1,602.733.957	32,054.679	31,036.519	1,018.160	96.82%

\*The following six cost centers were removed from the cap, reducing it from 4.85% to 4.25% (see GCC 98-21):

- 11050 Adventist World Radio
- 41215 Geoscience Research Center
- 41920 Ellen G White Estate
- 41935 Ellen G White Estate Research Centers
- 61175 Auditing Service
- 61794 TRIPS

\*\*Because of NAD's tithe percentage being phased down from 10.72% to 8.0% over 5 years, and the non-NAD divisions' tithe percentage being increased from 1% to 2% over 5 years, the CAP is also being phased in over the same 5-year period and is calculated as 2% of Gross World Tithe, as follows (see GCC 00-23):

- 2001 1/5 of distance between old and new calculation
- 2002 2/5 of distance between old and new calculation
- 2003 3/5 of distance between old and new calculation
- 2004 4/5 of distance between old and new calculation
- 2005 Full implementation of new calculation

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COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITORS'  
REPORT

Steven G Rose, Undertreasurer of the General Conference, presented a PowerPoint presentation covering areas of particular interest in the Combined Financial Statements of the General Conference for the year ending December 31, 2006.

(Copies of the Combined Financial Statements and the auditors report are filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

TRE/FinAudRev/07SM to REL

AUDIT MANAGEMENT LETTER, POLICY COMPLIANCE  
REPORT AND RESPONSE

James E Nyquist, of Maner, Costerisan & Ellis, P.C., read the Audit Management Letter and Policy Compliance Report. Robert E Lemon read the General Conference Management Letter of Response.

VOTED, To accept the 2006 Audit Management Letter, Policy Compliance Report, and General Conference Management Letter of Response as recommended by the General Conference Financial Audit Review Committee.

(The Financial Statements and letters are filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

TRE/FinAudRev/07SM to REL

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2006

James E Nyquist, of Maner, Costerisan & Ellis, P.C., read the auditors' opinion for the combined financial statements and for the unitized funds.

VOTED, To accept the 2006 Combined Financial Statements of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the period ending December 31, 2006, as recommended by the General Conference Financial Audit Review Committee, (which include the Operating Funds, The Plant Fund, and Other Funds) and the auditor's opinions for the following unitized funds:

Money Fund  
Bond Fund

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Income Fund  
Large Cap U.S. Equity Fund  
Small Cap U.S. Equity Fund  
International Fund  
Emerging Markets Fund  
Micro Cap & Private Equity Fund  
Euro Bond Fund

(A copy of the Annual Financial Statements is filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

TRE/FinAudRev/07SM to REL

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE FINANCIAL AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Max A Trevino, Chairman of the General Conference Financial Audit Review Committee, expressed his appreciation for the work that was done by the Treasury Department.

Gina S Brown, Secretary of the General Conference Financial Audit Review Committee, presented the General Conference Financial Audit Review Committee Report, a copy of which is filed with the official minutes. It was

VOTED, 1. To receive the report of the General Conference Financial Audit Review Committee.

2. To select the firm of Maner, Costerisan & Ellis, P.C. to conduct the audit for the General Conference Financial Statements for the remainder of the quinquennium.

TRE/07SM to REL

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

VOTED, To receive the Treasurer's Report as presented by Robert E Lemon.

(Copies of the Audited Financial Statement and Combined Financial Statements are filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION MEMBERS MEETING

At 10:45 a.m. the General Conference Corporation members meeting was convened, after which the business session of the General Conference Executive Committee was reconvened.

