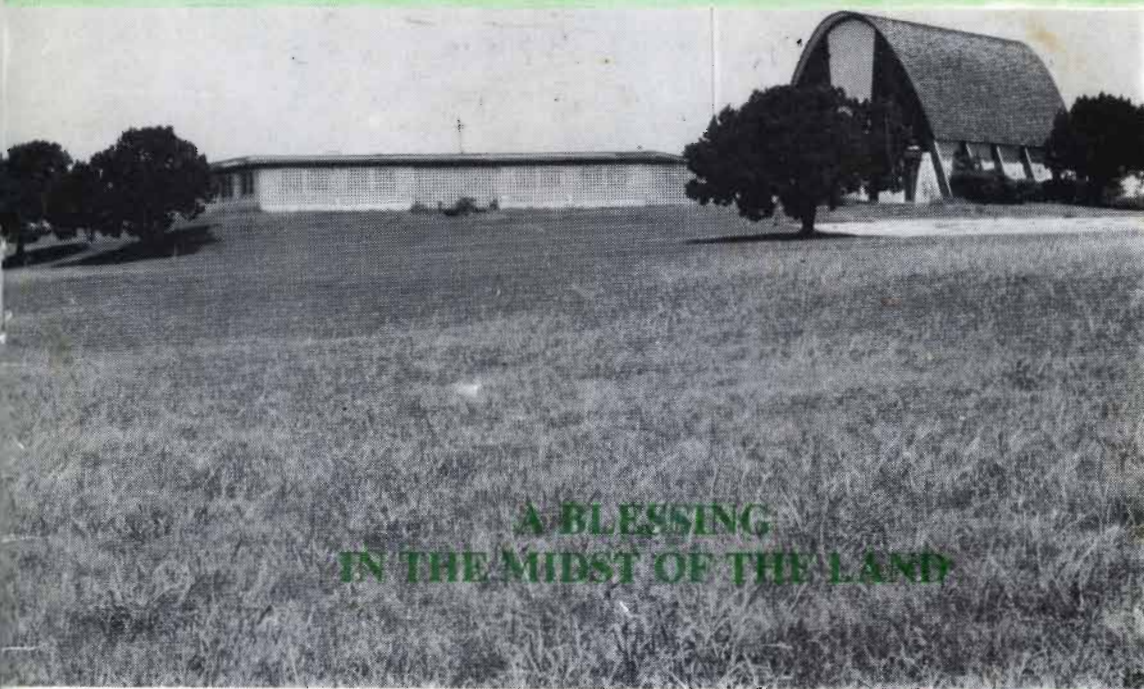


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From Left to Right: R. Artherton, N. McCallum,
M. McCallum, N. Archer, Sellers in forefront

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GREETINGS FROM MOTHER NATURE

Inasmuch as Present Truth believers are faithfully straining their ears in an anxious endeavor to catch all the news waves from this anti-typical hill of "green pastures," to which the prophet Micah's attention was called long ago (Micah 7:14), we fear they will be greatly disappointed if we say nothing of its activities; therefore, we are happy to send forth a few lines of greeting from Mother Nature at Mt. Carmel.
2 S.C. 5-6 p. 3.

**WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE WE HUMBLY ANNOUCE
THAT THE TOP OF CARMEL (WACO, TEXAS) IS NOW BACK
IN THE HANDS OF GOD'S LEGITIMATE DAVIDIAN ASSO-
CIATION. WE SOLICIT YOUR PRAYERS ON BEHALF OF
THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITIES THAT IS SET BEFORE
US, AND WHICH MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED FROM THIS
DIVINELY APPOINTED HILL.**



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TESTIMONY FROM ZAMBIA


Dear Brethren:

I am greatly amazed at how fast and quickly Texas has been already organized. Personally I heard that if Carmel move to Texas it will need a good number of years for it to properly organize itself in terms of administration, publications and erecting of complexes (buildings). I was terribly shocked when I learned that in a week time the leaves of Autumn will be flying from Waco to all parts of the world. I was doubly astounded that the letter I was reading came from the new press. This speed work have come as a great challenge to me and indeed may I say it has so come to many.

A glimpse of what is now happening in Texas can portray that God could be at work there, otherwise the work would not have moved quickly as what is now seen. Let us therefore pray that we may know of the will of the Father even better.

I am requesting that you send me a booklet entitled "A Blessing in the midst of the Land", I seriously need this booklet, I have never read it before. Please continue to send all the necessary correspondence you may have to our area. We are looking forward to receiving the Sabbath School Lesson entitled "The Assyrian Confederacy" a much desired subject.

May God wonderfully bless you in the midst of the Land.



COURAGE

"God's servants are not to be easily discouraged by difficulties or opposition. Those who proclaim the third angel's message must stand bravely at their post, in the face of detraction and falsehood, fighting the good fight of faith, and resisting the enemy with the weapon that Christ used, "It is written." In the great crisis through which they are soon to pass, the servants of God will encounter the same hardness of heart, the same cruel determination, the same unyielding hatred, encountered by Christ and the apostles.

All who in that evil day would faithfully serve God according to the dictates of conscience, will need courage, firmness, and a knowledge of God and His word; for those who are true to God will be persecuted, their motives will be impugned, their best efforts misinterpreted, and their names cast out as evil.

Satan will work with his deceptive power to influence the heart and becloud the understanding, to make evil appear good, and good evil. The stronger and purer the faith of God's people, and the firmer their determination to obey Him, the more fiercely will Satan strive to stir up against them the rage of those who, while claiming to be righteous, trample upon the law of God. It will require the firmest trust, the most heroic purpose, to hold fast the faith once delivered to the saints.

The messengers of the cross must arm themselves with watchfulness and prayer, and move forward in faith and courage, working always in the name of Jesus. They must have confidence in their Leader; for troublous times are before us. The judgments of God are abroad in the land. Calamities follow one another in rapid succession. Soon God is to rise out of His place to shake terribly the earth, and to punish the wicked for their iniquity. Then He will stand up in behalf of His people, and will give them His protecting care. He will throw His everlasting arms about them, to shield them from all harm.

"Courage in the Lord"

After the passing of the time in 1844, a number of brethren and sisters were assembled in a meeting. All were very sad, for the disappointment had been sore. Presently a man came in, crying, "Courage in the Lord, brethren; courage in the Lord!" This he repeated again and again, till every face was aglow, and every voice lifted in praise to God.

To-day I say to every worker for the Master, "Courage in the Lord!" Ever since 1844 I have been proclaiming present truth, and to-day this truth is dearer to me than ever before.

Some look always at the objectionable and discouraging features, and therefore discouragement overtakes them. They forget that the heavenly universe is waiting to make them agencies of blessing to the world; and that the Lord Jesus is a never-failing storehouse from which human beings may draw strength and courage. There is no need for despondency and apprehension. The time will never come when the shadow of Satan will not be cast athwart our pathway. Thus the enemy seeks to hide the light shining from the Sun of Righteousness. But our faith should pierce this shadow.

God calls for cheerful co-workers, who refuse to become discouraged and disheartened by opposing agencies. The Lord is leading us, and we may go forward courageously, assured that He will be with us, as He was in past years, when we labored in feebleness, but under the power of the Holy Spirit.

Angels ministered to Christ, but their presence did not make His life one of ease and freedom from temptation. He 'was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.' (Heb. 4:15) If ministers, while engaged in the work that the Master has appointed them, have trials and perplexities and temptations, should they be discouraged? Should they cast away their confidence because their labors do not always bring the results that they so greatly desire to see? True workers will not despond in view of the work before them, arduous though it may be. Shrinking from hardship, complaining under tribulation, makes the servants of God weak and inefficient.

As those who stand in the forefront of the battle see that the special warfare of Satan is directed against them, they will realize their need of strength from God, and they will labor in His strength. The victories that they gain will not exalt them, but will cause them to lean more securely upon the Mighty One. Deep and fervent gratitude to God will spring up in their hearts, and they will be joyful in the tribulation that comes to them while pressed by the enemy." GW:264-266

WHY WACO TEXAS?

"To build the "fort", to cast the "mount", to set the "camp," and the "battering rams" will require a fearless band of Gideonites who will not bow down to their knees for a drink. (Jud 7:2-7). God's ancient people, while building the tabernacle, the two temples, and in the days of the apostles, responded to their call very faithfully. But should we now in the end of this world, while making history that will stand for eternity, draw back or do less? God has bestowed upon us greater blessings than He has upon any other people at any time. Shall we therefore by our deeds fail to show to Him that we appreciate His great gift as much as they? Let every reader of the Code answer this question to himself."

"As no one puts a light in a corner but rather in the center of the room, so the wise "husbandman" built "a tower in the midst of" His "vineyard". We are living in that prophetic time when men were to "run to and fro" (Dan. 12:4), and in which "a short work will the Lord make". (Rom. 9:28)

"Consequently, the Lone Star state, being in the midst of the land for both Americas, North and South, is the place where we must set the "camp", so that the light may be equally diffused east and west, north and south. Moreover, the "camp" from where the "battering rams" are between the "rams" and the "camp may be cut down to one half, thus reducing the time and the cost for transportation and supplies as well as for mailing. We thank God for such a wise plan as this." (1 SC 10 p.1-4)

"More and more impressive does the truth become that the Lord has prepared this place from its very beginning for the work which it is to accomplish.

We believe this because of the fact that besides the great advantages deriving from its central location in the northern part of the western hemisphere, its geographical surroundings, and its happy endowment of nature's choicest environment, away from all worldlings and the corrupting influences of city life, it brings to one's soul peace and joy in the "blessed hope" which it seems no other plot of ground can do." (1 SC 5-6, p 3)

"But as this message of 1930, like the one of 1888, was not accepted by the brethren, the fact soon became evident that if the message of 1930 was ever to reach the people, it must be published and distributed throughout the denomination. This resulted in the book entitled, "The Shepherd's Rod," Volume 1.

This circumstance gave rise to the Universal Publishing Association which, while located in Los Angeles, edited and published both, volumes One and Two besides several pamphlets making up the series of "The Shepherd's Rod" publications, until finally in 1935 when, for lack of room, and to be more centrally located for the two Americas, the Association removed to its present location - Mt. Carmel, Waco, Texas." (3 SC 11-12, p 3)

"We shall now devote a few moments to the study of Jacob, the type, in relation to the church in the antitype. When Jacob left his home in Palestine, while he was on his way to Padan-aram, God met him and gave him His promises that He would be with him, and God fulfilled His promises. Likewise, when the church left the vineyard, God's promise was with her that he would not forsake her in the Gentile world.

While Jacob was in Padan-aram away from home, he became very rich and his household increased greatly. Then he was commanded to return home. So it will be today in the antitype. The time will come when the church is to be multiplied and then return home. But when Jacob left his father-in-law's house, and was on the way back to Palestine, you remember that he had his great time of trouble. It happened before he reached Palestine, his homeland. He wrestled in anguish all night with God, and it was then that his name was changed from Jacob to Israel.

