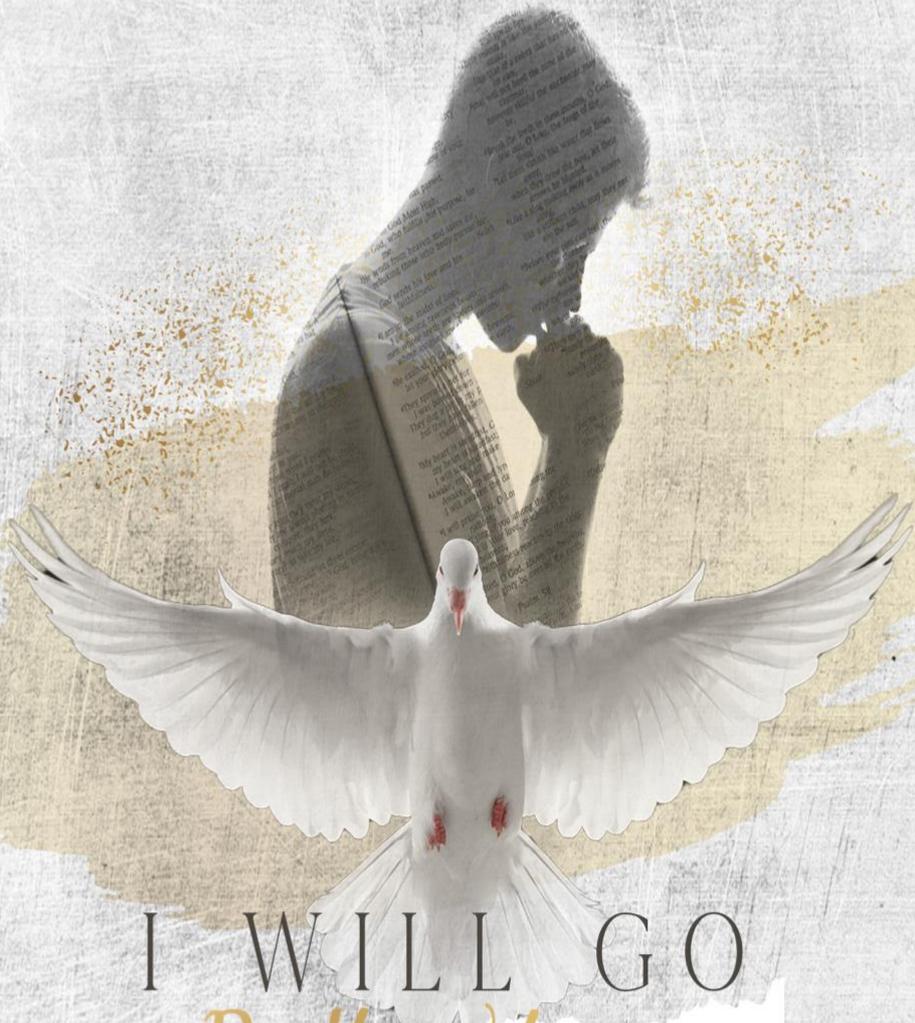




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**OF THE**

**WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

*November 1-3, 2022*

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- 7:30 – 7:50 Steering Committee
- 7:45 – 8:00 Intercessory Prayer Session - Ministerial Association
- 8:00 – 9:00 Devotion/ Prayer Session - Abner De los Santos
- 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. Reflection- - Jean Emmanuel Nlo Nlo

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

- 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 - Paul Douglas
- 9:00 – 9:15 Break
- 9:15 – 1:00 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 Reflection- - P. O. Mensah

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- 6:30 – 7:30 Breakfast
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9:15 – 1:00 Business Session

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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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MISSION STATEMENT  
OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

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**E 85 Conflict of Interest and/or Commitment**

**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.



8. Making use of or disseminating, including by electronic means, any confidential information acquired through employment by the denominational organization for personal profit or advantage, directly or indirectly.
9. Using denominational personnel, property, equipment, supplies, or goodwill for other than approved activities, programs, and purposes.
10. Expending unreasonable time, during normal business hours, for personal affairs or for other organizations, to the detriment of work performance for the denomination.
11. Using one’s connections within the organization to secure favors for one’s family or relatives.

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

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

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

1. If known, in advance of any meeting, business transaction, or other activity at which the issue may be discussed or on which the issue may have a bearing on the person’s approach to the issue, whether directly or indirectly; or
2. If not known in advance, when the actual, possible, or potential conflict becomes apparent. Disclosure must be made to the person in charge of the meeting or activity and to the full meeting, or to the person’s supervisor, as appropriate. The person should remove himself/herself from the room or situation to avoid participation in all discussion or deliberation on the issue, and voting. All such actions should be recorded in any minutes or records kept. Following full disclosure of the present or potential conflict, the board or equivalent group may decide that no conflict of interest exists and invite the participation of the person.

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

**E 85 30 Review Process for Conflicts of Interest and/or Commitment**—The officer or human resource/personnel office that receives the report of potential conflict shall inform the employee’s supervisor and shall have the matter reviewed by the appropriate employing authority or by the committee assigned to review such matters. If the disclosure has come from a third party, the officer or human resource/personnel office shall inform the employee concerned and shall give the employee an opportunity to submit any information which may help in the review of the reported



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## 145-22G BACK TO THE ALTAR: AN INSIDE-OUT REVOLUTION

VOTED, To approve the creation and implementation of the Back to the Altar initiative to encourage the daily, habitual practice of morning and evening worship in the lives of Seventh-day Adventist individuals and families for personal revival, reformation, and outreach.

Back to the Altar seeks to safeguard the spiritual lives of members and others from the negative effects of digital media by promoting good digital hygiene and sharing healthy ways to use media for fellowship and evangelism.

### BACK TO THE ALTAR: AN INSIDE-OUT REVOLUTION A DAILY PLACE FOR GOD IN EVERY HEART AND HOME 2022-2027

#### A GLOBAL INITIATIVE OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

#### BIBLICAL GUIDANCE

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*“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.” (John 4:23)*

*“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)*

*“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.” (Heb 13:15)*

*“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.’” (Rev 14:6-7)*

#### OVERVIEW

In the powerful biblical narrative of Elijah’s triumph on Mt. Carmel, a wonderful, hidden gem is often overlooked in our rush to see the fire fall and the sacrifice consumed. First Kings 18:36 says that it was “at the time of the evening sacrifice” that Elijah prayed for the fire to fall from heaven, that God might demonstrate He was Israel’s God—the only true and living God. It is a telling fact that Elijah waited until the time of the evening sacrifice—allowing the prophets of Baal to wail all day while mutilating themselves—to rebuild Israel’s broken altar and seek God’s favor again.

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This was no coincidence. Morning and evening worship experiences were to be the spiritual bookends of Israelite life. It was God who had instituted this twice daily worship experience to develop a devotional cadence in the lives of His people, as Exodus 29:39 makes clear: “One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.” In a very real sense, Elijah was not just calling the nation—individuals and families—back to the altar of true worship; He was calling the nation back to the altar of regular, daily, systematic worship of the true God! Israel’s corporate worship altar was broken, but Israel’s personal and family altars were broken long before.

*We Have a Problem*

It is the conviction of the Back to the Altar (BTAA) committee that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is facing a similar crisis in the area of personal and family worship. Too many of our altars are neglected, broken, or non-existent. A 2018 worldwide survey of Seventh-day Adventists found that only 34 percent of Adventist homes are engaging in regular morning and evening worship, and only 52 percent of church members have any personal devotions at all.<sup>1</sup> Can a church with an end-time message centered in worship—the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14:6-12—deliver such a solemn message if its members are not faithfully engaged in personal and family worship? In other words, can we proclaim effectively what many do not practice daily?

On the critical importance of devotional time spent with God, Ellen G White wrote the following: “There is nothing more needed in the work of God than the practical results of communion with God.”<sup>2</sup> She writes in another place that “no words can properly set forth the blessedness of genuine worship.”<sup>3</sup> Authentic worship experiences should neither be fragmentary nor intermittent, especially in the Adventist family: “Like the patriarchs of old, those who profess to love God should erect an altar to the Lord wherever they pitch their tent. . . . Fathers and mothers should often lift up their hearts to God in humble supplication for themselves and their children. Let the father, as priest of the household, lay upon the altar of God the morning and evening sacrifice, while the wife and children unite in prayer and praise. In such a household Jesus will love to tarry.”<sup>4</sup>

*Our Most Urgent Need*

The restoration of personal and family worship among Seventh-day Adventists is the most pressing need of our time but doing so will require much prayer and effort. Today we face the challenge of technologies that, while providing some efficiencies, benefits, and conveniences, increasingly occupy our time while altering our minds. Widespread addiction to devices and media, especially social media, has left too many of us anxious, irritable, lonely, stressed, depressed, sleepless, and unhappy with our station in life.

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<sup>1</sup> The Global Church Member Survey. Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, (Silver Springs, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 2018), p. 14.

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<sup>3</sup> Ellen G. White. Testimonies for the Church, vol 9, (Mountainview, CA: Pacific Press Pub. Assn., 1909), p. 143.

<sup>4</sup> Ellen G. White. Child Guidance, (Washington, DC: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1954), p. 518.



Ironically, personal and family worship has the opposite effect. It calms our minds, decreases loneliness, reduces stress, increases peace, fulfills our emotional needs, and teaches us contentment. The Back to the Altar initiative seeks to educate members and others about the negative effects of tech/media addiction and its impact on the spiritual life and well-being. The goal is also to share best practices for safeguarding mental, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual health in order to empower our walk with God and fuel or evangelistic efforts for Him.

Now more than ever, God is calling Seventh-day Adventist individuals and families back to His heart—back to consistent times of refreshing in His presence. It is for this reason that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is launching the Back to the Altar initiative, a movement to encourage daily personal worship in the life of every Seventh-day Adventist for revival, reformation, and outreach. By 2027, we hope to see at least 70 percent of Adventist members engaged in daily morning and evening worship. If we rebuild our broken altars, we will fully reflect God’s image and be empowered to finish His work in preparation for the soon return of Jesus.

## RATIONALE

During the previous quinquennium, we have witnessed the immense blessing to the Seventh-day Adventist Church of such initiatives as Total Member Involvement (TMI), The *Great Controversy* global distribution project, the revitalized Three Angels’ Messages proclamation, and the current I WILL GO Strategic Plan. All of these wonderful programs would be much more effective if the devotional lives of members were faithful and consistent. We cannot take for granted that members are growing spiritually through personal and family worship experiences, and many departments of our Church have been working tirelessly on this issue. We thank God for them. We also wish to express sincere gratitude to General Conference Family Ministries for robust and ongoing efforts to encourage individual and family worship among Seventh-day Adventist members. We believe this issue to be of such critical importance that it must become a priority for all entities of the Church through a sustained, coordinated emphasis.

The BTTA initiative seeks to support and fulfill the following fundamental affirmation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for spiritual growth noted in the I WILL GO Strategic Plan:

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*Fundamental Belief 11: Growing in Christ*

By His death on the cross Jesus triumphed over the forces of evil. He who subjugated the demonic spirits during His earthly ministry has broken their power and made certain their ultimate doom. Jesus’ victory gives us victory over the evil forces that still seek to control us, as we walk with Him in peace, joy, and assurance of His love. Now the Holy Spirit dwells within us and empowers us. Continually committed to Jesus as our Savior and Lord, we are set free from the burden of our past deeds. No longer do we live in the darkness, fear of evil powers, ignorance, and meaninglessness of our former way of life. *In this new freedom in Jesus, we are called to grow into the likeness of His character, communing with Him daily in prayer, feeding on His Word, meditating on it and on His providence, singing His praises, gathering together for worship, and participating in the mission of the Church (emphasis added).* We are also called to follow Christ’s example by compassionately ministering to the physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of humanity. As we give ourselves in loving service to those around us and in witnessing to His salvation, His constant presence with us through the Spirit transforms every moment and every task into a spiritual experience. (1 Chr 29:11; Ps. 1:1, 2; 23:4; 77:11, 12; Matt 20:25-28; 25:31-46; Luke 10:17-20; John 20:21; Rom 8:38, 39; 2 Cor 3:17, 18; Gal. 5:22-25; Eph 5:19, 20; 6:12-18; Phil 3:7-14; Col 1:13, 14; 2:6, 14, 15; 1 Thess 5:16-18, 23; Heb 10:25; James 1:27; 2 Peter 2:9; 3:18; 1 John 4:4.)