FinPl&Bud07SM/07SM to SGR(DIV)

### SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, 2006

VOTED, To approve the 2006 Supplemental Budget, as follows:

Griggs University - Elementary School Curriculum Revision	500,000
<i>Adventist World</i> - Hard Currency Allocation	1,000,000
Adventist World Radio - 10/40 Window Programming	100,000
General Conference Retirement Allowance - Full Accrual	150,000
South American Division - Payroll Software	170,000
10/40 Window	2,000,000
Adventist University of Africa Property (50.61 acres land only)	609,206
Adventist Mission Offering Promotion	200,000
Adventist Television Network (Hope Channel) - Working Capital	1,000,000
Trans-European Division - Middle East Union Retirement Fund	850,000
General Conference Auditing Service - International Working Capital	250,000

#### Divisions -

East-Central Africa Division	212,000
Eastern Europe Financial Affairs Committee (EEFAC)	212,000
EEFAC - Office/Housing - Temporary Location	<u>214,794</u>
Subtotal - Eastern Europe Financial Affairs Committee	426,794
Euro-Africa Division	212,000
Inter-American Division	212,000
North American Division	212,000
Northern Asia-Pacific Division	212,000
South American Division	212,000
Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division	212,000
South Pacific Division	212,000
Southern Asia-Pacific Division	212,000
Southern Asia Division	212,000

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Trans-European Division	212,000
West-Central Africa Division	412,000
Total	10,000,000

TRE/07SM to SGR

GENERAL CONFERENCE HOSPITAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY  
(HPL) AND AIRCRAFT LIABILITY INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
REPORT

A report was given on the status of the General Conference Hospital Professional Liability (HPL) and Aircraft Liability Insurance Committee.

VOTED, To receive the report of the General Conference Hospital Professional Liability (HPL) and Aircraft Liability Insurance Committee.

(A copy of the information covered in the report is filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

SEC/07SM to LRE

GENERAL CONFERENCE HOSPITAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY  
(HPL) AND AIRCRAFT LIABILITY INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
(GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the General Conference Hospital Professional (HPL) and Aircraft Liability Insurance Committee (HPL&AirLiabInsC) (GCC-S), as follows:

Add	Ng, G T <i>Undertreasurer</i>
Delete	Clayville, Douglas Rose, Steven G

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112-07G ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO-ARGENTA QUASI ENDOWMENT  
FUND EARNINGS  
(General Conference Corporation Quasi Endowment Fund – AWR-Argenta)

The General Conference Executive Committee provided \$2,000,000 from the 1998 Supplemental Budget for Adventist World Radio-Argenta to start an endowment fund, earnings of which were designated to build an Adventist World Radio station in Argenta, Italy. The project, however, did not materialize because of local government restrictions. Upon the request of the Adventist World Radio Board, it was

VOTED, To redesignate the use of the earnings from the endowment fund for broadcast work, including air time, operations, and facilities, which will serve the territory that would have been covered by the Adventist World Radio-Argenta station.

PRE/07SM to MLR

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Michael L Ryan and Pardon K Mwansa introduced new resources that are available for training leaders and team building. There will be a leadership conference, February 11 and 12, 2008, in Slovenia.

Prayer was offered by Donna McNeilus, a layperson from the North American Division.

Jan Paulsen, Chairman  
Vernon B Parmenter, Secretary  
Larry R Evans, Editorial Secretary  
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

SPRING MEETING OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 11, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

Gerry D Karst, chair, called to order the third session of the 2007 Spring Meeting.

Prayer was offered by Homer Trecartin, Director for Planning of Adventist Mission.

CHRISTIAN RECORD SERVICES, INC—CORPORATION MEETING

At 2:05 p.m. a legal meeting of the Christian Record Services, Inc was convened.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION—  
LEGAL MEETING

Following the corporation meeting of Christian Record Services, Inc, a legal meeting of the International Health and Temperance Association was convened, after which the business session of the General Conference Executive Committee was reconvened.

GRIGGS UNIVERSITY REPORT

Donald R Sahly presented a report regarding Griggs University which included the following:

1. A list of offices around the world identifying ones that have recently opened.
2. Enrollment statistics of the various levels of education offered.
3. A financial report which included budgetary information and tuition income by program.