We are not now living in the antitypical time of the changed name, Israel, but we are living in the antitypical "Jacob" time. You might say that Jacob is the fleshly name, a name that does not spell either prince or saint. Why are we still in the time portrayed by Jacob's sin-denoting name?—Because we have not yet started for home. When we start for home as did Jacob, we, too, shall meet with our time of trouble, even Jacob's time of trouble. And at that time we shall become thoroughly converted to God forever, and our name will be changed as is foretold in Isaiah 61:6, and it will be a name that the Lord Himself will give us. When we demonstrate that we are truly converted, then this great promised blessing will come to us. And when our name has been changed it signifies that we are certain candidates for entrance into the Kingdom eternal.

In our study today we have traveled over the road the church has gone through its long history. Our journey brought us through the patriarchal period and then the temporal kingdom age and on through the sojourn of the church in the Gentile nations. It has brought us to the place we find

ourselves now--on the verge of leaving for the Kingdom eternal, which also means that we are about to go through our time of trouble and have our name changed; then to be accepted into the Kingdom which God is about to set up that shall last forever." (12 SC 5, pp 15,16)

"But the Jacobites are not yet on Mt. Zion with the Lamb. Instead, they are in antitypical Padan-aram where God is sustaining them apart from the Esauites in the church. That is why one part of the Adventists are in Washington, D.C. and the other part is in Texas. They are unable to get along together.

According to the type we are studying, and also prophecy, the Jacobites are about to gather themselves and leave the Gentile nations to return to their homeland, Palestine. And on their way they will meet Esau and have their name changed to Israel. Since Esau, however, did not go to the Gentile nations, but it was Jacob who left and came here, there must be Esauites also in Palestine. Is that not correct? Though it is true that we are connected with Edomites in the church,--those who despise their birthright and whom God will therefore take away,--it is equally true that there are other Esauites besides, for the Esauites in the Seventh-day Adventist church are not all of them. No, they are not all of the Esauites. In addition to the Esauites in the other churches, too, and from them other Jacobites must be gathered. Do you not see that the Esauites are going to be enraged with God's people and give them trouble behind and a bigger trouble ahead? And besides all the trouble Jacob will suffer from Esau, he is also to have Laban running after him! Somebody typified by Laban will pursue antitypical Jacob for trouble.

It is very apparent, then, that God's people will have much trouble among themselves, on the way, and ahead. Trouble is what they face. But God will take care of them today as He did anciently. He has promised that He will remove the Edomites in the church, and He has promised also to clear away the Edomites and all of the others that are in the land of promise, and give it to His people.

What effect does all this Truth have upon your heart? Does it not inspire within you the consuming desire to possess the promised spiritual blessings that can be ours? Are you not becoming daily more intimately acquainted with God and becoming hid away in Him, that you may be protected in the storm which will soon break upon His people?

Those who prevail with God for His blessing will be delivered and know no defeat. (12 SC 5, pp 18-21)

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

"At the conference meetings in Los Angeles early this year, it was unanimously adopted that ever Friday afternoon at 5 pm Pacific Standard Time, believers in present truth would seek God in behalf of the message, believing that such a concerted voice would lay at heaven's altar, in all truth, "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man (which) availeth much."

Take Time To Pray - continued -

"We earnestly ask that all join at the appointed hour in this mighty prayer band which is to shake the world. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." is our work to be done."

"To assist in habituating yourself to keep this appointment, we suggest that for three or four Fridays, when you arise in the morning, you set your alarm clock for 5 pm, Pacific Standard Time, 6 pm, Mountain Standard Time; 7 pm, Central Standard Time; 8 pm, Eastern Standard Time, according to your respective zones.

"Let us henceforth at this time on Fridays, rejoicing in the sense of united strength, lift our voices in unison to God in mighty intercession in behalf of our own church and all concerned." 1 SC 2, p 1,2

MT. CARMEL'S EDUCATION WORK

One of the mandates which the Holy Spirit gave through the recently held 1991 Special Session, was not only the reestablishment of the Headquarters in the "midst of the land", Waco, Texas-- antitypical Padan-aram (12 SC 5:18)-- but the Education Department as the prophet Bro. V.T. Houteff under the power of the Holy Spirit envisioned it. "Mt. Carmel Training Center was established in 1935; ...It was raised up at this late hour (the "eleventh" -- Matt. 20:6) in the history of the gospel, as proving rounds for that Christian army (Joel 2:2-11; Micah 5:7,8) which is to restore the soon-coming and everlasting Kingdom." (Mt. Carmel Training Center, p. 5)

The Education Work at Mt. Carmel embraced more than the Davidic-Levitical Institute (DLI). The present Education Department's mandate, therefore, is broad in scope. It includes the education of Davidian children as well as the preparation of adults as Bible

Education - continued -

workers and missionaries. This is the vision that should be caught by all Davidians.

"Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim. True education means more than the persual of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in the world to come." (Education, p. 13)

"...Mt. Carmel's constant aim is to educate hand, mind, and heart in a harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers." (Mt. Carmel Training Center, P. 6) This is what the present Education Department here at Mt. Carmel envisages for the work before us.

Brethren, a brand new breed of Davidians has arisen on the scene. "God calls for cheerful co-workers, who refuse to become discouraged and disheartened by opposing agencies. The Lord is leading us, and we may go forward courageously, assured that He will be with us, as He was in past years, when we labored in feebleness, but under the power of the Holy Spirit." GW:266

Most of you, no doubt, have been wondering what are the plans of the Education Department. Well, here are the initial plans which the Holy Spirit has directed: The first goal to be accomplished is to have the Davidic-Levitical Institute started and functioning at least by next spring. It is advisable that those who have plans to matriculate should begin reading "Mt. Carmel Training Center-Catalog-Syllabus and Rules Manual".

Education - continued -

If you do not have a copy, please write to Headquarters and request one.

Persons Accepted

"Consistent with the divine design, Mt. Carmel matriculates only such persons as are known to subscribe in full to its beliefs, its purposes, and its principles, and who aspire to a place in the final work of the gospel--the restoration of every institution, and the ushering in of enduring peace on earth and goodwill toward men." (Mt. Carmel Training Center, P. 7)

You will be kept informed as to the progress made toward the re-establishment of the "School of the Prophets." Subsequent to the establishment of the DLI plans would be laid for other branches of the education work. We are giving the DLI top priority because it is the ultimate of all our educational efforts, that is, to prepare missionaries to take the "gospel of the kingdom" to a dying Church and then the world. We earnestly solicit your prayers, your suggestions, your goodwill and your means in carrying out this divine mandate.

May God bless you all as we labor together to finish this work in power and righteousness.

Roland Roberts
Education Director

THE KIND OF WORKER TO BE

Bro. G. Augustus brings greetings from the Ministerial/Evangelical Department and from "THE TOP (MIDST) OF CARMEL, BY THE SIDE OF THE BROOK" (1SC14:7) teeming with rich provender; but most of all, greetings from our Lord and Saviour **Jesus Christ**, Who alone can inscribe on us the seal of His approval and protection. Brethren, the time is come when the Lord is calling for

a decided consecration on the part of those who bear this manifold message to the church. Long has this message been rapping at the church's doors and tremendous its mission, but I am deeply saddened to say that something, somewhere has crept within our midst and has taken away the grace of Jesus - the sanctification of His love - from our presentations, to wit we are giving a message that appeals greatly to the **intellect** of the receiver, whereas the **soul** is left untouched - destitute of the dew and rain of heaven as are the hills of Gilboa. And then we wonder why the manner of so many in Davidia is so coarse and unrefined by the gentle grace of Christ - because they have not a living connection with the **Vine**. **Jesus has not been formed within the inner sanctuary of the heart.**

My fellow laborers in Christ, as you labor in word and doctrine, place Jesus to the front as the uplifted Saviour, and exalt His Righteousness continually before the people. "And I if I be lifted up...will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32) "Lift up Jesus, you that teach the people, lift Him up in sermon, in song, in prayer. Let all your powers, be directed to pointing souls, confused, bewildered, lost to "the Lamb of God... Let the science of salvation be the burden of every sermon, the theme of every song. Let it be poured forth in every supplication. Bring nothing into your preaching (teaching) to supplement Christ, the wisdom and power of God. ...Those who preach the last message of mercy should bear in mind that Christ is to be exalted as the sinner's refuge. Some ministers think that it is not necessary to preach repentance and faith: they take it for granted that their hearers are acquainted with the gospel, and that matters of a different nature must be presented in order to hold their attention. But many people are sadly ignorant in regard to the plan of salvation: they need more instruction upon this all-important subject than upon any other."

Kind of Worker - continued -

"Theoretical discourses are essential, that people may see the chain of truth, link after link, uniting in a perfect whole: but no discourse should ever be preached without presenting Christ and Him crucified as the foundation of the gospel. Ministers would reach more hearts if they would dwell more upon [Jesus] practical godliness." EV:185-186

Now my brethren, with the blessed assurance of the Kingdom ever before us, shall we not be fired with the zeal that inspired the mind and soul of our pioneers and rise speedily to the task of evangelism set before us! O brethren, say ye not that, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for naught, and in vain", but remember that your judgment is with the Lord, and your salvation is with God." Isa.49:4. As the prophetic clock is about to strike eleven, let us watch the time, "that now is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we [first] believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day: ...put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ".

Rom. 13:11-14. "With the end of the long [short!] journey in view, the work was never so great, the time in which to do it never so short, and the laborers never so few as now. Self evident, therefore, is the fact that Satan's supreme effort at this [eleventh] hour must be to cause [missionary - evangelistic] time to be wasted AND THE [MISSIONARY - EVANGELISTIC] WORK TO GO UNDONE. Rouse then, O Present-truth believer [Teacher/Minister]! Rise speedily to the task set. ...No longer let a moment be wasted, for every precious one is vital to the salvation of your own soul and to the souls of others." (1ANS:68,69) "And O, ye followers of the Lamb, if your hearts cry out that ye might be priests of the most high God, and bring many precious souls to a saving knowledge of the truth, ye shall receive the seal of God, escape the slaughter, and hear Him say to you: 'ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light'". (3SC11-12:8)

All boldface and brackets are supplied.

Bro. Garrick D. Augustus
Ministerial Director

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

"SPECIAL SESSION"

MARCH 29, 1991 THRU APRIL 6, 1991

INTRODUCTION

Having God's Headquarters in "the midst of the land" was the main focus of the Session. Also highlighted was how the past Council has unwittingly fully clogged the cause in an endeavor to quench the Waco issue. When the Lord impresses upon human minds a particular truth at a particular time, no power on earth can stop its promulgation. For once, the matter of Headquarters' location did not prove to be a most difficult problem. Truth

seeking brethren who have, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, studied and restudied the matter and came forth boldly, at this Session, to uplift God's truth. There was a spirit of unity. It was mandated that God's Headquarters be re-established back in Waco, Texas.

The 1991 Special Session surely was a sign that we are approaching the time of the restitution of all things and the purification of the church. Both world and church events reveal that time is running out.

The main issue at this Special Session was the place from which the Lord would have His work go forward, "in the midst of the land." Weighty decisions were made that will decide the direction of God's work in this crucial hour of earth's history.

All in all, the grace of God was sufficient. His will and blessings were manifested as another Session was recorded in the ledger of Heaven and the annals of history.

