

SPRING MEETING

April 12 -15, 2013

SPRING MEETING OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 12, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Onaolapo Ajibade, Audrey E Andersson, Niels-Erik A Andreasen, Delbert W Baker, Rosa T Banks, Lisa M Beardsley-Hardy, Guillermo E Biaggi, Steven C Blackburn, Rodney G Brady, Elias Brasil de Souza, G Alexander Bryant, Brent B Burdick, Lael O Caesar, Gilbert R Cangy, Mario E Ceballos, Shirley Chang, Carl P Chin, Gordon E Christo, Donovan Cleary, G S Robert Clive, Lowell C Cooper, Williams S Costa Jr, Gary R Councill,

Marlon de Souza Lopes, Kenneth A Denslow, Gary W Dodge, Paul H Douglas, Karnik Doukmetzian, Jonathan M Duffy, George O Egwakhe, G Thomas Evans, Howard F Faigao, Sergie B Ferrer, Mark A Finley, Ricardo Flores, Dale E Galusha, L James Gibson, Doris M Gothard, Ricardo B Graham, John Graz, Abraham I Guerrero Romero, Alberto C Gulfan Jr, Jerome Habimana, Allan R Handysides, Richard H Hart, Elie Henry, Wilmar Hirle,

Myron A Iseminger, Daniel R Jackson, Jóhann E Jóhannsson, Mark A Johnson, Richard D Kajiura, Gerry D Karst, Anthony R Kent, Hudson E Kibuuka, Donald G King, Gerald A Klingbeil, William M Knott, Linda Mei Lin Koh, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Volodymyr A Krupskyi, Nancy Kyte, Peter N Landless, Jairyong Lee, Israel J Leito, Robert E Lemon, Thomas L Lemon, Emmanuel S D Manu, Solomon Maphosa, Gabriel E Maurer,

Geoffrey G Mbwana, Armando Miranda, Larry Moore, Marcella J Morales, Derek J Morris, Ekkehardt F Mueller, Pardon K Mwansa, G T Ng, Mario Nino, James R Nix, Goodwell Nthani, Barry D Oliver, Elaine Oliver, Ronald W Oliver, Wilbert H Oliver, Daisy J Orion, Kenneth W Osborn, Jerry N Page, Orville D Parchment, Jan Paulsen, Magdiel E Perez Schulz, Leslie N Pollard, Juan R Prestol, Erika F Puni, John Rathinaraj, Paul S Ratsara,

Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan, Roy E Ryan, Donald R Sahly, Saw Samuel, Lawrence E Schalk, Benjamin D Schoun, Luis A Schulz, Ella S Simmons, Heather-Dawn K Small, Artur A Stele, Akeri Suzuki, Gary B Swanson, Joel Swanson, Tibor Szilvasi, Lawrence P

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Tanabose, John H Thomas, Mark B Thomas, Brad Thorp, Alberto R Timm, Max C Torkelsen II, Homer W Trecartin, David Trim, Filiberto M Verduzco-Avila, Bruno R Vertallier,

Clinton L Wahlen, J Raymond Wahlen II, Nathaniel M Walemba, Gilbert Wari, Dave Weigley, Bertil A Wiklander, Ted N C Wilson, Harald Wollan, Lori T Yingling, Norbert G Zens, E Edward Zinke

Prayer was offered by Lowell C Cooper, Vice President of the General Conference.

Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference, read a letter of welcome from Susan Baldwin, Mayor of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Ella S Simmons, chair, called to order the first session of the 2013 Spring Meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was read by G T Ng, Secretary of the General Conference.

VOTED, To reaffirm the Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To adopt the daily program of the 2013 Spring Meeting, as follows:

DAILY PROGRAM

Friday, April 12

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Registration
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Business Session
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Vespers

Sunday, April 14

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Steering Committee
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Devotional
9:00 am - 12:00 am	Business Session
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch/Committees
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Business Session

Monday, April 15

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Steering Committee
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Devotional
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Business Session
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch/Committees
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Business Session

SEC/ADCOM/13SM to MAI

119-13G STANDING COMMITTEES—SPRING MEETING - 2013

VOTED, To approve the standing committees for the 2013 Spring Meeting, as follows:

NOMINATING

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Myron A Iseminger, Secretary

Members: Eric D Anderson, Audrey Andersson, Niels-Erik A Andreassen, Delbert W Baker, Guillermo E Biaggi, Chester V Clark III, Lowell C Cooper, Gary R Councill, Jonathan M Duffy, Ricardo Flores, L James Gibson, Ricardo Graham, Alberto C Gulfan Jr, Richard H Hart,

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Daniel R Jackson, Donald G King, Erton C Kohler, Gary D Krause, Jairyong Lee, Israel Leito, Robert E Lemon, Emmanuel S D Manu, Gabriel E Maurer, Geoffrey G Mbwana,

Armando Miranda, Pardon K Mwansa, Barry D Oliver, Daisy J Orion, Alex Otti, Jerry N Page, Leslie N Pollard, Juan R Prestol, John Rathinaraj, Paul S Ratsara, Blasious M Ruguri, Michael L Ryan, Roy E Ryan, Benjamin D Schoun, Ella S Simmons, Ron Smith, Artur A Stele, John H Thomas, Filiberto M Verduzco-Avila, Bruno R Vertallier, Gilbert Wari, Bertil Wiklander.

STEERING

Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Myron A Iseminger, Secretary

Members: Delbert W Baker, Rosa T Banks, G Alexander Bryant, Sheri Clemmer, Lowell C Cooper, Karnik Doukmetzian, George O Egwakhe, G Thomas Evans, Agustin Galicia, Daniel R Jackson, Gary D Krause, Robert E Lemon, Geoffrey G Mbwana, Armando Miranda, Pardon K Mwansa, G T Ng, Daisy J F Orion, Orville D Parchment, Karen J Porter, Juan R Prestol, Michael L Ryan, Roy E Ryan, Benjamin D Schoun, Ella S Simmons, Artur A Stele, John H Thomas, J Raymond Wahlen II, Harald Wollan.

SEC/ADCOM/13SM to MAI

120-13G COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE—2013
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VOTED, To appoint the Compensation Review Committee for the 2013 Spring Meeting, as follows:

MEMBERS

Johnson, Mark A, Chair
Lemon, Robert E, Secretary

Presidential

Baker, Delbert W
Biaggi, Guillermo E
Cooper, Lowell C
Gulfan, Alberto C Jr
Jackson, Daniel R
Kohler, Erton C

Presidential contd

Lee, Jairyong
Leito, Israel
Mbwana, Geoffrey G
Miranda, Armando
Mwansa, Pardon K
Oliver, Barry D

Presidential contd

Rathinaraj, John
 Ratsara, Paul S
 Ruguri, Blasious M
 Ryan, Michael L
 Schoun, Benjamin D
 Simmons, Ella S
 Stele, Artur A
 Vertallier, Bruno R
 Wari, Gilbert
 Wiklander, Bertil A
 Wilson, Ted N C

Secretariat

Bryant, G Alexander
 Iseminger, Myron A
 Krupskyi, Vladimir
 Ng, G T
 Walembe, Nathaniel M

Treasury

Evans, G Thomas
 Osborn, Kenneth W
 Prestol, Juan R
 Ryan, Roy E

GC Institutional Administrators

Andreasen, Niels-Erik
 Hart, Richard H
 Pollard, Leslie N

Laypersons

Amendaris, William
 Chin, Carl P
 George, Somer A
 Morales, Marcella J
 Oliver, Ron
 Sackmann, Dawna R
 Zinke, E Edward

Pastor/Front-line Workers

Anderson, Eric D
 Blue, Dedrick

Union Presidents

Graham, Ricardo B
 King, Donald G
 Lemon, Thomas L
 Livesay, Don
 Moore, Larry
 Smith, Ron
 Torkelsen, Max C II
 Weigley, Dave

Departments and Services

Faigao, Howard F
 Koh, Linda Mei Lin

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

VOTED, To adopt the agenda as listed.