VOTED, To record receipt of the Griggs University report, as presented.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION CORPORATION—  
LEGAL MEETING

At 2:37 p.m. a legal meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association Corporation was convened.

At 2:48 p.m. the business session of the General Conference Executive Committee was reconvened.

ADVENTIST TELEVISION NETWORK STUDIO

Robert E Lemon, Treasurer of the General Conference, presented a report that highlighted the need for a larger studio for the Hope Channel.

VOTED, To record receipt of the report on the proposed addition to the General Conference complex for a studio to be used by the Hope Channel, with the understanding that the administrative approvals and funding arrangements for the project will be handled through General Conference Administrative Committee and the General Conference Corporation as with other items relating to the General Conference headquarters facility and its in-house operation.

NomCom07SM/07SM to MAB

DOUGLAS, PAUL H—ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Paul H Douglas as Director of General Conference Auditing Service.

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DA SILVA, LUCAS—ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Lucas da Silva as Associate Director, General Conference Auditing Service, South American Area.

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NomCom07SM/07SM to MAB

PRESTOL, JUAN R—ELECTION

VOTED, To elect Juan R Prestol as Undertreasurer of the General Conference.

NomCom07SM/07SM to LRE

BEARDSLEY, LISA M ILOLA—APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint Lisa M Ilola Beardsley as Chief Editor of *Dialogue*.

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102-07Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2007

VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2007 with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2007</u>			
12(am)	Thu	Institute for Prevention of Addiction Board	Silver Spring MD
12(pm)	Thu	ICPA Board	Silver Spring MD
15-17	Sun	BRICOM	Loma Linda CA
16	Mon	AUA Interim Management Committee Board	Nairobi KENYA
17	Tue	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
17(pm)	Tue	GC PARL World Affairs Committee	Silver Spring MD
18	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
19	Thu	Adventist Heritage Ministry Finance Committee	Battle Creek MI
20	Fri	Adventist Heritage Ministry Board	Battle Creek MI
22,23	Sun	Oakwood College Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
24(pm)	Tue	R&H HHES Board	Hagerstown MD
24(eve)	Tue	R&H Finance Board	Hagerstown MD
25(am)	Wed	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>May 2007</u>			
16	Wed	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
17(pm)	Thu	GC Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
22,23	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
24	Thu	Supporting Ministries Advisory Committee	Silver Spring MD
24	Thu	Adventist Health International Services	Loma Linda CA
<u>June 2007</u>			
3	Sun	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
5,6	Tue	Adventist Risk Management Board	VERMONT
11-30	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
13	Wed	GC Staff Day	Gaithersburg MD
18	Mon	R&H Executive/Finance Board Committee	Silver Spring MD
19-20	Tue	PREXAD	Silver Spring MD
<u>July 2007</u>			
10-15	Tue	Institute of World Mission Re-Entry Program	Berrien Springs MI
19	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
23-Aug 11	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Collonges FRANCE
<u>August 2007</u>			
8(eve)	Wed	PPPA Board Finance Committee	Nampa ID
9	Thu	PPPA Board	Nampa ID
16	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board	Silver Spring MD
27,28	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
29(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Services	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2007</u>			
4(eve)	Tue	R&H Finance Board Committee	Hagerstown MD
5(am)	Wed	R&H Board	Hagerstown MD
6	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
9-13	Sun	Adventist Risk Management Conference	
17-21	Mon	Staff Travel Moratorium	Silver Spring MD
19(pm)	Wed	Department Directors/GC President Meeting	Silver Spring MD
20(pm)	Thu	GC Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
24	Mon	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
25	Tue	Christian Record Services Board of Trustees	Lincoln NE