*I WILL GO Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Spiritual Growth*

KPI 5.1

Significant increase in the number of church members *regularly praying, studying the Bible, reading the writings of Ellen G White, and engaging in other personal devotions.*

Responsible for Implementation: Adult Bible Study Guides; Archives, Statistics, and Research; Ellen G White Estate; Family Ministries; Ministerial Association; and Sabbath School and Personal Ministries.

KPI 6.4

Significant increase in the number of church *members regularly engaging in family worships.*

Responsible for Implementation: Family Ministries; Women’s Ministries; Youth Ministries; and Children’s Ministries.

KPI 7.3

Increased *ethical and responsible use of media platforms* by students and all other individuals.

Responsible for Implementation: Children’s Ministries; Communication; Education; Family Ministries; and Youth Ministries.



## BACK TO THE ALTAR INITIATIVE GOALS

### 1. Seventh-day Adventist Members—Individuals and Families

a. *Initiative Goal: 70 percent of Adventist individuals and families engaging in morning and evening worship daily by 2027.* This is the prayer goal for the initiative. BTTA efforts will primarily target Adventist singles and families of all types (i.e. nuclear families, blended families, foster families, single-parent led families, grandparent-led families, etc). The initiative will also seek to reach people everywhere, calling them to a daily devotional walk with God and careful stewardship of their mind, “the capital of the body.” We believe this foundational spiritual orientation is critical for personal transformation and evangelism.

b. *Educate church members and others on the effects of media and technology on the human brain and share best practices for protecting the mind and safeguarding the spiritual life.* Studies show that today’s media-saturated society is having a devastating effect on the human brain. Not only does media occupy much of our time, but uninformed usage is degrading our capacity to know, experience, and worship God. As Ellen White presciently stated many years ago, “It is the mind that worships God and allies us to heavenly beings.” It is absolutely essential that the Seventh-day Adventist Church make a concerted effort to educate members and others on this critical issue, and this will be a central focus of the BTTA initiative.

### 2. Church Leaders (leaders at all levels of the Church and affiliated para-church entities):

a. *Encourage leaders serving in all areas and entities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to engage in personal and family devotions each morning and evening.* We must care about the spiritual lives of God’s leaders and that of their families and loved ones. We believe it is nonnegotiable that Church leaders show by example that they are committed to building and maintaining their personal and family altars.

b. *Encourage Church leaders to share openly about their personal devotional walk with God—where they are in their altar experience with God and how God is leading, developing, and transforming them.* We believe such sharing will have a galvanizing impact on members and others. The BTTA initiative will seek to create opportunities for this kind of sharing so that leaders are seen as people in relationship with God and not simply persons doing ministry for God.

### 3. Back to the Altar for the World

a. *Present what the Seventh-day Adventist Church is doing through the BTTA initiative to religious and secular media around the world to invite others to join the movement.* The Revival and Reformation Committee has requested that the BTTA initiative look for opportunities to share what it develops with the world at large. We want people everywhere to benefit from this initiative and be drawn closer to Jesus Christ through a consistent, vibrant devotional experience.

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b. *Share BTTA resources and content through social media to encourage daily worship and healthy uses of all forms of media and technology.* It will be important that a specific suite of resources be developed specifically for those we hope to reach through social media with this essential message.

4. Music

a. *Share the role of music and praise in personal worship.* One of the important goals of BTTA is to encourage musical praise and expression in personal devotions and family worship.

b. *Highlight the importance of gratitude in worship, expressed through music and other means of worship.* Thankfulness is essential to worship. The heart that worships God acknowledges His love and goodness in good times and in trial. BTTA wishes to encourage this spirit of gratitude through music and more in personal and family worship.

5. Resource Creation (All resources will be Adventist Possibility Ministries-compatible). These are some of the resources that BTTA hopes to create and promote to encourage the practice of regular, daily devotions with God.

a. *Adventist Home, Child Guidance Video Series:* The objective of this resource project is to capture principles from these excellent volumes and show how they may be applied in today’s 21st Century family. Special emphasis will be given to Ellen White’s counsel regarding the home circle and worship altar.

b. *Individual/Family Worship Spots:* These multi-media spots will be designed to give individuals and families worship ideas to develop and strengthen devotional life in the home. These spots will show the many ways in which worship can be simple and meaningful, participatory, and enjoyable. We hope that these worship “teasers” will capture the rich diversity of personal worship experiences for individuals and families. These ideas will be captured in a Worship Ideas Database, an online clearinghouse of devotional tips for individuals and families. Many entities of the Church have developed resources for this purpose. We hope to aggregate them in an easily searchable database for online visitors and seekers.

c. *Global Family Worship Night:* Each year General Conference Family Ministries conducts the Family Togetherness Week of Prayer. We hope to partner with Family Ministries to hold a global family worship experience on one night during this life-changing week. We wish to invite all Adventist individuals and families to the altar on that night. The Olivers, our current Family Ministries directors, have expressed support for this idea, and we thank them for their ongoing support of the BTTA initiative.

d. *Back to the Altar Book:* This resource will set forth the call to rebuild our altars and outline the steps by which an individual or family can go about doing so.

e. *Back to the Altar Weekly Podcast:* This weekly podcast will feature stories of people of all backgrounds and ethnicities living in devotion with God. The objective of this resource is to share stories of people’s personal walk with God to encourage the



devotional life of others. Additionally, true revival and reformation always seeks ministry opportunities to share how God is working in one’s life. The weekly podcast will show how personal worship can become the fuel for evangelism in new and dynamic ways.

f. *Together Family Worship Curriculum*: This resource aims to give families a tool that will help them worship together for the period of a year. The content will be developed so that families with toddlers, teens, young adults, or a mix of all, can travel through Scripture together and grow closer as a family. Specific content will be developed for each age-group so that learning is age-appropriate for shared discussion and spiritual discovery.

g. *“Worship Now” App for Individuals*: We want to explore a collaboration with the forthcoming young adult devotional app from the Ellen G White Estate to see how we might use this resource to encourage personal daily worship. The White Estate App has received excellent reviews from youth and young adults who have had occasion to see it.

h. *Individual/Family “Digital Hygiene” Media Guide*: This resource will share best practices for the use of smart devices, social media, and personal technology in general. The objective is to help families protect their hearts and minds so that they can remain healthy, open channels with whom the Holy Spirit can dwell and empower.

i. *Back to the Altar—Family Revival Conference*: We can educate and provide resources indefinitely, but there’s nothing that can replace an actual personal and corporate experience in the Word and in prayer. Thus, the goal of Back to the Altar—Family Revival Conference is to put actual feet on the messages that we have been sharing through all our resource channels. We will launch a 3-4 day Revival Conference for leaders, laity, and their families to experience personal revival through increased emphasis on private and corporate prayer; vibrant time in the Word with practical study and application; engaging family worship activities; and a revitalized focus on the “I Will Go” mission and witness. This conference would be created so that it can be used as a model/template that can be duplicated worldwide.

j. *Back to the Altar—Leadership Training*: We would provide sermons, tools, Power Points, and training materials for leaders to implement BTTA across their divisions, unions, conferences, churches, and territories.

Note: These are some of the core resources that we believe will be needed for the BTTA initiative to be effective. Other resources will no doubt be needed as the initiative develops and unfolds.

## BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR BACK TO THE ALTAR

*A God Who Seeks Relationship With Us:*

“And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the

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trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’” (Gen 3:8-9)

*Living in Relationship With Me Is Worship:*

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deut 6:4-9)

*Make a Place for Me:*

“And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them” (Exod 25:8).

*Meet Me in Morning and Evening:*

“One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.” (Exod 29:39)

*Praise Me Every Morning and Evening:*

The Levites were to “to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at evening.” (1 Chr 23:30)

*Follow the Example of My Son:*

“Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.” (Mark 1:35)

“However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.” (Luke 5:15-16)

*Jesus Worshipped First—Being Precedes Doing:*

“Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles.” (Luke 6:12-13)

*God is Looking for Worshipers:*

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.” (John 4:23)

*The Indispensable Gift Given in Worship:*



“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

*Worship Continually:*

“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.” (Heb 13:15)

*Preach the Gospel “and Worship Him”:*

“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; *and worship Him* who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” (Rev 14:6-7)

*A Renewed Mind is Essential:*

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom 12:1-2)

*Let it Be:*

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5).

*Guard the Heart and Mind:*

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life” (Prov 4:23).

*No Evil Thing:*

“I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.” (Ps 103:3)

*Further Biblical Support:*

1 Chr 29:11; Ps 1:1, 2; 23:4; 77:11, 12; Matt 20:25-28; 25:31-46; Luke 10:17-20; John 20:21; Rom 8:38, 39; 2 Cor 3:17, 18; Gal 5:22-25; Eph 5:19, 20; 6:12-18; Phil 3:7-14; Col 1:13, 14; 2:6, 14, 15; 1 Thess 5:16-18, 23; Heb 10:25; James 1:27; 2 Peter 2:9; 3:18; 1 John 4:4.

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*Live at the Altar:*

“Give yourselves to prayer. *Live at the altar.* Strengthen your purposes by the promises of God.”—1T 169

*The Importance of the Devotional Life*

“God should be the highest object of our thoughts. Meditating upon him, and pleading with him, elevates the soul and quickens the affections. A neglect of meditation and prayer will surely result in a declension in religious interests. Then will be seen carelessness and slothfulness. Religion is not merely an emotion, a feeling. It is a principle that is interwoven with all the daily duties and transactions of life. Nothing will be entertained, no business engaged in, that will prevent the accompaniment of this principle. To retain pure and undefiled religion it is necessary to be workers, persevering in effort. We must do something ourselves. No one else can do our work. None but ourselves can work out our salvation with fear and trembling. This is the very work which the Lord has left for us to do....

“Decided perseverance in a course of righteousness, disciplining the mind by religious exercises to love, devotion, and heavenly things, will bring the greatest amount of happiness. If we make God our trust, we have it in our power to control the mind in these things. Through continued exercise, it will become strong to battle with internal foes, and to subdue self, until there is a complete transformation, and the passions, appetites, and will are brought into perfect subjection. Then there will be daily piety at home and abroad, and when we engage in labor for souls, a power will attend our efforts. The humble Christian will have seasons of devotion which are not spasmodic, fitful, or superstitious, but calm and tranquil, deep, constant, and earnest. The love of God, the practice of holiness, will be pleasant when there is a perfect surrender to God....”—GW 106

*Picture of A Life Lived at the Altar:*

“The Majesty of heaven, while engaged in his earthly ministry, prayed much to his Father. He was frequently bowed all night in prayer. His spirit was often sorrowful as he felt the powers of the darkness of this world, and he left the busy city and the noisy throng, to seek a retired place to make his intercessions. The Mount of Olives was the favorite resort of the Son of God for his devotions. Frequently after the multitude had left him for the retirement of the night, he rested not, though weary with the labors of the day. In the Gospel of John we read, ‘And every man went unto his own house. Jesus went unto the Mount of Olives.’ [John 7:53; 8:1.] While the city was hushed in silence, and the disciples had returned to their homes to obtain refreshment in sleep, Jesus slept not. His divine pleadings were ascending to his Father from the Mount of Olives that his disciples might be kept from the evil influences which they would daily encounter in the world, and that his own soul might be strengthened and braced for the duties and trials of the coming day. All night, while his followers were sleeping, was their divine Teacher praying. The dew and frost of night fell upon his head bowed in prayer. His example is left for his followers.”—GW 106

*The Fruit of Communion With God:*

“Communion with God will ennoble the character and the life. Men will take knowledge of us, as of the first disciples, that we have been with Jesus. This will impart to the worker a power that nothing else can give. Of this power he must not allow himself to be deprived. We must live a twofold life—a life of thought and action, of silent prayer and earnest work.”—MH 512

*The Joy of Personal Worship*

“It should be a pleasure to worship the Lord . . . He desires that those who come to worship Him shall carry away with them precious thoughts of His care and love, that they may be cheered in all the employments of daily life, that they may have grace to deal honestly and faithfully in all things.”—SC 103