Ella S Simmons, Chair
 John H Thomas, Secretary
 Myron A Iseminger, Editorial Secretary
 Karen J Porter, Recording Secretary

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DEVOTIONAL

The devotional message entitled, “Always before My Face,” was presented by Jay Gallimore, President of the Michigan Conference.

Ted N C Wilson, chair, called to order the second session of the 2013 Spring Meeting.

James R Nix, Director of the Ellen G White Estate, led the General Conference Executive Committee members in singing, “O, Where Are the Reapers?”

COUNCIL ON EVANGELISM AND WITNESS

Michael L Ryan, General Vice President, gave an overview of the Tell the World initiative and how it ties together with our Church history. He emphasized that every church member needs to be involved in mission.

Homer W Trecartin, President of the Middle East and North Africa Union Mission, shared about the progress of the work in that territory.

Mission to the Cities

Jerry N Page, Secretary of the Ministerial Association, Daniel R Jackson, President of the North American Division, and Robert Costa, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association, gave an update about the NY13 project in New York City. This is a comprehensive effort that is being undertaken by many different groups from around the world, including young people from the One Year in Mission project that represent each of the thirteen world divisions and the Middle East and North Africa Union Mission.

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Daniel R Jackson and Robert Costa also spoke about the plans for a similar evangelism focus by the North American Division in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Prayer was offered for the North American Division by Robert Costa, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association.

Alberto C Gulfan Jr, President of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, shared evangelism plans for the city of Manila, Philippines with a goal of 10,000 baptisms. All departments are working together in a plan of Integrated Evangelism Lifestyle which focuses on Mission to the Cities.

Prayer was offered for the Southern Asia-Pacific Division by Orville D Parchment, Assistant to the President.

Gilbert Wari, President of the West-Central Africa Division, shared that his division is focusing on reaching the people of Lagos. Their goal is 20,000 baptisms in that country. They are also focused on health evangelism and have plans to set up a center of influence in Lagos.

Prayer was offered for the West-Central Africa Division by Jerry N Page, Secretary of the Ministerial Association.

The total number of cities that have been chosen for the Mission to the Cities project so far is 333.

Jerry N Page led out in a discussion about what various territories are doing to focus on the Mission to the Cities. Updates on this project can be found at missiontothecities.org.

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EVANGELISM

Mark A Finley, Assistant to the President for Evangelism, together with Delbert W Baker, General Vice President, Allan R Handysides, Director of Health Ministries, and Peter N Landless, Associate Director of Health Ministries, shared the importance of the Seventh-day Adventist health message, the focus on health evangelism, and the initiatives being recommended by the Comprehensive Health Ministries Study Group.

HM/MIN/13SM to DWB

127-13G CHRIST'S METHOD ALONE: COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH MINISTRY

“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”—Matt 9:35

Jesus calls every member of His Church to embrace His mission of loving service for others. As His people meet the physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs of their communities in His Name, His character is powerfully revealed. Our commitment to and love for Jesus compels us to follow in His footsteps of compassionate ministry. Ellen G White succinctly summarizes the Savior's selfless service in these words.

“There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit.”—MH 143

The purpose of the comprehensive health ministry study group is to develop strategies to foster a renewed interest in what the Seventh-day Adventist Church historically has called, “Medical Missionary Work” and to develop creative models, methods and materials on “Christ's methods” evangelism. The study group includes church employees and lay people, administrators and field workers, health professionals and educators and representatives from supporting ministries and church entities. In the last twelve months a medical missionary study group has met on three separate occasions for one or two days. Most recently (March 4-7, 2013) representatives from the General Conference Health Ministries department, the General Conference Ministerial Association, and the world divisions met at the world headquarters to restudy Christ's methods, share ideas, listen to reports, strategize, vision, and pray together. The focus of the meetings was on developing a far reaching comprehensive health ministry strategy involving each church member and church entity. The study group voted to pass on the initiatives below for consideration to the President's Council (April 8, 2013) and the Spring Meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan (April 14, 15, 2013).

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH MINISTRY INITIATIVES

1. Organize Health Summits in 2014 and 2015 for training world division leaders in Christ's methods of comprehensive health ministry.

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2. Dedicate the Week of Prayer readings in 2014 or 2015 to comprehensive health ministry.
3. Cooperate with *Ministry* magazine in producing a special issue on Christ's methods alone.
4. Develop resource materials for pastors and church members for use in comprehensive health ministry outreach.
5. Explore possibilities of more fully integrating comprehensive health evangelism and Christ's methods of outreach into our theological and health professionals' educational curriculums.
6. Produce a series of TV specials for Seventh-day Adventist media outlets and use in local churches on Christ's methods alone.
7. Discover models of successful comprehensive health evangelism and feature these models in our periodicals, media outlets and news releases.
8. Support the work of the centers of influence where comprehensive health ministry is already taking place.
9. Develop and pilot small group materials for use in home groups.
10. Coordinate in every institution, every church and through all members an International Health Outreach Week in 2015 as a "Gift to the Community" as part of Mission to the Cities.

The members of the comprehensive health ministry study group prayerfully submit that as the loving ministry of Christ permeates "Mission to the Cities" the result will be "the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed."—MM 304 When hundreds of thousands of Seventh-day Adventists minister to their neighbors in Jesus name, the earth will be "lightened with the glory of God," His character of love will be revealed to a waiting world and a watching universe and our Lord will return.

Mark A Finley and Allan R Handysides led out in a discussion about what various territories are doing to focus on comprehensive health evangelism.

Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference, called for a recommitment to health evangelism.

Prayer was offered for health evangelism by Jerry N Page, Secretary of the Ministerial Association.

Revival and Reformation

Geoffrey G Mbwana, General Vice President, gave an overview of the impact that the Revival and Reformation initiative is making in the life of the Church.

Gabriel E Maurer, Secretary of the Inter-European Division, shared a number of testimonies of how the Revival and Reformation initiative is changing lives in his Division.

Gilbert Wari, President of the West-Central Africa Division, shared pictures of the work that is being done in his Division.

Geoffrey G Mbwana shared some of the resources available for the 777 initiative, including the InPrayer app, which is available for Android and iPhone devices. He also gave ideas of items to pray for including the Mission to the Cities initiative. The Adult Bible Study Guide will focus on Revival and Reformation during the third quarter of 2013.

Prayer was offered for the Revival and Reformation initiative by Jairyong Lee, President of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

Mark A Finley, Assistant to the President for Evangelism, shared lessons that can be gained from Matthew 25 on how we can make ourselves ready for the soon coming of Jesus.

Prayer was offered in groups of two or three and concluded by Mark A Finley.

HANDYSIDES, ALLAN R, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH MINISTRIES—
APPRECIATION

Appreciation was expressed to Allan R Handysides, Director of Health Ministries, who will be retiring on September 28, 2013.

Prayer was offered for Allan R Handysides and his wife, as they look forward to retirement, by Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference.

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Harald Wollan, Secretary
Myron A Iseminger, Editorial Secretary
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary

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Ted N C Wilson, chair, called to order the third session of the 2013 Spring Meeting.

Prayer was offered by Ron Oliver, a lay member from the North American Division.

Prayer was requested for the Kuntaraf family, the Alvarez family, and the Emons family in Venezuela.

AR/PreC/GCDO13SM/13SM to MAI

126-13G *ADVENTIST REVIEW/ADVENTIST WORLD* STRUCTURE
AND OPERATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE (GCC-A)—
APPOINTMENT

VOTED, To appoint an *Adventist Review/Adventist World* Structure and Operations Review Committee (GCC-A) with terms of reference and membership as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The management, editorial and financial relationships of the *Adventist Review* with the Review and Herald Publishing Association and General Conference have undergone major changes over the years. The addition of the *Adventist World* also dramatically changed the landscape.

