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**OF THE
WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

IKOT EKPENE - ABAK, Nigeria

October 29-31, 2023

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6:30 – 7:30	Breakfast	
7:30 – 7:50	Steering Committee	
7:45 – 8:00	Intercessory Prayer Session	- Ministerial Association
8:00 – 9:00	Devotion/ Prayer Session	- George Egwakhe
9:00 – 9:15	Break	
9:15 – 1:00 pm.	Business Session	
1:00 – 2:30 pm.	Lunch Break	
2:30 – 5:00 pm.	Business Session	
5:00 pm.	Adjournment	
5:00-5:15 pm.	Prayer Session	-Kwame Boakye Kwanin

Monday, October 30, 2023

6:30 – 7:30	Breakfast	
7:30 – 7:50	Steering Committee	
7:45 – 8:00	Intercessory Prayer Session	- Ministerial Association
8:00 – 9:00	Devotion/ Prayer Session	- Adekunle Alalade
9:00 – 9:15	Break	
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6:30 – 7:30	Breakfast	
7:30 – 7:50	Steering Committee	
7:45 – 8:00	Intercessory Prayer Session	- Ministerial Association
8:00 – 9:00	Devotion/ Prayer Session	- Ted Wilson

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85. Edward Nyarkoh

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GLOSSARY OF MOST FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS

AC	Annual Council
ACM	Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries
ADCOM	Administrative Committee
ADRA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency
AIIAS	Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies
AM	Adventist Mission
AMC	Adventist Media Center
AP	Advent Press
AR	Adventist Review
ARM	Adventist Risk Management
AST	Archives and Statistics
ATN	Adventist Television Network
AU	Andrews University
AUA	Adventist University of Africa
AVC	Adventist Volunteer Center
AWR	Adventist World Radio
BRI	Biblical Research Institute
BU	Babcock University
CAUM	Central African Union Mission
CFA	Concile de fin d'Année
CHM	Children's Ministries
CMUM	Cameroon Union Mission
COM	Communication
DAO	Division de l'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre
DOUO	Division Officers and Union Officers
ECD	East-Central Africa Division
EDU	Education

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ENUC	Eastern Nigeria Union Conference
ESD	Euro-Asia Division
ESUM	Eastern Sahel Union Mission
EUD	Euro-Africa Division
FM	Family Ministries
GC	General Conference
GCAS	General Conference Auditing Service
GCC	General Conference Executive Committee
GCDO	General Conference and Division Officers
GCO	General Conference Officers
GCS	General Conference Session
GRI	Geosciences' Research Institute
GU	Griggs University/Griggs International Academy
HIS/GU	Home Study International/Griggs University
HM	Health Ministries
HRS	Human Resource Services
IAD	Inter-American Division
IHFA	International Health Food Association
IWM	Institute of World Mission
LLU	Loma Linda University
MENA	Middle East and North Africa Union
MIN	Ministerial Association
MYM	Mid-Year Meeting
NAD	North American Division
NGUM	Northern Ghana Union Mission
NNUC	Northern Nigeria Union Conference
NSD	Northern Asia-Pacific Division
OC	Oakwood College
OGC	Office of General Counsel
PARL	Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

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PME	Postgraduate Medical Education
PPPA	Pacific Press Publishing Association
PRE	Presidential
PreC	Presidents Council (General Conference and Division Presidents)
PREXAD	President’s Executive Administrative Council
PSI	Philanthropic Service for Institutions
PUB	Publishing Ministries
R&H	Review and Herald Publishing Association
SAD	South American Division
SEC	Secretariat
SecC	Secretaries Council (General Conference and Division Secretaries)
SGUC	Southern Ghana Union Conference
SID	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
SM	Spring Meeting
SPD	South Pacific Division
SS&PM	Sabbath School and Personal Ministries
SSD	Southern Asia-Pacific Division
STW	Stewardship
SUD	Southern Asia Division
SUM	Sahel Union Mission
TED	Trans-European Division
TRE	Treasury
TreC	Treasurers Council (General Conference and Division Treasurers)
TRS	Trust Services
UMAC	Union Mission de l’Afrique Centrale
VVU	Valley View University
WAD	West-Central Africa Division
WADC	West-Central Africa Division Council
WAUM	West Africa Union Mission

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WHT	Ellen G White Estate, Inc.
WM	Women's Ministries
WNUC	Western Nigeria Union Conference
WSUM	Western Sahel Union Mission
YEC	Year-end Council
YOU	Youth Ministries

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

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

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

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

Because of the common objectives embraced by the various organizational units and institutions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, membership held concurrently on more than one denominational committee or board does not of itself constitute a conflict of interest provided that all the other requirements of the policy are met.

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

E 85 10 Individuals Included Under this Policy—All trustees, officers, executive committee/board members, employees, and volunteers of denominational organizations shall be subject to this policy.

E 85 15 Conditions Constituting Conflict—A trustee, officer, executive committee/board member, employee, or volunteer has a duty to be free from the influence of any conflicting interest or commitment when serving the organization or representing it in negotiations or dealings with third parties. Both while on and off the job an employee is expected to protect the best interests of the employing organization. The following list, though not exhaustive, describes circumstances and conditions that illustrate conflict of interest or commitment:

1. Engaging in outside business or employment that encroaches on the denominational organization’s call for the full services of its employees even though there may be no other conflict.
2. Engaging in business or employment that is in any way competitive or in conflict with any transaction, activity, policy, or objective of the organization.
3. Engaging in any business with or employment by an employer who is a supplier of goods or services to any denominational organization.
4. Making use of the fact of employment by the denominational organization to further outside business or employment, associating the denominational organization or its prestige with an outside business or employment, or using one’s connection to the denomination to further personal or partisan political interests.
5. Owning or leasing any property with knowledge that the denominational organization has an active or potential interest therein.
6. Lending money to or borrowing money from any third party, excluding financial institutions, who is a supplier of goods or services or lending to/borrowing from a trustor or anyone who is in any fiduciary relationship to the denominational organization or is otherwise regularly involved in business transactions with the denominational organization.
7. Accepting or offering of any gratuity, favor, benefit, or gift of greater than nominal value or of any commission or payment of any sort in connection with work for the denominational organization other than the compensation agreed upon between the denominational organization and/or the employer and the employee.

1 8. Making use of or disseminating, including by electronic means, any confidential information acquired
 2 through employment by the denominational organization for personal profit or advantage, directly or
 3 indirectly.

4 9. Using denominational personnel, property, equipment, supplies, or goodwill for other than approved
 5 activities, programs, and purposes.

6 10. Expending unreasonable time, during normal business hours, for personal affairs or for other
 7 organizations, to the detriment of work performance for the denomination.

8 11. Using one’s connections within the organization to secure favors for one’s family or relatives.

9 **E 85 20 Statement of Acceptance**—1. *By Employees*—At the time of initial employment an employee
 10 shall sign a statement indicating acceptance of the conditions of employment as outlined in the
 11 organization’s employee handbook. This acceptance shall constitute the employee’s declaration of
 12 compliance and resolve to remain in compliance with the conflict of interest and/or commitment policy. On
 13 an annual basis the employer shall provide employees with a copy of the Statement of Ethical Foundations,
 14 plus a copy of the conflict of interest and/or commitment policy, and shall inform employees regarding the
 15 duty to disclose potential conflicts of interest and/or commitment.

16 2. *By Administrators, Department Directors and Trustees*—The chief administrator, or designee, of the
 17 organization concerned shall receive annually a statement of acceptance and compliance with the policy on
 18 conflict of interest and/or commitment from each administrator, department director, member of the
 19 board/executive committee, and any other person authorized to handle resources of the organization. (The
 20 employing organization may determine that other individuals shall also be required to submit annually a
 21 statement of acceptance and compliance.) Submission of the statement by persons identified above shall
 22 constitute a declaration of compliance with the policy and shall place the individual under obligation to
 23 disclose potential conflicts of interest and/or commitment that may arise during the ensuing year.

24 **E 85 25 Reporting Potential or Actual Conflicts of Interest or Commitment**—All present and potential
 25 conflicts of interest must be disclosed:

26 1. If known, in advance of any meeting, business transaction, or other activity at which the issue may be
 27 discussed or on which the issue may have a bearing on the person’s approach to the issue, whether directly
 28 or indirectly; or

29 2. If not known in advance, when the actual, possible, or potential conflict becomes apparent. Disclosure
 30 must be made to the person in charge of the meeting or activity and to the full meeting, or to the person’s
 31 supervisor, as appropriate. The person should remove himself/herself from the room or situation to avoid
 32 participation in all discussion or deliberation on the issue, and voting. All such actions should be recorded
 33 in any minutes or records kept. Following full disclosure of the present or potential conflict, the board or
 34 equivalent group may decide that no conflict of interest exists and invite the participation of the person.

35 This policy establishes a process which is self-identifying. However, third parties may report alleged
 36 conflicts in writing with supporting documentation, to an officer of the organization concerned if the
 37 employee fails to disclose a conflict or does so inadequately. The source of third party reports shall be held
 38 in confidence by the recipient unless it is required to divulge the information pursuant to a court order or if
 39 there is indication that the report is fraudulent or made with malicious intent.

40 **E 85 30 Review Process for Conflicts of Interest and/or Commitment**—The officer or human
 41 resource/personnel office that receives the report of potential conflict shall inform the employee’s supervisor
 42 and shall have the matter reviewed by the appropriate employing authority or by the committee assigned to
 43 review such matters. If the disclosure has come from a third party, the officer or human resource/personnel
 44 office shall inform the employee concerned and shall give the employee an opportunity to submit any
 45 information which may help in the review of the reported conflict. The decision of the employing authority
 46 or review committee as to whether or not a conflict exists shall be communicated to the employee in writing.

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 2 **E 85 35 Sanctions for Noncompliance**—Noncompliance includes failure to:
 3 1. Comply with this policy;
 4 2. Report accurately on the disclosure form;
 5 3. Comply with decisions made by the employing authority or review committee as a result of reported
 6 potential or actual conflicts of interest
 7 and/or commitment.
 8 Noncompliance may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment.
 9 Termination from employment shall be processed in harmony with existing policies.

10 **E 85 40 Model Statement of Acceptance**—The following model statement of acceptance may be modified
 11 in a manner appropriate to the organization concerned.