MARCH 30, 1991 SABBATH

After a lively song service, Bro. Roland Roberts gave a most inspiring Session study on Christ and His Righteousness. The point was emphasized that as we give the Rod message we must highlight the connection of the Rod to Christ and His Righteousness.

DIVINE HOUR

For the divine hour Bro. Garrick Augustus fortified our souls with conclusive evidences that God's Headquarters should be re-established in its divinely appointed place, Waco, Texas. "Unparalleled, therefore, is the urgency that every eleventh-hour church member now quickly and solidly brace himself against the Enemy's effort to deliver a knockout blow." WHR:33 The above statement has been used to sanction the vacating of old Mt. Carmel, but one needs to see the statement in its true prospective. The prophet said we were to brace ourselves against the knockout blow, not to succumb to it. This was the hub around which Bro. Garrick Augustus built his message. He also reiterated the fact that at the 1961 Session, when everyone was being urged to return to Mt. Carmel, Bro. Bingham gave a study on the false Bashan theory that beclouded the minds of the brethren. That is why they did not re-establish God's Headquarters in its rightful place at that time. It was Bro. Augustus' conviction that this Waco Issue is a point upon which Davidians could become unified into a single work force for the Lord.

MARCH 30, 1991 (SATURDAY EVE)

Session was started this evening because there was much to accomplish in a relatively short period of time. We started with a lively song service and then a Prayer Thought.

Preliminaries:

Bro. N. Archer requested that Bro. T. Harrison open the "Session". Bro. T. Harrison refused and he, with Bro. McCoy and Sis. Rose, walked out of the meeting.

Roll Call

Voting Members Present: 28

Allen, M.	(NY) DEL
Archer, N.	(CA) MIN
Archer, T.	(JA) DEL
Barnes, E.	(NY) BW
Bien-Aime, J.	(CT) BW
Britto, A.	(TRIN) DLI
Brown, V.	(JA) DEL
Eastmond, H.	(NY) BW
Johnson, R.	(CA) DEL
Kerr, G.	(NY) BW
Matthews, G.	(B'DOS) BW
McCallum, M.	(NY) BW
McCallum, N.	(NY) MIN
McCallum, S.	(NY) BW
Nosworthy, M.	(NY) BW
Nosworthy, P.	(NY) BW
O'Rowe, J.	(VA) DEL
Palmer, T.	(NY) BW
Pastel, C.	(MART) DLI
Roberts, R.	(CAND) DEL
Smith, P.	(NY) DEL
Smithson, M.	(TN) DEL
Strain, T.	(MS) DEL
Tupolo, J.	(CA) DEL
Velace, J.	(FL) BW
Victor, M.	(FL) BW
Wilcutt, J.	(MO) DEL
Wilson, L.	(NY) BW

Card-holders present: 3

Artherton, R.	(MO)
McKenzie, G.	(NY)
Victor, A.	(FL)

Non-card-holders present: 17

Augustus, G. (CA) *
Botai, B. (CA)
Burnett, E. (NY)
Burnett, V. (NY)
Carrera, J. (NY)
Cox, P. (NJ)
Dixon, S. (NY)
Gibbs, Bro. (NY)
Hibbert, V. (NY)
Manzarth, R. (FL)
Marshall, K. (TRIN)
Matthews, M. (MI)
McKenzie, B. (NY)
McLean, B. (NY) *
McLean, D. (NY) *
Smart, T. (NY)
Thomas, P. (NY)

* Received card during Session
Officers elected for the Session:

Chairman: Bro. N. Archer
Secretary: Bro. R. Roberts
Ass't Sect. Sis. R. Artherton
Sgt. of Arms Bro. P. Nosworthy

It was voted that all non-card-holders present be permitted to attend this "Special Session" due to the nature of the issues. It was also voted to pass out Certificate of Fellowship Forms to those who were eligible and that Session would consider all applications.

A short synopsis of what transpired on Friday 3/29/91 was given by Bro. N. Archer. "After 6:30 am worship service, Bro. T. Harrison was asked where the other Executive Council members were. We were told, 'Sister Frye was ill. Bro. J. Seraphin was sent to Washington with Company car until Friday night. Sister Rose took vacation until Sunday, and Bro. McCoy would be in at 10:00 am. Bro. Williams was unable to get a ticket as it was too costly.' We asked for the ballots so that we could count them ourselves to verify the validity of them. After much discussion, our request was granted by Bro. T. Harrison. We were to meet back at 9:30 am at which time Bro. Harrison would make sure Bro. McCoy was here to count the ballots with us.

The members who were present also requested to see the Association books. We were told "NO" by the Vice President. We were also told that Sister Rose would give a written financial report on Sunday when she returned.

NOTE: To date, we have not received the financial report nor have we seen the financial records of the Association.

Bro. McCoy arrived at 10:10 am and approximately 15 minutes later he and Bro. Harrison came out of the office with the ballots for a counting. Ballots were counted by Bro. R. Roberts and verified by Sis. M. McCallum and Bro. T. Harrison. Bro. McCoy marked "NO" votes on blackboard and Bro. P. Nosworthy marked "YES" votes on blackboard.

VERIFIED BY ALL PRESENT THE VOTES WERE:

52 NO
59 "YES" to have a Special Session

Bro. T. Harrison and Bro. McCoy did not acknowledge 10 votes from the Philippines which they knew were on their way, but came in late. All 10 were "YES" votes. We were told that the Philippine brethren wanted to rescind their votes after votes were counted and a Session had been called by the Executive Council. The Executive Council did, however, acknowledge 16 other votes that were received late.

After the counting of the ballots of 52 "NO" and 59 "YES", the ballots voted for a "Special Session" to be held. Bro. T. Harrison and Bro. D. McCoy held to their stand that the 10 votes from the Philippines were late and therefore not to be counted and there would be "NO SESSION".

Bro. T. Harrison and Bro. D. McCoy then left the meeting room."

This evening a motion was passed and voted upon to no longer recognize the past Executive Council since "Session" had begun.

We voted to ask Bro. T. Harrison for the keys to the office to photocopy the By-Laws. Bro. T. Strain and Bro. M. Smithson, with cassette player, went to ask Bro. T. Harrison for the keys. They were denied the keys.

It was also voted to deny the rights of the past Ex. Council to officiate in the office during the 30 days of operation until the new Council takes over.

MARCH 31, 1991 (SUNDAY)

At 9:25 am, after a lively song service, Bro. Jean Velace gave us a Prayer Thought taken from 2TG38:8-9.

It was voted to record all ballots of persons not able to attend this "Special Session" regarding the vote on where Headquarters should be, using the ROD message as its source.

Ballots sent to:

P.O. Box 400
Mountaindale, NY

YES - Card-holding Members 18

Archer, L.
Archer, M.
Brown, N.
Cannino, M.
Conrad, F.
Diaz, N.
Grant, L.
Gully, E.
Hibbert, G.
Hinds, R.
Johnson, R.
Safety, E.
Switzer, C.
Williams, J.
Williams, L.
Wormell, H.
Wright, J.

Artherton, R. (Present at Session
but no voting rights)

YES - Non-Card-holding Members 12

Anderson, D.
Bell, E.

Bryan, A.
Campbell, M.
Cox, P.
Davy, E.
Harris, R.
Hillary, L.
Johnson, M.
Neal, M.
Taylor, G.
Walker, R.
(1 vote not accepted)

NOTE: There were no - "NO" votes received.

It was voted that Bro. G. Augustus and Bro. and Sis. McLean be granted their Fellowship Cards.

It was voted that Session extend all 1990-1991 Fellowship Cards for an additional 60 days (end 5/31/91) from the termination period of 3/31/91.

It was voted to elect a Judicial Committee who shall have full judiciary power between regular and special sessions to enforce the laws of GA of DSDA-MC.

Director	Bro. P. Nosworthy
Member	Bro. G. Augustus
Member	Bro. B. Botai
Member	Bro. V. Brown
Member	Sis. Y. Gully
Member	Bro. P. Hayden
Member	Sis. G. Kerr
Member	Bro. N. McCallum
Member	Bro. T. Palmer
Member	Bro. R. Roberts
Member	Bro. J. Velace
Member	Sis. J. Wilcutt

Business meeting, closed with prayer for a good nights rest so that we could come back the following day refreshed to continue the meeting in the name of our Lord.

BUSINESS MEETING - April 1, 1991

We convened at 4:15 pm with prayer and discussion as to what to do at this time.

BUSINESS MEETING - April 2, 1991

Because the Civil Authorities were called, (not alerted) on two separate occasions, we, the "Session" decided not to become embroiled in a legal dispute with the Civil Authorities and our Brethren in Mountaindale. (AA:305,306; COL:249). We therefore decided, under the inspiration of God, to leave all printing and office equipment and go in FAITH to be a blessing in the "Midst of the Land!" and get on with God's work! Satan has stalled us long enough and it is time for us to stop limiting God's ability to take care of His people and His work.

During our worship this evening we had a refreshing soul-searching experience with the Holy Spirit. Many souls cried out in repentance and joy. Many that were there later agreed that this could have been a foretaste of the Solemn Assembly soon to take place within Davidia.

With humble hearts, we invited the past Executive Council to meet with us hoping to unite for God's sake.

Present from the past Executive Council were: Bro. T. Harrison, Sis. V. Rose, Bro. D. McCoy and Bro. J.J. Seraphin. We asked to have a word of prayer with the past Council before beginning deliberations. Bro. T. Harrison said, "No, I do not want to pray. We have gone past praying, it is now time to talk." However, we had prayer anyway.

During this time, many hearts were subdued by the Holy Spirit and many confessions were made.

At 9:00 pm, the "Session" graciously announced to the past Council that they could keep all the equipment and office supplies at Mountaindale, as the Present Truth seekers were going to the "Midst of the land" with FAITH in their God to supply all their needs.

At 9:10 pm Bro. V. Brown read a Prayer Thought and had prayer for closing.

Many previous voters had to return to their jobs and families and therefore a new list of voters is below.

Voting members Present 21

Archer, N.	(CA)
Archer, T.	(JA)
Augustus, G.	(CA)
Barnes, E.	(NY)
Bien-Aime, J.	(CT)
Botai, B.	(CA)
Britto, A.	(TRIN)
Brown, V.	(JA)
McCallum, M.	(NY)
McCallum, N.	(NY)
McCallum, S.	(NY)
Nosworthy, M.	(NY)
Nosworthy, P.	(NY)
Pastel, C.	(MART)
Roberts, R.	(CAND)
Smith, P.	(NY)
Velace, J.	(FL)
Victor, A.	(FL)
Victor, M.	(FL)
Wilcutt, J.	(MO)
Wilson, L.	(NY)

Non-voting members present 1

Artherton, R.	(MO)
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Non-Card holding members present 2

Matthews, M.	(MI)
McKenzie, B.	(NY)

Past Executive Council members present

Rose, V.
Seraphine, J.J.

The day was spent electing officers for each committee.