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2007</u>			
1(pm)	Mon	Adventist Mission Committee	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Tue	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Tue	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Tue	GC PARL World Affairs Committee	Silver Spring MD
3	Wed	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
3(eve)	Wed	IBMTE Board	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Thu	ADRA Board	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Thu	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Thu	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Fri	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Sun	Council on Evangelism & Witness	Silver Spring MD
8	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
8	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
8	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Tue	Financial Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
10-12(am)	Wed	Commission on Ministries, Services, & Structures	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Thu	GCAS Board	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Thu	AIAS Management Committee & Board	Silver Spring MD
11(eve)	Thu	Adventist Television Network Operating Board	Silver Spring MD
12(pm)	Fri	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
12(eve)-17	Fri	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
14(eve)	Sun	GC Financial Audit Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
15(eve)	Mon	Griggs University Board	Silver Spring MD
21,22	Sun	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL
21-23	Sun	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
22-Nov 10	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
23	Tue	Institute of World Mission Board	Berrien Springs MI
23(am)	Tue	IWM Administrative Council	Berrien Springs MI
23(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
25	Thu	Supporting Ministries Advisory Council	Silver Spring MD
25	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
26(am)	Fri	Andrews University Board Finance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
28(am)	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
28(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
29	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>November 2007</u>			
15	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>December 2007</u>			
6	Thu	ARM Board	Silver Spring MD
10	Mon	ADRA Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
11,12	Tue	Loma Linda Board and Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
13(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services	Loma Linda CA
17	Mon	Inst for Prevention of Addictions Board	
18-22	Tue	Institute of World Mission Re-Entry Program	Cooranbong AUSTRALIA
18	Tue	R&H Board Executive/Finance Com	Silver Spring MD
24-Jan 5,08	Mon	World Conf on Youth and Community Service	TAIWAN

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VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2008 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 2008</u>			
9-12	Tue	PREXAD	FLORIDA
11-26	Fri	Institute of World Mission	Cooranbong AUSTRALIA
28-31	Mon	Third Bible Sch—Corresp Sch Coordinator's Mtg	Cape Town S AFRICA
<u>February 2008</u>			
11,12	Mon	General Conference Leadership Training	SLOVENIA
20(eve)	Wed	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
21	Thu	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Nairobi, KENYA
21(am)	Thu	Christian Record Services Board of Trustees	Lincoln NE
24(pm)	Sun	Loma Linda Boards and Board Education	Loma Linda CA
25,26	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
27(am)	Wed	Geoscience Research Institute Board	Loma Linda CA
27(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Board	Loma Linda CA

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<u>March 2008</u>			
2(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
3	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
4	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
6	Thu	AIAS Management Committee and Board	Silang PHILIPPINES
11-13	Tue	IHFM Conference	AUSTRALIA
17-22	Mon	Staff Travel Moratorium	
19(pm)	Wed	Department Directors/GC President Meeting	Silver Spring MD
20	Thu	GC Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
25-28	Tue	Literature Ministry Coordinating Board	Silver Spring MD
25(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
26(pm)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
27	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
27,28(am)	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
30	Sun	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
30	Sun	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
30	Sun	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
30(pm)	Sun	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
31	Mon	Education Consultation	Silver Spring MD
31(am)	Mon	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
31(pm)	Mon	Financial Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
31(eve)	Mon	Griggs University Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2008</u>			
1(am)	Tue	Adventist Television Network Operating Board	Silver Spring MD
1(pm)	Tue	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
1(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
2,3	Wed	Use of Tithe Study Commission	Silver Spring MD
4	Fri	Spirit of Prophecy Heritage Trip	Battle Creek MI
6,7(am)	Sun	Spring Meeting	Berrien Springs MI
14-May 3	Mon	Institute of World Mission	ASIA
14,15	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
16(pm)	Wed	RH HHES Board	Hagerstown MD
16(pm)	Wed	RH Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
17(am)	Thu	RH Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>May 2008</u>			
5-8	Mon	World Council of Editors	Nampa ID
20,21	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Board Committees	Loma Linda CA