*Vital Connection to God Our Only Defense*

“The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness. Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome. Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end.”—DA 324

*In the School of the Holy Spirit*

“There is not an impulse of our nature, not a faculty of the mind or an inclination of the heart, but needs to be, moment by moment, under the control of the Spirit of God.”—PP 421

“The Spirit illumines our darkness, informs our ignorance, and helps us in our manifold necessities. But the mind must be constantly going out after God. If worldliness is allowed to come in, if we have no desire to pray, no desire to commune with Him who is the source of strength and wisdom, the Spirit will not abide with us.”—OHC 154

*Prayer and Effort, Effort and Prayer:*

“Prayer and effort, effort and prayer, will be the business of your life. You must pray as though the efficiency and praise were all due to God, and labour as though duty were all your own.”—4T 538

*Not Safe Without Prayer*

“No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer” (GC 530), but “He who does nothing but pray will soon cease to pray.”—SC 101

*Nothing More Needed*

“There is nothing more needed in the work than the practical results of communion with God.”—6T 47

*Deep Blessedness of Worship*

“The evil of formal worship cannot be too strongly depicted, but no words can properly set forth the deep blessedness of genuine worship.”—9T 143

*God Notices Families that Worship:*

“The Lord has a special interest in the families of His children here below. Angels offer the smoke of the fragrant incense for the praying saints. Then in every family let prayer ascend to heaven both at morning and at the cool sunset hour, in our behalf presenting before God the Saviour’s merits. Morning and evening the heavenly universe takes notice of every praying household.”—Ms 19, 1900

*Parents Lead in Worship:*

“Like the patriarchs of old, those who profess to love God should erect an altar to the Lord wherever they pitch their tent.... Fathers and mothers should often lift up their hearts to God in humble supplication for themselves and their children. Let the father, as priest of the household, lay upon the altar of God the morning and evening sacrifice, while the wife and children unite in prayer and praise. In such a household Jesus will love to tarry.”—CG 518

*Danger of the Neglected Family Altar:*

“If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and skepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the soul, and rebellion against God breaks out in the life. Enslaved by sin, the moral powers are under the tyranny of Satan. The soul is made the sport of his temptations; and unless some mighty arm is stretched out to rescue him, man goes where the archrebel leads the way”—CG 517

*Let Not Circumstances Interrupt:*

“Family worship should not be governed by circumstances. You are not to pray occasionally, and when you have a large day’s work, neglect it. In thus doing you lead your children to look upon prayer as of no special consequence. Prayer means very much to the children of God, and thank offerings should come up before God morning and evening. Says the Psalmist, ‘O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.’”—Ms 12, 1898

*No Empty Formal Worship:*

“Formal Prayer Is Not Acceptable—In many cases the morning and evening worship is little more than a mere form, a dull, monotonous repetition of set phrases in which the spirit of gratitude or the sense of need finds no expression. The Lord accepts not such service. But the petitions of a humble heart and contrite spirit He will not despise. The opening of our hearts to our heavenly Father, the acknowledgment of our entire dependence, the expression of our wants, the homage of grateful love—this is true prayer.”—CG 518

*Worship Should be an Engaging Experience:*

“The father, who is the priest of his household, should conduct the morning and evening worship. There is no reason why this should not be the most interesting and enjoyable exercise of the home life, and God is dishonored when it is made dry and irksome. Let the seasons of family worship be short and spirited. Do not let your children or any member of your family dread them because of their tediousness or lack of interest. When a long chapter is read and explained and a long prayer offered, this precious service becomes wearisome, and it is a relief when it is over.”—CG 521

*Citadel of the Mind:*

“Every organ of the body was made to be servant to the mind. The mind is the capital of the body.”—1MCP 72

“The mind controls the whole man. All our actions, good or bad, have their source in the mind. It is the mind that worships God and allies us to heavenly beings. Yet many spend all their lives without becoming intelligent in regard to the casket [jewel case] that contains this treasure.”—1MCP 72

*The Mind—God’s Garden:*

“The mind is the Lord’s garden, and man must cultivate it earnestly in order to form a character after the divine similitude.”—2MCP 800

*Giving Account for Time:*

“Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to His glory. Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time.”—COL 342

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*Daily Preparation for Trials to Come:*

“The servants of Christ are to prepare no set speech to present when brought to trial for their faith. Their preparation is to be made day by day, in treasuring up in their hearts the precious truths of God’s Word, in feeding upon the teaching of Christ, and through prayer strengthening their faith; then, when brought into trial, the Holy Spirit will bring to their remembrance the very truths that will reach the hearts of those who shall come to hear. God will flash the knowledge obtained by diligent searching of the Scriptures into their memory at the very time when it is needed.”—CSW 40, 41

*Perfect Conformity to the Will of God*

“But if we find no pleasure now in the contemplation of heavenly things; if we have no interest in seeking the knowledge of God, no delight in beholding the character of Christ; if holiness has no attractions for us—then we may be sure that our hope of heaven is vain. Perfect conformity to the will of God is the high aim to be constantly before the Christian. He will love to talk of God, of Jesus, of the home of bliss and purity which Christ has prepared for them that love Him. The contemplation of these themes, when the soul feasts upon the blessed assurances of God, the apostle represents as tasting ‘the powers of the world to come.’”—5T 745

“If you are right with God today, you are ready if Christ should come today.”—HP 227

\*Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures quoted are from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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138-22G GOD’S PROMISED GIFT: AN URGENT APPEAL FOR  
REVIVAL, REFORMATION, DISCIPLESHIP, AND  
EVANGELISM

The following is a slightly updated version (August 2022 by Mark A Finley) of the document, “God’s Promised Gift: An Urgent Appeal for Revival, Reformation, Discipleship, and Evangelism,” voted by Annual Council on October 11, 2010.

VOTED, To reaffirm the document “God’s Promised Gift: An Urgent Appeal for Revival, Reformation, Discipleship, and Evangelism,” which reads as follows:

GOD’S PROMISED GIFT: AN URGENT APPEAL  
FOR REVIVAL, REFORMATION, DISCIPLESHIP, AND EVANGELISM

God has uniquely called the Seventh-day Adventist Church both to live and proclaim His last-day message of love and truth to the world (Revelation 14:6-12). The challenge of reaching the nearly eight billion people on planet Earth with His end-time message seems impossible. The task is overwhelming. From a human perspective, the rapid fulfillment of Christ’s Great Commission anytime soon appears unlikely (Matthew 28:19, 20).

The Church’s growth rate is simply not keeping pace with the world’s burgeoning population. An honest evaluation of our current evangelistic impact on the world leads to the conclusion that unless there is a dramatic change, we will not complete Heaven’s assignment in this generation. Despite our best efforts, on our own, all our plans, strategies, and resources are incapable of finishing God’s mission.

*Christ’s Promise to His New Testament Church*

The challenge of taking the gospel to the world is not new. The disciples faced this challenge in the first century. We face it in the twenty-first century. The New Testament church was seemingly confronted with an impossible task. But empowered by the Holy Spirit, the church exploded in growth (Acts 2:41; 4:4; 6:7; 9:31). These early Christians shared their faith everywhere (Acts 5:42).

The grace of God overflowed from their hearts to their families, friends, and work associates. Just a few decades after the Crucifixion, the Apostle Paul could report that the gospel is “preached to every creature under heaven” (Colossians 1:23, NKJV). How was it possible for an obscure group of relatively insignificant believers to impact the world in such a short amount of time? How could so few Christians be used of God to change the world forever?

Christ’s Great Commission was accompanied by His great promise. The Savior commanded His disciples “not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4). The Savior promised, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit

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has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8, NKJV).

The love of Christ controlled every aspect of the disciples’ lives and moved them to a passionate commitment to His service (2 Corinthians 5:14). They sought God for the promised power of the Holy Spirit and knelt before Him in heartfelt confession and earnest repentance. They placed priority on seeking the fullness of Heaven’s blessing. They set aside times for prayer and searching the Scriptures. Their petty differences were swallowed up in their all-consuming desire to share Christ’s love with everyone they met. They were absorbed in reaching the world with the gospel. Nothing was more important. They recognized that they were powerless to accomplish the mission without the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Describing the experience of the disciples, Ellen G White wrote, “Putting away all differences, all desire for the supremacy, they came close together in Christian fellowship. . . Sadness filled their hearts as they thought of how many times they had grieved Him by their slowness of comprehension, their failure to understand the lessons that, for their good, He was trying to teach them. The disciples felt their spiritual need and cried to the Lord for the Holy unction that was to fit them for the work of soul saving. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely. They were weighted with the burden of the salvation of souls. They realized that the gospel was to be carried to the world, and they claimed the power that Christ promised” (AA 37).

Christ fulfilled His promise. The Holy Spirit was poured out in Pentecostal power. Thousands were converted in a day. The message of Christ’s love impacted the world. In a short time, the name of Jesus Christ was on the lips of men and women everywhere. “By the co-operation of the divine Spirit, the apostles did a work that shook the world. To every nation was the gospel carried in a single generation” (AA 593).

*Christ’s Promise to His End-Time Church*

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in the early rain was only a prelude of what is to come. God has promised to pour out His Holy Spirit in abundance in the last days (Joel 2:23; Zechariah 10:1). The earth will be “illuminated with his glory” (Revelation 18:1, NKJV). The work of God on earth will be finished rapidly (Matthew 24:14; Romans 9:28). The Church will experience a spiritual revival and the fullness of the Holy Spirit’s power like never before in its history. Speaking of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Peter gives us this assurance: “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:39, NKJV). Ellen G White adds, “Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord’s second coming” (GC 464).

Hundreds of thousands of people will accept God’s last-day message through the teaching and preaching of His Word. Prayer, Bible study, and witness are all elements of true revival. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit will intensify as the end approaches. “Near the close of earth’s harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of Man” (FLB 333). “By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers” (GC 612).

There is nothing more important than knowing Jesus, studying His Word, understanding His truth, and seeking His promise for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power for the fulfilling of the gospel commission. God’s last-day prophet to the remnant wrote in words too plain to be misunderstood, “A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work” (ISM 121).

*If a genuine spiritual revival is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs, should we not as leaders place priority on seeking Heaven’s promised blessing with all our hearts?*

When we seek Jesus, He fills us with His presence and power through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We long to know Him better. The Holy Spirit reawakens the dormant spiritual faculties of the soul. There is nothing we desire more than to have a deep and life-changing relationship with Jesus. The revived heart experiences a vital connection to Jesus through prayer and the Word. Reformation is the corresponding change that comes in our lives as the result of revival.

“A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend” (ISM 128). Reformation does not manifest itself in a self-righteous attitude that condemns others. It is the transformation of character that reveals the fruits of the Spirit in the life (Galatians 5:22-24). Obedience to God’s will is the evidence of all true revival. Our Lord longs for a revived people whose lives reflect the loveliness of His character. There is nothing that Jesus desires more than a people who are passionate about personally knowing His love and sharing that love with others.

*Commitment and Appeal*

As leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness and abundant blessings to His Church since its inception. The rapid worldwide expansion of His Church in both its membership and institutions is nothing short of miraculous. In recent years, we have seen the rapid growth of the Church in a number of countries. Although we praise Him for marvelously working to fulfill His purposes through His Church and thank Him for the godly leaders who have guided His people in the past, we humbly acknowledge that because of our human frailties even our best efforts are tainted by sin and in need of cleansing through the grace of Christ. We recognize that we have not always placed priority on seeking God through prayer and His Word for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power. We humbly confess that in our personal lives, our administrative practices, and committee meetings we too often have labored in our own strength. Too often God’s mission of saving a lost world has not taken first place in our hearts. At times in our busyness doing good things, we have neglected the most important thing—knowing Him and sharing His end-time message of eternal truth with others. Too often petty jealousies, ambitions, and fractured personal relationships have crowded out our longing for revival and reformation and caused us to labor in our human strength rather than in His divine power.

We accept the clear instruction of our Lord that “the lapse of time has wrought no change in Christ’s parting promise to send the Holy Spirit as His representative. It is not because of any restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men. If the fulfillment of the promise is not seen as it might be, it is because the promise is not appreciated as it should be. If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit” (AA 50).