The need for an official vehicle of the Church to communicate with the membership has not changed. But how it is structured, governed and financed may need to be reviewed.

The *Adventist Review* (weekly edition) has operated as a subscription magazine over the years and has experienced declining subscriptions in recent years, in part, because members have many other sources of news about the church: in print, through the internet, and on the television. With the addition of the free monthly edition of the *Adventist World* there was a sharp drop in the number of subscribers to the *Adventist Review*.

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The *Adventist World* uses substantially the same editorial staff as the weekly edition of the *Adventist Review* but with additional staff to handle the logistics of the new magazine. The financial and administrative relationships of the two publications with the Review and Herald Publishing Association and the General Conference have become much more complicated. They are based on two very different business models.

Because of the multiple entities and boards involved, the *Adventist Review/Adventist World* Boards, the General Conference, the Review and Herald Publishing Association and the divisions that receive the magazines and in some cases combine with their division papers, it is felt that a special committee is needed to look at all the issues involved and make recommendations on a way forward.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Review implications and advisability of continuing to provide both a subscription and a free magazine as is currently the situation with the weekly edition of the *Adventist Review* and the monthly edition of the *Adventist World* and make recommendations as needed.
2. Study and make recommendations as to how the online edition of the *Adventist Review* can be strengthened and more closely linked with other Seventh-day Adventist online content and news. Also study financing arrangements.
3. Study financial and staffing implications of proposed options for the *Adventist Review/Adventist World*.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Power to recommend to General Conference officers.
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4. Review the governance structure of the *Adventist Review/Adventist World* as it relates to the General Conference and the Review Herald Publishing Association to see if the current structure is the best for moving into the future and make recommendations if indicated.
4. Power to recommend to General Conference officers.

MEMBERS

SCHOUN, BENJAMIN D, Chair
Lemon, Robert E, Vice-chair
Orion, Daisy J, Secretary

Knott, William M
Prestol, Juan R
Thomas, Mark B
NAD Representative

INVITEES

Barham, Graham
Richli, Claude

EX OFFICIO

Wilson, Ted N C
Ng, G T

THEOLOGY OF ORDINATION STUDY COMMITTEE—REPORT

Artur A Stele presented a report on the first Theology of Ordination Study Committee meeting in January 2013. The meetings went smoothly with a spirit of congeniality among the members. The committee is well into the study of ordination, and will begin the study of women's ordination at its next meeting. Nearly all of the Church's historical documents relating to ordination have been made available on a website hosted by Archives, Statistics, and Research. The next meeting will be held in July 2013. In January 2014 a longer meeting will be held to allow time for reports from each division's Biblical Research Committee.

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GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT AND BEYOND

Delbert W Baker and Ella S Simmons presented a report on the progress of the Great Controversy Project. Each division's goal to be reached and the actual numbers to date were reported. The totals projected have been exceeded with more than 100 million copies produced, and a new committed goal of 136.1 million has been made.

PUBLISHING INITIATIVES

A short video about the new missionary book for 2014, *Beyond Imagination*, and the 2015 book, *Living Life to the Maximum* was shown.

Howard F Faigao and Wilmar Hirle introduced the book, *Longing for Paradise*, the missionary book for 2014 intended specifically for the Muslim population.

VOTED, To establish 2014 as the Year of Literature Evangelists, and designate the third Sabbath of April each year as the church Missionary Book Global Distribution Day.

CREATION VIDEO AND EVANGELISM PROJECT UPDATE

Benjamin D Schoun and Williams S Costa Jr presented the final version of a video trailer for The Creation, a media evangelism project which will be presented at the 2013 Annual Council. This resource is meant as a tool for the local church to foster interaction with the community and promote the Biblical account of creation.

Williams S Costa Jr introduced the creator of the video, Henry Stober, and explained that the film is intended to explain our beliefs to the public. Henry Stober described how a creation presentation was given in Austria where 1,250 people attended. Michael L Ryan explained that it was brought to this meeting because there is a tremendous push for urban evangelism and work in the 10/40 window. This film addresses the need to communicate with people in a way they will understand and be able to hear our message. A packet of material will be produced to help with bridging activities after viewing the video. Administrators were urged to share at their mid-year meetings the trailer that was distributed, and to let people know that the full version will be available after the 2013 Annual Council.

NomCom13SM/13SM to MAI

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #1

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

Adventist World Radio

Board Member Jesse Johnson

General Conference Auditing Service

Associate Director, Quality Control Kimberly Westfall

Health Ministries

Director Elect Peter N Landless

Allan R Handysides offered prayer for Peter N Landless.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK PRESENTATION

Dale E Galusha, President of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, presented a new book by General Conference immediate-past president, Jan Paulsen, entitled *Let's Talk* which gives suggestions on issues to discuss with young people. Jan Paulsen explained that the book was inspired by discussions with young people in the church and the issues that seemed to be worldwide. He paid tribute to the enthusiasm and creativity of Bettina Krause who researched to capture the concerns of young people.

ADCOM/ADCOM/13SM to RTB-15GCS

121-13GS CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION MISSION—REORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDED, To reorganize the Central African Union Mission in the West-Central Africa Division into two union missions, as follows:

1. The Central African Union Mission with constituency from Central African Republic Mission, Chad Mission, Equatorial Guinea Mission, Gabon Mission, and Republic of

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Congo Attached Mission Station, with headquarters in Bangui, Central African Republic, effective December 31, 2013; and

2. The Cameroon Union Mission with constituency from Central-South Cameroon Conference, East Cameroon Mission, North Cameroon Conference, and West Cameroon Mission, with headquarters in Yaounde, Cameroon, effective December 31, 2013.

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122-13GS GHANA UNION CONFERENCE—REORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDED, To reorganize the Ghana Union Conference in the West-Central Africa Division into a union conference and a union mission, as follows:

1. The Southern Ghana Union Conference with constituency from East Ghana Conference, South Ghana Conference, and South West Ghana Conference, with headquarters in Accra, Ghana, effective December 31, 2013; and

2. The Northern Ghana Union Mission with constituency from Central Ghana Conference, Mid-West Ghana Conference, North Ghana Mission, and South Central Ghana Conference, with headquarters in Kumasi, Ghana, effective December 31, 2013.

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123-13GS NORTH-WESTERN NIGERIA UNION MISSION— REORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDED, To reorganize the North-Western Nigeria Union Mission in the West-Central Africa Division into a union conference and a union mission, as follows:

1. The Western Nigeria Union Conference with constituency from Delta Conference, Edo Conference, Ekiti Conference, Kogi Mission Station, Kwara Conference, Lagos Atlantic Conference, Lagos Mainland Conference, Ogun Conference, Ondo Mission, Osun Conference, and Oyo Conference, with headquarters in Maryland, Lagos, effective December 31, 2013; and

2. The Northern Nigeria Union Mission with constituency from North Central Nigeria Conference, North East Nigeria Conference, and North West Nigeria Conference, with headquarters in Abuja, Federal Capital Territory, effective December 31, 2013.

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124-13GS SAHEL UNION MISSION—REORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDED, To reorganize the Sahel Union Mission in the West-Central Africa Division into two union missions, as follows:

1. The Eastern Sahel Union Mission with constituency from Benin Mission, Burkina Faso Mission, Cote D'Ivoire Conference, Niger Mission Station, Togo Mission, with headquarters in Lome, Togo, effective December 31, 2013; and
2. The Western Sahel Union Mission with constituency from Cape Verde Conference, Guinea Mission Station, Guinea-Bissau Mission, Mali Mission, and Senegal/Mauritania Mission, with headquarters in Dakar, Senegal, effective December 31, 2013.

