A MOMENT IN TIME

A History of the *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook*
The History of the Yearbook
Action taken by the General Conference session, December 18, 1882 and printed in the Advent Review

Thirteenth Meeting, 4 p. m.—Prayer by Eld. J. Fargo.
The following resolutions were introduced, considered, and adopted at this meeting:—

Resolved, That Eld. E. W. Farnsworth be recommended to labor a part of the year, as the way may open, in the Missouri Conference.

Resolved, That we consider the tract and missionary work, in its different phases, one of great importance, and we recommend that special efforts be put forth for the increased circulation of all our periodicals.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this General Conference that the blessing of God attends the canvassing work; and we think that an experience in this work is an excellent preparation to efficiency in other departments of the cause.

Resolved, That we request the President of the General Conference to arrange with the Publishing Committee of the S. D. A. Publishing Association to publish a book to be entitled, “The Seventh-day Adventist Year-Book,” which shall contain such portions of the proceedings of the General Conference, and such other matters, as the Committee may think best to insert therein.
All will see that this work will be one containing many important items. This will be a new feature in our experience as a people. We have long felt the need of some such work containing these facts; and many have felt the want of this in the past. How much should we prize such a work had it been kept during every year of our past history! What a marked growth would appear, and how interesting it would be to look over the list of officers and the proceedings of different societies, covering all our past history! We think every member of our Conferences and tract societies, all the officers of our churches and other organizations throughout the field, will desire this work, as will every one who has any interest in the prosperity of the work, and desires to be well informed concerning what our people are doing.

We have been somewhat perplexed to know how many copies to print. We would be glad if all the presidents of our Conferences, tract societies, etc., would immediately report the number they will probably want. The price in paper covers will probably not exceed 20 cents, and in flexible covers 25 cents. We shall try to have the book present an attractive appearance, and to make it one that our people will want to keep constantly by them for future reference. This whole matter is something of an experiment. If our people do not feel an interest in obtaining such a book, we may not venture again to print it; but we trust there will be a general desire on the part of all our brethren to obtain it. Let us hear at once from all parts of the field concerning the number desired in each locality, so that we may be able to tell how many to print.

Geo. I. Butler.
3. Whereas, The Year Book of 1883 has been received with general favor, and has seemed to satisfactorily meet the object of its publication; therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend the publication of such a work each year, and that, in addition to such matter as appeared in the first number, it also contain a full list of the names of all our ministers, with their post-office addresses, and a brief history of the rise and progress of our work, especially noticing the operations and progress of the current year.

The first resolution was also adopted by a rising vote of the congregation. With reference to the third resolution it was—

Voted, That the matter of preparing the Year Book for 1884 be assigned to a committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair. The Chair named W. H. Littlejohn, H. A. St. John, and M. C. Wilcox as this committee.

Adjourned to call of Chair.
THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1895.

Wednesday, 3 P.M., March 6.


Prayer by Elder Irwin.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE.—Elder Moon stated to the Committee that at present he was serving as a transportation agent of the denomination, with office at Chicago, and Bro. P.A. Buzzell marketing in his name, while himself was laboring in other fields, and that he would not feel free to thus permit the business to be continued another year. It was suggested by brethren Henry and Tait that it was desirable to secure different quarters at Chicago if the International Religious Liberty Association and transportation business were to be continued. It being difficult to decide upon anything definite relating to these questions, it was—

Voted, To constitute Elders Moon and Tait and Bro. Henry a committee to give the matter special consideration, and to report at a future meeting.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN.—According to previous arrangement, Elder Tait made a report on the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, substantially as follows:

Receipts on BULLETIN to date, $4464.25
Cost to date not to exceed, $3800.00
Gain, $664.25
Estimated cost of seven additional numbers to complete the two yrs., $1050.00
Loss on Year Book: 1892, $350.00; 1893, $983.72; 1894, $192.35.
GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN.
PUBLISHED QUARTERNLY.


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Terms, 50 Cents Per Year.

JOHN, THE BELOVED.

(Read by Elder A. T. Jones, at the Closing Meeting of the Conference.)