We are confident that all heaven is waiting to pour out the Holy Spirit in infinite power for the finishing of God’s work on earth. We acknowledge that the coming of Jesus has been delayed and that our Lord longed to come decades ago. We sense Christ calling us to a deeper relationship with Him in prayer and Bible study and a more passionate commitment to share His last-day message with the world. We rejoice that “it is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of the Saviour” (AA 600).

Therefore, as representatives of the world Church and on behalf of our entire membership, we commit ourselves:

1. To personally place priority on seeking God for spiritual revival and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power in our own lives, families, and ministries.
2. To individually set aside significant amounts of time daily to fellowship with Christ through prayer and the study of God’s Word.
3. We desire willing hearts so that nothing in our lives hinders the fullness of the Holy Spirit’s power.
4. To encourage the ministries of the Church to spend time praying, studying God’s Word, and seeking God’s heart to understand His plans for His Church.

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5. To encourage each Seventh-day Adventist organization to set aside time for administrators, pastors, healthcare workers, publishing house workers, educators, students, and all employees to seek Jesus and the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit together through a study of God's Word and prayer.

6. To use every available media outlet, conference, and workshop to appeal to church members to seek a deeper relationship with Jesus for the promised revival and reformation.

7. To urgently appeal to and invite our entire church membership to join us in opening our hearts to the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit, which will transform our lives, our families, organizations, and communities.

8. To earnestly appeal to each church member to use their God-given gifts of the Spirit in Total Member Involvement (TMI) to reach lost people. We recognize that the Holy Spirit will not be poured out in its fullness on inactivity, so we encourage every member to become actively involved in service for the Master.

We especially recognize that God is going to use children and youth in this last mighty revival and encourage each one of our young people to participate in seeking God for spiritual revival in their own lives and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to share their faith with others.

We appeal to each church member to unite with church leaders and millions of other Seventh-day Adventists seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the completion of Christ's mission on earth. This is an urgent call to circle the globe with earnest intercession. This is a call to total commitment to Jesus and to experience the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit that our Lord is longing to give now.

We believe that the purpose of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power is to finish Christ's mission on earth so He can come quickly. Recognizing that our Lord will only pour out His Spirit in its fullness on a church that has a passion for lost people, we determine to place and maintain revival, reformation, discipleship, and evangelism at the top of all our church business agendas. More than anything else we long for Jesus to come.

We urge every church administrator, departmental leader, institutional worker, health worker, literature evangelist, chaplain, educator, pastor, and church member to join us in making revival, reformation, discipleship, and evangelism the most important and urgent priorities of our personal lives and our areas of ministry. We are confident that as we seek Him together, God will pour out His Holy Spirit in abundant measure, the work of God on earth will be finished, and Jesus will come. With the aged Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos we cry out, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20, NKJV).

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218-22G EDUCATION—DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES - POLICY AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend GC FE, Education—Departmental Policies, to read as follows:

FE EDUCATION—DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES

FE 05 Seventh-day Adventist Philosophy of Education - No change

FE 10 The Role of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities - No change

FE 15 Objectives of Seventh-day Adventist Education - No change

FE 20 Educational Administration Outline

FE 20 05 The Department of Education—Purpose—General Conference - No change

FE 20 10 College and University Boards - No change

FE 20 15 General Conference International Board of Education—1. Purpose—The General Conference International Board of Education is the primary vehicle through which the General Conference department of Education coordinates Seventh-day Adventist education. It is authorized to act in the areas that are indicated in this *Working Policy*. (Institutions and programs in ~~Ministerial and Theological~~ ministerial and theological education are under the purview of the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education.)

2. Composition of the Board—a. The membership of the General Conference International Board of Education shall be designated by the first Annual Council following the General Conference Session. The Education Director, with the Nominating Committee, shall serve to nominate the membership of this board.

b. The General Conference International Board of Education shall be composed of the following members:

- \*GC Vice President (advisor for Education ~~education~~), Chair
- \*GC Vice Presidents, Vice-chairs (2)
- \*GC Education Director, Executive Secretary
- \*GC Education Associate Directors, Assistant Secretaries
- \*GC Undertreasurer
- \*GC Treasury Advisor
- \*GC Health Ministries Director
- Board chair of General Conference-operated institution of higher learning (1)
- \*Presidents of General Conference-operated institutions of higher learning
- ~~\*North American Division President~~



Division Education Directors (attending as authorized)

Up to five members, as selected by the Board

Ex officio members:

\*General Conference President

\*General Conference Secretary

\*General Conference Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

Division Presidents

Invitee:

Office of General Counsel Representative

c. Board members shall hold office between sessions of - No change

d. Vacancies on the Board or its standing committees (e.g. Committee on Seventh-day Adventist Health Professional Education, Programs Review Committee) shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

e. ~~The Board~~ Board, including the division directors of education, shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once each year. ~~The full Board, including the division directors of education, shall meet at least twice each quinquennium.~~ The chair shall call meetings at such times and places as approved by the General Conference Administrative Committee.

f. A quorum shall consist of one third of the regular membership.

g. The Board may invite consultants to attend as deemed necessary.

3. Executive Committee—The Executive Committee of the Board - No change

4. Duties of Board—The duties of the General Conference International Board of Education are:

a. To establish general guidelines, coordinate the interrelationship between division programs, and maintain the general direction of the education program of the Church.

b. To develop and maintain a comprehensive long-range world master plan for Seventh-day Adventist education, subject to regular updating and revision.

~~e. To approve the establishment or discontinuance of tertiary level schools and programs, the upgrading of post secondary institutions, the affiliation of schools across division boundaries, and the implementation of interdivision extended campus programs.~~

c. To receive and record proposals from division boards of education, authorize evaluations and site visits, receive evaluative reports, authorize recognition and candidacy for substantive change and new programs, and to approve the establishment or record discontinuance of tertiary programs and institutions, and then to recommend the actions to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

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d. To approve the affiliation of schools across division boundaries, or the implementation of interdivision extended campus programs, and then to recommend the actions to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

~~d. e.~~ To develop funding plans for the support of Seventh-day Adventist education.

f. To coordinate implementation of any approved financial program to assist the school system.

~~e. g.~~ To require from division departments of education such reports as will enable the Board to perform its duties and functions.

~~f. h.~~ To recommend to the division boards of education general personnel policies for teachers, administrators, and related school staff.

~~g.~~ To coordinate implementation of any approved financial program to assist the school system.

~~h. i.~~ To review, through recommend to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities desirable changes in accreditation standards and criteria. Universities, existing programs of instruction, research, and training for denominational service in the schools and advise them regarding desirable change.

~~i. j.~~ To commission research on the needs and outcomes of Seventh-day Adventist education and to keep the divisions informed through periodic reports, releases, conferences, and other means.

~~j. k.~~ To coordinate all interdivision programs of professional education.

l. To authorize exemptions from International Board of Education site visits for new programs in cases where the institution is (1) accredited by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities under Form B, with the external academic review processes which that designation entails and (2) already offers well-established programs in the given modality within the discipline of the proposed program at the same academic level (e.g. bachelor's, master's, doctoral) of the new program.

m. To authorize division boards of education, upon their request and demonstration of initial and ongoing eligibility, to approve, revise, and close undergraduate programs except in the reserved areas of theology, education, and health.

5. The Executive Secretary—The Executive Secretary shall be - No change

6. Board Minutes—Copies of the minutes of this Board shall be - No change

7. Finances—All appropriations and other moneys available to - No change

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- 8. Right of Appeal—Any action of the Board involving a specific - No change
- 9. Changes and Amendments—Any changes or amendments to - No change

FE 20 20 International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education (IBMTE)—1. ~~Education~~—1. Purpose—The International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education (GCC-B) is the primary vehicle through which General Conference Education is authorized to act in the areas that are indicated in General Conference Working Policy to develop, coordinate, and maintain a comprehensive master plan to prepare pastors, evangelists, theologians, teachers of Bible and religion, and chaplains for Seventh-day Adventist ministry. The IBMTE works in cooperation with the world divisions in providing overall guidance and standards to the professional training that Church-supported institutions offer to pastors, evangelists, theologians, teachers of Bible and religion, chaplains, and other denominational employees involved in ministerial and religious formation. Utilizing existing interconnected institutional boards, policies, standards, and procedures, the board seeks to achieve the following objectives in relation to graduate, undergraduate, and other types of ministerial and theological education:

- a. Foster a dynamic theological unity in the world - No change
  - b. Sharpen the focus on Seventh-day Adventist message - No change
  - c. Support the spiritual and professional development - No change
  - d. Promote professional excellence in ministerial training - No change
  - e. Nurture strong collaboration between church - No change
  - f. Energize the spiritual life of Seventh-day Adventist - No change
2. Composition of the Board—
- a. The members of the - No change
  - b. The International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education shall be composed of the following members, at least six of whom shall be women:

GC President or designee, Chair

\*GC Vice President (advisor for Education education), Vice-chair

\*GC Vice President (advisor for Ministerial Association), Vice-chair

\*GC Education Director, Secretary

\*GC Ministerial Association Secretary, Associate Secretary

\*GC Vice President (advisor for Biblical Research Institute)

\*GC Secretary

\*GC Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

\*GC Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Director (or designee)

\*GC Biblical Research Institute Director

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\*GC Education Associate Directors

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\*GC Ministerial Association Associate Representative

\*One full ~~professor~~, professor who teaches in an accredited ministerial and religious formation program

Two chairpersons of undergraduate programs in ministerial and religious formation

Five presidents/deans of seminaries and universities offering denominationally recognized doctoral programs in ministerial formation

Two deans of graduate programs in ministerial and religious formation

Three faculty, who teach in ministerial and religion programs, accredited by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities, at or above the rank of associate professor

Six individuals experienced and active in ministerial formation (pastors, chaplains, Bible instructors, etc)

Up to four additional members, as selected by the board

Invitee:

Office of General Counsel Representative

- c. Board members shall hold office for - No change
- d. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by the board - No change
- e. Each world division shall designate one consultant to the - No change

3. Meetings—The board shall hold regularly scheduled meetings - No change

4. Executive Committee—The executive committee of the board - No change

5. Duties of the Board—a. To establish the general goals - No change

b. To establish program competencies, a basic series of subject areas and requisite content as well as to develop guidelines and core standards for faculty selection and student entry into programs that will meet the needs of the field and foster the mission of the Church through undergraduate and graduate programs for denominational employees involved in ministerial and religious formation.

c. To ~~provide guidelines~~ establish and authorize the application process to be used by the division boards of Ministerial and Theological Education to endorse faculty, and to issue certificates and/or credentials of denominational endorsement when voted by the IBMTE. ~~including the design of the faculty application procedure for denominational endorsement.~~

d. To receive division endorsement reports, and to review and re-authorize any delegated endorsement process at least once every quinquennium. ~~To arrange for surveys and to grant recognition to new programs designed to prepare denominational employees involved in ministerial and religious formation, as recommended by the respective division Board of Ministerial and Theological Education, and then to recommend the new programs to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.~~

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~~e.~~ To facilitate the exchange of endorsed faculty from among the recognized programs offered in the world divisions.

f. ~~e.~~ To affirm the faculty authorized to teach in these programs - No change

~~g.~~ f. To recommend to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities the standards and criteria for the accreditation of seminaries, schools, and departments offering undergraduate and graduate programs designed to prepare denominational employees involved in ministerial and religious formation, and to cooperate with the Association in conducting accreditation visits.

g. To receive and record proposals from division boards of ministerial and theological education, authorize evaluations and site visits, receive evaluative reports, authorize recognition and candidacy for substantive change and proposed post-secondary ministerial and theological programs and institutions, and to record discontinuation of tertiary-level ministerial and theological schools, and then to recommend the actions to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

h. To approve the affiliation of schools across division boundaries, or the implementation of interdivision extended campus programs, and then to recommend the actions to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

i. To require from division departments of education such reports as will enable the Board to perform its duties and functions.

j. To commission research on the needs and outcomes of Seventh-day Adventist ministerial and theological education and to keep the divisions informed through periodic reports, releases, conferences, and other means.

k. To publish the goals, objectives, standards, criteria, and procedures relating to ministerial and theological education and formation in the *Handbook of Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial and Theological Education*.

l. To authorize alternative procedures that lead to the achievement of the same objectives as those of the international and the division Boards of Ministerial and Theological Education.