12 THIS DECLARATION applies, to the best of my knowledge, to all members of my immediate family
 13 (spouse, children, parents) and its provisions shall protect any organization affiliated with or subsidiary to
 14 the In the event facts change in the future that may create a potential conflict of interest,
 15 I agree to notify the in writing.

- 16 1. I have read the Statement of Ethical Foundations and the policy on Conflict of Interest and/or
 17 Commitment.
 18 2. I am in compliance with my employer’s policy on Conflict of Interest and/or Commitment as printed
 19 above.
 20 3. Except as disclosed below:
 21 a. Neither I nor my family have a financial interest or business relationship which competes with or
 22 conflicts with the interests of the..
 23 b. Neither I nor my family have a financial interest in nor am or have been an employee, officer,
 24 director, or trustee of, nor receive/have received financial benefits either directly or indirectly from any
 25 enterprise (excluding less than five percent [5%] ownership in any entity with publicly traded securities)
 26 which is or has been doing business with or is a competitor of the
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 28 c. Neither I nor my family receive/received any payments or gifts (other than of token value) from
 29 other denominational entities, suppliers, or agencies doing business with the
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 31 d. Neither I nor my family serve/have served as an officer, director, trustee, or agent of any
 32 organization affiliated with or subsidiary to the.....in any decision-making process involving
 33 financial or legal interests adverse to the

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 35 Disclosures:
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1 **FUTURE PLANS WORKING GROUP: WORLD CHURCH’S STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2030**

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3 David Trim, Director of Archives Statistics, and Research, gave an overview of what has been
4 learned from the Global Church Member Survey, the Institutional Workers Survey, the Global
5 Church Leaders Survey, and the Global Pastors Survey as it relates to the implementation of the I
6 Will Go Strategic Plan.

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8 Gary D Krause, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, shared the importance of
9 supporting creative methods of evangelism as we refocus on mission.

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11 Erton C Kohler, Secretary of the General Conference, communicated the urgency of Mission
12 Refocus. This urgency is due to the numbers of people who are dying without having the opportunity
13 to know Jesus as their personal Savior.

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15 Ted N C Wilson, President of the General Conference, explained the importance of all
16 members being involved in mission.

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19 Prayer for the I Will Go Strategic Plan was offered by Daniel Wang Xin Jiao, President of the
20 Chinese Union Mission, and Ezras Lakra, President of the Southern Asia Division.

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**TRE/EOM/ADCOM/TreC/SP&B23AC/23AC to PHD(DIV)
117-23G GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OFFERING - 2025**

VOTED, To designate the 2025 General Conference Session Offering for Digital Strategy for Mission as follows:

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

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

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

Collection Dates:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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**SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)
201-23G DIVISION TERRITORIES - POLICY AMENDMENT**

VOTED, To amend GC C 05, Division Territories, to read as follows:

C 05 Division Territories*

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

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

C 05 20 Inter-American Division Territory - No change

C 05 23 Inter-European Division Territory - No change

C 05 25 North American Division Territory - No change

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

C 05 35 South American Division Territory - No change

C 05 37 South Pacific Division Territory - No change

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

C 05 45 Southern Asia Division Territory - No change

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

C 05 60 Trans-European Division Territory - No change

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 **FPWG/PolRev&Dev/BRI/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/PreC/SecC/TreC/GCDO23AC/23AC to**
 2 **HMM(DIV)**

3 **202-23Ga IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR MISSION - POLICY AMENDMENT**

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 5 VOTED, To amend GC A 09 10, Implementation of Our Mission, to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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 27 ~~2. 4.~~ Christ-Like Proclaiming—Realizing ~~Communicating—Realizing~~ that all are called to
 28 active witness, we share through personal conversation, preaching, publishing, and the arts, the
 29 Bible’s message about God and the hope and salvation offered through the life, ministry, atoning
 30 death, resurrection, and high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ.

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

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 36 ~~3. 6.~~ Christ-Like Training—Affirming ~~Disciplining—Affirming~~ the vital importance of
 37 continued spiritual growth and development among all who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, we
 38 nurture and instruct each other in righteous living, provide training for effective witness, and
 39 encourage responsive obedience to God’s will.

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

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

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

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1 **FPWG/PolRev&Dev/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/PreC/SecC/TreC/GCDO23AC/23AC to**
 2 **HMM(DIV)**
 3 **202-23Gb OUR METHOD (MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY**
 4 **ADVENTIST CHURCH) - POLICY AMENDMENT**
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6 VOTED, To amend GC A 05 10, Our Method (Mission Statement of the Seventh-day
 7 Adventist Church), to read as follows:

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9 A 05 10 Our Method—Guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit, Seventh-day Adventists pursue
 10 ~~this mission~~ the mission of making disciples through Christ-like living, healing, serving,
 11 proclaiming, teaching, and training. ~~communicating, discipling, teaching, healing, and~~
 12 ~~serving~~ Committee with the understanding that this provision will only continue for the
 13 current quinquennium or until a committee membership adjustment takes place by other
 14 means.
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1 **SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/PreC/SecC/TreC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)**
2 **203-23G PROCEDURES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF PRESIDENT,**
3 **SECRETARY, OR TREASURER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**
4 **OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE - POLICY AMENDMENT**
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6 VOTED, To amend GC B 30, Procedures for the Replacement of President, Secretary, or
7 Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the General Conference, to read as follows:
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9 B 30 Procedures for the Replacement of President, Secretary, or
10 Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the General Conference
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12 The following procedures shall be followed by the General Conference for filling vacancies
13 which may occur in the offices of President, Secretary, or Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the
14 General Conference, between General Conference Sessions.
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16 B 30 05 The President—1. The Secretary of the General Conference - No change
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18 2. The Secretary (or Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, see above) - No change
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20 3. The Secretary (or Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, see above) shall request the
21 Undersecretary to call a meeting of the available members of the General Conference Administrative
22 Committee at the earliest possible opportunity. The General Conference Administrative Committee shall
23 specify the time and the place of the meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee to elect
24 the new President. The decisions regarding time, place, and attendance shall be made as follows:
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26 a. Preferably the election shall be scheduled for the next Spring Meeting or Annual
27 Council of the General Conference Executive Committee; however, if the vacancy occurs three or more
28 months before the next Spring Meeting or Annual Council, the General Conference Administrative
29 Committee, after counsel with all the divisions, shall set the date and place for a special meeting of the
30 General Conference Executive Committee.
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32 b. All General Conference Executive Committee members - No change
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34 4. A nominating committee, with appropriate representation from each division, shall be
35 appointed by the General Conference Executive Committee, in a manner to be decided, regardless of
36 whether the election takes place at ~~an Annual Council~~ a Spring Meeting, an Annual Council, or at a
37 special meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee. Any member of the General
38 Conference Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve on this nominating committee.
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40 5. The nominating committee shall present its recommendation - No change
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42 B 30 10 The Secretary—1. The President, or in his absence the - No change
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2. The Undersecretary shall act as Secretary until such time as - No change

3. The election of a new Secretary shall take place at the next Spring Meeting or Annual Council, or at a specially called meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee. ~~Committee to which each division shall be invited to send its Secretary and Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.~~

4. A nominating committee shall function as under B 30 05, paragraph 4.

5. The nominating committee shall present its recommendation - No change

B 30 15 The Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer—1. The President, or in - No change

2. The Undertreasurer shall act as Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer - No change

3. The election of a new Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer shall take place at the next Spring Meeting or Annual Council, or at a specially called meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee. ~~Committee to which each division shall be invited to send its secretary and treasurer/chief financial officer.~~

4. A nominating committee shall function as under B 30 05, paragraph 4.

5. The nominating committee shall present its recommendation - No change



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

2 **204-23G MERGER OF UNION CONFERENCES, UNION MISSIONS/ SECTIONS, OR**
3 **UNIONS OF CHURCHES - POLICY AMENDMENT**

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5 VOTED, To amend GC B 90 25, Merger of Union Conferences, Union Missions/ Sections, or
6 Unions of Churches, to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)
205-23G TYPES (CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES) - POLICY AMENDMENT**

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

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

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1 **SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/TreC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)**
2 **207-23G SUPPORT OF WORLDWIDE WORK - POLICY AMENDMENT**

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

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

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

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

15
16 b. Local Conference or Local Mission/Field/Section to Union Conference or Union
17 Mission/Section—Local conferences or local missions/fields/sections - No change

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/TreC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)
208-23G THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING - POLICY AMENDMENT**

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

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

1. Division of Offering—Twenty five percent of the actual amount - No change
2. Cut Off Date—For the purpose of computing the Thirteenth Sabbath - No change

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3 212-23Ga ANNUAL COUNCILS - POLICY AMENDMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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212-23Gb SPRING MEETINGS - POLICY DELETION

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

BA 10 Spring Meetings

BA 10 05 Purpose—A meeting of the Executive Committee, known as the Spring Meeting, shall be held annually for the purpose of receiving the audited financial reports of the General Conference and for transacting regular Executive Committee business.



1 **WHT/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)**
 2 **213-23G ELLEN G WHITE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**
 3 **RESEARCH CENTERS - POLICY AMENDMENT**
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5 VOTED, To amend GC GE 20 10, Ellen G White Seventh-day Adventist Research Centers, to
 6 read as follows:
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8 GE 20 10 Ellen G White Seventh-day Adventist Research Centers—Each division of the General
 9 Conference ~~where there is not a Branch Office~~ is authorized to establish one Ellen G White
 10 Seventh-day Adventist Research Center in an educational institution located within its territory,
 11 subject to the approval of the Ellen G White Estate Board and the General Conference Executive
 12 Committee. Research Centers serve the division where they are located as a resource regarding
 13 the writings and ministry of Ellen G White. Unlike Branch Offices, Research Centers are
 14 encouraged to preserve the broader history of Adventism within their territory. In addition, the
 15 Ellen G White Estate and the General Conference share oversight of the Research Center with
 16 the division involved. Any relocation of the center will require approval by the division and the
 17 Ellen G White Estate Board.
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19 The director of the Research Center is to be recommended every five years by the division in
 20 counsel with the institution where the Center is located and appointed by the Ellen G White
 21 Estate Board as soon as possible after the General Conference Session. Unlike a Branch Office,
 22 50 percent of the director’s time is devoted to the Center and 50 percent to the educational
 23 institution in which the Center is located. The designated employing organization of the Research
 24 Center director will be determined by the division and the host educational institution in
 25 consultation with the Ellen G White Estate. In the event of a vacancy during the quinquennium,
 26 the division is to recommend a new director to the Board for appointment.
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28 Each division where there is an authorized Research Center will receive annually, an
 29 appropriation from the General Conference equivalent to 75 percent of the denominational
 30 annual basic wage factor for the territory where the Center is located. This appropriation is
 31 intended to cover 50 percent of the Research Center director’s salary and includes an additional
 32 25 percent of the wage factor for the director’s estimated benefits. In cases where this
 33 appropriation does not cover 50 percent of the salary and benefits for the director of the Research
 34 Center, the difference between the appropriation and 50 percent of the actual salary and benefits
 35 can be charged to the General Conference in a time period not to exceed one calendar year
 36 following when the appropriation has been released to the division. An appropriate travel budget
 37 is to be provided by the division for the director’s field services. The General Conference also
 38 may provide annual supplemental travel assistance. All other operating expenses, such as
 39 secretarial services, office supplies, maintenance, etc, as well as the physical facilities, such as
 40 the vault, office space, and general furnishings, are to be provided by the division with the
 41 cooperation of the educational institution involved. The General Conference provides the
 42 specialized equipment and research materials necessary for the establishment of the Center, as
 43 specified by the Ellen G White Estate. All White Estate files, including copies of the Ellen G

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1 White letters and manuscripts, are provided on a loan basis and remain the property of the Ellen
 2 G White Estate. Should it become necessary to close an Ellen G White Seventh-day Adventist
 3 Research Center, all White Estate files, including the Ellen G White letters and manuscripts, are
 4 to be returned to the Ellen G White Estate.