Auditor	- Bro. L. Wilson
Bldg. Maint. Dir.	- Bro. T. Strain
Communication Dir.	- Bro. M. Smithson
Editor	- Sis. D. McLean
Ass't Editor	- Sis. R. Artherton
Educational Dir.	- Bro. R. Roberts
Medical Dir.	- Sis. R. Manzarth
Mercantile Dir.	- Bro. P. Nosworthy

Ministerial Dir. - Bro. G. Augustus
Printing Dir. - Bro. N. Archer
Transportation Dir. - Bro. B. McLean
Welfare Dir. - Sis. L. Archer
Ass't - Sis. D. McLean

After lunch, Session reconvened at 3:30 pm. Opened with song service and prayer by Sis. M. McCallum.

Biblical Research Committee elected:

Director	Bro. N. McCallum
Member	Bro. G. Augustus
Member	Bro. N. Archer
Member	Sis. Y. Gully
Member	Bro. P. Nosworthy
Member	Sis. C. Pastel
Member	Bro. R. Roberts
Member	Bro. P. Smith
Member	Bro. J. Velace
Member	Bro. A. Victor
Member	Sis. J. Wilcutt
Member	Bro. L. Wilson

It was voted to have open bi-monthly Executive Council meetings allowing card-holding members to attend.

After a discussion on acquiring the church property in Waco, Texas, a letter of explanation and new mailing address is to be sent to the field.

General Association of
Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists
Mt. Carmel Center
P.O. Box 7613
Waco, Tx 76710
(817) 776-3472

Business meeting closed at 5:00 pm

BUSINESS MEETING - April 3, 1991

At 9:45 am, Bro. G. Augustus opened with songs. Prayer Thought was taken from Luke 18:1-8.

Today's agenda was spent rewriting the By-laws.

A topic of discussion to be sent to the Biblical Research Committee is the subject of: Who is antitypical David?

The business "Session" adjourned at 5:30 pm.

April 4, 1991

No business meeting. This day was spent in private prayer and meditation.

April 5, 1991

No business meeting. This day was spent cleaning the premises in preparation for Sabbath. Also, necessary repairs were made to the second floor restroom showers to make them usable, as they have always leaked water into the downstairs offices. The "Session" also spent the day thoroughly cleaning all areas of Mountindale in order that it be left in good order. "Session" believed in their hearts that they were now ready for a most memorable Sabbath Day with their Lord and with our most loved Brethren who were staying behind.

April 6, 1991 SABBATH MORNING

This was the day we have all been waiting for. This was the most memorable, yet it was sad as many of us knew we may not be coming back to Mountindale, New York again, and some of our loved brethren would not be leaving with us.

At 9:30 am Bro. P. Nosworthy opened with a lively song service and our opening song was, "They Come From the East and West". We certainly had come from east and west, north and south for this most urgent "Session". Brethren from all over the field were represented here.

Bro. P. Smith offered our prayer with a prayer thought taken from 5T:234, "AN APPEAL".

"Many who have been placed upon the walls of Zion, to watch with eagle eye for the approach of danger and lift the voice of warning, are themselves asleep. The very ones who should be most active and vigilant in this hour of peril are neglecting their duty and bringing upon themselves the blood of souls.

My brethren, beware of the evil heart of unbelief. The word of God is plain and close in its restrictions; it interferes with your selfish indulgence; therefore you do not obey it. The testimonies of His Spirit call your attention to the Scriptures, point out your defects of character, and rebuke your sins; therefore you do not heed them. And to justify your carnal, ease-loving course you begin to doubt whether the testimonies are from God. If you would obey their teachings you would be assured of their divine origin. **Remember, your unbelief does not affect their truthfulness.** If they are from God they will stand. Those who seek to lessen the faith of God's people in these testimonies, which have been in the church for the last thirty-six years are fighting against God. It is not the instrument whom you slight and insult, but God, who has spoken to you in these warnings and reproofs.

In the instruction given by our Saviour to His disciples are words of admonition especially applicable to us: 'Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.' Watch, pray, work--this is the true life of faith. 'Pray always,' that is, be ever in the spirit of prayer, and then you will be in readiness for your Lord's coming.

The watchmen are responsible for the condition of the people. While you open the door to pride, envy, doubt, and other sins, there will be strife, hatred, and every evil work. Jesus, the meek and lowly One, asks an entrance as your guest; but you are afraid to bid Him enter. He has spoken to us in both the Old and the New Testament; He is speaking to us still by His Spirit and His providences. His instructions are designed to make men true to God and true to themselves.

Jesus took upon Himself man's nature, that He might leave a pattern for humanity, complete, perfect. He proposes to make us like Himself, true to every

purpose, feeling and thought--true in heart, soul, and life. This is Christianity. Our fallen nature must be purified, ennobled, consecrated by obedience to the truth. Christian faith will never harmonize with worldly principles and pretense. The man who cherishes the most of Christ's love in the soul, who reflects the Saviour's image most perfectly, is in the sight of God the truest, most noble, most honorable man upon the earth."

What a beautiful prayer thought to dwell upon today. "He (Christ) proposes to make us like Himself, true in every purpose, feeling, and thought--true in heart, soul, and life." Are we striving to allow Christ to mold us like He proposes?

We had Special Music today by Sis. Johnson and accompanying sisters, who sang, "Far Away in the Depth of My Spirit".

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

The Sabbath School Lesson was offered by Bro. N. Archer and was on the fountain of Zechariah's prophecy.

"In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land." Zechariah 13:1,2

These verses were the basis of the Sabbath School Lesson. It was proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that this fountain for sin and uncleanness will not be opened until the time of the Loud Cry; when the Kingdom is established.

The following references will reaffirm this thought.

"None of the living can actually be cleansed from all their marks of sin while among the Gentile nations, you see. They must first be separated from the hypocrites and Gentiles, then brought into their own land, there to be sprinkled with clean water, cleansed from all their filthiness and from all their idols, when they get to their own land, not before. Even a new heart is to be given them there, and a new spirit also. Thus will the Lord cause them to walk in His statutes and keep His judgments forevermore. Thus shall they return and dwell in the land of their fathers, Palestine, and thus shall they be God's people eternally. These things, you see, are premillennial." 2TG33:13

"Since all of this takes place when God gathers His people from among the heathen, then no one can dodge the fact that unless we go into the land where the cleansing will take place we will not be cleansed and we will not receive the new heart and God's Spirit.

After we have been taken from among the heathen, God will sprinkle clean water upon us to cleanse us. By this we are to understand that until God gathers us from among the heathen we cannot be clean. After he cleanses us we will be without spot. The judgment time, we must remember, is the cleansing time as well as a separating time. The Judgment for the Living takes place when God cleanses His people from all their filthiness and puts within them His Spirit and hearts of flesh. This work is to be done for His people after God has returned them to their own land.

This chapter tells us that we will never be clean until God gathers us from all the heathen and makes us what we ought to be. The Devil, however, wants to convince us that there is to be neither a land to which God's people are to go, nor a cleansing." 11SC12 pg 22,23.

"These scriptures are self-explanatory, and they make the subject as clear as crystal: As soon as the house of David is set up, as soon as the first fruits

reach Mt. Zion and there stand with the Lamb, the cleansing fountain will be opened. Then it is that the great harvest will begin during which every grain of "wheat" shall be put into the "barn", but every noxious seed burned (Matt. 13:30). Then it is that every good "fish" shall be put into vessels, whereas every bad shall be cast out (Matt. 13:48). Then it is that everyone having on the "wedding garment" shall be served the wedding supper, but everyone having not the garment on shall be cast into outer darkness. (Matt 22:11-23)." 1TG18:20

"Also "in that day," further says Zechariah, "there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. Zech. 13:1" 8TR:18

"It was previously explained that Zechariah's prophecy is applicable to the church in the time of the "Loud Cry." 2SR:290

If the saints will NOT be cleansed before they go to the Kingdom, how then will they be saved and sealed to be one of the 144,000?

This was a pertinent question that was asked when it was made clear that the fountain was not now opened. The point to note is that the process through which one is saved is not what this cleansing fountain is portraying. One is saved through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. This process is made plain in 1SM:367; "Righteousness is obedience to the law. The law demands righteousness, and this the sinner owes to the law; but he is incapable of rendering it. The only ways in which he can attain to righteousness is through faith. By faith he can bring to God the merits of Christ, and the Lord places the obedience of His Son to the sinner's account. Christ's righteousness is accepted in place of man's failure, and God receives, pardons, justifies, the repentant, believing soul, treats him as though he were righteous, and loves him as he loves His Son. This

is how faith in accounted righteousness; and the pardoned soul goes on from grace to grace, from light to a greater light."

Will we not be living without sin before we are sealed? This was the next concern, when it was made clear that we are saved through faith in Christ's obedience to the law. This question was clarified by 2ANS:34,35; "Therefore, as the sealing message makes its way through the church, only those who awake and reform (sigh) and endeavor to share with others (cry) the light that is shining upon them, receive the seal. They are then accounted sinless through the perfection of Christ imparted in their behalf until they are given the "new heart" promised in Ezekiel 36:26, after which they will be forever sinless--forever without cause to repent.

So the fact is that no one has attained the perfection which he will attain in his future state, but the true follower of Christ has attained the perfection of the present state. He is never a minute behind time or an inch below the highest step attainable at the moment. He is progressively as perfect as the ear of corn is from the day it sprouts to the day it is harvested.

If any sin be committed by such an one, it will not be a known or willful sin. 'To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.' James 4:17. He will be judged 'for the iniquity which he knoweth'. 1 Sam. 3:13. Consequently, to him who avails himself of every opportunity to know the Truth and who zealously complies with all its requirements, it is counted for righteousness (Rom 4:3) - living without sin."

SERMON

Bro. L. Wilson gave us a beautiful Sermon on, The Want and Need of Men. It was taken from ED:57. "The greatest want of the world is the want of men--men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do no fear to call sin

by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

But such a character is not the result of accident; it is not due to special favors or endowments of Providence. A noble character is the result of self-discipline, of the subjection of the lower to the higher nature--the surrender of self for the service of love to God and man."

"Christian life is more than many take it to be. It does not consist wholly in gentleness, patience, meekness, and kindness. These graces are essential; but there is need also of courage, force, energy, and perseverance. The path that Christ marks out is a narrow, self-denying path. To enter that path and press on through difficulties and discouragements, requires men who are more than weaklings.

Men of stamina are wanted, men who will not wait to have their way smoothed and every obstacle removed; men who will inspire with fresh zeal the flagging efforts of dispirited workers; men whose hearts are warm with Christian love, and whose hands are strong to do their Master's work." GW:290

"Man can shape circumstances, but circumstances should not be allowed to shape the man. We should seize upon circumstances as instruments with which to work. We are to master them, but should not permit them to master us.

Men of power are often those who have been opposed, baffled, and thwarted. By calling their energies into action, the obstacles they meet prove to them positive blessings. They gain self-reliance. Conflict and perplexity call for the exercise of **trust in God**, and for that firmness which develops power." GW:291

Therefore brethren, it is time to wake-up and work! Let's get back to the days when we were on fire for our God and stand firm for the Truth!

During our lunch we had much to discuss over the truths that were presented to us this Sabbath Day.

The afternoon was spent with many testimonies and we had a special treat from our Davidian children who sang many praises to our Heavenly King. The children are very special to us for they are the future. We truly enjoyed their presentation.

During the inauguration of the New Executive Council, each new member gave a few words about their dedication to

their new responsibilities and pledged themselves to the work of the Lord.