POSCOM/ADCOM/13SM to MLR

125-13G A STATEMENT OF CONSENSUS ON CARE FOR
THE DYING

VOTED, To record the updated document, "A Statement of Consensus on Care for the Dying," to read as follows:

For people whose lives are guided by the Bible, the reality of death is acknowledged as part of the current human condition, affected by sin (Genesis 2:17; Romans 5; Hebrews 9:27). There is "a time to be born and a time to die" (Ecclesiastes 3:2). Although eternal life is a gift that is granted to all who accept salvation through Jesus Christ, faithful Christians await the second coming of Jesus for complete realization of their immortality (John 3:36; Romans 6:23; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54). While waiting for Jesus to come again, Christians may be called upon to care for the dying and to personally face their own death.

Pain and suffering afflict every human life. Physical, mental, and emotional traumas are universal. However, human suffering has no expiatory or meritorious value. The Bible teaches that no amount or intensity of human suffering can atone for sin. The suffering of Jesus Christ alone is sufficient. Scripture calls Christians not to despair in afflictions, urging them to learn obedience (Hebrews 5:7-8), and patient endurance in tribulations (Romans 5:3, James 1:2-4; 5:10-11). The Bible also testifies to the overcoming power of Jesus Christ (John 16:33) and teaches that ministry to human suffering is an important Christian duty (Matthew 25:34-40). This was the example and teaching of Jesus (Matthew 9:35; Luke 10:34-36), and this is His will for us

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(Luke 10:37). Christians look in anticipation to a new day when God will end suffering forever (Revelation 21:4).

Developments in modern medicine have added to the complexity of decisions about care for the dying. In times past, little could be done to extend human life. But the power of today's medicine to forestall death has generated difficult moral and ethical questions. What constraints does Christian faith place upon the use of such power? When should the goal of postponing the moment of death give way to the goal of alleviating pain at the end of life? Who may appropriately make these decisions? What limits, if any, should Christian love place on actions designed to end human suffering?

It has become common to discuss such questions under the heading of euthanasia. Much confusion exists with regard to this expression. The original and literal meaning of this term was "good death." Today the term "euthanasia" is associated with "mercy killing," or intentionally taking the life of a patient in order to avoid painful dying or in order to alleviate burdens for a patient's family or society. Seventh-day Adventists believe that allowing a patient to die by foregoing medical interventions that only prolong suffering and postpone the moment of death is morally different from actions that have as their primary intention the direct taking of a life.

Seventh-day Adventists seek to address the ethical issues at the end of life in ways that demonstrate their faith in God as the Creator and Redeemer of life and that reveal how God's grace has empowered them for acts of neighborly love. Seventh-day Adventists affirm God's creation of human life, a wonderful gift worthy of being protected and sustained (Genesis 1-2). They also affirm God's wonderful gift of redemption that provides eternal life for those who believe (John 3:15; 17:3). Thus they support the use of modern medicine to extend human life in this world. However, this power should be used in compassionate ways that reveal God's grace by minimizing suffering. Since we have God's promise of eternal life in the earth made new, Christians need not cling anxiously to the last vestiges of life on this earth. Nor is it necessary to accept or offer all possible medical treatments that merely prolong the process of dying.

Because of their commitment to care for the whole person, Seventh-day Adventists are concerned about the physical, emotional, and spiritual care of the dying. To this end, they offer the following biblically based principles:

1. A person who is approaching the end of life, and is capable of understanding, deserves to know the truth about his or her condition, the treatment choices and the possible outcomes. The truth should not be withheld but shared with Christian love and with sensitivity to the patient's personal and cultural circumstances (Ephesians 4:15).

2. God has given human beings freedom of choice and asks them to use their freedom responsibly. Seventh-day Adventists believe that this freedom extends to decisions

about medical care. After seeking divine guidance and considering the interests of those affected by the decision (Romans 14:7) as well as medical advice, a person who is capable of deciding should determine whether to accept or reject life-extending medical interventions. Such persons should not be forced to submit to medical treatment that they find unacceptable.

3. God's plan is for people to be nourished within a family and a faith community. Decisions about human life in the context of this statement are a personal matter and best made within the context of healthy family relationships after considering medical advice (Genesis 2:18; Mark 10:6-9; Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 5-6). When a dying person is unable to give consent or express preferences regarding medical intervention, such decisions should be made by someone chosen by the dying person. If no one has been chosen, someone close to the dying person should make the determination. Except in extraordinary circumstances, medical or legal professionals should defer decisions about medical interventions for a dying person to those closest to that individual. Wishes or decisions of the individual are best made in writing and should be in agreement with local legal standards regarding an advance medical directive or similar document.

4. Christian love is practical and responsible (Romans 13:8-10; 1 Corinthians 13; James 1:27; 2:14-17). Such love does not deny faith nor obligate us to offer or to accept medical interventions whose burdens outweigh the probable benefits. For example, when medical care merely preserves bodily functions, without hope of returning a patient to mental awareness, it is futile and may, in good conscience, be withheld or withdrawn. Similarly, life-extending medical treatments may be omitted or stopped if they only add to the patient's suffering or needlessly prolong the process of dying. Any action taken should be in harmony with divine principles regarding the sanctity of life.

5. While Christian love may lead to the withholding or withdrawing of medical interventions that only increase suffering or prolong dying, Seventh-day Adventists do not practice "mercy killing" or assist in suicide (Genesis 9:5- 6; Exodus 20:13; 23:7). They are opposed to the intentional taking of the life of a suffering or dying person.

6. Christian compassion calls for the alleviation of suffering (Matthew 25:34-40; Luke 10:29-37). In caring for the dying, it is a Christian responsibility to relieve pain and suffering, to the fullest extent possible. When it is clear that medical intervention will not cure a patient, the primary goal of care should shift to relief from suffering.

7. The biblical principle of justice prescribes that added care be given to the needs of those who are defenseless and dependent (Psalm 82:3- 4; Proverbs 24:11-12; Isaiah 1:1-18; Micah 6:8; Luke 1:52-54). Because of their vulnerable condition, special care should be taken to ensure that dying persons are treated with respect for their dignity and without unfair discrimination. Care for the dying should be based on their spiritual and medical needs and their

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expressed choices rather than on perceptions of their social worthiness (James 2:1-9).

As Seventh-day Adventists seek to apply these principles, they take hope and courage from the fact that God answers the prayers of His children and is able to work miraculously for their well-being (Psalm 103:1-5; James 5:13-16). Following Jesus' example, they also pray to accept the will of God in all things (Matthew 26:39). They are confident that they can call on God's power to aid them in caring for the physical and spiritual needs of suffering and dying individuals. They know that the grace of God is sufficient to enable them to endure adversity (Psalm 50:14-15). They believe that eternal life for all who have faith in Jesus is secure in the triumph of God's love.

At 4:33 p.m., the business session adjourned to participate in the funeral of Andrew O Kuntaraf, after which the business session of the General Conference Executive committee was reconvened.

YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT

Gilbert R Cangy presented updates on Youth Ministries projects.

The purpose of the Global Youth Day on March 16, 2013 was to recapture the reality of Seventh-day Adventist youth as a global movement. Social media helped make this the largest ever, single-day youth event. It was the largest mobilization of Adventists through Facebook and Twitter with 80,000 youth participating. A second Global Youth Day is planned for March 15, 2014.

The One Year in Mission initiative was also featured which provides opportunities for young Adventists to be trained in community service and urban ministry and then to return to share their experiences in their own division.

Prayer was requested for the Global Unity Summit, May 2-5, 2013, and the worldwide youth congress, Impact South Africa July 1-13, 2013.

VOTED, To accept the Youth Ministries report.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE AND MISSION CONFERENCE REPORT

Artur A Stele reported on the International Bible and Mission Conferences, 12 of which were held in 2012. So far, seven have been held in 2013 including one in Mongolia. The plan is

to hold 40 Conferences by December 2013. Ted N C Wilson commended the Biblical Research Institute in organizing these conferences.