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

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2 214-23Ga POLICIES (FINANCE, MODEL BYLAWS) - POLICY DIRECTIVE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/TreC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)
2 214-23Gb POLICIES (FINANCE, MODEL OPERATING POLICIES) -
3 POLICY DIRECTIVE
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5 VOTED, To approve a directive to amend General Conference *Working Policy*, section D,
6 Model Bylaws, Article IX, Finance, Sec. 2., Policies, where appropriate, to read as follows:
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8 **Sec. 2. Policies: The portion of tithe which is reserved for this [organization], as specified**
9 **by policy, and all other funds shall be used in harmony with the policies of**
10 **the _____ Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and in the case of**
11 **donations, their use shall be in harmony with the specifications of donors and in compliance with**
12 **government regulations. Tithe is shared with the division on fixed percentages as set by the**
13 **division executive committee, and with the General Conference on fixed percentages as set by**
14 **action of the General Conference Executive Committee at an Annual Council, or at a Spring**
15 **Meeting in extenuating circumstances. ~~the Annual Council of the General Conference Executive~~**
16 **~~Committee.~~ This [organization] shall pass on to the _____ Division the specified tithe**
17 **percentage, retirement fund percentages as may be decided by the division executive committee,**
18 **and all mission offerings.**
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20 This change should be made in section D at the following locations:
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- 22 GC D 15 05, Union Mission/Section Operating Policy, Article XIV, Sec. 2. (bold print)
- 23 GC D 19 05, Union of Churches Operating Policy, Article XIV, Sec. 2. (bold print)
- 24 GC D 25 05, Local Mission/Field/Section Op Policy, Article XIV, Sec. 2. (bold print)

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**TRE/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/TreC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)
215-23G STUDY PROGRAMS (ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYEES
SPONSORED FOR STUDY OUTSIDE THEIR BASE DIVISION) -
POLICY AMENDMENT**

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

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

T 35 05 Study Programs—1. Assistance—The following policy for - No change

2. Selection—The responsibility for selection shall be with the - No change

3. Duration of Sponsorship - No change

4. Transportation—The division shall provide round trip transportation - No change

5. Salary—The division shall provide 60 percent of the salary of the - No change

6. Rent Subsidy - No change

7. Utility Allowance—Utility allowance, when needed, shall be granted - No change

8. Health Care Expense - No change

9. Education Expenses—For the employee:

a. The sending division shall pay 100 percent of the following - No change

a. Textbook allowance shall be granted at the rate of up to ~~USD 100~~ USD 500 per semester.

b. The following allowances shall be given for thesis/dissertation/project preparation:

1) Master’s degrees—Actual cost up to ~~USD 400~~ USD 1,000

2) PhD, ThD, EdD degrees—Actual cost up to ~~USD 1,000~~ USD 2,000

3) DMin degree—Actual cost up to ~~USD 500~~ USD 1,200



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

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TRE/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/TreC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)
216-23G ASSISTANCE FOR CURRENTLY EMPLOYED MINISTERS
ATTENDING THE SEMINARY (FINANCIAL POLICIES—
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS) - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC U 10 10, Assistance for Currently Employed Ministers Attending the Seminary (Financial Policies—Andrews University Students), to read as follows:

U 10 10 Assistance for Currently Employed Ministers Attending the Seminary—1. Salary—The local conference, local mission/field/section, region/field - No change

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

- a. Master’s Degree—Actual cost up to ~~USD 400.~~ USD 1,000.
- b. Doctor of Ministry Degree—Actual cost up to ~~USD 500.~~ USD 1,200.
- c. All other doctoral degrees—Actual cost up to ~~USD 1,000.~~ USD 2,000.
- d. Textbook and syllabus allowance at the rate of ~~USD 100~~ USD 500 per semester.

- 3. Housing—When the employee attends the Seminary without - no change
- 4. Special Living Allowance—When the employee attending - No change
- 5. International Service Employees—When international service - No change
- 6. World Divisions—World divisions are asked to make provision - No change
- 7. National Employees—Rent Subsidy—The General Conference - No change
- 8. National Employees—Adequate Support—World divisions - No change
- 9. Graduate Study for Ministers—Amortization and Reimbursement Schedule - No change



1 **OGC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)**
 2 **218-23G CONTENT OF THE YEARBOOK (*SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST***
 3 ***YEARBOOK*) - POLICY AMENDMENT**
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5 VOTED, To amend GC BA 80 10, Content of the Yearbook (*Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook*),
 6 as follows:
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8 BA 80 10 Content of the Yearbook—The *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook* is primarily intended
 9 to identify the many and varied organizations, other than local churches/congregations, through which
 10 the Church advances its mission. It shall include the following:
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12 1. The current statement of Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists.
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14 2. All denominational organizational units - No change
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16 3. Institutions, services, and corporations as follows:
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18 a. All denominationally operated secondary and postsecondary ~~institutions~~
 19 institutions. Those accredited by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools,
 20 Colleges, and Universities (see FE 20 35, paragraph 8) shall be listed with notation of such
 21 accreditation. (see FE 20 35, paragraph 8).
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23 b. All healthcare institutions whose governance meets the - No change
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25 c. Other institutions, services, organizations, and - No change
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27 d. Other institutions and corporations with not less than - No change
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29 e. Other organizations, whose inclusion or exclusion from the *Seventh-day Adventist*
 30 *Yearbook* is under question because of the types of activities involved, or because they do not fit the
 31 specific terms of paragraphs a. through d. above, shall have the matter decided by the General
 32 Conference officers in consultation with the respective division officers and the Office of General
 33 Counsel.
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35 4. Leadership personnel: officers, associate officers, departmental - No change
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37 5. Persons holding General Conference credentials.
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1 **SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)**
2 **219-23Ga SURVEY COMMISSIONS - POLICY AMENDMENT**

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

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

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- 10 Chair General Conference Vice President
- 11 Secretary General Conference Secretary (or designee)
- 12 Members General Conference Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer (or designee)
- 13 Two executive officers (president preferred) from other divisions
- 14 President of division requesting the survey
- 15 Advisors Secretary and Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the division requesting the
- 16 survey (to be granted voice but not vote)
- 17 Union Administration requesting change (to be granted voice but not vote)
- 18 Invitees Others at the discretion of the commission
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20 The survey commission shall assess the proposed entity’s readiness for the denominational
21 responsibilities of maintaining the Seventh-day Adventist faith and values, nurturing believers,
22 furthering the Church’s mission, demonstrating and developing leadership capacity, and fulfilling all
23 financial obligations to the denomination while remaining fiscally viable. (For expanded criteria, see B
24 75 12 and B 75 15.)

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26 The survey commission shall conduct an on-site or virtual evaluation and submit its report and
27 recommendations to the General Conference Administrative Committee. On the basis of the survey
28 commission’s report, the General Conference Administrative Committee will determine its response to
29 the division’s request. If the response is in support of proceeding with the establishment of a new union
30 or the change of status of an existing union, the General Conference Administrative Committee will
31 forward its recommendation to the General Conference Executive Committee. If the General
32 Conference Administrative Committee’s response is not in support of the organizational change, it shall
33 refer the matter back to the division and indicate the reasons for such a decision, listing the conditions, if
34 any, that need to be addressed before further consideration of the matter.
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1 **SEC/PolRev&Dev/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM(DIV)**
2 **219-23Gb USE OF “ON-SITE EVALUATION” - POLICY DIRECTIVE**

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4 VOTED, To approve a directive to amend General Conference *Working Policy*, where
5 appropriate by deleting “on-site evaluation” and replacing it with “on-site or virtual evaluation” when in
6 regard to survey commissions (see GC B 65 15, B 65 20, B 65 22, B 65 25, B 70 05, B 75 10, B 75 20,
7 and B 80 15).