May the Lord bless each one of them in their service to Him.

Our motto for the day was: Every Davidian a Battering Ram for the Lord!!

Our password was: Faith, Courage and Action!!

This truly was a most memorable Sabbath Day and we are eagerly looking forward to meeting again soon on the top of Mount Carmel, Waco, Texas.

**BY-LAWS OF THE
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF D.S.D.A. - MT. CARMEL
P.O. Box 7613
WACO, TX 76710
"SPECIAL SESSION" - APRIL 1991**

Previous By-Laws legislated at past sessions have, at this 1991 Special Session, been repealed or amended and re-established in accordance with the Bible, Spirit of Prophecy, and the Shepherd's Rod Message. Only those reprinted here together with the other By-Laws legislated at the 1990 Session are legal and binding upon all members of the General Association of D.S.D.A. - Mt. Carmel.

ARTICLE I - HEADQUARTERS

Section I - Name

(a) The 1991 "Special Session" voted to relocate God's Headquarters from Mountindale, New York to Waco, Texas as outlined in Symbolic Code No. 10.

(b) This Association shall be hereafter known as: The General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists - Mt. Carmel, and abbreviated throughout these By-Laws as GA of DSDA-MC. 3ANS:64

(c) April 1st of each year to be set aside as a special day in memorial of our return to "Old Mount Carmel, Waco, Texas".

Section II - Function

(a) The Headquarters is to carry forward the work as depicted by the Shepherd's Rod, in all points, i.e., the distribution of literature, fellowship cards, and setting up of the Davidic-Levitical Institute; to accomplish the general purposes outlined in the Tract entitled, "Mount Carmel Training Center".

Section III - Objectives

(a) The Executive Council is to acquire a full operational staff for the Association, i.e., a full-time printer and maintenance supervisor, in order that its Bible workers and ministers may be able to accomplish a greater work in the field and also that the literature may flow abundantly "to every one grass in the field." (Zech. 10:1)

(b) The Executive Council is to employ full-time world evangelists whose duties would include organizing and establishing new groups for the year.

(c) The Executive Council is to fully establish the E.W. Society as a means to acquire names of Adventists.

ARTICLE II - THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section I - Names of Eligible Individuals

(a) The Session is to elect a group of certified (card-holding) members to form the Executive Council.

(b) The Council is to consist of seven (7) members.

(c) As far as possible, the Executive Council should reside at Headquarters or live within close proximity to Headquarters.

(d) No officer of the Council should remain in the same position for more than two consecutive terms. The Chairman should not be a novice according to 1 Tim. 3:1-6, and should at least serve two years on a local board.

(e) Under no condition should husband and wife serve as officers of the same Council.

Section II - Officers

The Officers for the term 1991-92 are as follows:

Chairman	Brother N. Archer
Treasurer	Sister M. McCallum
Secretary	Sister R. Artherton
Member	Brother B. McLean
Member	Brother P. Smith
Member	Brother T. Strain
Member	Brother L. Wilson

Section III - Authority

(a) "The Executive Council shall be patterned after the Council described in Acts 6:2-6". LD:9

(b) "It shall have full executive and administrative power between Sessions of the Association." LD:9

(c) "It shall be vested with authority to grant credentials and licenses, and to fill vacancies that may occur in any of the Association's offices, save the office of President." LD:9

(d) "A majority of the full membership of the Council shall, after due notice to available members, constitute a quorum of the Executive Council." LD:9

(e) "Meetings of the Executive Council may be called by the Chairman or by any member of the Council as appointed or delegated by him." LD:3

Note: This Session mandates the Chairman to call a meeting if and when any member of the Council so requests.

(f) "Meetings may be convoked at any time." LD:9

(g) "Meetings shall be held at the General Headquarters unless otherwise designated by a quorum of the Council." LD:9

(h) The Executive Council is granted to base its voting procedures on a simple majority vote (at least four must vote yea or nay) unless there is a unanimous vote. In that case, the matter must be referred to the other Council members.

(i) "Minority meetings of fewer than seven (7) members of the Council may be held at the General Administrative office for the transaction of necessary or routine business." LD:9

(j) All important issues outside of routine matters should be presented before the full membership so that the entire Executive Council can participate in the final vote.

NOTE 1: Section III, (h) is understood by the 1990 Session to constitute meetings dealing with basic operational day-to-day functions.

NOTE 2: There is to be a bi-monthly Council meeting that is to be open to any card-holder. They can speak but not vote in such a meeting.

Section IV - No "President"

(a) Because Brother Houteff was the last "President" of the GA of DSDA-MC, the present Association cannot elect a President, but must elect a Chairman to serve as chairperson of the Executive Council.

(b) The Chairman cannot act independently of the Executive Council, but his actions should reflect its decisions.

"May God pity the cause when one man's mind and one man's plan is followed without question." TM:302

Section V - The Pledge

(a) The members of the Executive Council are to verbally repeat the pledge of allegiance found in 13TR:35.

"We pledge our hearts, our minds, our hands, our all, first to the flag of God's eternal kingdom, and to the Theocracy for which it stands, one people made up of all nations, and bound by the cords of everlasting love, liberty, purity, justice, peace, happiness, light and life for all; and the second as Americans, to the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Section VI - Removal of a Council Member

(a) The Executive Council is granted the authority, after following the procedure set forth in Matthew 18:15-18, to temporarily suspend a Council member during investigation of an alleged violation of the Bible, Testimonies, or the Rod Message. However, the final decision is to be made by the majority vote of all card-holding members throughout the world field, by ballot, after receiving a detailed signed report of the Council and the one(s) in question.

Section VII - Decisions Which Warrant Session Approval

I apologize for not writing or responding to your letter and the tapes that you had sent to me. I prayerfully and diligently studied the matter of the Waco Issue. I'm only a new believer in the Rod's message but with the help of God I understand the case very clearly. I believe that the Headquarter must be in Waco, Texas, as what was outlined in the Old Codes as the prophet (V.T. Houteff) declared. Personally I am in favor to go back to Waco.

Phillippines

(a) In case of major decisions outside of previous legislation are to be made between Sessions a ballot must go to the standing delegation for their vote.

NOTE: "Outside of previous legislation" means matters that have not been dealt with at previous sessions. It is not intended to override any previous legislations.

(b) In case of an urgent crisis, that demands overriding a previously legislated decision, a ballot should first be sent to the delegation for approval of the override. Then the Council can proceed with the procedure in "a" of Section VII.

(c) Any card-holder can submit an item for overriding.

NOTE: "Standing delegation" includes delegates, Bible workers and ministers. A ballot should be sent at the same time.

Section VIII - Council Terms

(a) That the previous Council will operate 30 days after Session in conjunction with the present Council and also that during Session, routine business will continue to be handled by the outgoing Council.

ARTICLE III - SESSIONS

Section I - Sessions Annually

(a) No Session should be held for the remainder of 1991. The next Session will be held March/April 1992. From this Session forward, Session will be held annually.

(b) This Association shall hold regular Sessions at such time (See "a" above) and place as the Executive Council shall designate, by a notice published in the Symbolic code, the official organ of the organization, in two (2) consecutive issues before the date of the opening of the Session.

Section II - Special Session

(a) A ballot is to be sent to all card-holding members in the world field.

(b) The final decision for calling a Special Session is to be made by the majority vote, of all returned ballots by stated deadline, of all card-holding members in the field.

(c) Decisions at Special Sessions shall have the same force as those at a regular Session.

(d) In the case of calling a Special Session the card-holder(s) should send a written request and reasons to the Council. Within ten (10) working days (including Sundays) upon receipt of request, the Council shall send the request and reasons to the card-holders for their vote.

(e) If there is a problem with time limits, ballots may be sent in by telegraph, FAX or express mail. No telephone ballots will be accepted.

(f) A date will be chosen by the person requesting Special Session and will be sent simultaneously with the ballots.

Section III - Session Agenda

(a) The Executive Council must prepare the Session Agenda prior to the opening

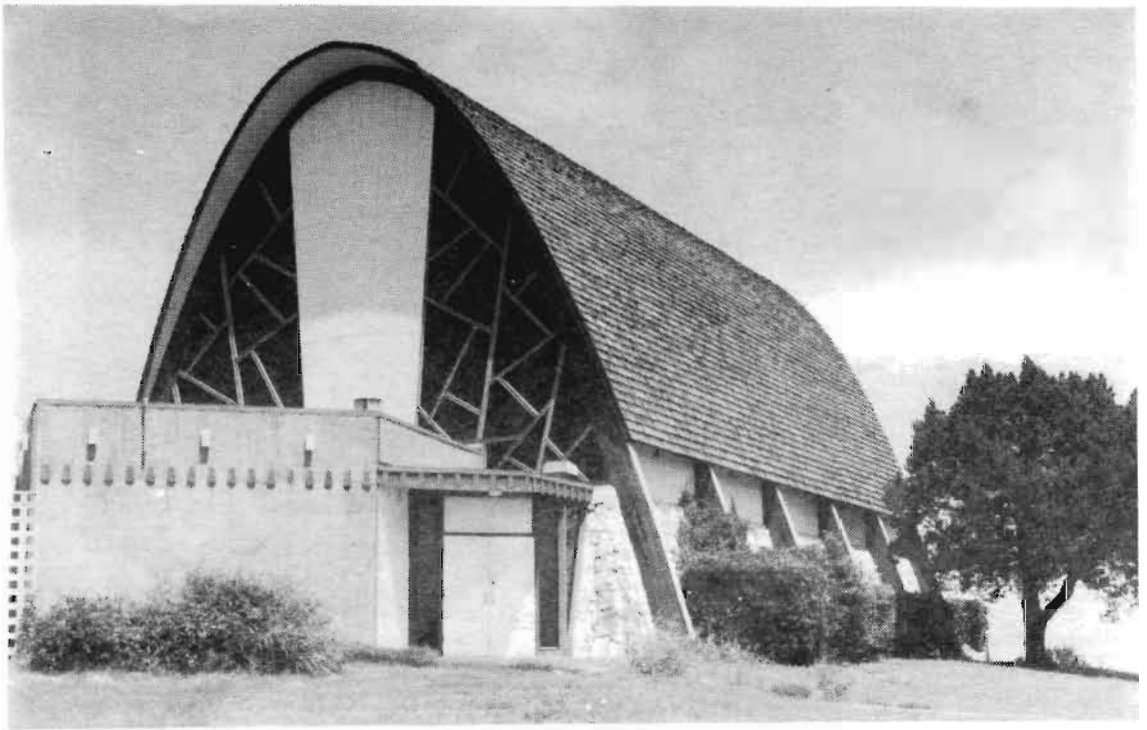




Handing over the down payment check



Mt. Carmel's meadow and pecan trees



Close up view of Mt. Carmel's santurary



Pine and pecan trees on the church property. Vanguard school in the background



Receiving the keys to Mt. Carmel Center



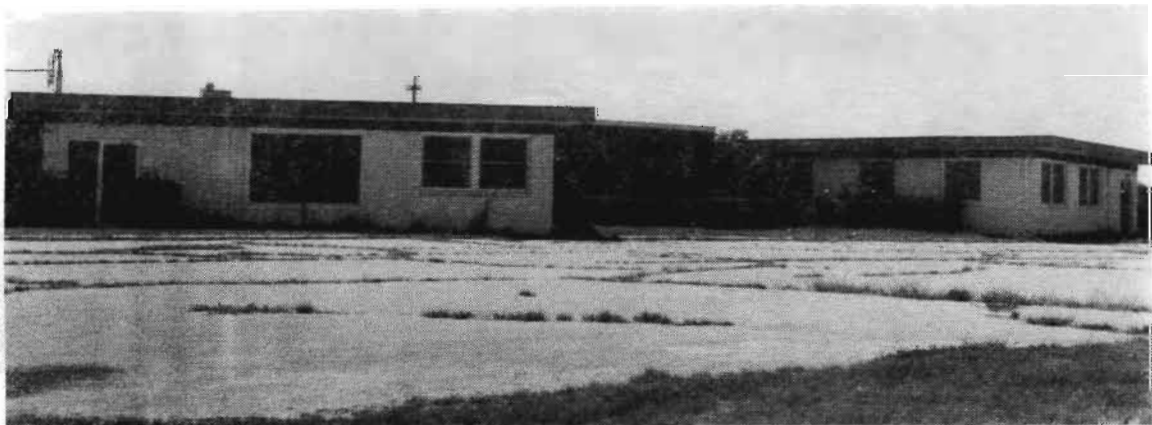
At Escrow-- last minute negotiation and signing of contracts. Sellers on right assures buyers on left that they will assist them in making their work a success.