[The following melodious poem was found, about eight years ago, in a magazine published in Philadelphia. Be beauty of language, fervor of feeling, and created religious sentiment, claim for it a wider circulation than it has yet attained.]

I am growing very old. This weary head
That hath so often leaned on Jesus' breast,
In days long past that seem almost a dream,
In calm and heavy with its weight of years.
These limbs that followed him — my Master — on
From Galilee to Judah; yes, that stood
Beneath the cross, and trembled with his griefs,
Rufuse to bear me even through the streets
To preach more to my children. Even my lips
Rufuse to form the words my heart sends forth.
My ears are dull, they scarcely hear the echo
Of my dear children gathered round my couch;
God lays his hand upon me — yes, his hand
And not his rod — the gentle hand that I felt,
Those three years, so often pressed to mine
In friendship such as pasante woman's love.

I am old — too old I cannot recollect
The faces of my friends, and I forget
The woods and deeds that make up daily life;
But that dear face and every word he spoke
Grew more distinct as colors fade away
So that I live with him and holy dead
More than with the living.

Some seventy years ago
I was a fisher by the sacred sea.
It was at sunset. How the tranquil tide
Bushed dreamily the pellies! How the light
Crested the distant hills, and in its wake
Soh, purple shadows wrapped the dewy fishes!
And then he came and called me. Then I gazed,
For the first time, on that sweet face. Those eyes
From out of which, as from a window, alone
Divinity, hooked on my immortal soul
And lighted it forever. Then his words
Drove on the silence of my heart, and made
The whole world musical. Inrinate Love
Took hold of me, and claimed me for its own.
I followed in the twilight, holding fast
His mantle.

Oh, what holy walks we had,
Through harvest fields and desolate, dreary wastes!
And oftentimes he leaned upon my arm,
Weared as we wors. I was young and strong.
And so upborne him, Lord, now I am weak.
And old, and feeble! Let me rest on thee!
So, put thine arm around me. Closer still!
How strong thou art! The twilight draws apace.
Come, let us leave these noisy streets, and take
The path to Bethany: for Mary's smile
Awaits us at her gate, and Martha's hands
Have long prepared the cheerful evening meal;
Come, James, the Master's widder; and Peter, too,
Has gone some steps before.

What say you, friends!
That this is Ephesus, and Christ has gone
Back to his kingdom! Ay, 'tis so, 'tis so.
I knew it all; and yet, just now I seem
To stand once more upon my native hills,
And touch my Master. O, how oft I have seen
The touching of his garment bring back strength
To pained limbs! I feel it has to mine.

UP! I bear me once more to my church! Once more
There let me tell them of a Saviour's love;
For, by the sweetness of my Master's voice
Just now, I think he must be very near—
Coming. I trust, to break the veil, which time
Has worn so thin that I can see beyond,
And watch his footsteps.

So, raise my head.
How dark it is! I cannot seem to see
The faces of my flock. Is that the sea
That murmurs so, or is it weeping by? Hush,
My little children! God so loved the world.
He gave his Son. So love ye one another.
My legacy unto an angry world is this
I feel my work is finished. Are the streets so full
What call the folk my name — the Holy John?
May, write me rather, Jesus Christ's beloved,
And lover of my children.
After brief discussion, it was--- 

**Voted, To adopt the following arrangement:**---

1. To issue the BULLETIN quarterly during the General Conference biennial period, in a single volume, at fifty cents for the entire time, including the Extras during the General Conference sessions.

2. To issue the next number in April; it being understood that it should contain a workers' directory, a grouping of all the resolutions and actions of the Conference recently held, together with an index of the proceedings of the same, etc.

3. To cut off all copies in clubs to delegates and schools, except in cases where twenty-five cents additional is paid on single subscriptions.

4. To close the orders for bound copies with the April number, and send to all subscribers for same.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Elder Durland asked counsel in regard to refunding tuition to students of Bible school under circumstances of necessary absence or temporary discontinuance of the school, etc.