6. Accreditation—Seminaries, schools, and departments offering - No change

7. Handbook—The goals, objectives, standards, criteria, and - No change

8. The Secretary—Subject to the approval of the board, the secretary shall perform the following executive responsibilities:

a. Administer all policies and activities prescribed - No change

b. Record and have custody of the official - No change

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- c. Communicate to the appropriate parties the actions of - No change
- d. Advise in the development and maintenance of a comprehensive master plan for institutions and programs designed to prepare chaplains and denominational employees involved in ministerial and religious formation.
- 9. The Associate Secretary—Subject to the approval of the board and - No change
- 10. Staff of the Board—The elected members of ~~the~~ General Conference ~~department of~~ Education and of the Ministerial Association shall serve as the staff of the board.
- 11. Right of Appeal—Any action of the board involving a specific - No change
- 12. Changes and Amendments—Any changes or amendments to the organization or policies of the board shall have a two-thirds majority vote of all the members present at any duly called meeting. A vote to change or amend shall then be sent to the General Conference Administrative Committee prior to confirmation at an Annual Council.

FE 20 25 Division Boards of Ministerial and Theological Education—1. Purpose—  
The division - No change

- 2. Composition of the Division Boards - No change
- 3. Meetings— The board shall hold regularly scheduled meetings - No change
- 4. Executive Committee—The board may appoint an executive - No change
- 5. Duties of the Board—
  - a. To establish division-specific goals - No change
  - b. To authorize programs for the development of leaders - No change
  - c. To consult with leaders and faculty of institutions, schools, and departments offering programs for students in pastoral ministry, theology, Bible/religion teaching, and chaplaincy, in order to:
    - 1) Provide guidelines for the selection of faculty - No change
    - 2) Establish requirements for admission - No change
    - 3) Stipulate program competencies and subjects, in addition to those determined by the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education, as may meet the division’s specific needs for such students.
    - 4) Provide guidance to each institution on the design - No change
    - 5) Design, in consultation with the field, the internship - No change

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- change
  - 6) Establish a program of quality assurance and monitor - No change
  - 7) Encourage the employment by denominational - No change
  - 8) Develop guidelines for the educational development - No change
- change
  - d. To respond to the recommendation(s) received from the - No change
  - e. To affirm the faculty authorized to teach in these programs - No change
  - f. To cooperate with the Accrediting Association - No change
- 6. Alternative Procedures—Divisions wishing to operate - No change
- 7. Right of Appeal—Within 120 days of the division Board - No change

FE 20 30 Committee on Seventh-day Adventist Health Professional Education—1.  
Purpose—The General Conference - No change

2. Functions—This committee shall exercise the following main functions:

a. Establish, recommend, and monitor educational standards ~~in health professional programs~~ and guidelines to coordinate post-secondary degree programs for the training of health professionals in areas such as medicine, nursing, and public health, considering international needs and resources.

b. Evaluate, screen, and endorse, for the - No change

c. Assist the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities in appointing ~~accrediting~~ site visit teams, which will include health specialists, to conduct evaluations of health professional programs at colleges, universities, and hospitals.

3. Membership—a. The membership of this committee shall be - No change

b. The membership of this committee shall include the following persons:

- General Conference Health Ministries Director, Chair
- General Conference Health Ministries Associate Director, Vice-chair
- General Conference Education Director, Secretary
- Deans of Seventh-day Adventist schools of medicine (7) ~~(3)~~
- Deans or directors of graduate nursing programs (2)
- Deans or directors of graduate programs in other health areas (4)
- Health professional lay members not employed by the Church (2)



Representation from divisions with large numbers of health profession programs not already represented (Up to 6)

Invitees:

General Conference Associate Health Ministries Directors,  
General Conference Associate Honorary Health Ministries  
Directors, General Conference Associate Education Directors

c. Committee members shall hold office until the first - No change

d. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by the ~~General Conference Executive Committee~~ International Board of Education for the unexpired term.

4. Meetings—This committee shall meet in conjunction with the first Spring Meeting following General Conference Session and at least once every year thereafter during a quinquennium. ~~every alternate year thereafter during a quinquennium. Other meetings during the course of the quinquennium will be scheduled as needed.~~

FE 20 35 Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities—1. Purpose—The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities is the denominational educational accrediting authority for all tertiary and graduate educational programs and institutions owned and operated by Seventh-day Adventist Church entities as listed in the *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook*. ~~entities.~~ It also reviews and endorses the accreditation of mid-level institutions and secondary schools ~~and mid-level institutions~~ owned and operated by the Church, as recommended by the Commissions on Accreditation of the divisions (see FE 20 40). The Commission on Accreditation of each division is responsible for the denominational accreditation of primary schools owned and operated by the Church in its territory. The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities and the Commissions on Accreditation evaluate the quality of the denominational institutions’ programs and their implementation of the Seventh-day Adventist philosophy of education in order to foster the unity and mission of the Church. To be recognized as an official Seventh-day Adventist educational institution, each Seventh-day Adventist educational institution shall seek accreditation from the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities prior to the commencement of operations.

2. Composition of the Accrediting Association—The composition of the Accrediting Association is defined in the bylaws of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities. ~~Association—~~ ~~a. The members of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities shall be designated by the first Annual Council following the General Conference Session, upon recommendation from the General Conference department of Education. The membership of the Association shall be:~~

~~\*Chair, director, General Conference Education~~

~~\*Executive Secretary, an associate director, General Conference Education~~

~~\*The General Conference vice presidential advisor(s) for education~~

~~\*Treasury advisor~~

~~\*Associate directors of the General Conference Education~~

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- ~~\*The division directors of education (attending as authorized)~~
- ~~One college/university board chair~~
- ~~One college/university president~~
- ~~One college/university academic vice president/dean~~
- ~~One college/university registrar or admissions officer~~
- ~~One college/university finance officer~~
- ~~One college/university dean/department chair of education~~
- ~~One union director of department of education~~
- ~~One conference or mission/field/section superintendent/director of department of education~~
- ~~General Conference Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Director (or designee)~~
- ~~Three individuals with international experience in Adventist education at least two persons engaged in education not employed by the Church~~
- ~~Ex officio members:~~
  - ~~General Conference President~~
  - ~~General Conference Secretary~~
  - ~~General Conference Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer~~
- ~~Invitees:~~
  - ~~Adventist Risk Management representative~~
  - ~~General Conference Auditing Service representative~~
  - ~~Office of General Counsel representative~~

b. ~~Vacancies shall be filled by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities for unexpired terms.~~

3. Staff—The director and the associate directors of the - No change
4. Procedure—The staff of the Accrediting Association - No change
5. Focused Evaluation Visit—In addition to the full evaluation - No change
6. Meetings—~~a. The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once a year. A quorum shall consist of eight a majority of members of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.~~

b. The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist - No change

~~e. The Executive Committee of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities shall consist of those members marked by an asterisk in paragraph 2. a. above. It shall meet as necessary between the sessions of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities and shall operate within the powers delegated to it by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.~~

7. Appeals—Any action of the Accrediting Association - No change
8. Reports—All denominationally operated secondary - No change

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9. Budget—The General Conference shall annually appropriate - No change
- FE 20 40 Commissions on Accreditation—Each division shall - No change
- FE 20 45 Nondenominational Accreditation - No change
- FE 20 50 Affiliation Procedures—When an affiliation - No change
- FE 20 55 Division Board of Education - No change
- FE 20 60 The Union Board of Education - No change
- FE 20 65 Home and Parent Education—The promoting and fostering - No change
- FE 25 Establishing New or Elevating Existing Secondary Schools, Colleges, and Universities - No change
- FE 30 Schools of Nursing - No change
- FE 32 Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy - No change
- FE 35 Relationship of Griggs University and International Academy to Other Schools - No change
- FE 40 Bible Teachers - No change
- FE 45 Admittance of Non-Adventist Children to Church Schools - No change
- FE 50 Affiliation with Other School Systems - No change
- FE 55 Preschool Education - No change
- FE 60 Teachers - No change
- FE 65 Administrators and Teaching Staff - No change
- FE 70 In-Service Development Policy - No change
- FE 75 In-Service Training Assistance - No change
- FE 80 Interdivision Extension Programs/Degrees - No change
- FE 85 Interschool Sports - No change
- FE 90 Educational Tours Abroad - No change
- FE 95 Public Campus Ministry - No change

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101-22Ga CALENDAR OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS—WORLD 2023-2028

VOTED, To record the Calendar of Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings—World 2023-2028, which reads as follows:

	<u>Division</u>	<u>Proj Selection</u>	<u>Visit to Deadline</u>
2023	First Quarter	East-Central Africa Division 2021	Mar 2021 Jun
	Second Quarter	Inter-European Division 2021	Jun 2021 Sep
	Third Quarter	Trans-European Division 2021	Sep 2021 Dec
	Fourth Quarter	West-Central Africa Division 2022	Dec 2021 Mar
2024	First Quarter	Southern Asia Division 2022	Mar 2022 Jun
	Second Quarter	Euro-Asia Division 2022	Jun 2022 Sep
	Third Quarter	Inter-American Division 2022	Sep 2022 Dec
	Fourth Quarter	North American Division 2023	Dec 2022 Mar
2025	First Quarter	Northern Asia-Pacific Division 2023	Mar 2023 Jun
	Second Quarter	Southern Asia-Pacific Division 2023	Jun 2023 Sep
	Third Quarter	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division 2023	Sep 2023 Dec
	Fourth Quarter	South American Division 2024	Dec 2023 Mar
2026	First Quarter	South Pacific Division 2024	Mar 2024 Jun
	Second Quarter	East-Central Africa Division 2024	Jun 2024 Sep

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	Third Quarter	Inter-European Division 2024	Sep 2024	Dec
	Fourth Quarter	Trans-European Division 2025	Dec 2024	Mar
2027	First Quarter	West-Central Africa Division 2025	Mar 2025	Jun
	Second Quarter	Southern Asia Division 2025	Jun 2025	Sep
	Third Quarter	Euro-Asia Division 2025	Sep 2025	Dec
	Fourth Quarter	Inter-American Division	Dec 2025	Mar
2028	First Quarter	North American Division 2026	Mar 2026	Jun
	Second Quarter	Northern Asia-Pacific Division 2026	Jun 2026	Sep
	Third Quarter	Southern Asia-Pacific Division 2026	Sep 2026	Dec
	Fourth Quarter	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division 2027	Dec 2026	Mar

Distribution summary among divisions from 2023 through 2028:

East-Central Africa	2
Euro-Asia	2
Inter-American	2
Inter-European	2
North American	2
Northern Asia-Pacific	2
South American	1
South Pacific	1
Southern Africa-Indian Ocean	2
Southern Asia	2
Southern Asia-Pacific	2
Trans-European	2
West-Central Africa	2

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101-22Gc CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS—WORLD 2023

VOTED, To adopt the Calendar of Offerings—World 2023, which reads as follows:

January

7 Outreach/Church Budget  
14 Division  
21 Church Budget  
28 Conference/Union

February

4 Outreach/Church Budget  
11 Division  
18 Church Budget  
25 Conference/Union

March

4 Outreach/Church Budget  
11\*+ Adventist World Radio  
18 Church Budget  
25 Conference/Union

April

1 Outreach/Church Budget  
8\*+ Hope Channel International  
15 Church Budget  
22 Conference/Union  
29 Church Budget

May

6 Outreach/Church Budget  
13\*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)  
20 Church Budget  
27 Conference/Union

June

3 Outreach/Church Budget  
10 Division  
17 Church Budget  
24 Conference/Union

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July

1 Outreach/Church Budget  
8\*+ World Mission Offering  
15 Church Budget  
22 Conference/Union  
29 Church Budget

August

5 Outreach/Church Budget  
12 Division  
19 Church Budget  
26 Conference/Union

September

2 Outreach/Church Budget  
9\*+ World Mission Offering (Unusual Opportunities)  
16 Church Budget  
23 Conference/Union  
30 Church Budget

October

7 Outreach/Church Budget  
14 Division  
21 Church Budget  
28 Conference/Union

November

4 Outreach/Church Budget  
11\*+ Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)  
18 Church Budget  
25 Conference/Union