Viewing the top of Carmel from Lake Waco.



Beautiful Lake Waco $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Mt. Carmel Center.



Administration complex on left, printing area on right.

of the business meetings, and send a copy to all card-holding members to plan to come to the special or regular Session. Only card-holding members of the GA of DSDA-MC can be allowed, by the Council, to submit any item to be added to the agenda and the Council cannot refuse to put any of their items on the agenda. Non-card-holding members may submit items for discussion through card-holding members.

(b) The Executive Council must publish in the Symbolic Code all the By-Laws enacted, amended and repealed at the last Session.

(c) A notice will be sent to the field two months before Session stating that all new items and changes specifically for the By-Laws be submitted to the Executive Council with cogent reasons for these new items and changes, which the Council will then distribute in the pre-Session Symbolic Code.

(d) All Davidians who do not hold a valid fellowship card, but who return first tithe and second tithe (as far as possible), to the GA of DSDA-MC are allowed to attend all Business Meetings at the discretion of the card-holding members in that area, but he/she has no voting rights.

(e) The first Session's Business Meeting will be opened by the Chairman's opening remarks, after which he will conduct the "roll call" of all members present, to verify that each one has a valid membership card, and a majority vote will be taken to accept or reject each person's right to attend the Session's Business Meeting. Any member that the Session did not approve by a majority

vote to be present at the Business Meetings will be asked by the Chairman to leave.

Section IV - Session Procedures

(a) At commencement of every Session, Business Meeting or Holy Convocation, each member present will stand up and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to God's eternal Kingdom, to the Theocracy for which it stands, and also to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. TR13:35, MCTC:14

(b) The Council Chairman shall act as an interim chairperson at regular or Special Sessions until the election of officers for the Business Meetings takes place.

(c) The Chairperson is to keep order at all times. He may summarize or clarify a point of view expressed by each speaker, as well as express his own views.

(d) The Session may appoint persons to be the Secretary and the Sergeant-of-Arms.

(e) The usual or standard method of voting on motions is by a show of hands, but secret ballots may be used on special motions if the Session so decrees.

(f) The Session must elect two (2) persons to collect and count the secret ballots and have them verified by the chairperson, who then announces the results.

(g) A copy of the agenda must be given to each valid card-holding member in attendance, and then the chairperson will open the floor for discussions.



(h) It is the chairperson's duty to ensure that parliamentary procedures are followed throughout the meetings.

(i) At all regular or Special Sessions, all attending members must show their valid membership card and wear a name badge throughout Session in order to be admitted.

Section V - Delegates

(a) The Association at any Session thereof, may enact, amend, or repeal By-Laws by such a representation and vote as is the example in Acts of the Apostles, p195-196; the Leviticus, p8.

(b) Each Area may be represented by at least one delegate, elected by a majority vote of card-holding members, plus an extra delegate for each ten (10) card-holders.

(c) All delegates and voting members elected to Session representing any Branch, Area, or Group, shall comprise the standing delegation between Sessions until the next election of delegates.

(d) Each Area, Branch, or Group, shall turn in the names of their standing delegates who shall have all rights and privileges whether or not the delegates attend Session, so that in all matters, each field is fully represented at all times.

(e) All standing delegates are to be given monthly reports, less personal business, and they are in turn to inform their respective boards of information pertaining to said reports.

(f) All ministers and credentialed teachers who are active (recommended

by their local Board or by the Executive Council if there is no Board nor card-holders in the area) have the privilege to attend and vote at Session business meetings.

(g) Any Area or Branch of the Association shall by majority vote, replace its delegates any time prior to the commencement of the Session.

(h) Those elected as delegates from Branches should be active card-holders.

Section VI - Session Funds

(a) The Executive Council is to immediately establish a Session Traveling Fund to assist delegates, ministers, and credentialed teachers of those Branches that send their funds (tithes and offerings) directly to Headquarters. The Executive Council is to keep the field abreast as to the progress of this fund.

(b) Those Branches who do not send funds (tithes and offerings) directly to the Headquarters are responsible to establish a Session Fund for their delegates, teachers and ministers. The Headquarters may assist such Branches that are incapable of financing such traveling.

Section VII - Special Instructions on Session Procedures

(a) Information about Session procedures is to be sent to all potential delegates before they come to Session. Thereby enabling them to participate more effectively and proficiently. Perhaps special classes could be given at DLI to facilitate this matter. (Example - parliamentary procedures, terminology, etc.)

Thank you for your publications in May 9th. You have the great plan to build the camp for the service. I have to thank God, although, I have not much money I would like to offer sixty U.S. dollars next month. I hope more brethren will offer much more money to support the building plan. I hope the camp will finish in the near future and give more service to more people. Let God bless you.

Hong-Kong
China

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section I - New Members

(a) To all Davidians who request a fellowship card for the first time, the Executive Council must send them an application form (long form), together with a letter stating the procedure for submitting application.

(b) All applicants for the Certificate of Fellowship must first send their completed forms to the local Board of Trustees for recommendation before submitting it to the Council. If, however, there is no Board in that area then the applicant will submit it directly to the Executive Council for their approval by a majority vote before their cards can be signed by the Chairman and issued.

NOTE: Space will be provided on the application form for the signature of referer.

(c) All fellowship cards will be issued directly to the applicants, but the Boards will be informed by the Council who has been sent a card.

(d) If there is an objection to the person receiving his/her fellowship card, a letter of explanation must be sent to the Executive Council along with the application form. Please note, however, that all applications must be forwarded to the Headquarters.

(e) For those who speak a foreign language, there shall be some qualified persons who will systematically read and translate the Rod literature to them

in special classes. If they have gone through all the literature during these classes and are otherwise qualified, they can receive their fellowship cards.

Section II - Current Members

(a) To every Davidian who already holds a valid fellowship card in a year, the Executive Council must mail that same year (during the first week of January), the SHORT application form for him if he desires to renew his fellowship card for the coming year. Each application is to be returned by March 1st of that same year.

(b) All fellowship cards will expire March 31st.

(c) All those renewing their Certificate of Fellowship must follow the same procedure stated in Article IV, Section I (b).

Section III - Fellowship Cards

(a) Any valid card-holding member of the GA of DSDA-MC has a right to receive the following benefits/privileges:

1. To attend all religious and business meetings at a group meeting and at a Session.
2. To be eligible (if otherwise qualified by the By-Laws to hold a local office or an Executive Council office.
3. To teach in the name of the Association.
4. To have visitation rights to the Headquarters.

5. To inspect the Association's financial records at the Headquarters (personal records are exempt).
6. To attend the Davidic-Levitical Institute (if qualified).
7. To receive charity (if qualified).

(b) All Davidians who do not hold a valid fellowship card, but who return first and second tithes to the GA of DSDA-MC are qualified:

1. To attend religious group meetings.
2. To receive charity (if qualified).
3. To visit the Headquarters.
4. To attend group business meetings at the discretion of the card-holding members in that area, but he/she has no voting rights.

(c) The Chairman is authorized to sign all fellowship cards, ONLY after the application has been processed by a majority of the full Council.

(d) The original application form (Long and Short) used by Brother Houteff is to be reinstated and utilized by the GA of DSDA-MC.

Section IV - Invalidated Fellowship Cards

(a) Before any member's fellowship card can be invalidated by the Executive Council, it must first be, on the recommendation of the card-holding members of his/her area, after the procedure set forth in Matthew 18:16,17 has been complied with.

Section V - List of Doctrinal Beliefs

(a) Doctrinal Beliefs of the Association must be clearly stated as listed in the Tract, "Fundamental Beliefs of DSDA" and 2TG:10. This should not be attached to the application as a supplement, but should be placed in the same envelope along with a copy of the By-Laws and mailed to all those desirous of obtaining a fellowship card.

(b) This Association, the General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists Mt. Carmel, does confirm, that its fundamental beliefs are those that are embodied in the Tract entitled, "Fundamental Beliefs and Directory of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists" and 2TG:10. Also, for clarification in regards to the false doctrines that have arisen among us in Davidia, this Association takes the following stand:

1. That only 144,000 living saints, will escape the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. (1TG52:20,21; 3ANS:26; 1SR:219; WHR:24,25; TR5:103; Rev. 7:1-4)
2. That the last porter/prophet/President to God's church is Brother Victor T. Houteff. (GCS:7,8,23,32; TR9:67; TR13:11,12)
3. That the "Living Spirit of Prophecy" is not a man, but rather, the inspired interpretation of the scriptures, a timely message. (2TG45:5,8; 2TG41:21; 2TG20:24)
4. That Carmel is a spiritual/literal pasture and that it will be in existence until the establishment of the Kingdom. (1SR:243; 11SC12:30-34; 12SC#8,9:14,15)

5. That the second pentecostal out-pouring of the Holy Spirit cannot be until after the purification of the Church, the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. (1ANS:91,92; 2SR:220,221; TR3:86; 2TG46:27,28,34,36)
6. That Brother Victor T. Houteff is the master antitypical prophet. (David TR8:47,48,71; 2TG:21:23; Jezreel - 2TG6:17,18,25; 2TG43:18,19; WHR:65; TR4:51; Ezekiel - 1TR:37; 1TG22:30; Zechariah - 1TG16:29; Zerubbabel - 1TG14:20-22; Elijah - GCS:23,32; 1ANS:67,68; Joshua - 1TG8:23,24,28)
7. That God's Headquarters must be in the domain of the Two-horned beast - "USA", (TR8:24), east of California (1SC:10:4) - Waco, Texas.

ARTICLE V - FINANCES

Section I - Bank Accounts and Allocation of Funds

- (a) Funds from the world field shall be sent to:

The General Association of DSDA
 Mt. Carmel Center
 P.O. Box 7613
 Waco, Texas 76710
 USA

- (b) Those Branches in foreign countries that do not send funds to the Headquarters are to send a quarterly financial report to the Association.