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1 **SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM-25GCS**
2 **209-23GS TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION - CONSTITUTION AND**
3 **BYLAWS AMENDMENT**

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

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8 **ARTICLE I—TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION**

9
10 **Sec. 1. The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, hereinafter - No change**

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

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

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

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1 SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM-25GCS
2 210-23GS GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
3 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT
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5 RECOMMENDED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article
6 XIII—General Conference Executive Committee, to read as follows:
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8 ARTICLE XIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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10 Sec. 1. a. During the intervals between sessions of the General Conference, the General
11 Conference Executive Committee is delegated the authority to act on behalf of the General Conference
12 in session. The membership of the General Conference Executive Committee includes representatives of
13 all the divisions of the world field and the presidents of all unions and therefore speaks for the world
14 Church. Major items affecting the world Church are considered at the Spring Meeting and Annual
15 Council meetings of the General Conference Executive Committee, when all the members of the
16 Committee are invited to be present. The authority, therefore, of the General Conference Executive
17 Committee is the authority of the world Church.
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19 b. The General Conference Executive Committee shall also - No change
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21 c. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change
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23 d. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change
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25 e. The removal from office by the General Conference - No change
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27 f. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have - No change
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29 Sec. 2. a. A meeting of the General Conference Executive - No change



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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 **SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/TreC/GCDO23AC/23AC to HMM-25GCS**
2 **211-23GS APPROPRIATIONS - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT**

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

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7 **ARTICLE XIX— APPROPRIATIONS**
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9 Sec. 1. The General Conference Executive Committee shall make its regular appropriations to
10 the world field at Spring Meetings or Annual Councils. ~~These appropriations are to be based on budget~~
11 ~~requests from the fields.~~

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

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

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

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

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1 TRE/SP&B15SM/15SM/101-15Gi/SP&B16AC/16AC/101-16Ga/101-17Ga/SP&B18AC/18AC/ 101-
 2 18Ga/SP&B19AC/19AC/101-19Ga/SP&B20AC/20AC/101-20Ga/10121Ga/SP&B21AC/ 21AC/101-
 3 21Ga/SP&B22AC/22AC/101-22Ga/SP&B23AC/23AC to JRW(DIV)

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 5 101-23Ga CALENDAR OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS—**WORLD 2024-2030**

6
 7 VOTED, To record the Calendar of Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings—World 2024-2030, which
 8 reads as follows:

	Proj Selection Visit to	<u>Deadline</u> <u>Division</u>
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11	2024	
12	First Quarter	Southern Asia Division Mar 2022 Jun 2022
13	Second Quarter	Euro-Asia Division Jun 2022 Sep 2022
14	Third Quarter	Inter-American Division Sep 2022 Dec 2022
15	Fourth Quarter	North American Division Dec 2022 Mar 2023
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17	2025	
18	First Quarter	Northern Asia-Pacific Division Mar 2023 Jun 2023
19	Second Quarter	Southern Asia-Pacific Division Jun 2023 Sep 2023
20	Third Quarter	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division Sep 2023 Dec 2023
21	Fourth Quarter	South American Division Dec 2023 Mar 2024
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23	2026	
24	First Quarter	South Pacific Division Mar 2024 Jun 2024
25	Second Quarter	East-Central Africa Division Jun 2024 Sep 2024
26	Third Quarter	Inter-European Division Sep 2024 Dec 2024
27	Fourth Quarter	Trans-European Division Dec 2024 Mar 2025
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29	2027	
30	First Quarter	West-Central Africa Division Mar 2025 Jun 2025
31	Second Quarter	Southern Asia Division Jun 2025 Sep 2025
32	Third Quarter	Euro-Asia Division Sep 2025 Dec 2025
33	Fourth Quarter	Inter-American Division Dec 2025 Mar 2026
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35	2028	
36	First Quarter	North American Division Mar 2026 Jun 2026
37	Second Quarter	Northern Asia-Pacific Division June 2026 Sep 2026
38	Third Quarter	Southern Asia-Pacific Division Sep 2026 Dec 2026
39	Fourth Quarter	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division Dec 2026 Mar 2027
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42	First Quarter	South American Division Mar 2027 Jun 2027
43	Second Quarter	South Pacific Division June 2027 Sep 2027

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1	Third Quarter	East-Central Africa Division	Sep 2027 Dec 2027
2	Fourth Quarter	Inter-European Division	Dec 2027 Mar 2028
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4	2030		
5	First Quarter	Trans-European Division	Mar 2028 Jun 2028
6	Second Quarter	West-Central Africa Division	June 2028 Sep 2028
7	Third Quarter	Southern Asia Division	Sep 2028 Dec 2028
8	Fourth Quarter	Euro-Asia Division	Dec 2028 Mar 2029

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Distribution summary among divisions from 2024 through 2030:

- East-Central Africa 2
- Euro-Asia 3
- Inter-American 2
- Inter-European 2
- North American 2
- Northern Asia-Pacific 2
- South American 2
- South Pacific 2
- Southern Africa-Indian Ocean 2
- Southern Asia 3
- Southern Asia-Pacific 2
- Trans-European 2
- West-Central Africa 2

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1 TRE/SP&B22AC/22AC/101-22Gh/SP&B23AC/23AC to JRW(DIV)
2 101-23Gc **CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2024**

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4 VOTED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2024, which reads as follows:
5

6 January

- 7 6 Outreach/Church Budget
- 8 13 Division
- 9 20 Church Budget
- 10 27 Conference/Union

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12 February

- 13 3 Outreach/Church Budget
- 14 10 Division
- 15 17 Church Budget
- 16 24 Conference/Union

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18 March

- 19 2 Outreach/Church Budget
- 20 9 *+ Adventist World Radio
- 21 16 Church Budget
- 22 23 Conference/Union
- 23 30 Church Budget

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25 April

- 26 6 Outreach/Church Budget
- 27 13 *+ Hope Channel International
- 28 20 Church Budget
- 29 27 Conference/Union

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31 May

- 32 4 Outreach/Church Budget
- 33 11 *+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)
- 34 18 Church Budget
- 35 25 Conference/Union

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37 June

- 38 1 Outreach/Church Budget
- 39 8 Division
- 40 15 Church Budget
- 41 22 Conference/Union
- 42 29 Church Budget

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- 1 July
- 2 6 Outreach/Church Budget
- 3 13 *+ GC Session Offering: Digital Strategy for Mission
- 4 20 Church Budget
- 5 27 Conference/Union
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- 7 August
- 8 3 Outreach/Church Budget
- 9 10 Division
- 10 17 Church Budget
- 11 24 Conference/Union
- 12 31 Church Budget
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- 14 September
- 15 7 Outreach/Church Budget
- 16 14 *+ World Mission Offering (Unusual Opportunities)
- 17 21 Church Budget
- 18 28 Conference/Union
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- 20 October
- 21 5 Outreach/Church Budget
- 22 12 Division
- 23 19 Church Budget
- 24 26 Conference/Union
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- 26 November
- 27 2 Outreach/Church Budget
- 28 9 *+ Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)
- 29 16 Church Budget
- 30 23 Conference/Union
- 31 30 Church Budget
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- 33 December
- 34 7 Outreach/Church Budget
- 35 14 Division
- 36 21 Church Budget
- 37 28 Conference/Union
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- 1 Summary of Offerings
- 2 General Conference 6
- 3 Division 6
- 4 Conference/Union 12
- 5 Church 28
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- 9 *Program provided by the General Conference
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1 TRE/SP&B23AC/23AC to JRW(DIV)
2 101-23Gi **CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2025**

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4 VOTED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2025, which reads as follows:

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- 7 4 Outreach/Church Budget
- 8 11 Division
- 9 18 Church Budget
- 10 25 Conference/Union

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- 14 8 Division
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- 16 22 Conference/Union

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- 20 8 *+ Adventist World Radio
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- 26 5 Outreach/Church Budget
- 27 12 *+ Hope Channel International
- 28 19 Church Budget
- 29 26 Conference/Union

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- 32 3 Outreach/Church Budget
- 33 10 *+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)
- 34 17 Church Budget
- 35 24 Conference/Union
- 36 31 Church Budget

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- 39 7 Outreach/Church Budget
- 40 14 Division
- 41 21 Church Budget
- 42 28 Conference/Union

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- 1 5 Outreach/Church Budget (Offering received at GC Session will be for Digital
 2 Strategy for Mission)
 3 12 *+ GC Session Offering: Digital Strategy for Mission
 4 19 Church Budget
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 8 2 Outreach/Church Budget
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 10 16 Church Budget
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 16 13 *+ World Mission Offering (Unusual Opportunities)
 17 20 Church Budget
 18 27 Conference/Union
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 21 4 Outreach/Church Budget
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 24 25 Conference/Union
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 27 1 Outreach/Church Budget
 28 8 *+ Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)
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 30 22 Conference/Union
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 35 13 Division
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 37 27 Conference/Union
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 43 Summary of Offerings



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

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

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

		• <u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
10			
11	<u>January</u>		
12	7 Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
13	11-21 Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
14	14 #Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
15	21 Religious Liberty Day <i>Liberty</i>		GC/NAD-PARL
16	28		
17			
18	<u>February</u>		
19	4 <i>Reach the World</i> : Personal Outreach	---	GC-SSPM
20	11-18 Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
21	18		
22	25		
23			
24	<u>March</u>		
25	4 Women’s Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
26	11 Adventist World Radio Adventist World Radio*		GC-AWR
27	18-25 Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
28	18 Global Youth Day/Global Children’s Day	---	GC-YOU/CHM
29	25 #Christian Education	---	Divisions
30			
31	<u>April</u>		
32	1 Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
33	1 #Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
34	Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		
35	8 Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s Day)	---	GC-SSPM
36			
37	8 Hope Channel International Hope Channel International*		GC-HCI
38	15-21 #Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
39	15 World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	---	Divisions
40	22 Possibility Ministries Day	---	GC-APM
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	<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
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2	<u>May</u>	
3	6-27 Drug Awareness Month - --	GC-HM
4	6 <i>Reach the World: Using Communication Channels</i> ---	GC-COM
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6	13 <i>Reach the World: In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*</i>	GC-PM/DIV
7	20 Global Adventurer’s Day ---	GC-YOU
8	27 World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk ---	GC-CHM
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10	<u>June</u>	
11	3 <i>Reach the World: Bible Study: Sabbath School and Correspondence Courses</i> ---	GC-SSPM
12	10 Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day ---	GC-WM
13	17 <i>Reach the World: Nurturing Other Members and Reclaiming</i> ---	GC-SSPM
14	17 Adventist Church World Refugee Day ---	ADRA
15	24 World Public Campus Ministries Day ---	GC-YOU
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17	<u>July</u>	
18	1 Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
19	8 Mission Promotion World Mission*	GC-AM
20	15 <i>Reach the World: Media Ministry</i> ---	GC-COM
21	22 Children’s Sabbath ---	GC-CHM
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24	<u>August</u>	
25	5 #Global Mission Evangelism ---	Divisions
26	12 <i>Reach the World: Church Planting</i> ---	GC-AM
27	19 Education Day ---	GC-EDU
28	26 enditnow Day ---	GC-WM
29	26 #Lay Evangelism ---	Divisions
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31	<u>September</u>	
32	2 #Youth Spiritual Commitment ---	Divisions
33	Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)	
34	3-9 Family Togetherness Week of Prayer ---	GC-FM
35	9 Family Togetherness Day of Prayer ---	GC-FM
36	9 Mission Promotion Unusual Opportunities*	GC-AM
37	16 Pathfinder Day ---	GC-YOU
38	23 #Sabbath School Guest Day ---	Divisions
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41	<u>October</u>	
42	7 Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
43	7 <i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription Promotion ---	GCARMies