**Moved** by Prof. Prescott, and seconded by Elder Porter, that tuition to students attending the Bible school be refunded for time of General Conference, and for necessary absence for any period of two weeks.
To Bulletin Subscribers

Anticipating that the Bulletin would be discontinued between sessions of the General Conference, no call was made for two-year subscriptions at the last conference. Several hundred, however, sent in seventy-five cents, as formerly. All of these will receive the Year Book for 1904, which takes the place of the Bulletin directory. Let others who desire the directory place orders at once with the State office or the General Conference office, as the matter is already in the hands of the printers. The price is twenty-five cents.

W. A. Spicer,
Secretary.
In the issue of the Toronto World for December 9 there appeared, without any abridgment, the matter contained in the tract, "Elihu on the Sabbath," occupying nearly four columns of the paper, which has a circulation of twenty-three thousand copies. One of the local brethren met the expense of publishing the truth in this way, and Brother G. B. Thompson writes that "it is doing good, as we know already." There may be a suggestion for others in this experience.

A church of fifty-one members has just been organized in this city, and now holds regular services in a hall at the corner of 14th and U Streets, N.W. Brother L. C. Sheafe is in charge of this congregation, and is conducting a series of meetings in the same hall. There is a good attendance at the Sunday evening services, and additions to this church may be expected. This new church is too early, and would interfere seriously with our plans, to send the paper to press on Friday, and it follows that Monday morning is the earliest time practicable to begin to print the paper. The mailing begins on Tuesday morning, the papers for the conferences just east of the Rocky Mountains being sent out first. All the papers are mailed as quickly as is possible after they are printed, with the purpose to reach all the subscribers east of the Rocky Mountains before the following Sabbath. After we have built our own printing plant, as we hope to do next season, we can go to press one day earlier, and we shall thus be able to serve our subscribers better. In the meantime we shall do the best we can under the circumstances. The fact that the paper is dated on Thursday, instead of Tuesday as formerly, does not make any difference in the time of mailing. We could not go to press any earlier if the paper was dated
H E Rogers in his early 20s, as GC stenographer.
1941 Yearbook – last one with H E Rogers listed as the Statistical Secretary of the General Conference
F Donald Yost, 1st General Conference Archivist
The 2017 Yearbook is the 124th edition

How has It Changed Over the Years?
The Seventh-day Adventist 1882 statistics in the 1883 Yearbook

schools organized as soon as practicable. But they wish to move cautiously, and to conform as far as possible to the recommendations of this Conference in regard to this matter.

FIFTEENTH MEETING, Dec. 10, 3:30 p.m.—Prayer by Eld. J. H. Waggener.

The Committee on Church Quarterly Meetings reported as follows:

The Committee recommend that the church quarterly meetings be held the first Saturday and first-day in December, March, June, and September, and that one of the members of the Executive Committee of each Home Conference hold a general meeting in each district within the bounds of their respective Conferences as often as in three months if possible, this new arrangement to take effect March 1, 1883.

This was amended by inserting the expression, 'or some minister whom they may appoint,' after the words 'Bishop Conference,' and finally laid upon the table.

The committee-appointed to consider the wants of the Scandinavian mission, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Considerable sums of money have been sent by our Scandinavian brethren to men who were strangers, and in some cases to unworthy persons; and—

Whereas, The General Conference Committee exercises a watchful care for the wants and necessities of all the missions, receiving authentic information from our experienced missionaries, and is thus prepared to judge of the importance of private appeals; therefore—

Resolved, That it is the safe and wiser plan for all persons wishing to aid the European missions to forward their donations to the authorized treasurers of the admission funds.

Whereas, The building in Christiansburg, Norway, is in process for printing and holding meetings, is larger than is necessary, and will require a large amount of means to provide for interest and future payments; and—

Resolved, That we approve of their effort to sell, and make other arrangements.