- (c) The Headquarters will distribute funds to the various Branches, that send their funds directly to the Headquarters.

- (d) The Headquarters is to send funds as needed to those newly established Branches that are unable to fund themselves.

- (e) The Executive Council is given the authority to spend all that is necessary in the various departments, (see Article IX, Section I), for the establishment and the furtherance of the GA of DSDA-MC. In addition, each department is to submit to the Council its budgets for consideration.

- (f) Any expenditure outside of previous Session legislation must be submitted to the standing delegation for approval.

Section II - Account Signees

- (a) Seven (7) persons are to be signees on the account of the GA of DSDA-MC.

- (b) Any three (3) of the seven (7) signees must sign for all withdrawals.

- (c) Should a financial problem arise, it shall be ratified by the signature of all seven (7).

- (d) In case of a catastrophe, i.e., death, that the remaining signee(s) on the Association's account shall be granted the power of attorney to sign for those who have died or are incapacitated until a new signee(s) is appointed.

Section III - Important Documents

- (a) All important documents of the GA of DSDA-MC are to be kept in a safety deposit box, preferably at the same bank where the Association's account is established.

(b) The signees to this safety deposit box are to be those of the existing Executive Council.

(c) The signees will be renewed after every Session.

(d) At no time should fewer than four (4) members of the Executive Council be present when the box is to be opened.

(e) All documents, in relation to the properties and assets acquired by the Branches of the Association, shall be sent to the Headquarters of the GA of DSDA-MC, for safe keeping, and those Branches should keep a copy for their records.

Section IV - First and Second Tithes and Their Uses

(a) "The Ministerial Department, workers and present truth publications - shall be maintained by the first tithe." Vol 4 Symbolic Code, Nos. 1,2,3:4.

(b) A separate budget line of 20% of second tithe (1/5th) be established as a Welfare Insurance Plan. (Lev. 27:30)

(c) The second tithe is to be used in accordance with 4ANS:49 and 59-63.

(d) Persons desirous of becoming full-time workers should notify the Executive Council of the time he wants to begin. The Executive Council in turn will keep a record of the workers' activities in the field, i.e., tithe payers recruited, etc.

Section V - Income from Branches

(a) Those Areas that do not send their funds (tithes and offerings) directly

to Headquarters, are to set aside 50% of their net income into a separate account that is to be set up and controlled by Headquarters for the enhancing of the cause.

Section VI - Mileage

(a) A mileage payment of 20 cents a mile is to be given for transportation and upkeep to those individuals who use their personal vehicles for Association purposes.

(b) Any distance over 150 miles (one way) is to be approved by the local board, and if no local board, the Executive Council.

Section VII - Auditor

(a) Has the authority to audit the Association books at his/her discretion.

(b) The Assistant Auditor is to be appointed by the Auditor.

(c) The Assistant Auditor has authority to audit the Association books with written acknowledgment from the Auditor.

ARTICLE VI - DAVIDIC-LEVITICAL INSTITUTE

Section I - The Institute

(a) The Executive Council is authorized to put into effect the Davidic-Levitical Institute, with all its different phases, as explained in the Tract entitled, "Mount Carmel Training Center."

(b) The Headquarters is to operate as an Institution, and as such, it shall provide housing, laundry facilities and cafeteria where workers and students may eat their meals after the pattern

of Old Mount Carmel. It should be understood however, that cafeteria facilities are optional for workers. Students however, are required to have their meals in the institution's cafeteria.

(c) Due to concerns of those persons desiring to attend DLI and cannot, and to facilitate involvement of persons in the field, the Education Department is to formulate programs to meet these most pressing needs. These programs are to be supervised by the local boards under guidelines of the Education Department.

(d) That the DLI programs be revised with a higher level of spiritual development and the input be put into that program by the Executive Council and former students.

Note: Courtship and marriage, along with a study of mind, character, and personality are to be an integral part of the institute's curriculum.

(e) All DLI students are to read the Tract entitled, "Mount Carmel Training Center" with proper understanding of its contents prior to being admitted into the school, and that an orientation should be given upon the first week of their arrival.

Section II - Correspondence Course

(a) That new students applying for DLI should be encouraged to complete the correspondence course prior to attending DLI. The Education Director is to look into the situation.

Section III - DLI In-Field Training Program

(a) Those Areas desirous of having an in-field training program must submit it to the Education Department.

ARTICLE VII - WORKERS

Section I - Employment

(a) As soon as possible the Executive Council is to provide for all Branches, effective correspondence courses, seminars, and a teacher's manual. Before a Board of Trustees can recommend someone for full-time Bible work, he/she would have had to successfully complete the correspondence course and seminar.

(b) The Executive Council will have the responsibility of designating the worker's allotment of funds, so as to meet their basic needs.

(c) Workers' reports and expense forms are available so that those in the field who desire to be reimbursed for their expenses while doing the Lord's work can be reimbursed.

(d) The Executive Council is to put into effect the following guidelines:

1. As far as possible workers should be sent two by two.
2. Members desirous of becoming full-time workers are to start out on a self-supporting basis and gradually come on salary as the fruits of their labors are seen. SEE: FB:26-30; SC2:3,4, March, April 1936.

3. Workers are to be provided with in-house training.

Section II - Ministerial Credentials

(a) The Executive Council is vested with the authority to choose ministers who are to be ordained and licensed, and teachers who are to be credentialed, according to the Leviticus:10,11, Article III, Section VI, entitled, "Ordination of Ministers."

(b) A credentialed teacher is one who has successfully completed the DLI and has been granted a certificate and/or one who has been granted an honorary certificate by the Institute.

(c) Licensed and ordained ministers are defined as stated in the Leviticus of D.S.D.A., p 11, vested with the right to preach and teach the truth, the principles, and the lessons and to perform the ministerial duties, services, and ceremonies, set forth in the scriptures. 2SR:80,81

(d) A licensed minister shall be vested with the right to preach and teach the truths, the principles and the lessons set forth in the scriptures, but not to perform the ministerial duties, services, and ceremonies, therein set forth, except on occasion such as warrant the Council's specially authorizing said right.

Section III - Income

(a) The essential working funds of the Association shall consist of tithes and offerings.

(b) The adventitious funds shall consist of donations, bequests, legacies, and internal revenues.

ARTICLE VIII - PUBLISHING

Section I - Literature

(a) The Executive Council is to ensure that the ROD Literature is printed in abundance, so that it can be scattered as the "leaves of autumn" throughout the SDA church.

(b) Tracts 1-15, plus the miscellaneous Tracts (excluding the Timely Greetings and Symbolic Codes) are to be reprinted in their original, uniformed pocket size.

(c) A specially designed Symbolic Code be addressed to the Laodicean field containing relative news items, necessary questions and answers, and letters of encouragement. To be sent out on a monthly basis.

(d) The postal address on the back of inside of the Tracts will be:

The Universal Publishing Association
Mount Carmel Center
P.O. Box 7613
Waco, Texas 76710
(817) 776-3472

(e) Complete outlines of all the chart studies are to be formulated by all the Executive Council as an aid to those desirous of teaching the message.

(f) The GA of DSDA-MC, printing literature as the Universal Publishing

Association, will publish only the Shepherd's Rod Literature, including the "Old Codes."

Note: Major emphasis will be placed on printing an abundance of The Entering Wedge, The White House Recruiter and The 1950 General Conference Special.

(g) That both the administrative section and the publishing operation be located at the same place wherever that may be.

(h) We do not take any portion of the Rod Literature and publish in book form nor are we to re-design the covers.

ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section I - Organization

(a) The Executive Council is imbued with the responsibility of defining the job responsibilities of the Board of Directors.

(b) As far as possible all members of the Board of Directors should meet together on a quarterly basis to report to the Executive Council and to coordinate their activities around the world.

ARTICLE X - DEPARTMENTS

Section I - Listing of Departments

(a) The names of the Departments and their different components as selected by the 1991 Special Session are as follows:

Bldg. Maint.	Bro. T. Strain
Communications	Bro. M. Smithson
Editorial	Sis. D. McLean
Education	Bro. R. Roberts
Medical	Sis. R. Manzarth

Mercantile	Bro. P. Nosworthy
Ministerial	Bro. G. Augustus
Printing	Bro. N. Archer
Transportation	Bro. B. McLean
Welfare	Sis. L. Archer
Ass't	Sis. D. McLean

ARTICLE XI - EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Section I - Bible Study Lessons

(a) The Education Department is to publish both children and adult Bible study lessons to be dispersed throughout the world field.

Section II - Financially Supporting Davidian Children and Youth That They May Attend SDA Schools.

(a) The California Board has permission to implement the program of providing financial aid for Davidian children to attend SDA schools in California. The chairman of the program is to give the Education Department a report of the work that they have done in order that other Areas may establish the same program.

(b) The 1990 Session is to turn over the recommendation presented by the California Branch so that both the Education Committee and the Executive Council can formulate plans acceptable to the world field.

ARTICLE XII - COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Section I - The Tape Ministry

(a) The Communication Department is to put the entire Rod message along with chart studies on audio cassette tapes.

(b) The Communication Department is to thoroughly organize the tape ministry to include the following:

1. Persons to read Rod literature on tape in various languages.
2. Headquarters is to supply the materials.
3. To provide volunteers for reading, editing, etc.
4. To insure a proper use of distribution of the tapes in relationship to the literature.

ARTICLE XIII - MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT

Section I - Ministerial Rites

(a) On behalf of those groups who do not have a licensed minister, that someone be dedicated to perform simple funerals, marriages, and baptisms. The Ministerial Department is to coordinate a program (eg. lay ministers) to expedite this matter. Also, to look into the possibility of Davidians having our own burial plot. Council is to assist the Ministerial Department with these recommendations.

Section II - Special Instructions

(a) The Education and Ministerial Departments are to organize seminars for Bible workers and ministers toward enhancing their skills in the field at least once a year.

ARTICLE XIV - BIBLICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Section I - Committee Procedures

(a) Any doctrinal dispute or new interpretation contrary to the teachings of Mount Carmel or in the field, is to first be brought through the office to the Biblical Research Committee, for investigation of the matter, before being disseminated to any group or field. 1SC4:1.

(b) The issue involved is first to be presented to the Director of the Committee in writing.

(c) The Director is to filter the information to the other Committee members who in turn are to make a thorough investigation of the matter and send their findings to the Director.

(d) The Director is to then send a compiled report of the findings to the Executive Council.

(e) The Council in turn is to send the report to those members (those who first brought up the issue, see step "b" above). However, the final decision rests with the Session.

Section II - Committee Members

Director	Brother N. McCallum
Member	Brother G. Augustus
Member	Brother N. Archer
Member	Sister Y. Gully
Member	Brother P. Nosworthy
Member	Sister C. Pastel
Member	Brother R. Roberts
Member	Brother P. Smith
Member	Brother J. Velace
Member	Brother A. Victor
Member	Sister J. Wilcutt
Member	Brother L. Wilson

ARTICLE XV - RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMITTEE

Section I - Purpose

(a) This committee has been formed to assist present truth believers in all matters pertaining to religious liberty (i.e., court injunctions, etc). To receive assistance, please contact Mount Carmel who in turn will contact the Committee.