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1	14	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
2	21	Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Heritage	---	GC-WHT
3	28	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
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5		<u>November</u>		
6	4-11	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
7	11-17	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults	---	GC-YOU
8	11	Mission Promotion Annual Sacrifice*		GC-AM
9	18	World Orphans-Vulnerable Children Day	---	GC-APM
10	25	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
11	25-2	Stewardship Revival Week		GC-STW
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13		<u>December</u>		
14	2	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
15	9	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
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 2 101-23Ge CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—**WORLD 2024**

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 4 VOTED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2024, to read as
 5 follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
8	<u>January</u>		
9	6	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
10	10-20	Ten Days of Prayer	GC-MIN
11	13	#Health Ministries	GC-HM/DIV
12	20	Religious Liberty Day <i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
13	27		
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15	<u>February</u>		
16	3	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	GC-SSPM
17	10-17	Christian Home and Marriage Week	GC-FM
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19	24		
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21	<u>March</u>		
22	2	Women’s Day of Prayer	GC-WM
23	9	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
24	16-23	Youth Week of Prayer	GC-YOU
25	16	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s Day	GC-YOU/CHM
26	23	#Christian Education	Divisions
27	30		
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29	<u>April</u>		
30	6	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
31	6	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	Divisions
32		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	
33	13	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s Day)	GC-SSPM
34	13	Hope Channel International*	GC-HCI
35	13-19	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	Divisions
36	13	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	Divisions
37	20	Possibility Ministries Day	GC-APM
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3	<u>May</u>	
4	4-25 Drug Awareness Month ---	GC-HM
5	4 <i>Reach the World: Using Communication Channels</i> ---	GC-COM
6	11 <i>Reach the World: In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*</i>	GC-PM/DIV
7	18 Global Adventurer’s Day ---	GC-YOU
8	25 World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk ---	GC-CHM
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10	<u>June</u>	
11	1 <i>Reach the World: Bible Study: Sabbath School and</i>	
12	Correspondence Courses ---	GC-SSPM
13	8 Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day ---	GC-WM
14	15 <i>Reach the World: Nurturing Other Members and Reclaiming</i> ---	GC-SSPM
15	15 Adventist Church World Refugee Day ---	ADRA
16	22 World Public Campus Ministries Day ---	GC-YOU
17	29	
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19	<u>July</u>	
20	6 Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
21	13 Mission Promotion World Mission*	GC-AM
22	20 <i>Reach the World: Media Ministry</i> ---	GC-COM
23	27 Children’s Sabbath ---	GC-CHM
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25	<u>August</u>	
26	3 #Global Mission Evangelism ---	Divisions
27	10 <i>Reach the World: Church Planting</i> ---	GC-AM
28	17 Education Day ---	GC-EDU
29	24 enditnow Day ---	GC-WM
30	24 #Lay Evangelism ---	Divisions
31	31	
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33	<u>September</u>	
34	1-7 Family Togetherness Week of Prayer ---	GC-FM
35	7 Family Togetherness Day of Prayer ---	GC-FM
36	7 #Youth Spiritual Commitment ---	Divisions
37	Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)	
38	14 Mission Promotion Unusual Opportunities*	GC-AM
39	21 Pathfinder Day ---	GC-YOU
40	28 #Sabbath School Guest Day ---	Divisions
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3	<u>October</u>	
4	5 Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
5	5 <i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription Promotion ---	GC-ARMies
6	12 Pastor Appreciation Day ---	GC-MIN
7	19 Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Heritage ---	GC-WHT
8	26 Creation Sabbath ---	Faith&ScCou
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10	<u>November</u>	
11	2-9 Week of Prayer ---	GC-ARMies
12	9-15 e-Week of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults ---	GC-YOU
13	9 Mission Promotion Annual Sacrifice* ---	GC-AM
14	16 World Orphans-Vulnerable Children Day ---	GC-APM
15	23 HIV/AIDS Awareness ---	GC-AAIM
16	30-7 Stewardship Revival Week ---	GC-STW
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18	<u>December</u>	
19	7 Annual Stewardship Sabbath ---	GC-STW
20	14 #Health Emphasis	GC-HM/DIV
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 2 to AEA(DIV)
 3 101-23Gf CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—**WORLD 2025**
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5 VOTED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2025, to read as
 6 follows:
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		• <u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
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9	<u>January</u>		
10	4 Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
11	8-18 Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
12	11 #Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
13	18 Religious Liberty Day <i>Liberty</i>		GC/NAD-PARL
14	25		
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16	<u>February</u>		
17	1 <i>Reach the World</i> : Personal Outreach	---	GC-SSPM
18	8-15 Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
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22	<u>March</u>		
23	1 Women’s Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
24	8 Adventist World Radio*	---	GC-AWR
25	15-22 Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
26	15 Global Youth Day/Global Children’s Day	---	GC-YOU/CHM
27	22 #Christian Education	---	Divisions
28	29		
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30	<u>April</u>		
31	5 Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
32	5 #Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
33	Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		
34	12-18 #Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
35	12 Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s Day)	---	GC-SSPM
36	12 Hope Channel International*	---	GC-HCI
37	12 World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	---	Divisions
38	19 Possibility Ministries Day	---	GC-APM
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3	3-31 Drug Awareness Month ---	GC-HM
4	3 <i>Reach the World: Using Communication Channels</i> ---	GC-COM
5	10 <i>Reach the World: In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*</i>	GC-PM/DIV
6	17 Global Adventurer’s Day ---	GC-YOU
7	24 World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk ---	GC-CHM
8	31	
9	<u>June</u>	
10	7 <i>Reach the World: Bible Study: Sabbath School and</i>	
11	Correspondence Courses ---	GC-SSPM
12	14 Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day ---	GC-WM
13	21 <i>Reach the World: Nurturing Other Members and Reclaiming</i> ---	GC-SSPM
14	21 Adventist Church World Refugee Day ---	ADRA
15	28 World Public Campus Ministries Day ---	GC-YOU
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17	<u>July</u>	
18	5 Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
19	12 Mission Promotion World Mission*	GC-AM
20	19 <i>Reach the World: Media Ministry</i> ---	GC-COM
21	26 Children’s Sabbath ---	GC-CHM
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23	<u>August</u>	
24	2 #Global Mission Evangelism ---	Divisions
25	9 <i>Reach the World: Church Planting</i> ---	GC-AM
26	16 Education Day ---	GC-EDU
27	23 enditnow Day ---	GC-WM
28	23 #Lay Evangelism ---	Divisions
29	30	
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31	<u>September</u>	
32	6 #Youth Spiritual Commitment ---	Divisions
33	Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)	
34	7-13 Family Togetherness Week of Prayer ---	GC-FM
35	13 Family Togetherness Day of Prayer ---	GC-FM
36	13 Mission Promotion Unusual Opportunities*	GC-AM
37	20 Pathfinder Day ---	GC-YOU
38	27 #Sabbath School Guest Day ---	Divisions
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4	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
4	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription Promotion	---	GC-ARMies
11	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
18	Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Heritage	---	GC-WHT
25	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou

November

1-8	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
8-14	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults	---	GC-YOU
8	Mission Promotion Annual Sacrifice*		GC-AM
15	World Orphans-Vulnerable Children Day	---	GC-APM
22	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
29-6	Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW

December

6	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
13	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
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 2 101-23Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—**WORLD 2026**
 3 VOTED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2026, to read as
 4 follows:
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		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
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7	<u>January</u>		
8	3	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---
9	7-17	Ten Days of Prayer	---
10	10	#Health Ministries	---
11	17	Religious Liberty Day <i>Liberty</i>	---
12	24		
13	31		
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15	<u>February</u>		
16	7	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---
17	14-21	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---
18	21		
19	28		
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21	<u>March</u>		
22	7	Women’s Day of Prayer	---
23	14	Adventist World Radio*	---
24	21-28	Youth Week of Prayer	---
25	21	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s Day	---
26	28	#Christian Education	---
27			
28	<u>April</u>		
29	4	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---
30	4	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---
31		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	
32	11-17	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---
33	11	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s Day)	---
34	11	Hope Channel International*	---
35	11	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	---
36	18	Possibility Ministries Day	---
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2	<u>May</u>		
3	2-30	Drug Awareness Month ---	GC-HM
4	2	<i>Reach the World: Using Communication Channels</i> ---	GC-COM
5	9	<i>Reach the World: In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*</i>	GC-PM/DIV
6	16	Global Adventurer’s Day - --	GC-YOU
7	23	World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk ---	GC-CHM
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10	<u>June</u>		
11	6	<i>Reach the World: Bible Study: Sabbath School and</i>	
12		Correspondence Courses ---	GC-SSPM
13	13	Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day ---	GC-WM
14	20	<i>Reach the World: Nurturing Other Members and Reclaiming</i> --	GC-SSPM
15	20	Adventist Church World Refugee Day ---	ADRA
16	27	World Public Campus Ministries Day ---	GC-YOU
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18	<u>July</u>		
19	4	Quarterly Day of Prayer - --	R&RCom
20	11	Missions Promotion World Mission*	GC-AM
21	18	<i>Reach the World: Media Ministry</i> ---	GC-COM
22	25	Children’s Sabbath ---	GC-CHM
23			
24	<u>August</u>		
25	1	#Global Mission Evangelism ---	Divisions
26	8	<i>Reach the World: Church Planting</i> ---	GC-AM
27	15	Education Day ---	GC-EDU
28	22	enditnow Day ---	GC-WM
29	22	#Lay Evangelism ---	Divisions
30	29		
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32	<u>September</u>		
33	5	#Youth Spiritual Commitment ---	Divisions
34		Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)	
35	6-12	Family Togetherness Week of Prayer ---	GC-FM
36	12	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer ---	GC-FM
37	12	Mission Promotion Unusual Opportunities*	GC-AM
38	19	Pathfinder Day ---	GC-YOU
39	26	#Sabbath School Guest Day ---	Divisions
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41	<u>October</u>		
42	3	Quarterly Day of Prayer ---	R&RCom
43	3	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription Promotion ---	GC-ARMies

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3	<u>October cont'd</u>		
4	10 Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
5	17 Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Heritage	---	GC-WHT
6	24 Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
7	31		
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9	<u>November</u>		
10	7-14 Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
11	14-20 e-Week of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults	---	GC-YOU
12	14 Mission Promotion Annual Sacrifice*		GC-AM
13	21 World Orphans-Vulnerable Children Day	---	GC-APM
14	28 HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
15	28-5 Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW
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17	<u>December</u>		
18	5 Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
19	12 #Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
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 4 VOTED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2027, to read as
 5 follows:

		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
8	<u>January</u>		
9	2	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
10	6-16	Ten Days of Prayer	GC-MIN
11	9	#Health Ministries	GC-HM/DIV
12	16	Religious Liberty Day <i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-PARL
13	23		
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16	<u>February</u>		
17	6	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	GC-SSPM
18	13-20	Christian Home and Marriage Week	GC-FM
19	20		
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22	<u>March</u>		
23	6	Women’s Day of Prayer	GC-WM
24	13	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
25	20-27	Youth Week of Prayer	GC-YOU
26	20	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s Day	GC-YOU/CHM
27	27	#Christian Education	Divisions
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29	<u>April</u>		
30	3	Quarterly Day of Prayer	R&RCom
31	3	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	Divisions
32		Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	
33	10-16	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	Divisions
34	10	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s Day)	GC-SSPM
35	10	Hope Channel International*	GC-HCI
36	10	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	Divisions
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38	17	Possibility Ministries Day	GC-APM
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		<u>OFFERING</u>		<u>MATERIALS</u>
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2	<u>May</u>			
3	1-29	Drug Awareness Month	---	GC-HM
4	1	<i>Reach the World: Using Communication Channels</i>	---	GC-COM
5	8	<i>Reach the World: In the Community #Disaster/Famine Relief*</i>		GC-PM/DIV
6	15	Global Adventurer's Day	---	GC-YOU
7	22	World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk	---	GC-CHM
8	29			
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10	<u>June</u>			
11	5	<i>Reach the World: Bible Study: Sabbath School and</i>		
12		Correspondence Courses	---	GC-SSPM
13	12	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	---	GC-WM
14	19	<i>Reach the World: Nurturing Other Members and Reclaiming</i>	---	GC-SSPM
15	19	Adventist Church World Refugee Day	---	ADRA
16	26	World Public Campus Ministries Day	---	GC-YOU
17				
18	<u>July</u>			
19	3	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
20	10	Missions Promotion World Mission*		GC-AM
21	17	<i>Reach the World: Media Ministry</i>	---	GC-COM
22	24	Children's Sabbath	---	GC-CHM
23	31			
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25	<u>August</u>			
26	7	#Global Mission Evangelism	---	Divisions
27	14	<i>Reach the World: Church Planting</i>	---	GC-AM
28	21	Education Day	---	GC-EDU
29	28	enditnow Day	---	GC-WM
30	28	#Lay Evangelism	---	Divisions
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32	<u>September</u>			
33	4	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
34	5-11	Family Togetherness Week of Prayer	---	GC-FM
35	11	Family Togetherness Day of Prayer	---	GC-FM
36	11	Mission Promotion Unusual Opportunities*		GC-AM
37	18	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
38	25	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
39				
40	<u>October</u>			
41	2	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
42	2	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription Promotion	---	GC-ARMies
43	9	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN

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2			<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
3	<u>October cont'd</u>			
4	16	Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Heritage	---	GC-WHT
5	23	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
6	30			
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8	<u>November</u>			
9	6-13	Week of Prayer	---	GC-ARMies
10	13-19	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults	---	GC-YOU
11	13	Mission Promotion Annual Sacrifice*		GC-AM
12	20	World Orphans-Vulnerable Children Day	---	GC-APM
13	27	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
14	27-4	Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW
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16	<u>December</u>			
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18	11	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
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 2 21AC/ADCOM/102-21Gc/ADCOM/GCDO22SM/22SM/ADCOM/ADCOM(Steering)/22AC/
 3 ADCOM/102-22Gb/ADCOM/GCDO23SM/23SM/ADCOM/GCDO23AC/23AC to KJP(DIV)

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 5 102-23Ga **AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2023**
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7 VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2023, with the understanding that
 8 attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2023</u>			
5-11	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
12-15	Thu	Global Healthcare Conference	Loma Linda CA
16-17	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
18-19	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
20-23	Fri	GAIN Europe	Budva MONTENEGRO
20(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Board Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
22(am)	Sun	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
22(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
23(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2023</u>			
29-30	Wed	Geoscience Research Institute Committee	Arusha TANZANIA
29(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
30(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
<u>December 2023</u>			
11-12	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA

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 2 22AC/ADCOM/102-22Gc/ADCOM/GCDO23SM/23SM/ADCOM/GCDO23AC/23AC to KJP(DIV)

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 4 102-23Gb **AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2024**

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 7 attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

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

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1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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3	<u>April 2024</u>			
4	1	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
5	1	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
6	1	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
7	2-3	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
8	2(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
9	<u>April 2024 contd</u>			
10	2(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
11	3(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Online Meeting
12	3(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
13	4(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
14	4(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
15	8(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
16	8(pm)	Mon	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
17	9-10	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
18	15-May 4	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Istanbul TURKEY
19	15-16	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Online Meeting
20	17-18	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
21	22-24	Mon	Adventist University of Africa Council Meetings	Nairobi KENYA
22				
23	<u>May 2024</u>			
24	9	Thu	AIAS Board	Cavite PHILIPPINES
25	20-21	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
26	29(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
27	30(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
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29	<u>June 2024</u>			
30	3-6	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
31	6(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
32	6(pm)	Thu	Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee	Silver Spring MD
33	9(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Board Executive Committee	Online Meeting
34	9(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Board Univ Op & Fin Com	Online Meeting
35	9(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Presidential Evaluation Com	Online Meeting
36	10-15	Mon	IWM Re-entry (Family & Teen)	Berrien Springs MI
37	10(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Online Meeting
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3	<u>July 2024</u>			
4	8-27	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai THAILAND
5	14(pm)	Sun	GCAS Board	Online Meeting
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8	<u>August 2024</u>			
9	9-17	Fri	Intercultural Workshop: Advancing God’s Mission	Bangkok THAILAND
10	26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
11				
12	<u>September 2024</u>			
13	2-3	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
14	10-11	Tue	Global Leadership Conference	Online Meeting
15	16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
16	16(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
17	17(pm)	Tue	Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board	Silver Spring MD
18	19(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
19	19(pm)	Thu	Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee	Silver Spring MD
20	24(am)	Tue	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
21	24(am)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
22	26(am)	Thu	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
23				
24	<u>October 2024</u>			
25	1	Tue	GCAS Board	Silver Spring MD
26	3(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
27	3(pm)	Thu	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
28	3(pm)	Thu	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
29	3(pm)	Thu	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
30	3(pm)	Thu	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
31	3(pm)	Thu	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
32	4(am)	Fri	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
33	6(am)	Sun	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
34	6(am)	Sun	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
35	7	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
36	7	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
37	7	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
38	8(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
39	8(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
40	9(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD

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2	<u>October cont'd</u>			
3	9(pm)	Wed	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
4	10-11	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
5	10-16	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
6	17-19	Thu	Mission Symposium	Berrien Springs MI
7	21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
8	23-24	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
9	25(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Board Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
10	27(am)	Sun	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
11	27(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
12	28(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
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14	<u>November 2024</u>			
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16	<u>December 2024</u>			
17	4(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
18	5(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
19	9-10	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
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 4 102-23Gc **AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2025**
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 7 attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

9	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
10	<u>January 2025</u>			
11	15-18	Wed	PREXAD with Division Presidents	
12	20-Feb 8	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai THAILAND
13	<u>February 2025</u>			
14	3-4	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Collegedale TN
15	23-25	Sun	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
16	<u>March 2025</u>			
17	2(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Board Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
18	3(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
19	3(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
20	4(am)	Tue	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
21	11-12	Tue	Global Leadership Conf for Newly Elected Leaders	Online Meeting
22	17-20	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
23	18(pm)	Tue	Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board	Silver Spring MD
24	20(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
25	20(pm)	Thu	Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee	Silver Spring MD
26	24(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Online Meeting
27	25(am)	Tue	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Online Meeting
28	25(am)	Tue	ASI Coordinating Committee	Online Meeting
29	26(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
30	27(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Online Meeting
31	31(am)	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
32	31(am)	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
33	31(am)	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
34	<u>April 2025</u>			
35	1-2	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
36	1(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
37	1(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Silver Spring MD
38	2(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Online Meeting
39	2(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD

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3	<u>April 2025</u> contd			
4	3(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
5	3(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
6	6(am)	Sun	Hope Channel International Board	Online Meeting
7	7(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
8	8-9	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
9	14-May 3	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Istanbul TURKEY
10	14-15	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Online Meeting
11	16-17	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA
12	21-23	Mon	Adventist University of Africa Council Meetings	Nairobi KENYA
13				
14	<u>May 2025</u>			
15	19-20	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
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17	<u>June 2025</u>			
18	2-5	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
19	4(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
20	5(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
21	5(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD
22	5(pm)	Thu	Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee	Silver Spring MD
23	8(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Board Univ Op & Fin Com	Online Meeting
24	8(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Executive Committee	Online Meeting
25	8(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Presidential Evaluation Com	Online Meeting
26	9-28	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Berrien Springs MI
27	9(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Online Meeting
28				
29	<u>July 2025</u>			
30	3-12	Thu	General Conference Session	St Louis MO
31	21-27	Mon	IWM Re-entry (Family & Teens)	Berrien Springs MI
32				
33	<u>August 2025</u>			
34	11-30	Mon	General Conference Mission Institute	Silver Spring MD
35	25-26	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
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37	<u>September 2025</u>			
38	1-2	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
39	9-10	Tue	Global Leadership Conference	Online Meeting
40	15-18	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
41	15(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
42	16(pm)	Tue	Adventist Review Ministries Publishing Board	Silver Spring MD
43	18	Thu	Adventist Possibility Ministries Committee	Silver Spring MD
44	18(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Silver Spring MD

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1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2				
3	<u>September 2025</u> contd			
4	23(am)	Tue	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
5	23(am)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
6	25(am)	Thu	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
7	30	Tue	GCAS Board	Silver Spring MD
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9	<u>October 2025</u>			
10	2(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
11	2(pm)	Thu	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
12	2(pm)	Thu	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
13	2(pm)	Thu	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
14	2(pm)	Thu	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
15	2(pm)	Thu	Institute for Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
16	3(am)	Fri	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
17	5(am)	Sun	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
18	5(am)	Sun	AIIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
19	6	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
20	6	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
21	6	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
22	7(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
23	7(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
24	8(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
25	9-15	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
26	9-10	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
27	20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Online Meeting
28	22-23	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
29	24(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Board Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
30	26(am)	Sun	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
31	26(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
32	27(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
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34	<u>November 2025</u>			
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36	<u>December 2025</u>			
37	3(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
38	4(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
39	8-9	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
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1 SEC/ADCOM/GCDO23AC/23AC to KJP(DIV)
 2 102-23Gd **AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2026**