The following resolutions were then presented by the Committee on Resolutions, and adopted:

Resolved, That we express our unabated confidence in the Testimonial which has been so graciously given to this people, which has guided our ways and corrected our errors. From the rise of the third angel's message to the present time, and that we especially express our gratitude for Testimony No. 21, which we accept as a token of the love of God over us—so evident that he has not forsaken us, notwithstanding our backslidings.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to the brethren of the New York and Pennsylvania Conferences, and especially to the church at Roe, N. Y., our sincere thanks for the cordial reception extended by them to this Conference, and for their generous hospitality while we have been with them.
2016 Annual Statistical Report

152nd Report of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists® for 2014 and 2015

(Revisions made 29-Sept-2016. See last page for list of changes.)
Through 1954 the YB was approximately 5x7½ inches with slight variations. The overall size of the Yearbook changed in 1955 to the 6x9 inches still used today.
The 2011 Yearbook weighed 3 lbs, 4.4 oz
In comparison the 2016 Yearbook weighed 1 lb, 11.7 oz with the CD included!
Engravings – this one from the 1888 Yearbook – labeled the Central SDA Publishing House, Battle Creek, Michigan
PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

There have been two sessions of the General Conference Committee since the last session of the Conference in the autumn of 1889. The first session was held Dec. 26, 1889, to Jan. 9, 1890; the second, July 8–30, 1890. Below are given such extracts from the minutes of these meetings, as we think will be of special interest to the readers of the Year Book.

SESSION DECEMBER 26, 1889, TO JANUARY 9, 1890.


COMMITTEES APPOINTED.


ON DUTIES OF DISTRICT CANVASSING AGENTS, AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME THEY ARE TO DEVOTE TO GENERAL WORK IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.—C. Eldridge, R. M. Kilgore, D. T. Jones.

ON DUTIES OF DISTRICT SABBATH-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS, AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME THEY ARE TO DEVOTE TO GENERAL WORK IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.—W. C. White, R. A. Underwood, E. W. Farnsworth.


ON RAISING OF FUNDS.—W. C. White, E. W. Farnsworth, R. A. Underwood.


CHANGE OF LABORERS.

Paul E. Gros was recommended to labor for a time among the French in Pennsylvania.

It was recommended that D. T. Fero attend the Ministers' Bible School; and after that is over, make Idaho his field of labor.

It was recommended that T. E. Bowen and wife, of Pennsylvania, go to West Virginia; she to act as Secretary of the Tract Society, and he to engage in the canvassing work; and that J. B. Beck and wife, of Michigan, go to Arkansas to labor; she to take the position of Secretary of the Tract Society, and he to engage in canvassing.

R. S. Weibe, of Maine, was recommended to remain in Battle Creek, after the close of the Ministers’ School, and labor in the interests of the Battle Creek church.

J. O. Corliss was instructed to labor in Washington, D. C., under the direction of the National Religious Liberty Association, as long as that Association may think it best for him to remain there.
The 1907 Yearbook contained a report from 1906 listing significant Church events and activities.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY FOR 1906.**
Arranged chronologically.

- February 28, occurred the dedication of the Melrose Sanitarium, which had been rebuilt after its partial destruction by fire Jan, 1, 1905. March 2 the buildings of the Eschol school, located near Quitman, Miss., destroyed by a cyclone.
- April 4-11, General Conference Committee council held in Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.
- The Loma Linda Sanitarium, located near Redlands, Cal., was dedicated on the 15th of April.
- April 18 occurred an earthquake in the central portion of California, which resulted in the destruction of about ten square miles of property in San Francisco, taking, in the general loss of about three hundred and fifty million dollars, the following enterprises which were conducted by our people: The Vegetarian Café, the “Home” for Workers, the Branch Sanitarium, and food store, Dr. Lamb’s private sanitarium, and the homes of many of the brethren and sisters.
## Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1989

### North America 1989

(Nota: A Church Budget Offering is scheduled for the first Sabbath of each month, except January and December when it is scheduled for the fifth Sabbath. A Conference Development Advance Offering is scheduled for the fourth Sabbath of each month, except April and December when it is scheduled for the fifth Sabbath.)