December

2 Outreach/Church Budget  
9 Division  
16 Church Budget  
23 Conference/Union  
30 Church Budget

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Summary of Offerings

General Conference	6
Division	6
Conference/Union	12
Church	28
Total	52

\*Program provided by the General Conference  
+Worldwide offering

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13 Division  
20 Church Budget  
27 Conference/Union

February

3 Outreach/Church Budget  
10 Division  
17 Church Budget  
24 Conference/Union

March

2 Outreach/Church Budget  
9\*+ Adventist World Radio  
16 Church Budget  
23 Conference/Union  
30 Church Budget

April

6 Outreach/Church Budget  
13\*+ Hope Channel International  
20 Church Budget  
27 Conference/Union

May

4 Outreach/Church Budget  
11\*+ Disaster and Famine Relief (Program provided for NAD only)  
18 Church Budget  
25 Conference/Union

June

1 Outreach/Church Budget  
8 Division  
15 Church Budget  
22 Conference/Union  
29 Church Budget

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July

6 Outreach/Church Budget  
13\*+ World Mission Offering  
20 Church Budget  
27 Conference/Union

August

3 Outreach/Church Budget  
10 Division  
17 Church Budget  
24 Conference/Union  
31 Church Budget

September

7 Outreach/Church Budget  
14\*+ World Mission Offering (Unusual Opportunities)  
21 Church Budget  
28 Conference/Union

October

5 Outreach/Church Budget  
12 Division  
19 Church Budget  
26 Conference/Union

November

2 Outreach/Church Budget  
9\*+ Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)  
16 Church Budget  
23 Conference/Union  
30 Church Budget

December

7 Outreach/Church Budget  
14 Division  
21 Church Budget  
28 Conference/Union

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101-22Gd CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—  
WORLD 2022

VOTED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2022, to read as follows:

	<u>MATERIALS</u>		<u>OFFERING</u>
<u>January</u>			
1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
5-15	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
8	#Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
15	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-
PARL			
22			
29			
<u>February</u>			
5	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-SSPM
12-19	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
19			
26			
<u>March</u>			
5	Women’s Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
12	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
19-26	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
19	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s	---	GC-
YOU/CHM	Day		
26	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
<u>April</u>			
2	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
2	#Youth Spiritual Commitment	---	Divisions
	Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)		
9	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s		GC-SSPM
	Day)		
9	Hope Channel International	Hope Channel International*	GC-HCI
16-22	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
16	World Impact Day—for Distribution	---	Divisions
	of Missionary Book		
23	Possibility Ministries Day	---	GC-APM
30			



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

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10	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
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17	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
24	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
<u>October</u>			
1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
1	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-
	ARMies		
	Promotion		
8	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
15	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-WHT
	Adventist Heritage		
22	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
29			
<u>November</u>			
5-12	Week of Prayer	---	GC-
	ARMies		
12-18	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
	Young Adults		
12		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
		<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>MATERIALS</u>
<u>November contd</u>			
19	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-APM
	Children Day		
26	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
26-3	Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW
<u>December</u>			
3	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
10	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
17			
24			
31			

\*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

#Divisions to prepare materials

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WORLD 2023

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as follows:

	<u>MATERIALS</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>	
<u>January</u>			
7	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
11-21	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
14	#Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
21	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-
PARL			
28			
<u>February</u>			
4	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-SSPM
11-18	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
18			
25			
<u>March</u>			
4	Women’s Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
11	Adventist World Radio	Adventist World Radio*	GC-AWR
18-25	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
18	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s	---	GC-
YOU/CHM	Day		
25	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
<u>April</u>			
1	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
1	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
8	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s Day)	---	GC-SSPM
8	Hope Channel International	Hope Channel International*	GC-HCI
15-21	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
15	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	---	Divisions
22	Possibility Ministries Day	---	GC-APM
29			



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

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9	Mission Promotion	Unusual Opportunity*	GC-AM
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16	Pathfinder Day	---	GC-YOU
23	#Sabbath School Guest Day	---	Divisions
30			
<u>October</u>			
7	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
7	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-
	ARMies		
	Promotion		
14	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
21	Spirit of Prophecy and	---	GC-WHT
	Adventist Heritage		
28	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou
<u>November</u>			
4-11	Week of Prayer	---	GC-
	ARMies		
11-17	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and	---	GC-YOU
	Young Adults		
11		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
18	World Orphans-Vulnerable	---	GC-APM
	Children Day		
25	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
25-2	Stewardship Revival Week		GC-STW
<u>December</u>			
2	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
9	#Health Emphasis	---	GC-HM/DIV
16			
23			
30			

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WORLD 2024

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	<u>MATERIALS</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>	
<u>January</u>			
6	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
10-20	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
13	#Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
20	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-
PARL			
27			
<u>February</u>			
3	<i>Reach the World</i> : Personal Outreach	---	GC-SSPM
10-17	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
17			
24			
<u>March</u>			
2	Women’s Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
9	Adventist World Radio*	---	GC-AWR
16-23	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
16	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s	---	GC-
YOU/CHM	Day		
23	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
30			
<u>April</u>			
6	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
6	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
13	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s Day)	---	GC-SSPM
13	Hope Channel International*	---	GC-HCI
13-19	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
13	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	---	Divisions
20	Possibility Ministries Day	---	GC-APM
27			



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

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October

5	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
5	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription ARMies Promotion	---	GC-
12	Pastor Appreciation Day	---	GC-MIN
19	Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Heritage	---	GC-WHT
26	Creation Sabbath	---	Faith&ScCou

November

2-9	Week of Prayer ARMies	---	GC-
9-15	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults	---	GC-YOU
9		Annual Sacrifice*	GC-AM
16	World Orphans-Vulnerable Children Day	---	GC-APM
23	HIV/AIDS Awareness	---	GC-AAIM
30-7	Stewardship Revival Week	---	GC-STW

December

7	Annual Stewardship Sabbath	---	GC-STW
14	#Health Emphasis		GC-HM/DIV
21			
28			

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101-22Gg CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS—  
WORLD 2025

VOTED, To approve the Calendar of Special Days and Events—World 2025, to read as follows:

	<u>MATERIALS</u>		<u>OFFERING</u>
<u>January</u>			
4	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
8-18	Ten Days of Prayer	---	GC-MIN
11	#Health Ministries	---	GC-HM/DIV
18	Religious Liberty Day	<i>Liberty</i>	GC/NAD-
PARL			
25			
<u>February</u>			
1	<i>Reach the World: Personal Outreach</i>	---	GC-SSPM
8-15	Christian Home and Marriage Week	---	GC-FM
15			
22			
<u>March</u>			
1	Women’s Day of Prayer	---	GC-WM
8	Adventist World Radio*	---	GC-AWR
15-22	Youth Week of Prayer	---	GC-YOU
15	Global Youth Day/Global Children’s	---	GC-
YOU/CHM	Day		
22	#Christian Education	---	Divisions
29			
<u>April</u>			
5	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
5	#Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Northern Hemisphere)	---	Divisions
12-18	#Literature Evangelism Rally Week	---	Divisions
12	Friends of Hope Day (Visitor’s Day)	---	GC-SSPM
12	Hope Channel International*	---	GC-HCI
12	World Impact Day—for Distribution of Missionary Book	---	Divisions
19	Possibility Ministries Day	---	GC-APM
26			



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

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4	Quarterly Day of Prayer	---	R&RCom
4	<i>Adventist Review</i> Subscription	---	GC-
	ARMies Promotion		
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 ARMies	---	GC-
8-14	e-Week of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults	---	GC-YOU
8	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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\*For divisions not on the Combined Offering Plan

#Divisions to prepare materials

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

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GCDO19AC/19AC/102-19Gd/ADCOM/GCDO20SM/20SM/ADCOM/GCDO20AC/20AC/  
ADCOM/102-20Gc/ADCOM/21SM/ADCOM/GCDO21AC/21AC/ADCOM/102-21Gb/  
ADCOM/GCDO22SM/22SM/ADCOM/ADCOM(Steering)/22AC to KJP(DIV)

102-22Ga AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2022

VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2022, with the understanding that attendance at these meetings must also be approved by the administration of each entity, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2022</u>			
17-18	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
17-18	Mon	Health Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
19-20	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Online Meeting
21(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Board Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI
23	Sun	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
23(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
24-30	Mon	IWM Re-entry (Family)	Silver Spring MD
24(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI
<u>November 2022</u>			
1-2	Tue	Global Healthcare Conference	Online Meeting
30(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>December 2022</u>			
1(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
12-13	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA



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102-22Gb AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2023

VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized Meetings 2023, 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 2023</u>			
6-7	Fri	White Estate Board Consultation	Kent Island MD
23-Feb 11	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai
THAILAND			
31-Feb 2	Tue	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Online Meeting
<u>February 2023</u>			
6-7	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Online Meeting
14-16	Tue	Secretariat World Advisory	Online Meeting
22-23	Wed	Adventist Volunteer Service Advisory	Online Meeting
27-28	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2023</u>			
1	Wed	GRI Operating Committee	Loma Linda CA
5(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
6	Mon	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
6(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
7(am)	Tue	Andrews University Board of Trustees	Berrien Springs MI
7(pm)	Tue	Andrews University Membership	Berrien Springs MI
14-15	Tue	Global Leadership Conf for Newly Elected Leaders	Online Meeting
20-23	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
22(am)	Wed	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Board	Online Meeting
22(pm)	Wed	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
23(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Online Meeting
27(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Online Meeting
28(am)	Tue	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Online Meeting
28(am)	Tue	ASI Coordinating Committee	Online Meeting
29(am)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Online Meeting
29(am)	Wed	Hope Channel International Board	Online Meeting
29(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
30(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Online Meeting
<u>April 2023</u>			
2(am)	Sun	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Sun	International Board of Min & Theol Ed	Silver Spring MD
<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>

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3	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
3	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
3	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
4-5	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
4(eve)	Tue	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll & Univ	Silver Springs MD
5(pm)	Wed	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
6(am)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
6(pm)	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
10-11	Mon	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
13-18	Thu	GC and Division Treasury Leadership Summit	Loma Linda CA
13(am)	Thu	Loma Linda University Health Constituency Mtg	Loma Linda CA
13(pm)	Thu	Loma Linda University Health Organizing Boards	Loma Linda CA
17-May 6	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Istanbul TURKEY
17-18	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Loma Linda CA
19-24	Wed	Hope Channel Network Leadership Conference	Johannesburg SOUTH AFRICA
19-20	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Loma Linda CA

May 2023

11-13	Thu	Intl Leadership Conf for CHM, WM, and FM	Online Meeting
22-23	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
31(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD

June 2023

1(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
5-11	Mon	IWM Re-entry (Family & Teen)	Berrien Springs MI
5-8	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
26-Jul 15	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai THAILAND

July 2023

21-27	Fri	FPWG Strategic Planning Retreat	_____
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August 2023

21-24	Mon	IRLA World Congress	National Harbor MD
26-Sep 3	Sat	Ellen G White Estate Advisory	Berrien Springs MI
28-29	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA

September 2023

5-10	Tue	Global Youth Leadership Congress	Online Meeting
6-7	Wed	Global Leadership Conference	Online Meeting
11-14	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>

September 2023 contd

18(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
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20(am)	Wed	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
20(am)	Wed	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
21(am)	Thu	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
23-25	Sat	GCDO: God's End-time Church—The Future	Silver Spring MD
26(pm)	Tue	GCAS Board	Silver Spring MD
27(am)	Wed	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
27(pm)	Wed	AIIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
28(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
28(pm)	Thu	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
29(am)	Fri	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD

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1(am)	Sun	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
1(am)	Sun	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
1(pm)	Sun	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
2	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
2	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
2	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
3(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Wed	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
5-6	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
5-11	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
16-17	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
18-19	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI

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29(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
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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102-22Gc AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2024

VOTED, To approve the updated list of Authorized 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>			
22-Feb 10	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai
THAILAND			
<u>February 2024</u>			
5-6	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Online Meeting
23-25	Fri	Loma Linda University Board Retreat	
26-27	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2024</u>			
12-13	Tue	Global Leadership Conf for Newly Elected Leaders	Online Meeting
18-21	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
25(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Online Meeting
26(am)	Tue	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Online Meeting
26(am)	Tue	ASI Coordinating Committee	Online Meeting
27(am)	Wed	Hope Channel International Board	Online Meeting
27(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
28(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Online Meeting
31(am)	Sun	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
31(am)	Sun	International Board of Min & Theol Ed	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2024</u>			
1	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
1	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
1	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
2-3	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
3(pm)	Wed	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
8-9	Mon	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
15-May 4	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
15-16	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Online Meeting
<u>May 2024</u>			
20-21	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
29(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Burlington VT
<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>