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 4 VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2026, with the understanding that
 5 attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2026</u>			
<u>February 2026</u>			
<u>March 2026</u>			
16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
23(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Online Meeting
24(am)	Tue	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Online Meeting
25(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
26(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
30	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
30	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
30	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
31-Apr 1	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
31(eve)	Tue	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
31(eve)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
<u>April 2026</u>			
1(pm)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Online Meeting
1(eve)	Wed	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Thu	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
6(am)	Mon	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Mon	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
7-8	Tue	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
8-12	Wed	GCDO Adventist Heritage Tour	NEW ENGLAND
<u>May 2026</u>			
<u>June 2026</u>			
1-4	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD

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2	<u>July 2026</u>			
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5	<u>August 2026</u>			
6	17-19	Mon	10th IRLA World Congress	_____
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8	<u>September 2026</u>			
9	14-17	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
10	16(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
11	22(am)	Tue	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
12	22(am)	Tue	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
13	24(am)	Thu	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
14				
15	<u>October 2026</u>			
16	1(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
17	1(pm)	Thu	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
18	1(pm)	Thu	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
19	1(pm)	Thu	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
20	2(am)	Fri	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
21	5	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
22	5	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
23	5	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
24	6(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
25	6(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
26	7(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
27	7(pm)	Wed	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
28	8	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
29	8-14	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
30				
31	<u>November 2026</u>			
32				
33	<u>December 2026</u>			

1 **WAD AUTHORIZED MEETINGS FOR 2023**

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3 **WADCOM-22 AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2023**

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6 attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:
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8	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
9	<u>October 2023 contd.</u>			
10	16-20	Mon	WAD Prime Week	Abidjan, CI
11	22	Sun	WAD Publishing Administrative Committee Meeting	<u>Online</u>
12	22	Sun	ADRA WAD Management Committee Meeting	<u>Online</u>
13	23-25	Mon	Division-Union/Inst. Officers Consultation	<u>Online</u>
14	26	Thu	BOE Meeting (Morning)	<u>Online</u>
15	26	Thu	BMTE Meeting (Afternoon)	<u>Online</u>
16	27	Fri	YEC Attendants Arrival to Aba, Nigeria	
17	29	Sun	Strategic Planning/Budgeting Session	Aba, Nigeria
18	30	Mon	President/Secretaries/Treasurers' Council.	Aba, Nigeria
19	31	Tue	LEAD Conference	Aba, Nigeria
20	29-31	Wed	Division Year-End Council	Aba, Nigeria
21				
22	<u>November 2023</u>			
23	1	Wed	YEC Attendants Departure from Aba, Nigeria	
24	1-4	Wed	SDA Church Centenary Celebration	Aba, Nigeria
25				
26	8-10	Mon	ENUC Year-end Meeting	Aba, Nigeria
27	8-10	Mon	NNUC Year-end Meeting	Abuja, Nigeria
28	8-10	Mon	WNUC Year-end Meeting*	Lagos, Nigeria
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31	15-17	Mon	CAUM Year-end Meeting	Libreville, Gabon
32	15-17	Mon	CMUM Year-end Meeting*	Yaoundé, Cameroon
33	15-17	Mon	ESUM Year-end Meeting	Lomé, Togo
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35	18	Sab	Orphans and Vulnerable Children's day	All Churches
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38	22-24	Mon	WAUM Year-end Meeting*	Monrovia, Liberia
39	22-24	Mon	NOGH Year-end Meeting	Kumasi, Ghana
40	22-24	Wed	WSUM Session/Year-end Meeting	Dakar, Senegal
41				
42	28	Tue	Advent Press Meeting*	Accra, Ghana
43	29-Dec 1	Sun	SGUC Year-end Meeting*	Accra, Ghana
44				
45	29(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
46	30(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD

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11-12 Mon Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees Loma Linda CA

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* The 3 WAD Officers will attend the Year-End Meeting of that field/entity

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RECOMMENDING, To approve the updated list of Authorized Programs and Meetings 2024, 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 2024</u>			
6	Sab	Sabbath of Prayer	All Churches
10-14	Wed	ENUC Session & Budget Session	Aba, Nigeria
10-20	Wed	10 Days of Prayer	All Churches
13	Sab	Health Ministries	All Churches
20	Sab	Religious Liberty Day	All Churches
22-Feb 10	Mon	IWM Mission Institute.	Chiang Mai THAILAND
23-25	Tue	GC survey Team for Cameroon Visit	Yaoundé, Cameroon
23-28	Tue	Alive In Jesus (AIJ) Training	CHM- WAD
26	Fri	WAD leaders & Staff training in Com, & Reporting	WAD-COMM, Abidjan
29-Feb 1	Mon	HC Network Strategic Collaboration Committee	Istanbul, Turkey.
<u>February 2024</u>			
2	Thu	Corporate Communication Conference	All WAD field leaders
3	Sab	Reach the World: Personal outreach	SSPM- All Churches
4	Sun	International Day of Human Fraternity	All Churches
4-11	Sun	WAD Education Week	EDU -All Churches
5-6	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Online Meeting
11-17	Sun	Christian Home and Marriage week	FM - All Churches
13	Tue	All Radio Stations in WAD-Online gathering	AWR – All Radios
26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2024</u>			
1-28	Fri	Voice of the Youth Evangelistic Campaigns	All Churches
2	Sab	Women’s Day of Prayer	WM- All churches
3-10	Wed	WAD leadership Training to South Korea	Seoul, South Korea
9	Sab	Adventist World Radio – Promotion & Offering	AWR – All Churches
11-21	Mon	GC Associate Secretary Administrative Visit to WAD	Abidjan, Cameroon, Ghana
16-23	Sab	Youth Week of Prayer	YOU- All churches
16	Sab	Global Youth and Children’s Day	YOU/CHM–All churches
20-24	Wed	ACMS Treasury Module Training for Francophones	Lomé, Togo
23	Sab	Christian Education	All churches
25am	Mon	ADRA International Board	Online Meeting
26(am)	Tue	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Online Meeting
26am	Tue	ASI Coordinating Committee	Online Meeting
27am	Wed	Hope Channel International Board	Online Meeting

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1	27(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meetings
2	27	Wed	WAD Secretaries Council	Online Meeting
3	28(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Online Meeting
4	31am	Sun	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
5	31am	Sun	International Board of Min & Theo. Ed	Silver Spring MD
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7	<u>April 2024</u>			
8	1	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
9	1	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
10	1	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
11	2-3	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
12	3(pm)	Wed	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
13	4(am)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
14	4(pm)	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
15	6	Sab	Sabbath of Prayer	All Churches
16	6	Sab	Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration	All Churches
17	8-9	Mon	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
18	9	Tue	WAD Division Ramadan Prayer Initiative	Online, Divisionwide
19	13	Sab	Friends of Hope Day (Visitors Day)	All Churches
20	13	Sab	World Impact Day – For distribution of Missionary Book	All Churches
21	13	Sab	Hope Channel International Day	All Churches
22	13-19	Sab	Literature Evangelism Rally Week	All Churches
23	15-19	Mon	WAD 1 st Quarter Prime Week	Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire
24	15-May 4	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	-----
25	17-18	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Online
26	20	Sab	Possibility Ministries Day	All Churches
27	26-May 12	Fri	Evangelism Papua New Guinea	-----
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29	<u>May 2024</u>			
30	4	Sab	Reach the World Using Communication Channels	Comm-All Churches
31	4-25	Sab	Drug Awareness Month	HM-All Churches
32	5-11	Sun	AMR –Training, Lomé Togo	All French Speaking fields
33	6-12	Mon	CMUM Church Clerk Summit/Secretaries training	Yaoundé, Cameroon
34	11	Sab	Reach the world: In the Community <small>Disaster/Famine relief</small>	All Churches
35	12-18	Sun	AMR – Training, Ghana	All Ghanaian/WAUM fields
36	15-17	Wed	Prime Week	
37	20-26	Mon	WAD Midyear Pre-meetings	Online Meetings
38	28-30	Tue	WAD Mid-Year Meeting	Online Meetings
39	16	Thu	International Day of Living together in peace	PARL / All Churches
40	18	Sab	Global Adventurers Day	YOU- All Churches
41	19-25	Sun	AMR Training – Nigeria	All Nigerian fields
42	25	Sab	World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk	CHM- All Churches
43	30(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Laurel, MD
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45	<u>June 2024</u>			
46	1-30	Sab	WAD Harvest Evangelism	Division wide
47	1	Sab	Reach the World: Bible Study,SS and <small>Correspondence courses</small>	All Churches
48	3-6	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD

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1	8	Sab	Women Ministries Emphasis Day	WM-All Churches
2	15	Sab	Reach the World: Nurturing Other Members	SSPM-All Churches
3	15	Sab	Adventist Church World Refugee Day	ADRA-All Churches
4	17-23	Mon	IWM Re-entry (Family & Teen)	Berrien Springs MI
5	22	Sab	World Public Campus Ministries Day	PCM&YOU
6	24-26	Mon	AARC Training - Online	All Churches
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8	<u>July 2024</u>			
9	6	Sab	Sabbath of Prayer	All Churches
10	7-14	Sun	South Korea Team Visit to WAD	Abidjan
11	8	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
12	8-13	Mon	AMR Congress - Nigeria	Division-wide
13	9-19	Tue	GAiN and Hope Channel NLC	Thailand
14	13	Sab	Missions Promotion	AM-All Churches
15	20	Sab	Reach the World: Media Ministry	Comm- All Churches
16	27	Sab	Children’s Sabbath	CHM- All Churches
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18	<u>August 2024</u>			
19	3	Sab	Global Mission Evangelism	GM-All Churches
20	5-11	Mon	International Pathfinder Camporee	Wyoming, USA
21	6-10	Tue	WAD Literature Evangelism Congress	All Churches
22	8-13	Mon	AMR Congress	All Churches
23	10	Sab	Reach the world – Church Planting	AM – All Churches
24	17	Sab	Education Day	EDU- All churches
25	24	Sab	#enditnow# Day	WM- All Churches
26	24	Sab	Lay Evangelism	All Churches
27	24	Sab	Day of prayer for victims of Acts of Violence	PARL WAD
28	26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
29				
30	<u>September 2024</u>			
31	1-7	Sun	Family Togetherness Week of Prayer	All Churches
32	7	Sab	Family Togetherness day of Prayer	All Churches
33	7	Sab	Youth Spiritual Commitment	All Churches
34	10-11	Tue	Global Leadership Conference	Online Meeting
35	14	Sab	Mission / Hope Channel Promotion	All Churches
36	16-19	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
37	21	Sab	Pathfinder Day	All Churches
38	21	Sab	Day of prayer for Peace	All Churches
39	23(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
40	25(am)	Wed	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
41	25(am)	Wed	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
42	26(am)	Thu	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
43	30am	Mon	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
44	30pm	Mon	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
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46	<u>October 2024</u>			
47	1	Tue	GCAS Board	Silver Spring MD
48	2(am)	Wed	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD

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1	2(pm)	Wed	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
2	3am	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
3	3pm	Thu	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
4	5	Sab	Sabbath of Prayer	All Churches
5	5	Sab	Digital Media Promotion	All churches
6	6am	Sun	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
7	6pm	Sun	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
8	7	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
9	7	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
10	7	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
11	8(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
12	8(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
13	9(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
14	9(pm)	Wed	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
15	10-11	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
16	5-11	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
17	12	Sab	Pastor Appreciation Day	All Churches
18	19	Sab	Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Heritage	All Churches
19	21-22	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
20	26	Sab	Creation Sabbath	All Churches
21	21-25	Mon	WAD Prime Week	Abidjan, CI
22	27	Sun	WAD Publishing Administrative Committee Meeting	<u>Online</u>
23	27	Sun	ADRA WAD Management Committee Meeting	<u>Online</u>
24	28-31	Mon	WAD Prime Week	Abidjan, CI
25	30-Nov 2	Wed	WADwide Training on Reporting	WAD, Unions Comm, Abidjan
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27	<u>November 2024</u>			
28	2-9	Sab	World Week of Prayer	All Churches
29	3	Sun	WAD Publishing Administrative Committee Meeting	<u>Online</u>
30	3	Sun	ADRA WAD Management Committee Meeting	<u>Online</u>
31	4	Mon	BOE Meeting (Morning)	<u>Online</u>
32	4	Mon	BMTE Meeting (Afternoon)	<u>Online</u>
33	8	Tue	YEC attendants Arrival to Abidjan	Abidjan, CI
34	10	Sun	President/Secretaries/Treasurers' Council	Abidjan, CI
35	11	Mon	Strategic Planning/Budget Session	Abidjan, CI
36	12-14	Tue	Division Year-end Council	Abidjan, CI
37	15	Fri	YEC Attendants Departure from Abidjan	
38	9-15	Sab	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults	YOU- All Churches
39	16	Sab	World Orphans Vulnerable Children Day	APM- All churches
40	16	Sab	Promotion of Tolerance	WAD PARL
41	21	Thu	All Adventist Media Professionals gathering	Online
42	23	Sab	HIV/AIDS Awareness	HM- All Churches
43	25-27	Mon	CAUM Year-end Meeting	Libreville, Gabon
44	25-27	Mon	ENUC Year-end Meeting	Aba, Nigeria
45	25-27	Mon	CMUM Year-end Meeting*	Yaoundé, Cameroon
46	25-27	Mon	NNUC Year-end Meeting	Abuja, Nigeria
47	30-7Dec	Sab	Stewardship Revival Week	All Churches
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2	<u>December 2024</u>			
3	2-4	Mon	ESUM Year-end Meeting	Lomé, Togo
4	2-4	Mon	NOGH Year-end Meeting	Kumasi, Ghana
5	2-4	Mon	SGUC Year-end Meeting*	Accra, Ghana
6	5	Thu	Advent Press Meeting*	Accra, Ghana
7	4pm	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
8	5am	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
9	7	Sab	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	All Churches
10	9-11	Mon	WAUM Year-end Meeting	Monrovia, Liberia
11	9-11	Mon	WSUM Year-end Meeting*	Dakar, Senegal
12	9-11	Mon	WNUC Year-end Meeting	Lagos, Nigeria
13			VVU (Valley View University)*	VVU
14			BU (Babcock University)*	Babcock University
15	11-12	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
16	14	Sab	Health Emphasis	All Churches
17	21	Sab	Human Solidarity Emphasis Day	PARL All Churches
18	24-28	Tue	Pan African Youth Congress – Babcock U	Three African Divisions
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21 **NB. * The three officers will be present at these meetings.**

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

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

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

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

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

1 Love “rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.” He whose heart is imbued with love is filled
 2 with sorrow at the errors and weaknesses of others; but when truth triumphs, when the cloud that
 3 darkened the fair fame of another is removed, or when sins are confessed and wrongs corrected, he
 4 rejoices. 5T 169.1

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

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

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

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

25 Our Saviour taught His disciples to pray: “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” A great
 26 blessing is here asked upon conditions. We ourselves state these conditions. We ask that the mercy of
 27 God toward us may be measured by the mercy which we extend to others. Christ declares that this is the
 28 rule by which the Lord will deal with us. “If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will
 29 also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your
 30 trespasses.” Wonderful terms! but how little are they understood or heeded. One of the most common
 31 sins, and one that is attended with most pernicious results, is the indulgence of an unforgiving spirit.
 32 How many will cherish animosity or revenge and then bow before God and ask to be forgiven as they
 33 forgive. Surely they can have no true sense of the import of this prayer or they would not dare to take it
 34 upon their lips. We are dependent upon the pardoning mercy of God every day and every hour; how then
 35 can we cherish bitterness and malice toward our fellow sinners! If, in all their daily intercourse,
 36 Christians would carry out the principles of this prayer, what a blessed change would be wrought in the
 37 church and in the world! This would be the most convincing testimony that could be given to the reality
 38 of Bible religion. 5T 170.2

39 God requires more of His followers than many realize. If we would not build our hopes of heaven upon
 40 a false foundation we must accept the Bible as it reads and believe that the Lord means what He says.

1 He requires nothing of us that He will not give us grace to perform. We shall have no excuse to offer in
2 the day of God if we fail to reach the standard set before us in His word. 5T 171.1

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

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

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

26 The accession of members who have not been renewed in heart and reformed in life is a source of
27 weakness to the church. This fact is often ignored. Some ministers and churches are so desirous of
28 securing an increase of numbers that they do not bear faithful testimony against unchristian habits and
29 practices. Those who accept the truth are not taught that they cannot safely be worldlings in conduct
30 while they are Christians in name. Heretofore they were Satan's subjects; henceforth they are to be
31 subjects of Christ. The life must testify to the change of leaders. Public opinion favors a profession of
32 Christianity. Little self-denial or self-sacrifice is required in order to put on a form of godliness and to
33 have one's name enrolled upon the church book. Hence many join the church without first becoming
34 united to Christ. In this Satan triumphs. Such converts are his most efficient agents. They serve as decoys
35 to other souls. They are false lights, luring the unwary to perdition. It is in vain that men seek to make
36 the Christian's path broad and pleasant for worldlings. God has not smoothed or widened the rugged,
37 narrow way. If we would enter into life, we must follow the same path which Jesus and His disciples
38 trod—the path of humility, self-denial, and sacrifice. 5T 172.2

39 Ministers should see that their own hearts are sanctified through the truth, and then labor to secure these
40 results for their converts. It is pure religion that ministers and people need. Those who put away iniquity
41 from their hearts and stretch out their hands in earnest supplication unto God will have that help which

1 God alone can give them. A ransom has been paid for the souls of men, that they may have an opportunity
2 to escape from the thralldom of sin and obtain pardon, purity, and heaven. 5T 172.3

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

7 Ministers of Christ should ever feel that a sacred work engages all their souls; their efforts should be for
8 the edification of the body of Christ, and not to exalt themselves before the people. And while Christians
9 should esteem the faithful minister as Christ's ambassador, they should avoid all praise of the man. 5T
10 173.2

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

18 No outward shrines may be visible, there may be no image for the eye to rest upon, yet we may be
19 practicing idolatry. It is as easy to make an idol of cherished ideas or objects as to fashion gods of wood
20 or stone. Thousands have a false conception of God and His attributes. They are as verily serving a false
21 god as were the servants of Baal. Are we worshipping the true God as He is revealed in His word, in
22 Christ, in nature, or are we adoring some philosophical idol enshrined in His place? God is a God of
23 truth. Justice and mercy are the attributes of His throne. He is a God of love, of pity and tender
24 compassion. Thus He is represented in His Son, our Saviour. He is a God of patience and long-suffering.
25 If such is the being whom we adore and to whose character we are seeking to assimilate, we are
26 worshipping the true God. 5T 173.4

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

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

36 Vainglory, selfish ambition, is the rock upon which many souls have been wrecked and many churches
37 rendered powerless. Those who know least of devotion, who are least connected with God, are the ones
38 who will most eagerly seek the highest place. They have no sense of their weakness and their deficiencies
39 of character. Unless many of our young ministers shall feel the converting power of God, their labors
40 will be a hindrance rather than a help to the church. They may have learned the doctrines of Christ, but

1 they have not learned Christ. The soul that is constantly looking unto Jesus will see His self-denying
 2 love and deep humility, and will copy His example. Pride, ambition, deceit, hatred, selfishness, must be
 3 cleansed from the heart. With many these evil traits are partially subdued, but not thoroughly uprooted
 4 from the heart. Under favorable circumstances they spring up anew and ripen into rebellion against God.
 5 Here lies a terrible danger. To spare any sin is to cherish a foe that only awaits an unguarded moment to
 6 cause our ruin. 5T 174.3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 By faith and prayer all may meet the requirements of the gospel. No man can be forced to transgress.
9 His own consent must be first gained; the soul must purpose the sinful act before passion can dominate
10 over reason or iniquity triumph over conscience. Temptation, however strong, is never an excuse for sin.
11 “The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers.” Cry unto the
12 Lord, tempted soul. Cast yourself, helpless, unworthy, upon Jesus, and claim His very promise. The Lord
13 will hear. He knows how strong are the inclinations of the natural heart, and He will help in every time
14 of temptation. 5T 177.2

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

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