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<u>May 2008 contd</u>			
22	Thu	Supporting Ministries Advisory Committee	Silver Spring MD
22(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
22(pm)	Thu	GC Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>June 2008</u>			
1(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
2	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
17	Tue	RH Board Executive/Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD
18,19	Wed	PREXAD	
<u>July 2008</u>			
14-Aug 2	Mon	Institute of World Mission	Berrien Springs MI
<u>August 2008</u>			
13(pm)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
14	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
25,26	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Boards Committees	Loma Linda CA
27(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2008</u>			
15-19	Mon	Staff Travel Moratorium	
17(pm)	Wed	Department Directors/GC President Meeting	Silver Spring MD
18	Thu	GC Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
22	Mon	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
23(am)	Tue	Christian Record Services Board	Lincoln NE
24(pm)	Wed	RH Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
25(am)	Thu	RH Board	Hagerstown MD
29(eve)	Mon	Griggs University Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 2008</u>			
6(am)	Mon	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
8	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
9	Thu	AIAS Management Committee and Board	Silver Spring MD
9	Thu	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Thu	Adventist Television Network Operating Com	Silver Spring MD
10-15(am)	Fri	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
19,20	Sun	Oakwood College Board	Huntsville AL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2008</u> contd			
20-Nov 8	Mon	Institute of World Mission	CARIBBEAN
20,21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
21(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
23	Thu	Supporting Ministries Advisory Committee	Silver Spring MD
26(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
27	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
28	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI

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9,10	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Board Committees	Loma Linda CA
11(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
16	Tue	RH Board Executive/Finance Committees	Silver Spring MD

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## 102-07Gc AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2009

VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2009 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 2009</u>			
13-17	Tue	PREXAD	_____
<u>February 2009</u>			
18	Wed	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
19	Thu	Christian Record Services Board of Trustees	Lincoln NE
<u>March 2009</u>			
1(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
2	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
3	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>March 2009 contd</u>			
5	Thu	AIIAS Management Committee and Board	Silang PHILIPPINES
16-21	Mon	Staff Travel Moratorium	
18(pm)	Wed	Department Directors/GC President Meeting	Silver Spring MD
19	Thu	GC Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
25(pm)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
26	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
30(eve)	Mon	Griggs University Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2009</u>			
6(pm)	Mon	Adventist Television Network Operating Com	Huntsville, AL
7,8(am)	Tue	Spring Meeting	Huntsville AL
13,14	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
<u>May 2009</u>			
21	Thu	Supporting Ministries Advisory Committee	Silver Spring MD
21(pm)	Thu	GC Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
31(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
<u>June 2009</u>			
1	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
17,18	Wed	PREXAD	
<u>July 2009</u>			
<u>August 2009</u>			
12(pm)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
13	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
<u>September 2009</u>			
14-18	Mon	Staff Travel Moratorium	
16(pm)	Wed	Department Directors/GC President Meeting	Silver Spring MD
17	Thu	GC Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
21	Mon	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
22	Tue	Christian Record Services Board of Trustees	Lincoln NE
28(eve)	Mon	Griggs University Board	Silver Spring MD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2009</u>			
8(am)	Thu	AIIAS Management Committee and Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Thu	Adventist Television Network Operating Com	Silver Spring MD
9-14(am)	Fri	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
19,20	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
22	Thu	Supporting Ministries Advisory Committee	Silver Spring MD
25(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
26	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
27	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI

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RJH(DIV)

## 102-07Gd AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2010

VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2010 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 2010</u>			
<u>February 2010</u>			
15	Mon	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
16(am)	Tue	Christian Record Services Board of Trustees	Lincoln NE
28(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
<u>March 2010</u>			
1	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
2	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
4	Thu	AIIAS Management Committee and Board	Silang PHILIPPINES