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30(am) Thu ARM and GICV Board Meeting Laurel MD

June 2024

3-6 Mon Prime Time Silver Spring MD  
 17-23 Mon IWM Re-entry (Family & Teen) Berrien Springs MI

July 2024

8-27 Mon IWM Mission Institute Berrien Springs MI

August 2024

26-27 Mon Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees Loma Linda CA

September 2024

10-11 Tue Global Leadership Conference Online Meeting  
 16-19 Mon Prime Time Silver Spring MD  
 23(am) Mon IBE Programs Review Committee Online Meeting  
 25(am) Wed International Board of Education Online Meeting  
 25(am) Wed International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE) Online Meeting  
 26(am) Thu Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ Online Meeting  
 30(am) Mon ADRA International Board Silver Spring MD  
 30(pm) Mon Hope Channel International Board Silver Spring MD

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1 Tue GCAS Board Silver Spring MD  
 2(am) Wed Adventist University of Africa Board Silver Spring MD  
 2(pm) Wed AIIAS Board Silver Spring MD  
 3(am) Thu IRLA Board Silver Spring MD  
 3(pm) Thu Adventist World Radio Board Silver Spring MD  
 6(am) Sun Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board Silver Spring MD  
 6(am) Sun Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board Silver Spring MD  
 7 Mon Presidents Council Silver Spring MD  
 7 Mon Secretaries Council Silver Spring MD  
 7 Mon Treasurers Council Silver Spring MD  
 8(am) Tue GC & Division Officers Silver Spring MD  
 8(pm) Tue Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee Silver Spring MD  
 9(am) Wed General Conference Mission Board Silver Spring MD  
 9(pm) Wed Church Manual Committee Silver Spring MD  
 10-11 Thu LEAD Conference Silver Spring MD  
 10-16 Thu Annual Council Silver Spring MD  
 21-22 Mon Biblical Research Institute Committee Berrien Springs MI  
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4(pm) Wed ARM and GICV Board Committees Silver Spring MD

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5(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
9-10	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA

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102-22Gd AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2025

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2025</u>			
20-Feb 8 THAILAND	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Chiang Mai
<u>February 2025</u>			
3-4	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Online Meeting
<u>March 2025</u>			
11-12	Tue	Global Leadership Conf for Newly Elected Leaders	Online Meeting
17-20	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
24(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Online Meeting
25(am)	Tue	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Online Meeting
25(am)	Tue	ASI Coordinating Committee	Online Meeting
26(am)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Online Meeting
26(am)	Wed	Hope Channel International Board	Online Meeting
26(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
27(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Online Meeting
30(am)	Sun	International Board of Education	Silver Spring MD
30(am)	Sun	International Board of Min & Theol Ed	Silver Spring MD
31(am)	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
31(am)	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
31(am)	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
<u>April 2025</u>			
1-2	Tue	Global Mission Issues Committee	Silver Spring MD
1(eve)	Tue	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Wed	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Thu	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
3(pm)	Thu	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
7-8	Mon	Spring Meeting	Silver Spring MD
14-May 3	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	
14-15	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Online Meeting
27(am)	Sun	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
27(am)	Sun	International Board of Min & Theol Ed	Online Meeting

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>June 2025</u>			
2-5	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
9-28	Mon	IWM Mission Institute	Berrien Springs MI
<u>July 2025</u>			
3-12	Thu	General Conference Session	St Louis MO
21-27	Mon	IWM Re-entry (Family & Teens)	Berrien Springs MI
<u>August 2025</u>			
11-30	Mon	General Conference Mission Institute	Silver Spring MD
<u>September 2025</u>			
1-2	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Online Meeting
9-10	Tue	Global Leadership Conference	Online Meeting
15-18	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
22(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
24(am)	Wed	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
24(am)	Wed	International Board of Min & Theol Ed	Online Meeting
25(am)	Thu	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
29(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
29(pm)	Mon	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
30	Tue	GCAS Board	Silver Spring MD
<u>October 2025</u>			
1(am)	Wed	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
1(pm)	Wed	AIIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Thu	ASI Coordinating Committee	Silver Spring MD
2(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
2(pm)	Thu	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Sun	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Sun	Institute for Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
6	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
7(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
7(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
8(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
9-15	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
9-10	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>October 2025</u>			
20-21	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Online Meeting

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3(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board Committees	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD

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**WAD AUTHORIZED MEETINGS FOR 2022**

**WADCOM 22 AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2022**

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>August 2022</u>			
8-9	Mon	Youth Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
15-Sep 3	Mon	General Conference Mission Institute	Istanbul TURKEY
15-16	Mon	Adventist Possibility Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
15-16	Mon	Publishing Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
22-23	Mon	Ministerial Association World Advisory	Online Meeting
22-23	Mon	Public Affairs & Religious Liberty World Advisory	Online Meeting
23-24	Tue	Adventist Mission World Advisory	Online Meeting
29-30	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
31-Sep 1	Wed	Planned Giving & Trust Services World Advisory	Online Meeting
<u>September 2022</u>			
5-6	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Berrien Springs MI
7-8	Wed	Archives, Statistics, and Research World Advisory	Online Meeting
12-15	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
12-13	Mon	Family Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
13-14	Tue	Adventist Volunteer Service World Advisory	Online Meeting
14-15	Wed	Communication World Advisory	Online Meeting
15(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Online Meeting
16(am)	Fri	Division Officer Interviews	Online Meeting
18(am)	Sun	ADRA International Board	Online Meeting
18(am)	Sun	Division Officer Interviews	Online Meeting
19(am)	Mon	Division Officer Interviews	Online Meeting
20-21	Tue	Sabbath School/Personal Min World Advisory	Online Meeting
20(am)	Tue	ASI Coordinating Committee	Online Meeting
20(am)	Tue	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
21-22	Wed	Stewardship Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>

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22(am)	Thu	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
22(am)	Thu	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
22(pm)	Thu	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
25-26	Sun	General Conference Auditing Service Board	Online Meeting
25(am)	Sun	Adventist World Radio Board	Online Meeting
25(am)	Sun	Hope Channel International Board	Online Meeting
25(pm)	Sun	AIAS Board	Online Meeting
26(am)	Mon	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting

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27(am)	Tue	Adventist University of Africa Board	Online Meeting
28(am)	Wed	Church Manual Committee	Online Meeting
29(am)	Thu	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Online Meeting
29(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Online Meeting
29(pm)	Thu	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Online Meeting

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3(am)	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
5(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)-7	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
6(eve)-12	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Tue	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Tue	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
11(pm)	Tue	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD
17-18	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
17-18	Mon	Health Ministries World Advisory	Online Meeting
19-20	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI
21(pm)	Fri	Andrews University Board Governance Committee	Berrien Springs MI

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23	Sun	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
23(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
24-30	Mon	IWM Re-entry (Family)	Silver Spring MD
24(am)	Mon	Andrews University Board	Berrien Springs MI

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1-2	Tue	Global Healthcare Conference	Online Meeting
30(pm)	Wed	ARM and GICV Board	Silver Spring MD

December 2022

1(am)	Thu	ARM and GICV Board Meeting	Silver Spring MD
12-13	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA

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17-21	Mon	WAD Prime Week	Abidjan, CI
23	Sun	WAD Publishing Administrative Committee Meeting	<u>Online</u>
23	Sun	ADRA WAD Management Committee Meeting	<u>Online</u>
24-26	Mon	Division-Union/Inst. Officers Consultation	<u>Online</u>
27	Thu	BOE Meeting (Morning)	<u>Online</u>
27	Fri	BMTE Meeting (Afternoon)	<u>Online</u>
28	Fri	YEC Attendants Arrival to Abidjan	
30	Sun	Strategic Planning/Budgeting Session	Abidjan, CI

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31	Mon	President/Secretaries/Treasurers' Council	Abidjan, CI
<u>November 2022</u>			
1-3	Tue	Division Year-End Council	Abidjan, CI
4	Fri	YEC Attendants Departure from Abidjan	
9-11	Mon	CAUM Year-end Meeting*	Libreville, Gabon
14-16	Mon	ENUC Year-end Meeting*	Aba, Nigeria
14-16	Mon	CMUM Year-end Meeting	Yaoundé, Cameroon
14-16	Mon	NNUC Year-end Meeting	Abuja, Nigeria
20	Sab	Orphans and Vulnerable Children's day	All Churches
21-23	Mon	ESUM Year-end Meeting*	Lomé, Togo
21-23	Mon	WAUM Year-end Meeting	Monrovia, Liberia
23-27	Wed	NOGH Session/Year-end Meeting*	Kumasi, Ghana
28-30	Sun	SGUC Year-end Meeting*	Accra, Ghana
28-30	Sun	WSUM Year-end Meeting	Libreville, Gabon
28-30	Sun	WNUC Year-end Meeting	Lagos, Nigeria
<u>December 2022</u>			
2	Fri	Advent Press Meeting*	Accra, Ghana
January 2023			
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		VVU*	

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

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**WADCOM-22 AUTHORIZED MEETINGS 2023**

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>January 2023</u>			
4-6	Mon	WAD SSPM advisory	Lomé, Togo
6-7	Fri	White Estate Board Consultation	Kent Island MD
7	Sab	Sabbath of Prayer	All Churches
11-21	Wed	10 Days of Prayer	All Churches
23-Feb 11	Mon	IWM Mission Institute.	Chiang Mai THAILAND
25	Wed	Children’s Ministries Advisory (GC)	Online Meeting
31-Feb 2	Tue	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Committee	Online Meeting
<u>February 2023</u>			
5-11	Sun	WAD Education Week	All Churches
6-7	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Ethics Committee	Online Meeting
14-16	Tue	Secretariat World Advisory	Online Meeting
22-23	Wed	Adventist Volunteer Service Advisory	Online Meeting
23	Thu	AUA University Council	Online Meeting
27-28	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA
<u>March 2023</u>			
1	Wed	GRI Operating Committee	Loma Linda CA
1-11	Wed	WAD Pentecost 2023 (Phase 1)	ENUC/Every Union
5(pm)	Sun	Andrews University Executive Committee	Berrien Springs MI
6	Mon	Andrews University Board Committees	Berrien Springs MI
6(pm)	Mon	Andrews University Seminary Executive Com	Berrien Springs MI
7(am)	Tue	Andrews University Board of Trustees	Berrien Springs MI
7(pm)	Tue	Andrews University Membership	Berrien Springs MI
14-15	Tue	Global Leadership Conf for Newly Elected Leaders	Online Meeting
20-23	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
22(am)	Wed	Encyclopedia of SDAs Editorial Board	Online Meeting
22(pm)	Wed	Ellen G White Estate Board	Silver Spring MD
23(am)	Thu	General Conference Leadership Council	Online Meeting
27(am)	Mon	ADRA International Board	Online Meeting
28(am)	Tue	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Online Meeting
28(am)	Tue	ASI Coordinating Committee	Online Meeting
29(am)	Wed	Adventist World Radio Board	Online Meeting
29(am)	Wed	Hope Channel International Board	Online Meeting
29(am)	Wed	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting

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30(am) Thu IRLA Board Online Meeting

April 2023

1 Sab Sabbath of Prayer All Churches  
 2(am) Sun International Board of Education Silver Spring MD  
 2(am) Sun International Board of Min & Theol Ed Silver Spring MD  
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April 2023 contd

3 Mon Presidents Council Silver Spring MD  
 3 Mon Secretaries Council Silver Spring MD  
 3 Mon Treasurers Council Silver Spring MD  
 4-5 Tue Global Mission Issues Committee Silver Spring MD  
 4(eve) Tue Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll & Univ Silver Springs MD  
 5(pm) Wed GC & Division Officers Silver Spring MD  
 6(am) Thu Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee Silver Spring MD  
 6(pm) Thu General Conference Mission Board Silver Spring MD  
 10-11 Mon Spring Meeting Silver Spring MD  
 13-18 Thu GC and Division Treasury Leadership Summit Loma Linda CA  
 13(am) Thu Loma Linda University Health Constituency Mtg Loma Linda CA  
 13(pm) Thu Loma Linda University Health Organizing Boards Loma Linda CA  
 17-May 6 Mon IWM Mission Institute Istanbul TURKEY  
 17-18 Mon Biblical Research Institute Committee Loma Linda CA  
 19-24 Wed Hope Channel Network Leadership Conference Johannesburg SOUTH  
 AFRICA  
 19-20 Wed Faith and Science Council Loma Linda CA  
 24-26 Wed AUA University Council Nairobi, Kenya