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### Appropriate amounts for Mission Work – 1912 Yearbook

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#### General Conference Appropriations for Mission Work for 1912

These appropriations are designed to provide for the mission fields in foreign lands, the home mission fields,—as the great cities of the East, with their vast foreign populations, the millions of colored people of the South, the frontier regions beyond the resources of the local conferences of Canada, and on the border toward Mexico,—and the general administrative and departmental expense of the General Conference. These appropriations are not a resource to each field only as funds are available, the funds being distributed on a prorata basis. The amounts are as follows:

- Brazilian Union Conference: $9,000
- Bahama Mission: $500
- China Union Mission: $49,000
- Hawaiian Mission: $450
- India Union Mission: $33,900
- Japan Mission: $12,800
- Korean Mission: $14,000
- Malaysian Mission: $5,750
- Mexican Mission: $10,000
His Sacrifice

By Helen S. Porter

I was reading a poem the day before last,
The sentiment in it was fine;
But I said to myself, "Does it really pay
To give most of what I can call 'mine!'"

Then I dreamed of the Saviour, and what He went through
That I might have e'erlasting life;
And I felt so ashamed of my poor, wretched gifts
As compared to His great sacrifice
That I fell on my knees and I prayed He'd forgive
Unwillingness—my greatest sin;
And I promised my all to lay at His feet,
That I, too, might many souls win.

I feel sure He will bless me for what I can do
In making this Message advance;
And I'm glad He was willing, in mercy and love,
To give me, a poor sinner, the chance.
Necrologies – 1997 Yearbook
“Miss” and “Mrs” were used in the Yearbook for many years to identify whether women were single or married. Here is a page from the 1939 Yearbook.
Two women are still identified as Mrs in every Yearbook; they served as General Conference Treasurers:
Mrs A P Van Horn – Feb 7, 1871-Mar 11, 1873; and
Mrs M J Chapman – Sept 20, 1877 – Nov 8, 1883.
*(GC Treasurers from page 18, 2017 Yearbook)*

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CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

AS AMENDED TO JAN. 1, 1883.

For the purpose of securing unity and efficiency in labor, and promoting the general interests of the cause of present truth, and of perfecting the organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the several States, a General Conference, by virtue of the following Constitution, and the laws thereunto, is hereby summoned to meet at Battle Creek, Michigan, on the first Monday in July, A.D. 1883, at which time and place, the business of the Organization shall be transacted.

ART. I—This Conference shall be called the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and shall be composed of delegates from the several States, and such ministers as shall have been employed as missionaries during any part of the year.

ART. II.—SECTION 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of three, of whom the President shall be one.

ART. III.—The powers of the Executive Committee shall be such as to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number by death, resignation, or otherwise.

ART. IV.—The duties of the President and Secretary shall be such as to keep an account of the same, and make a full report thereof to the regular meetings of the Conference.

ART. V.—SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to take the general supervision of all ministerial labor, and see that the same is properly distributed; and they shall take the special supervision of all missionary labor, and as a missionary board shall have the power to decide where such labor is needed, and who shall go as missionaries to perform the same, and they shall audit and settle accounts with ministers and others in the employ of the Conference.

ART. VI.—Each State Conference shall be entitled to one delegate in the General Conference; and one additional delegate for every twenty delegates in the State Conference, such delegates to the General Conference to be chosen by the State Conferences or their Committees; Provided, That such delegates to such State Conferences shall be elected according to the following rules, to wit: Each church to the number of twenty members or under, shall be entitled to one delegate, and one delegate for every additional fifteen members.

ART. VII.—The officers shall be elected at the regular meetings of the Conference, and shall hold their offices for the term of one year, or until their successors are chosen.

ART. VIII.—SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Conference shall be held annually, and the time and place of holding the same shall be determined by the Executive Committee, by whom due notice thereof shall be given through the Press.

ART. IX.—Special meetings may be called at the option of the Committee.

ART. X.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any meeting.
Constitution and Bylaws of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

CONSTITUTION of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

This organization shall be known as the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE I—NAME

The purpose of the General Conference is to teach all nations the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the commandments of God.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

The General Conference conducts much of its work through its divisions, which in turn are comprised of unions in specific areas of the world. Each division of the General Conference is authorized to carry out responsibilities in the territory assigned to it. It shall act in full harmony with the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, the General Conference Working Policy, and actions of the Executive Committee.