URBAN MISSION CONFERENCE

Michael L Ryan and Gary D Krause reported that in order to plan how to approach the cities of the world for Christ, an Urban Mission Conference, It's Time, will be held September 27-October 1, 2013.

FRIENDS OF HOPE DAY

Michael L Ryan reported that April 12, 2014 has been set aside as Friends of Hope Day, a day to invite at least one friend, government official or family member to worship in one's local church. The goal is 10 million visitors on that day. A program packet will be prepared that will include sample sermons and visitor-friendly Sabbath School programs. Some of the material will be tailored for the area of the world in which it will be used.

VOTED, To accept the recommendation to set April 12, 2014 as Friends of Hope Day.

REAPING GOD'S HARVEST 2014-2015

Mark A Finley discussed the emphasis of the church on reaping in this quinquennium. Ted N C Wilson asked that everyone pray for the reaping campaign in Vietnam in 2014.

VOTED, To accept the period of January 2014-July 2015 as the period entitled Reaping God's Harvest, and to request the Ministerial Association to present a report to the 2013 Annual Council.

BOOK DISTRIBUTION

Delbert W Baker described the set of eight books on church history that is being given to the delegates entitled, Adventist Anniversary Heritage Collection.

Prayer was offered by Bruno R Vertallier, President of the Inter-European Division.

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Ted N C Wilson, Chair
Rosa T Banks, Secretary
Myron A Iseminger, Editorial Secretary
Wendy Trim, Recording Secretary

SPRING MEETING OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 15, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL

The devotional message entitled, “Ebenezer: A Stone of Help,” was presented by Merlin D Burt, Director of the Center for Adventist Research at Andrews University.

Ted N C Wilson, chair, called to order the fourth session of the 2013 Spring Meeting.

MISSION 360°

G T Ng, Secretary of the General Conference, Gary D Krause, Director of Adventist Mission, and Nancy Kyte, Associate Director of Adventist Mission presented the new mission magazine, *Mission 360°*. This magazine will mainly be on a digital platform and available on Android and iPhone apps. Ted N C Wilson was presented a copy of the first issue of the magazine.

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

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TREASURER’S REPORT

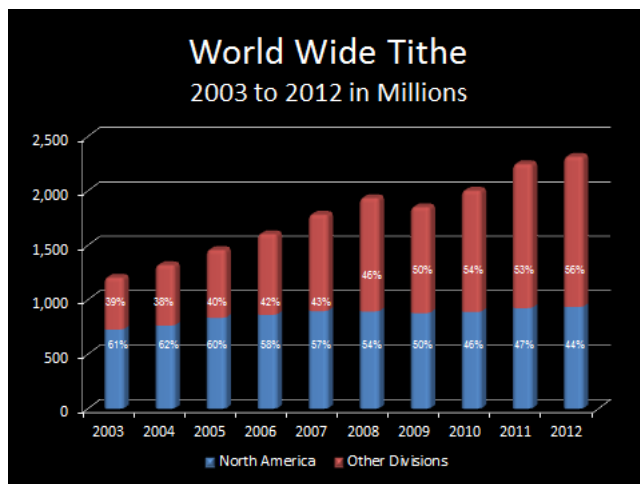
GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

“It is good to give thanks to the LORD
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High” (Psalm 92:1 NASB).

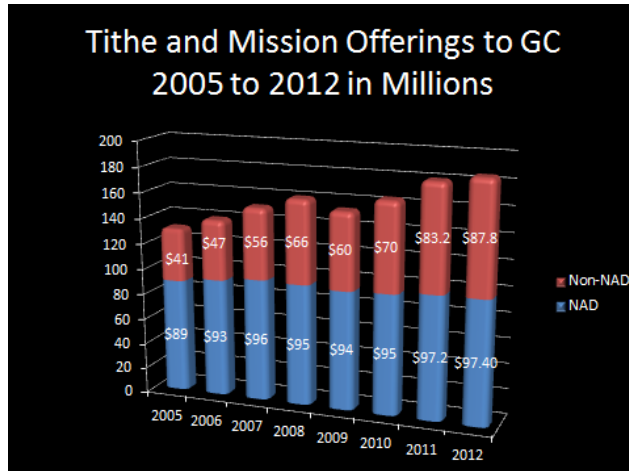
Once again we sing praises to the name of the Lord.

2012 OPERATING RESULTS

Worldwide tithes passed the two billion dollar mark in 2010 and has continued to increase in 2011 and 2012. In spite of the recession and slow recovery of the economy in the US, the economies of most of the countries of the world have continued to be strong. This is also reflected in the tithes and offering figures. It needs to be noted that there were 53 Sabbaths in 2011, as compared to 52 in 2012, which affects comparative figures by approximately 2 percent. Worldwide tithes were up 3.0 percent, totaling US\$2.314 billion. Tithes in the North American Division were up 1.06 percent over 2011 and totaled US\$933 million in 2012 as compared to US\$924 million in 2011. Tithes from divisions other than the North American Division were up 4.4 percent and totaled US\$1.380 billion compared to US\$1.321 billion. The increase, when stated in US dollars, was somewhat reduced by changes in exchange rates to the US dollar as well as the one less Sabbath, which reduced the amount of the increase by 2 percent as compared to the previous year.



Mission offerings in the North American Division were down 2.6 percent from US\$23.4 million in 2011 to US\$22.8 million in 2012, but offerings from outside North America were up 6.1 percent from US\$56.7 million to US\$60.2 million. As in the case of the tithes, the exchange rates reduced the amount in U.S. dollars and the increase would have been 2 percent higher were it not for the one less Sabbath in 2012 as compared to 2011.



The tithe and mission offerings coming to the General Conference for the World Budget were up 2.3 percent from US\$180.4 million in 2011 to US\$185.2 million in 2012. The increase when adjusted for the extra Sabbath in 2011 would be 4.3 percent. The graph to the left shows the share of the tithes and offerings received by the General Conference over the past seven years. You can see that the portion coming from the divisions outside North America has been increasing rapidly, meaning they are continuing to pick up an increased portion of the support of the world budget.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

After several years of extremely turbulent financial markets, it has been good to see the improvements over the past couple of years. Caution needs to be exercised when investing funds as there is no certainty that the good performance will continue. Interest rates remain very low and provide little opportunity for meaningful returns without considerable risk.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OPERATING EXPENSES

The General Conference operated approximately US\$8.5 million under the budgeted cap for 2012 and that, combined with the increases in tithe and offering above budget and some other one-time items, produced very positive operating results. Since funds received by the church can be restricted or allocated, the increase does not mean all the funds are available for the committee to vote out for new items, but we did have an excess of required working capital of US\$15.2 million which is available for a Supplemental Budget in 2013. The total increase in fund balances was US\$38.3 million.

Accounting for not-for-profit organizations is different than for commercial organizations. In a commercial setting there is normally a single bottom line number that gives you a picture of the operations for the year. Additional information on onetime items and revenue trends and expenses help to better understand that figure, but the bottom line is the most meaningful number. In not-for-profit accounting the objective is to be sure the funds have been spent in accordance with any restrictions put on them by the donor or allocation by the governing body. We use fund accounting to help us accomplish this. The unrestricted regular operating funds are the basis of the General Conference World Budget and are available to the General Conference Executive Committee to provide appropriations to the world field, support our

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interdivision missionaries, fund programs, and cover the operating costs of the General Conference headquarters. The other funds benefit the work but because of their restrictions are not included as part of the regular operating budget. The following breakdown helps in understanding the components of the US\$38.3 million increase in fund balance.