April 2023

8-15 Sab WAD Impact Week of Prayer All Churches  
 15 Sab World Impact Day-Missionary Book Distribution day All Churches

May 2023

1-2 Mon WAD Mid-Year Meeting Online Meeting

May 2023

11-13 Thu Intl Leadership Conf for CHM, WM, and FM Online Meeting  
 12-27 Fri Europe for Christ TED & EUD  
 22-23 Mon Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees Loma Linda CA  
 31(pm) Wed ARM and GICV Board Committees Silver Spring MD

June 2023

1(am) Thu ARM and GICV Board Meeting Silver Spring MD  
 5-11 Mon IWM Re-entry (Family & Teen) Berrien Springs MI  
 5-8 Mon Prime Time Silver Spring MD  
 26-Jul 15 Mon IWM Mission Institute Chiang Mai  
 THAILAND



July 2023

1	Sab	Sabbath of Prayer	All Churches
5-15	Wed	Faith and Science Conference	BU, Nigeria
17-18	Mon	WAD Writers' Seminar	
21-27	Fri	FPWG Strategic Planning Retreat	
26	Wed	AUA University Council	Online Meeting

August 2023

13-19	Sun	WAD Pathfinder Camporee	VVU, Accra Ghana
21-24	Mon	IRLA World Congress	National Harbor MD
26-Sep 3	Sat	Ellen G White Estate Advisory	Berrien Springs MI
28-29	Mon	Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees	Loma Linda CA

September 2023

5-10	Tue	Global Youth Leadership Congress	Online Meeting
6-7	Wed	Global Leadership Conference	Online Meeting
11-14	Mon	Prime Time	Silver Spring MD
<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>

September 2023 contd

18(am)	Mon	IBE Programs Review Committee	Online Meeting
20(am)	Wed	International Board of Education	Online Meeting
20(am)	Wed	International Board of Min & Theol Ed (IBMTE)	Online Meeting
21(am)	Thu	Accred Assoc of SDA Sch, Coll, & Univ	Online Meeting
23-25	Sat	GCDO: God's End-time Church—The Future	Silver Spring MD
26(pm)	Tue	GCAS Board	Silver Spring MD
27(am)	Wed	Adventist University of Africa Board	Silver Spring MD
27(pm)	Wed	AIAS Board	Silver Spring MD
28(am)	Thu	IRLA Board	Silver Spring MD
28(pm)	Thu	Adventist World Radio Board	Silver Spring MD
29(am)	Fri	Hope Channel International Board	Silver Spring MD

October 2023

1(am)	Sun	Adventist AIDS International Ministry Board	Silver Spring MD
1(am)	Sun	Institute for the Prevention of Addictions Board	Silver Spring MD
1(pm)	Sun	ADRA International Board	Silver Spring MD
2	Mon	Presidents Council	Silver Spring MD
2	Mon	Secretaries Council	Silver Spring MD
2	Mon	Treasurers Council	Silver Spring MD
3(am)	Tue	GC & Division Officers	Silver Spring MD
3(pm)	Tue	Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee	Silver Spring MD
4(am)	Wed	General Conference Mission Board	Silver Spring MD
4(pm)	Wed	Church Manual Committee	Silver Spring MD
5-6	Thu	LEAD Conference	Silver Spring MD
7	Sab	Sabbath of Prayer	All Churches
5-11	Thu	Annual Council	Silver Spring MD
16-17	Mon	Biblical Research Institute Committee	Berrien Springs MI
18-19	Wed	Faith and Science Council	Berrien Springs MI

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14-28 Wed Hope Channel Pentecost 2023 (Phase 2) ENUC/Every Union

November 2023

29(pm) Wed ARM and GICV Board Committees Silver Spring MD  
 30(am) Thu ARM and GICV Board Meeting Silver Spring MD

December 2023

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

October 2023 contd.

16-20 Mon WAD Prime Week Abidjan, CI  
 22 Sun WAD Publishing Administrative Committee Meeting Online  
 22 Sun ADRA WAD Management Committee Meeting Online  
 23-25 Mon Division-Union/Inst. Officers Consultation Online  
 26 Thu BOE Meeting (Morning) Online  
 26 Thu BMTE Meeting (Afternoon) Online  
 27 Fri YEC Attendants Arrival to Aba, Nigeria  
 29 Sun Strategic Planning/Budgeting Session Aba, Nigeria  
 30 Mon President/Secretaries/Treasurers' Council. Aba, Nigeria  
 31 Tue LEAD Conference Aba, Nigeria  
 29-31 Wed Division Year-End Council Aba, Nigeria

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1 Wed YEC Attendants Departure from Aba, Nigeria  
 1-4 Wed SDA Church Centenary Celebration Aba, Nigeria  
  
 8-10 Mon ENUC Year-end Meeting Aba, Nigeria  
 8-10 Mon NNUC Year-end Meeting Abuja, Nigeria  
 8-10 Mon WNUC Year-end Meeting\* Lagos, Nigeria  
  
 15-17 Mon CAUM Year-end Meeting Libreville, Gabon  
 15-17 Mon CMUM Year-end Meeting\* Yaoundé, Cameroon  
 15-17 Mon ESUM Year-end Meeting Lomé, Togo  
  
 18 Sab Orphans and Vulnerable Children's day All Churches  
  
 22-24 Mon WAUM Year-end Meeting\* Monrovia, Liberia  
 22-24 Mon NOGH Year-end Meeting Kumasi, Ghana  
 22-24 Wed WSUM Session/Year-end Meeting Dakar, Senegal  
  
 28 Tue Advent Press Meeting\* Accra, Ghana  
 29-Dec 1 Sun SGUC Year-end Meeting\* Accra, Ghana

January 2024

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VVU\*

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

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Chapter 36—The Impending Conflict

From the very beginning of the great controversy in heaven it has been Satan's purpose to overthrow the law of God. It was to accomplish this that he entered upon his rebellion against the Creator, and though he was cast out of heaven he has continued the same warfare upon the earth. To deceive men, and thus lead them to transgress God's law, is the object which he has steadfastly pursued. Whether this be accomplished by casting aside the law altogether, or by rejecting one of its precepts, the result will be ultimately the same. He that offends "in one point," manifests contempt for the whole law; his influence and example are on the side of transgression; he becomes "guilty of all." James 2:10.

In seeking to cast contempt upon the divine statutes, Satan has perverted the doctrines of the Bible, and errors have thus become incorporated into the faith of thousands who profess to believe the Scriptures. The last great conflict between truth and error is but the final struggle of the long-standing controversy concerning the law of God. Upon this battle we are now entering—a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition.

The agencies which will unite against truth and righteousness in this contest are now actively at work. God's holy word, which has been handed down to us at such a cost of suffering and blood, is but little valued. The Bible is within the reach of all, but there are few who really accept it as the guide of life. Infidelity prevails to an alarming extent, not in the world merely, but in the church. Many have come to deny doctrines which are the very pillars of the Christian faith. The great facts of creation as presented by the inspired writers, the fall of man, the atonement, and the perpetuity of the law of God, are practically rejected,

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either wholly or in part, by a large share of the professedly Christian world. Thousands who pride themselves upon their wisdom and independence regard it as an evidence of weakness to place implicit confidence in the Bible; they think it a proof of superior talent and learning to cavil at the Scriptures and to spiritualize and explain away their most important truths. Many ministers are teaching their people, and many professors and teachers are instructing their students, that the law of God has been changed or abrogated; and those who regard its requirements as still valid, to be literally obeyed, are thought to be deserving only of ridicule or contempt.

In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. In trampling upon the law of God, they deny the authority of the Law-giver. It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone. By misrepresenting the attributes of God, Satan leads men to conceive of Him in a false character. With many, a philosophical idol is enthroned in the place of Jehovah; while the living God, as He is revealed in His word, in Christ, and in the works of creation, is worshiped by but few. Thousands deify nature while they deny the God of nature. Though in a different form, idolatry exists in the Christian world today as verily as it existed among ancient Israel in the days of Elijah. The god of many professedly wise men, of philosophers, poets, politicians, journalists—the god of polished fashionable circles, of many colleges and universities, even of some theological institutions—is little better than Baal, the sun-god of Phoenicia.

No error accepted by the Christian world strikes more boldly against the authority of Heaven, none is more directly opposed to the dictates of reason, none is more pernicious in its results, than the modern doctrine, so rapidly gaining ground, that God's law is no longer binding upon men. Every nation has its laws, which command respect and obedience; no government could exist without them; and can it be conceived that the Creator of the heavens and the earth has no law to govern the beings He has made? Suppose that prominent ministers were publicly to teach that the statutes which govern their land and protect the rights of its citizens were not obligatory—that they restricted the liberties of the people, and therefore ought not to be obeyed; how long would such men be tolerated in the pulpit? But is it a graver offense to disregard the laws of states and nations than to trample upon those divine precepts which are the foundation of all government?

It would be far more consistent for nations to abolish their statutes, and permit the people to do as they please, than for the Ruler of the universe to annul His law, and leave the world without a standard to condemn the guilty or justify the obedient. Would we know the result

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of making void the law of God? The experiment has been tried. Terrible were the scenes enacted in France when atheism became the controlling power. It was then demonstrated to the world that to throw off the restraints which God has imposed is to accept the rule of the cruelest of tyrants. When the standard of righteousness is set aside, the way is open for the prince of evil to establish his power in the earth.

Wherever the divine precepts are rejected, sin ceases to appear sinful or righteousness desirable. Those who refuse to submit to the government of God are wholly unfitted to govern themselves. Through their pernicious teachings the spirit of insubordination is implanted in the hearts of children and youth, who are naturally impatient of control; and a lawless, licentious state of society results. While scoffing at the credulity of those who obey the requirements of God, the multitudes eagerly accept the delusions of Satan. They give the rein to lust and practice the sins which have called down judgments upon the heathen.

Those who teach the people to regard lightly the commandments of God sow disobedience to reap disobedience. Let the restraint imposed by the divine law be wholly cast aside, and human laws would soon be disregarded. Because God forbids dishonest practices, coveting, lying, and defrauding, men are ready to trample upon His statutes as a hindrance to their worldly prosperity; but the results of banishing these precepts would be such as they do not anticipate. If the law were not binding, why should any fear to transgress? Property would no longer be safe. Men would obtain their neighbor's possessions by violence, and the strongest would become richest. Life itself would not be respected. The marriage vow would no longer stand as a sacred bulwark to protect the family. He who had the power, would, if he desired, take his neighbor's wife by violence. The fifth commandment would be set aside with the fourth. Children would not shrink from taking the life of their parents if by so doing they could obtain the desire of their corrupt hearts. The civilized world would become a horde of robbers and assassins; and peace, rest, and happiness would be banished from the earth.

Already the doctrine that men are released from obedience to God's requirements has weakened the force of moral obligation and opened the floodgates of iniquity upon the world. Lawlessness, dissipation, and corruption are sweeping in upon us like an overwhelming tide. In the family, Satan is at work. His banner waves, even in professedly Christian households. There is envy, evil surmising, hypocrisy, estrangement, emulation, strife, betrayal of sacred trusts, indulgence of lust. The whole system of religious principles and doctrines, which should form the foundation and framework of social life, seems to be

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a tottering mass, ready to fall to ruin. The vilest of criminals, when thrown into prison for their offenses, are often made the recipients of gifts and attentions as if they had attained an enviable distinction. Great publicity is given to their character and crimes. The press publishes the revolting details of vice, thus initiating others into the practice of fraud, robbery, and murder; and Satan exults in the success of his hellish schemes. The infatuation of vice, the wanton taking of life, the terrible increase of intemperance and iniquity of every order and degree, should arouse all who fear God, to inquire what can be done to stay the tide of evil.