In order to carry the authority of the General Conference, the actions of divisional committees shall, of necessity, be in harmony with and complementary to the decisions of the General Conference in Session, and the actions of the General Conference Executive Committee between Sessions.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. The membership of the General Conference shall consist of:

a. All unions that have been or shall be properly organized and accepted by vote of the General Conference in Session on the churches and unions thereto attached.

b. Local conferences, unions, and other bodies of like character, that are attached to the General Conference or a division of the General Conference.

Local conferences, unions, and other bodies of like character, that are attached to the General Conference or a division of the General Conference shall be in full harmony with and complementary to the decisions of the General Conference in Session, the actions of the General Conference Executive Committee between Sessions, and the working policy of the General Conference.

ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Sec. 1. The General Conference shall hold quadrennial Sessions at such time and place as the General Conference Executive Committee shall designate and announce by notice published in the Adventist Review or Adventist World or other publications voted by the General Conference Executive Committee for that purpose. The resolutions of the General Conference shall be in full harmony with and complementary to decisions of the General Conference in Session, and the actions of the General Conference Executive Committee between Sessions.

Sec. 2. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have special sessions at such time and place as the General Conference shall designate and announce by notice published in the Adventist Review or Adventist World or other publications voted by the General Conference Executive Committee for that purpose. The resolutions of the General Conference shall be in full harmony with and complementary to decisions of the General Conference in Session, and the actions of the General Conference Executive Committee between Sessions.

Sec. 3. The General Conference shall hold quadrennial Sessions in the month of June.

Sec. 4. The General Conference shall act by a two-thirds vote of those present.

Sec. 5. The General Conference shall be in full harmony with and complementary to decisions of the General Conference in Session, and the actions of the General Conference Executive Committee between Sessions.
FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Seventh-day Adventists hold certain fundamental beliefs, the principal features of which, together with a portion of the scriptural references upon which they are based, may be summarized as follows:

1. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, contain an all-sufficient revelation of His will to men, and are the only unerring rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:15-17.

2. That the Godhead, or Trinity, consists of the Eternal Father, a personal, spiritual Being, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, infinite in wisdom and love; the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, through whom all things were created and through whom the salvation of the redeemed hosts will be accomplished; the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, the great regenerating power in the work of redemption. Matt. 28:19.

3. That Jesus Christ is very God, being of the same nature and essence as the Eternal Father. While retaining His divine nature He took upon Himself the nature of the human family, lived on the earth as a man, exemplified in His life as our Example the principles of righteousness, attested His relationship to God by many mighty miracles, died for our sins on the cross, was raised from the dead, and ascended to the Father, where He ever lives to make intercession for us. John 1:1, 14; Heb. 2:9-18; 8:1, 2; 4:14-16; 7:25.

4. That every person in order to obtain salvation must experience the new birth; that this comprises an entire transformation of life and character by the recreative power of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. John 3:16; Matt. 18:3; Acts 2:38-39.

5. That baptism is an ordinance of the Christian church and should follow repentance and forgiveness of sins. By its observance faith is shown in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. That the proper form of baptism is by immersion. Rom. 6:1-6; Acts 16:30-33.

6. That the will of God as it relates to moral conduct is comprehended in His law of ten commandments; that these are great moral, unchangeable precepts, binding upon all men, in every age. Ex. 20:1-17.

7. That the fourth commandment of this unchangeable law requires the observance of the seventh day Sabbath. This holy institution is at the same time a memorial of creation and a sign of sanctification, a sign of the believer's rest from his own works of sin, and his entrance into the rest of soul which Jesus promises to those who come to Him. Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11; 31:12-17; Heb. 4:1-10.

8. That the law of ten commandments points out sin, the penalty of which is death. The law can not save the transgressor from his sin, nor impart power to keep him from sinning. In infinite love and mercy,
Fundamental Beliefs (28) – 2017 Yearbook

FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

As amended at the 56th session held in San Antonio, Texas, United States of America, July 2 to July 11, 2016

Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These beliefs, as set forth here, constitute the church's understanding and expression of the teaching of Scripture. Revision of these statements may be expected at a General Conference Session when the church is led by the Holy Spirit to a fuller understanding of Bible truth or finds better language in which to express the teachings of God's Holy Word.