	INCREASE/DECREASE 2011 Fund Balance in Millions
Regular Operating Fund	US\$20.9
Donor Advised Fund	14.6
Extraordinary Tithe	.7
Plant Fund	.9
Charitable Gift Annuity and Endowment Funds	1.3
Total Increase in Fund Balances for the General Conference in 2012	US\$38.4

Donor Advised Funds—When donors provide funds for a specific purpose, the funds are recorded as restricted funds and are used in accordance with the restriction. But sometimes individuals wish to make donations in a particular tax year for tax planning purposes but have not yet determined which projects they wish to support. If accepted by the General Conference, these funds are placed in a donor advised fund, and the General Conference works with the donor to understand his or her wishes, but in the mean time they appear in our accounting records as unrestricted.

Extraordinary Tithe Fund—This fund has the extraordinary tithe received by the General Conference that was voted to be used over a five-to-seven year period. The fund balance should decrease each year as the funds are used to support the approved initiatives.

Hope Channel—The Hope Channel operations were part of the Operating Fund of the General Conference from its inception, but it grew to be a large enough operation that we voted to set it up as a separate financial entity as of January 1, 2012. This required restatement of the 2011 balances of the General Conference to make the 2011 figures comparable to those of 2012.

Plant Fund—This is the fund where we maintain the accounting for the land, buildings, and equipment belonging to the General Conference and includes the funded depreciation.

Charitable Gift Annuity Fund—This fund is used to account for gift annuities wherein the General Conference is a beneficiary.

Endowment Funds—These are funds where the principal is to be maintained but the income is available for specific purposes.

TELL THE WORLD

We thrill at the progress of the work in many parts of the world but also realize that almost half of the world, the 10/40 Window, has not yet been reached with the message. We know that the work will be finished with great power but must pray for reapers as Jesus instructed in Matthew 9:37, 38:

“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the labourers [are] few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”

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COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, MARCH 31, 2013

Juan R Prestol, Undertreasurer of the General Conference, presented the Combined Financial Statements of the General Conference for the period ending March 31, 2013.

VOTED, To record receipt of the combined Financial Statements for the General Conference for the period ending March 31, 2013.

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2012 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

VOTED, To approve the following allocations from the 2012 Supplemental Budget Funds:

1. \$1,500,000 for the funding of the SunPlus accounting software user licenses;
2. \$135,000 to fund hotel and per diem expenses for a special meeting with the college and university presidents in 2014;
3. \$200,000 to each division for the purposes the division designates;

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4. \$500,000 to the West-Central African Division—West African Union Mission to assist in building the campus of the new University of Liberia;
5. \$300,000 to build the facilities of the South Sudan Field in the East-Central Africa Division;
6. \$200,000 to the Middle East and North Africa Union (MENA) Oversight Committee for MENA, to replace what would have been the share from the 13th Sabbath Offering, had MENA been placed in the list with the world Divisions to receive funding for projects;
7. \$50,000 to the Israel Field Oversight Committee for the Israel Field, to replace what would have been the share from the 13th Sabbath Offering, had the Israel Field been in the list with the world Divisions to receive funding for projects;
8. \$200,000 to the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) for the construction of student apartments;
9. \$1,000,000 to Andrews University towards the construction of a fitness center on campus;
10. \$450,000 to the Adventist University of Africa (AUA) for the construction of faculty housing;
11. \$7,000,000 for the funding of a three-year phase-in of additional audits.

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EAST CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION—LOAN FOR SOUTH SUDAN WORK

Territorial realignment of the former Middle East Union (MEU) resulted in South Sudan being connected with the East-Central Africa Division. At the time of realignment certain sites in South Sudan were in the process of repaying loans to the former Middle East Union. Additional loan provisions by the Middle East Union to South Sudan were under consideration. In order to minimize financial transactions across the reorganized territorial boundaries and to facilitate completion of projects initiated with the Middle East Union loan arrangements it was

VOTED, To provide a loan of \$1,200,000 to the East-Central Africa Division (ECD). The loan will cover the Malakal (\$467,752.61) and Juba (\$242,000) loan balances and accrued

interest currently payable to the Middle East and North Africa Union Mission (MENA), successor to the former Middle East Union. The loan will be for a period of up to five years with an interest rate of 4 percent. Any additional loan proceeds, after payoff of the Malakal and Juba loans to MENA, would be available to ECD for capital improvements at Juba. This would enable completion of some structures there so that an income stream could be established to assist loan repayment. The present situation at Juba gives no opportunity for either owned and occupied facilities or owned and rented facilities.

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103-13G OPERATING EXPENSE CAP 2012 - REPORT

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

VOTED, To accept the report for the Operating Expense Cap 2012, as follows:

Operating Expense Cap 2012

Total income basis	\$2,312,359,140
Expense cap at 2% of world tithe	\$46,097,183
Expense for 2012	\$38,259,534
Expense as a percentage of cap.....	83.00%
Amount under the cap.....	\$7,837,649

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%

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YEAR	GROSS NAD TITHE	WORLD TITHE %	TOTAL	CAP	ACTUAL OPERATING EXPENSE	EXPENSE UNDER THE CAP	EXPENSE AS % OF CAP
4.25%*							
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%
2000	656,938,361	4,235,930	661,174,291	28,099,907	22,877,949	5,221,958	81.42%
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%
2007	896,610,322	884,519,508	1,781,129,830	35,622,597	31,304,400	4,318,197	87.88%
2008	893,139,254	1,040,330,853	1,933,470,107	38,669,402	32,933,248	5,736,154	85.17%
2009	877,932,567	972,448,826	1,850,381,393	37,007,628	33,683,030	3,324,598	91.02%
2010	887,976,938	1,114,309,972	2,002,286,910	40,045,738	35,751,896	4,293,842	89.28%
2011	923,139,207	1,327,163,354	2,250,302,561	45,006,051	36,274,153	8,731,898	80.60%
2012	932,651,081	1,379,708,059	2,312,359,140	46,097,183	38,259,534	7,837,649	83.00%

*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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10/40 WINDOW FUND

VOTED, To approve the allocation of \$1,000,000 to the Middle East and North Africa Union (MENA) Oversight Committee for the MENA Media Center from the 10/40 Window Fund.

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UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

VOTED, To approve the allocation of up to \$300,000 for the acquisition of properties in the territory of the Inter-American Division from the Unusual Opportunities Fund.

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2012

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

VOTED, To accept the auditor's reports on the audited Combined Financial Statements of the General Conference for the period ending December 31, 2012 (which include the Operating Funds, Plant Fund, and Other Funds), and the auditor's opinions including those of the following unitized funds, as presented by Maner Costerisan, PC:

- Money Fund
- Capital Preservation Fund
- Bond Fund
- Income Fund
- Global Opportunities Fund
- Large Cap Fund
- Small Cap Fund
- International Fund
- Emerging Markets Fund

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

TRE/AudCom/13SM to REL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY

VOTED, To accept the 2012 Audit Management Letter and Policy Compliance Report as presented by Maner Costerisan, PC, independent auditors.

(The 2012 Audit Management Letter and Policy Compliance Report are filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

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GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Filiberto M Verduzco-Avila, Member of the General Conference Audit Committee, presented the General Conference Audit Committee Report.

VOTED, To accept the General Conference Audit Committee Report.

(The General Conference Audit Committee report is filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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

(A copy of the Treasurer's Report is filed with the official copy of the minutes.)

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION MEMBERS' MEETING

At 10:37 a.m. the General Conference Corporation members' meeting was convened, after which the business session of the General Conference Executive Committee reconvened.

ANDREWS BIBLE COMMENTARY

Niels-Erik Andreasen, President of Andrews University, gave an update regarding the Andrews Bible Commentary. According to the purpose statement, "The *Andrews Bible Commentary* is a concise one-volume exposition of Scripture written by faithful scholars of the church as a companion to the *Andrews Study Bible* for lay readers, pastors, students and teachers living in expectation of the Advent Hope."