Section II - Committee Members

Director	Brother T. Strain
Member	Brother G. Augustus
Member	Sister Y. Gully
Member	Brother P. Hayden
Member	Brother P. Nosworthy
Member	Brother R. Roberts
Member	Brother L. Wilson

ARTICLE XVI - JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Section I - Purpose

(a) The Judicial Committee shall have the authority to:

1. Hear an appeal on, and by, a majority vote, to arbitrate any action of the Executive Council.
2. To order the Executive Council to call a Special Session if and when it (The Judicial Committee), adjudges as mandatory the need to do so.
3. Immediately to elect and install a Temporary Council, should the incumbent Council fail to comply with the order. This Council is to stay in office until the next Session.

4. Hear and act upon any other appeal made to it, and to sustain or overrule any other action, and to deal with any inaction, of the Executive Council.

Section II - Committee Members

Director	Brother P. Nosworthy
Member	Brother G. Augustus
Member	Brother B. Botai
Member	Brother V. Brown
Member	Sister Y. Gully
Member	Brother P. Hayden
Member	Sister G. Kerr
Member	Brother N. McCallum
Member	Brother T. Palmer
Member	Brother R. Roberts
Member	Brother J. Velace
Member	Sister J. Wilcutt

ARTICLE XVII - CLASSIFICATION AND GUIDELINES FOR THE WORLD FIELD

Section I - Classification

(a) The classification of the world field of the GA of DSDA-MC is to be as follows:

1. Section: The smallest (7 studying members including 2 tithe payers)
2. Area: A group of sections (5 tithe paying members including 2 card-holders)
3. Branch: A group of Areas (7 tithe payers including 5 card-holding members)
4. Division: A group of Branches (at least 21 tithe payers including 15 card-holding members)

(b) The Executive Council has the responsibility of dividing the world field into four general categories

Section II - Branches and Areas

(a) All Branch and Area leaders should be elected by a majority vote of the card-holding members of that Branch or Area.

(b) In areas where there are no card-holding members, or where there is a newly established group, the credentialed teacher or ministers, sent by the Association, to that particular area, shall be recognized as the leader, responsible to the Executive Council until such time as the members of that area are eligible (receive their cards) to elect their own leaders.

(c) The Executive Council is to formulate guidelines for the operation of Branches and Areas.

(d) Every Branch is to elect a governing body, to be known as the "Board of Trustees."

(e) Under no conditions should husband and wife serve as officers of the same board.

(f) All existing and future Branches shall be incorporated as subsidiaries of GA of DSDA-MC.

(g) A particular time on Fridays is to be set aside for Davidians world-wide to pray unitedly at that set time.

Section III - The California Branch and The Universal Publishing Association

** These items are no longer applicable, but were not dealt with at Session.

** (a) Due to the signed agreement the above section was completed.

** (b) As a part of the agreement let it herein be known that the application for fellowship--LONG form embodies the doctrinal beliefs of all members of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists - Mt. Carmel and its subsidiaries.

** (c) The General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists - Mt. Carmel is the parent corporation.

** (d) These By-Laws and long term application form constitute the statement of procedure for discipline and are the governing guidelines of the organization.

ARTICLE XVIII - MEDICAL CENTER AND REST HOME

(a) That this Association will make whatever plans necessary at Headquarters to build a rest home and a medical center in a pleasant surrounding conducive to health as outlined in the Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, 10:2.

ARTICLE XIX - SPECIAL DICTATES, NOTES,
AND GUIDELINES FOR THE 1991-92 EXECU-
TIVE COUNCIL

Section I - General

(a) The Executive Council will send into the world field a newsletter at least once per quarter, entitled, "The Symbolic Code", the official organ of the Association.

(b) The 1991-92 Executive Council is to meet periodically in the upcoming year to research and implement all By-Laws decreed by the Session and to keep the field informed by periodic reports.

(c) The 1991 Session, confers upon the Executive Council the awesome responsibility of administering the affairs of the Association as described in these By-Laws and guidelines in accordance with the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy and the Shepherd's Rod message.

(d) The Executive Council is to continue encouraging workers to enter the missionary field on a self-supporting basis as outlined in ANS5:48,49. They are also to designate appropriate workers to enter the foreign fields.

Section II - Buildings

** (a) The Executive Council is to send a special notice to the field for funds to complete the buildings that have been started.

Section III - Moving the Publishing Department

** (a) If the cost of transferring the Publishing Department from California to New York is as great as buying a new one, that a new press be bought for the headquarters.

** These items no longer are applicable but were not dealt with at Session.

Section IV - Translations

(a) The Council is to work out a method whereby qualified persons are recruited to translate the literature into foreign languages.

Section V - Special Requests for Workers

(a) Two teachers or a husband and wife team are to work in England as full-time Bible workers for one year. All accommodations will be provided by the English group. For example, lodging, food and stipend. The time may be divided into two six-month periods, if necessary.

(b) The Ministerial Department and Council is to send a full-time worker to Jamaica, West Indies.

Section VI - Transportation

(a) A letter is to go into the field describing the situation for donations toward the purchase of a vehicle for Jamaica, West Indies. (The vehicle cannot be older than a 1988 model) A two to four weeks deadline will be given for replies. After the donations

have been received, the Council is authorized to make up the difference from available funds.

Section VII - Fellowship Applications

(a) When a new application for membership is received, the secretary of the Executive Council should write all the names and addresses of persons receiving cards and give the information to the office secretary. Only the Executive Council should file the applications.

(b) A line is to be added for persons signing both Long and Short forms in order that they may be able to notify the office of any change of status.

(c) On the Long and Short forms, the words "state" and "country" should be printed on the two address lines.

Section VIII - Special Financial Help

(a) The Council is to make certain that the needs of Brother M. Victor and his family be met financially on a monthly basis. In case he is able to support himself, the above becomes invalid.

Section IX - A Davidian School for Children and Youth

(a) The Executive Council is to implement plans to start a children's and/or youth summer school by 1991.

END OF 1991 BY-LAWS

INQUIRY

What age was Christ when he died?
What date was Christ born?
What age was Christ when baptized?
What date was Christ crucified?

"Neither can the 'moon' represent the ceremonial system under the Jewish economy, for the 'woman' was clothed with the 'sun', and the 'moon was under her feet' while the ceremonial system was yet in existence, for the child was born after the 'woman' had been clothed with the 'sun.' Christ Himself, by eating the Passover just before His crucifixion, established the fact that the ceremonial law was still in existence 34 years after his birth." 2SR:75

"The truth concerning the 'fourth part of the earth,' over which power was given unto them 'to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth,' is easily discovered: Dividing 6,000, the years from creation to the commencement of the millennium, into four equal parts, gives 1500 years ('the fourth part'), in the end of which time the power was to wane. Again, it being true that the slaying of the saints began with the crucifixion of Christ, this 'fourth part of the earth' therefore began at that time, and ended with the 'Augsburg Confession,' a document compiled by Luther and presented at the Diet of Augsburg to the Emperor, Charles V, in 1530 - exactly 1500 years after the resurrection of Christ (considering that the Christian era is 3½ years pre-dated), the time the Roman power did wane." TR15:50,51

WARNING AGAINST TIME SETTERS

Many years ago Ellen G. White gave testimonies of warning that the Lord's people should beware of time setting. She wrote:

"Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test." EW:75

"I saw that God tested His people upon time in 1844, but that no time which has since been set has borne the special marks of His hand. He has not tested His people upon any particular time since 1844. We have been, and still are, in the patient waiting time." 1T:409

"The repeated efforts to find new dates for the beginning and close of the prophetic periods, and the unsound reasoning necessary to sustain these positions, not only lead minds away from the present truth, but throw contempt upon all efforts to explain the prophecies." GC:457

"Let all our brethren and sisters beware of anyone who would set a time for the Lord to fulfill His word in regard to His coming, or in regard to any other promise He has made of special significance. 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power.' False teachers may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before the world and the church; but as they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths. They are to be met and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood and are endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth." TM:55

"Again and again have I been warned in regard to time-setting. There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ."

"It Is Not for You to Know the Times and the Seasons." R.H. March 22, 1892, pp. 177, 178.

"The Lord showed me that the message must go, and that it must not be hung on time; for time will never be a test again" Ibid., p. 178

Bro. V.T. Houteff has also given us warning against the same:

"The message sets no date, either exact or approximate, for the closing of the judgment of the dead, or for the beginning of the judgment of the living. The time of the cessation of the one event and the beginning of the other, is not to be known until the one is past and the other begun." 1ANS:94,95

"Now it is up to all of us individually to decide whether we should hear the voice of man or the Voice of God's Rod. This is now everyone's concern, for one of these two voices--the voice of men or the Voice of God's Rod--will determine everyone's destiny either for eternal death or for eternal life. 1TG:27

UNITY OF FAITH

"Christ is leading out a people, and bringing them into the unity of the faith, that they may be one, as He is one with the Father. Differences of opinion must be yielded, that all may come into union with the body, that they may have one mind and one judgment. 1 Corinthians 1:10: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Romans 15:5,6: "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward

another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Philippians 2:2: "Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

"All the people of God should have an interest in His cause." 1T:324

NOTICE: We are seeking someone who is able and willing to help us formulate a Children's Sabbath School lesson. Those interested, please contact Mt. Carmel.

THANKS: We thank all that have faithfully supported the Mt. Carmel restoration program. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

SUGGESTIONS: We encourage all suggestions and counsel from the field concerning the Mt. Carmel restoration program.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: All 1990-1991 membership cards are extended through June 30, 1991. For those who have received their new Fellowship Application Form, please return it by June 15, 1991. If you did not receive a new Fellowship Application Form and are needing one, please contact Mt. Carmel, Waco, Texas immediately and we will send it to you. Please make note that the new card which you receive will be through March 31, 1992, at which time all cards will need to be renewed.

PRINTING PRESS: Praise God! Mt. Carmel is blessed with a small printing press outfit. Plans are being made for a larger one. We will retain the smaller one for training purposes.

Church price: Total \$285,000.00. After further negotiation the Presbyterian agreed to accept only ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) above the first proposed price of \$275,000. for carrying the mortgage. Down payment remain at \$55,000 with \$20,000. more payable in six months instead of four months.

What are we getting? A furnished church building to seat about 400, lobby, eight offices, rooms average size of 12 x 20, kitchen fully equiped, two dining rooms 12 x 12 and 50 x 80, 3 rest rooms (men, women, kids), 7.3 acres of land, 3 phase current already installed, and central air and heat.

Top Priority: We are endeavouring to utilise the press to the maximum capacity. A constant, persistent and resolute communication program with Davidia and Laodicea will be top priority. Part of our failure over the years is due to our haphazard, inconsistent and unprofessional way of conducting the work God. The games are over! Please send in your suggestions, testimonies and missionary reports so that we can have a lively monthly Symbolic Code to Davidia and Laodicea. It is now time to come up to the help of the Lord.

Notice: Those who are in need of the 3 Volume set of Spirit of Prophecy (52 books included) please contact us for information.

We apologize for the late information concerning the fast on May 19th 1991. It was a blessing to those who participated.