1. The Holy Scriptures
The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration. The inspired authors spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In this Word, God has committed to humanity the knowledge necessary for salvation. The Holy Scriptures are the supreme, authoritative, and infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the definitive measure of doctrine, and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history. (Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5; Is. 8:20; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Thess. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:20, 21)

2. The Trinity
There is one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-equal persons. God is immortal, almighty, all-knowing, above all, and ever present. He is infinite and beyond human comprehension, yet known through His self-revelation. God, who is love, is a forever, consecrated, consecrating, and service to the whole creation. (Gen. 1:26; Deut. 6:4; Isa. 40:28; John 4:26; 2 Cor. 1:21, 22; 13:14; Eph. 4:4; 1 Pet. 1:2)

3. The Father
God the eternal Father is the Creator, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. The qualities and powers exhibited in the Son and the Holy Spirit are also those of the Father. (Gen. 1:1; Deut. 4:32; Ps. 110:1-4; John 3:16; 14:9; 1 Cor. 15:28; 1 Tim. 1:17; John 4:8; Rev. 1:14)

4. The Son
God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were created, the character of God is revealed, the salvation of humanity is accomplished, and the world is judged. Forever truly God, He became also truly human, Jesus Christ. He was conceived of the holy spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived and experienced temptation as a human being, but perfect conformity to righteousness and love of God. By His miracles He manifested God's power and was attested as God's promised Messiah. He suffered and died voluntarily on the cross for our sins and in our place, was raised from the dead, and ascended to heaven to minister in the heavenly sanctuary in our behalf. He will come again in glory for the final deliverance of His people and the restoration of all things. (Isa. 53:4-12; Dan. 9:25-27; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-3, 14; 5:22; 16:32; 14:13; 9:13; Rom. 1:1-4; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 2:5; Col. 1:19; Heb. 2:18; 8:1, 23)

5. The Holy Spirit
God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation, and redemption. He is as much a person as are the Father and the Son. He inspired the writers of Scripture. He filled Christ's life with power. He directs and convicts human beings; and those who respond receive and transform into the image of God. Sent by the Father and the Son to be always with His children, He extends spiritual gifts to the church,proposes to the other grains to bear witness to Christ, and in harmony with the Scriptures leads it into all truth. (Gen. 1:1; 2:3; Sam. 3:5; Ps. 115:1; Isa. 61:1; Luke 1:35; 4:18; John 6:46; 10:16; 12:32; 15:26; 16:13; Acts 1:8; 5:34; 10:28; Rom. 5:5; 1 Cor. 12:7-11; Col. 1:21; 2 Peter 1:12)

6. Creation
God has revealed in Scripture the authentic and historical account of His creative activity. He created the universe, and in a recent creation he made the human being in the image and likeness of God, and rested on the seventh day. Then He established the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of the work He performed and completed during six literal days that together with the Sabbath constitute the same unit of time that we call a week today. The first man and woman were made in the image of God as the crowning work of Creation, given dominion over the world, and charged with responsibility to care for it. When the world was finished it was "very good," declaring the glory of God. (Gen. 1:2-3, 11; Exod. 20:10-11; Ps. 19:16; 33:6, 9; 104:30; 118; Acts 17:24; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:2; Ps. 8:4; Rev. 10:6; 14:7)

7. The Nature of Humanity
Man and woman were made in the image of God with individuality, the power and freedom to think and to do. Though created free beings, each is an indivisible unit of body, mind, and spirit, dependent upon God for life and breath and all else. When our first parents disobeyed God, they denied their dependence upon Him and fell from their high position. The image of God in them was marred and they became subject to death. Their descendants share this fallen nature and its consequences. They are born with weaknesses and tendencies to evil. But God in Christ reconciled the world to Himself and by His Spirit restores in partial measure the image of their Maker. Created for the glory of God, they are called to love Him and one another, and to care for their environment. (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:1, 5; 3:1-9; Gen. 1:26; 11:6; 15:5; 51:17; 2 Cor. 11:19; Eph. 2:2; 1 Thess. 5:12; 1 John 3:1; 4:7, 8, 11, 20)