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HOPE CHANNEL REPORT

Brad Thorp gave a report on the work of the Hope Channel. A few highlights include:

1. The fourteenth Hope Channel station, Hope Channel Ukraine, was opened on March 1, 2013.
2. The Hope Channel Philippines will open in August 2013.
3. The DirecTV contract was recently renewed for another two years.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY REPORT

John Graz shared a report from the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) department. The South American Division is hosting the Second World Festival of Religious Liberty on May 22-25, 2013 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. An All African Congress on Religious Freedom has been planned for August 7-10, 2013 that will include all three African divisions.

John Graz additionally shared an update on the situation with Antonio Monteiro and Bruno Amah, who are in prison in Togo.

ADVENTIST HERITAGE HISTORIC PROPERTIES—CHALLENGES

James R Nix shared the challenges of funding, managing, and staffing the Adventist heritage historic properties.

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101-13Gc CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—
WORLD 2014

VOTED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2014, to read as follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January</u>			
4	Spiritual Commitment Day	---	GC-PRE
8-18	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>January contd</u>			
11	#Health Ministries	---	Divisions
18			
25	Religious Liberty Day	Liberty	GC-PARL
 <u>February</u>			
1	<i>Tell the World:</i> Personal Outreach	---	GC-PM
8-15	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
22	#Missionary, Health, and Temperance Literature	---	Publishing Houses
 <u>March</u>			
1	Women's Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
8	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
15-22	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
15	Global Youth Day	---	GC-YOU
29	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
 <u>April</u>			
5	Day of Fasting and Prayer	---	GC-MIN
5	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
12	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor's Day)	---	GC-PRE
12	Mission Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
19-25	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
19	World Mass Distribution Day for Missionary Book	---	Divisions
26	Special Needs Awareness Day	---	GC-PM
 <u>May</u>			
3-31	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
3	<i>Tell the World:</i> Internet Outreach	---	GC-COM
10	<i>Tell the World:</i> In the Community	#Disaster/Famine Relief*	GC-PM/DIV

*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan
 #Divisions to prepare materials

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

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		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>May contd</u>			
17			
24	World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk	---	GC-CHM
<u>June</u>			
7	Bible Study: Sabbath School and Correspondence Courses	---	GC-PM
14	Women's Ministry	---	GC-WM
21	<i>Tell the World</i> - Reach Across: Nurture and Reclaiming	---	GC-MIN
28	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	ACM
<u>July</u>			
5	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	GC-MIN
12	Missions Promotion	World Mission	GC-AM
19	<i>Tell the World</i> : Media Ministry	---	GC-COM
26	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
<u>August</u>			
2	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
9	<i>Tell the World</i> : Church Planting	---	GC-AM
16	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
23	Education	---	GC-EDU
30	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
<u>September</u>			
6	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
7-13	Family Togetherness Week	---	GC-FM
13	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
20	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
27	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions

*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan
 #Divisions to prepare materials

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

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>October</u>			
4	Day of Prayer and Fasting	---	GC-MIN
4	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription Promotion	---	GC-AR
11	Adventist Heritage	---	GC-White Estate
18	Spirit of Prophecy	---	GC-White Estate
25	Creation Sabbath	---	GC-FSC
<u>November</u>			
1-8	Week of Prayer	---	GC-PRE
8		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
15			
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29			
<u>December</u>			
6	#Stewardship	---	Divisions
13	#Health Emphasis	---	Divisions
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 #Divisions to prepare materials

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 ADCOM/GCDO11AC/11AC/ADCOM/102-11Gc/ADCOM/GCDO12SM/12SM/ADCOM/
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102-13Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2013

VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2013, with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

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 April 15, 2013, a.m.
 GCC Spring Meeting

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2013</u>			
17(am)	Wed	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
21-22	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
22-May 11	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiangmai THAILAND
22-23	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
23	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
24-25	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
24(pm)	Wed	Review and Herald HHES Board	Hagerstown MD
24(eve)	Wed	Review and Herald Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
25(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>May 2013</u>			
2-5	Thu	Global Unity Summit	Silver Spring MD
7	Tue	AIAS Constituency Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
8-11	Wed	World Jewish Adventist Congress	UKRAINE
9	Thu	AIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
14-19	Tue	Global Adventist Internet Network Conference	DUBAI UAE
15(am)	Wed	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
21-25	Tue	Second World Festival of Religious Freedom	BRAZIL
21-23	Tue	Buddhist Ministry Meeting	THAILAND
21-22	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
23(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
29(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Burlington VT
30(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	Burlington VT
<u>June 2013</u>			
3-5	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
3(am)	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
5(am)	Wed	GC Executive Officers Meeting/PREXAD	Silver Spring MD
6-29	Thu	International School of Evangelism	New York NY
6	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
17-23	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	Berrien Springs MI
19(am)	Wed	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
24(am)	Mon	Christian Record Services Board of Directors	Lincoln NE
<u>July 2013</u>			
1-13	Mon	World Conf on Youth and Community Service	SOUTH AFRICA
8-27	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Berrien Springs MI

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>July 2013 contd</u>			
17(am)	Wed	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
18(pm)	Thu	Review and Herald Board Executive Committee	Silver Spring MD
22-24	Mon	Theology of Ordination Study Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>August 2013</u>			
14(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
15	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
21(am)	Wed	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
26-27	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
28(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2013</u>			
11-14	Wed	Global Mission Study Center Directors Meeting	New York NY
16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
16(am)	Mon	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
17(am)	Tue	Christian Record Services Board of Directors	Lincoln NE
19(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
22-29	Sun	IRLA Meeting of Experts	FRANCE
25(pm)	Wed	Review and Herald Board Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
26(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
27-Oct 1	Fri	Urban Mission Conference	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 2013</u>			
2	Wed	Presidents Advisory/PREXAD	Silver Spring MD
3	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Fri	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
6(am)	Sun	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Sun	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
7	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
7	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
7	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min and Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD

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GCC Spring Meeting

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2013 contd</u>			
9(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Wed	Accred Association of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)-10	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
10(pm)	Thu	AIIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
10(eve)-16	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
10(eve)-11(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
16(am)	Wed	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
20-21	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
22(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
23-24	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
24-25	Thu	Celebration of Creation	Walla Walla WA
27(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
28	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
28(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
29(am)	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2013</u>			
18-20	Mon	Nurture and Retention Commission	Silver Spring MD
20(am)	Wed	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE
<u>December 2013</u>			
4(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	Silver Spring MD
10-11	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
12(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
16(am)	Mon	Review and Herald Board Exec/Finance Comm	Silver Spring MD
18(am)	Wed	Christian Record Services Finance Committee	Lincoln NE

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GCDO12SM/12SM/ADCOM/GCDO12AC/12AC/102-12Gc/ADCOM/GCDO13SM/13SM to
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102-13Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2014

VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2014, 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 2014</u>			
7-11	Mon	GC Executive Officers Meeting/PREXAD	FLORIDA
13-Feb 1	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
21-23	Tue	Theology of Ordination Study Committee	Silver Spring MD
<u>February 2014</u>			
20(am)	Thu	Christian Record Services Board of Directors	Lincoln NE
20(am)	Thu	Geoscience Research Institute Board	Loma Linda CA
21-24	Fri	Loma Linda Board Retreat	CALIFORNIA
24-25	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
26(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2014</u>			
2(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance	Berrien Springs MI
3	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
3(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Exec Committee	Berrien Springs MI
4	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
17	Mon	Family Ministries Division Directors Consultation	Nairobi KENYA
17(eve)-20	Mon	Summit on SDA Response to Alt Sexual Practices	Nairobi KENYA
18(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
19(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Financial Committee	Nampa ID
20	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
24-27	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
24-27	Mon	Intl Conference for College and Univ Presidents	Silver Spring MD
25(pm)	Tue	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
27(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
30(am)	Sun	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
31-Apr 1(am)	Mon	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD

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 April 15, 2013, a.m.
 GCC Spring Meeting

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>March 2014 contd</u>			
31(eve)	Mon	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
31(eve)	Mon	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2014</u>			
1(pm)	Tue	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
1(eve)	Tue	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
2	Wed	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
2	Wed	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
2	Wed	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
3(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
6	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Sun	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
8-9	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
20-21	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
21-May 10	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiangmai THAILAND
21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
22	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
23-24	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
23(pm)	Wed	Review and Herald HHES Board	Hagerstown MD
24(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
24(pm)	Thu	Review and Herald Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
<u>May 2014</u>			
6	Tue	AIIAS Constituency Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
8	Thu	AIIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
14-18	Wed	Global Adventist Internet Network Conference	Bangalore INDIA
20-21	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
22(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
23-28	Fri	International Medical Education Conference	Loma Linda CA
<u>June 2014</u>			
1(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Board Dinner/Info Items	Berrien Springs MI

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>June 2014 contd</u>			
2-4	Mon	Theology of Ordination Study Committee	Silver Spring MD
2	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
2(am)	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
4(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	VERMONT
5	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	VERMONT
10(pm)	Tue	Review and Herald Board Exec/Finance Comm	Silver Spring MD
16-22	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	Berrien Springs MI
16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
19	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
23-29	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	
23(am)	Mon	Christian Record Services Board of Directors	Lincoln NE
<u>July 2014</u>			
7-26	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Berrien Springs MI
7-12	Mon	Global Conference on Health	SWITZERLAND
<u>August 2014</u>			
13(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Financial Committee	Nampa ID
14	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
15-24	Fri	International Bible and Science Conference	
25-26	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
27(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2014</u>			
15-18	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
16(am)	Tue	Christian Record Services Board of Directors	Lincoln NE
18(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
24(eve)	Wed	Review and Herald Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
25(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>October 2014</u>			
2	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Fri	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Sun	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
5(pm)	Sun	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD

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GCC Spring Meeting

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2014 contd</u>			
6(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min and Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Wed	Accred Association of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)-9	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Thu	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)-15	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
9(eve)-10(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
19-20	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
21(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
22-23	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
26(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
27(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Exec Committee	Berrien Springs MI
27	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
28	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2014</u>			
<u>December 2014</u>			
3(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	Silver Spring MD
8-13	Mon	Global Mission Study Center Directors Meeting	
9-10	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
11(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
15(pm)	Mon	Review and Herald Board Exec/Finance Comm	Silver Spring MD

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GCDO12SM/12SM/ADCOM/GCDO12AC/12AC/102-12Gd/GCDO13SM/13SM to
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102-13Gc AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2015

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<u>January 2015</u>			
12-31	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
13-17	Tue	GC Executive Officers Meeting/PREXAD	<u>FLORIDA</u>
28-Feb 1	Wed	Global Adventist Internet Network Conference	Abidjan CÔTE D'IVOIRE
<u>February 2015</u>			
22(pm)	Sun	Loma Linda Board Education	Loma Linda CA
23-24	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
25(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Board	Loma Linda CA
25(pm)	Wed	Geoscience Research Institute Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2015</u>			
1(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
2(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Exec Committee	Berrien Springs MI
3	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
17(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
18(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
19	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
23-26	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
24(pm)	Tue	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
26(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2015</u>			
5(am)	Sun	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
6-7(am)	Mon	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Mon	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Mon	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Tue	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD

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 GCC Spring Meeting

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>April 2015 contd</u>			
7(eve)	Tue	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
8	Wed	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
8	Wed	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
8	Wed	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
9(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
9(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
10(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
12	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
12(eve)	Sun	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
13(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
13(pm)	Mon	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
13(pm)	Mon	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
13(eve)	Mon	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
14-15	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
19-20	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
20-May 9	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiangmai THAILAND
20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
21	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Nairobi KENYA
22-23	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
22(pm)	Wed	Review and Herald HHES Board	Hagerstown MD
22(eve)	Wed	Review and Herald Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
23(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>May 2015</u>			
5	Tue	AIAS Constituency Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
7	Thu	AIAS Board Meeting	Silang Cavite PHILIPPINES
19-20	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
21(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
31(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Board Dinner/Info Items	Berrien Springs MI
<u>June 2015</u>			
1	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
1(am)	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
3(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	VERMONT
4	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	VERMONT
8-25	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
11(am)	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Thu	Review and Herald Board Exec/Finance Comm	Silver Spring MD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>June 2015 contd</u>			
15-21	Mon	IWM Re-Entry Seminars Family/Teen	Berrien Springs MI
<u>July 2015</u>			
2-11	Thu	General Conference Session	San Antonio TX
13-Aug 1	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Berrien Springs MI
<u>August 2015</u>			
12(eve)	Wed	Pacific Press Finance Committee	Nampa ID
13	Thu	Pacific Press Board	Nampa ID
13(am)	Thu	Pacific Press Publishing Assoc Constituency	Nampa ID
24-25	Mon	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
26(am)	Wed	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
<u>September 2015</u>			
14-17	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
17(pm)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
23(eve)	Wed	Review and Herald Finance Committee	Hagerstown MD
24(am)	Thu	Review and Herald Board	Hagerstown MD
<u>October 2015</u>			
1	Thu	Division Officer Interviews	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Fri	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Sun	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Sun	<i>Church Manual</i> Committee	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
5	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Silver Spring MD
5(eve)	Mon	Africa HIV/AIDS Office Board	Silver Spring MD
6(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min and Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Wed	Hope Channel, Inc Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Wed	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Wed	Accred Association of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
7(eve)-8	Wed	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Silver Spring MD

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2015 contd</u>			
8(am)	Thu	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
8(pm)	Thu	AIIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)-14	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
8(eve)-9(am)	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
18-19	Sun	Oakwood University Board of Trustees	Huntsville AL
19-20	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
20(am)	Tue	Loma Linda Executive Committees	Loma Linda CA
21-22	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
25(eve)	Sun	Andrews University Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
26(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
26	Mon	Andrews University Subcommittees	Berrien Springs MI
27	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2015</u>			
<u>December 2015</u>			
2(pm)	Wed	Adventist Risk Management Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Thu	Adventist Risk Management Board of Directors	Silver Spring MD
7-12	Mon	Global Mission Study Center Directors Meeting	
8-9	Tue	Loma Linda Boards and Committees	Loma Linda CA
10(am)	Thu	Adventist Health International Services Board	Loma Linda CA
14(pm)	Mon	Review and Herald Board Exec/Finance Comm	Silver Spring MD

SEC/ADCOM/13SM to MAI

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

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

- | | |
|--------|---|
| Add | Weslake, Ken
Wetmore, Thomas E, Invitee |
| Delete | Coulson, Malcolm T
Rowe, Dionne A, Invitee |

SEC/ADCOM/13SM to MAI

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

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

Add Knott, William M
 Nix, James R

SEC/ADCOM/13SM to MAI

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 Wetmore, Thomas E, Invitee

Delete Rowe, Dionne A, Invitee

SEC/13SM to MAI

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

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

Add Wetmore, Thomas E, Invitee

Delete Rowe, Dionne A, Invitee

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GCC Spring Meeting

SEC/ADCOM/13SM to MAI

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE
(GCC-S)—MEMBERSHIP ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To adjust the membership of the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee (SP&B) (GCC-S), as follows:

Add Porter, Karen J, Invitee

INTERNET EVANGELISM IN THE CHINA UNION MISSION

Ted N C Wilson shared a video showing the success of internet evangelism in the China Union Mission.

The General Conference Executive Committee participated in reading a selection of *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, chapter 4, God's High Standard, led by Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference.

Prayer was offered by Ekkehardt Mueller, Deputy Director of the Biblical Research Institute and Doris Gothard, Layperson from the North American Division.

Ted N C Wilson led the General Conference Executive Committee members in singing, "We Have This Hope."

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