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GCC Spring Meeting

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2010</u>			
6,7(am)	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
12,13	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
<u>May 2010</u>			
20	Thu	Supporting Ministries Advisory Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>June 2010</u>			
6(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
7	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
23,24	Wed	General Conference Session Spiritual Emphasis	Atlanta GA
24-Jul 3	Thu	General Conference Session	Atlanta GA
<u>July 2010</u>			
<u>August 2010</u>			
<u>September 2010</u>			
<u>October 2010</u>			
24(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
25	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
26	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2010</u>			
<u>December 2010</u>			

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206-07Gx SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES—  
INTERDIVISION ADVENTIST VOLUNTEER SERVICE –  
POLICY AMENDMENT—IMPLEMENTATION AS GUIDELINES

VOTED, To authorize the use of the proposed policy amendment GC R 15 10, Selection and Assignment Procedures—Interdivision Volunteer Service, as guidelines until it is approved as policy by the 2007 Annual Council.

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206-07G SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES—INTERDIVISION  
ADVENTIST VOLUNTEER SERVICE – POLICY AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED, To amend GC R 15 10, Selection and Assignment Procedures, to read as follows:

- R 15 10 Selection and Assignment Procedures—1. Carefully selected - No change
2. The essential factors considered in assessing the eligibility of - No change
  3. The service of volunteers shall generally be for periods up to two years. Volunteers serving less than ~~one month~~ two months shall not normally be required to complete the regular health evaluation and but may be required to agree to minimal screening. ~~screening processes.~~ Organizations should be discouraged from taking advantage of volunteers, encouraging them to stay for long periods of time.
  4. Service credit is not generally given to those who serve on - No change
  5. Volunteers shall not receive a salary but may receive an allowance - No change
  6. Because marriage is a God-ordained institution and its sanctity must - No change

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GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GCC)—  
MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

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

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|--------|---|
| Add    | Guptill, Stephen R, AIIAS, President<br>Johnsson, William G (30 members at large)<br>Nagel, Ruy H (30 members at large)<br>Schalk, Lawrence E (Invitee) |
| Delete | Melgosa, Julian, AIIAS, President   |

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COMMISSION ON MINISTRIES, SERVICES, AND STRUCTURES  
(GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Commission on Ministries, Services, and Structures (MinSer&StrucComm) (GCC-S) as follows:

Add	Guptill, Stephen R (Institutions, AIIAS)
Delete	Melgosa, Julian (Institutions, AIIAS)

ADVENTIST MISSION COMMITTEE (GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP  
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Adventist Mission Committee (AMCom) (GCC-S) as follows:

Add	Kohler, Erton C
Delete	Orion, Daisy J

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USE OF TITHE STUDY COMMISSION (GCC-A)—MEMBERSHIP  
ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Use of Tithe Study Commission [Use(of)TitheStudyComm] (GCC-A) as follows:

Add	Cooper, Lowell C, Invitee
	Evans, Larry R, Invitee
	Findlay, Carmelita
	Finley, Mark A, Invitee
	Hsu, Eugene, Invitee
	Johnson, Swamidass
	Knott, Bill
	Kohler, Erton C
	Miranda, Armando, Invitee

Parchment, Orville D, Invitee  
Ryan, Michael L, Invitee  
Wilson, Ted N C, Invitee

Delete Jesurathinam, Paka  
Johnsson, William G  
Ming, Herman  
Nagel, Ruy H

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

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

Delete Guptill, Stephen R (SSD)

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

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

Add Guptill, Stephen R (AIAS)

Delete Guptill, Stephen R (SSD)

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**GEOSCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OPERATING BOARD  
(GCC-B)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT**

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Geoscience Research Institute Operating Board (GRIBd) (GCC-B) as follows:

Add	Fortin, Denis
Delete	McVay, John K

Prayer was offered by Robert S Smith, President of the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Gerry D Karst and Jan Paulsen, Chairmen  
Claude Sabot, Secretary  
Larry R Evans, Editorial Secretary  
Susan L Wolfe, Recording Secretary