8. The Great Controversy
All humanity is now involved in a great controversy between Christ and Satan regarding the character of God, His laws, and His sovereignty over the universe. This conflict originated in heaven when a created being, endowed with freedom of choice, in rebellion became Satan, God's adversary, and led into rebellion a portion of the angels. He introduced the spirit of rebellion into this world when He led Adam and Eve into sin. This sin resulted in the distortion of the image of God in humanity, the destruction of the created world, and its eventual devastation at the time of the great flood, as presented in the historical account of Genesis 1:14. Observed by the whole creation, this world became the arena of the universal conflict, out of which the God of love will ultimately be vindicated. To assist His people in this controversy, Christ sends the Holy Spirit and the loyal angels to guide, protect, and sustain them in the way of salvation. (Gen. 3:6-9; Job 1:6-12; Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:12-19; Rom. 1:19-22; 1 Cor. 2:1; 1 Peter 4:19; 1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Peter 3:12; Rev. 12:4-6)

9. The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ
In Christ's life of perfect obedience to God's will, His suffering, death, and resurrection, God provided the only means of atonement for human sin, so that those who by faith accept this atonement may have eternal life, and the whole creation may better understand the infinite and holy love of the Creator. This perfect atonement vindicates the
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PREFACE.

The present Year Book of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is the fourteenth of the series in which the denominational directories have been issued in this form. Beginning with the year 1883, a Year Book was issued annually until 1894. From that year until 1903, the directories of the denomination were issued in the "General Conference Bulletin." A Year Book is considered to be a necessary feature in connection with the work of the denomination, and its pages are intended to convey accurate information regarding all the organizations, institutions, and enterprises in any way connected with the cause. The rapidity with which changes are constantly made in the force and location of workers, and in the members of boards and committees, as well as of officers, makes it absolutely impossible to present a directory that will remain strictly accurate in every respect for a great length of time. Changes occur so frequently that a daily revision would be necessary to indicate all the modifications that are made. This fact, however, should furnish a source of gratification, indicating, as it does, the rapid advancement of the work which the cause represents. The information which the following pages contain is brought down to February 10, 1905, when the pages were closed for the press.

The closing of the matter for this book just before the end of the year 1904, makes it impossible to give statistical returns brought down to a recent date, from the fact that these returns are not received until a number of weeks later. The statistics given, therefore, are in most cases those reported for December 31, 1905, except where otherwise stated.

NOTES REGARDING THE DIRECTORY.

Those who are not familiar with the arrangement of the matter contained in these pages would do well to note the following suggestions regarding the best method of finding names and addresses. In the Table of Contents will be found the names of all Conferences, organizations, and institutions connected with the denomination. If one desires to secure the address of a laborer in a certain Conference, turn to the Table of Contents, which gives the page on which the directory of that Conference is found. By reference to the page cited, the Conference directory will be found, as well as the names of all officers and laborers connected with the organization, with the address.
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2) **historic research** – this is the same type of research, except it can go back 134 years and provides information on who worked where and when; historical addresses of entities; discover previous territorial arrangements; historical maps; official names of entities and people; discover whether someone was credentialed; the year an entity was organized or established; and for biographical research.
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INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

Organized 1922

Territory: Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras,<br>Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, British Guiana, Dutch Guiana, French Guiana, West Indies - Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, British West Indies, Caribbean, Central America, Colombia, Venezuela, and Mexican Union Missions.

Population: 73,216,377; churches, 1,039; members, 96,176.

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ANTILLIAN UNION MISSION

Organized 1923

Territory: Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and the West Indies, and the Dominican and Haitian Missions.

Population: 14,437,265; churches, 156; members, 20,800.

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Conclusion
Sometimes, all you can do...
...is bow your head and pray.

And trust me, I do!