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MINUTES OF THE RELIGIOUS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS OF
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SABBATH - MAY 21
(AN INTRODUCTION)

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BUSINESS MEETING - SUNDAY, MAY 22

The meeting commenced at 11:30 am in Brooklyn, New York. The following delegates were present - Bro. Norman Archer, (Jamaica), Sis N. Thompson (Jamaica), Sis. J. Coleman, (California), Sis. C. Horne (California), Sis. S. DaCosta (Canada), Sis G. Raymond (Canada), Bro. C. Harris (New York), Bro. A. Hibbert, (New York), Bro. P. Gibbs (New York). After prayer, the following officers were elected: Chairman - Bro. N. Archer, Secretary - Sis. S. DaCosta, Sergeant at Arms - Bro. A. Hibbert.

The chairman proceeded to give his introductory remarks -- stating to the effect, that the decisions that were yet to be made would have far reaching results. It was then that a most critical discussion was entered upon and continued through the whole day. All were encouraged to express their views and thoughts on each vital issue. It was the general consensus that: (1) God's work had long been languishing, (2) That the Salem Association had betrayed its trust and (3) brought God's work to its lowest ebb and had gone contrary to the dictates of the "Rod".

BUSINESS MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 23

After a night of secret prayer and reflection, all delegates reassembled and the meeting again commenced at 11:30 a.m. in New Rochelle, New York. The meeting was opened with an inspiring prayer thought taken from Evangelism, pps. 76, 384, 386. After prayer, it was once again emphasized by the chairman the importance and far-reaching results of each decision that was to be made.

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At this juncture, it was evident to all that God was leading, and that His Spirit enveloped the place. Thus, another motion was made, discussed and unanimously passed that nominations for the Executive Council be opened but that the actual casting of votes for the nominees be done the following day (May 4). This would allow, as before, time for secret prayer and reflection. The name of this re-established association is to be known as the General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists, Mt. Carmel.

BUSINESS MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 24

The session reconvened at 5:00 p.m. in New Rochelle, New York. This was the day to elect members for the Executive Council. The chairman read a thought-provoking prayer thought

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taken from Evangelism pp. 639. This prepared the delegates of the session for a deep and earnest reconsecration of themselves, for the important task set before them. Prayer was offered.

After leaving the "throne of grace", a pointed, but Christ-like discussion on each post of the Executive Council and its respective nominees began. Prayer was then again offered separately for each post and nominee requesting God's intervention in choosing the Council.

The Executive Council for the year 1983-1984 are as follows:

Vice-President-----Bro. Anthony Hibbert
Asst. Vice-President-----Bro. Norman Archer
Secretary-----Bro. Peter Gibbs
Asst. Secretary-----Sis. Sharon DaCosta
Treasurer-----Bro. Lenox Wilson
Asst. Treasurer-----Bro. Colin Harris
Member-----Sis. Jean Coleman

*All voting was done by secret ballots.

Songs of praise arose on high to God our Father for the victories won the past few days of the session of 1983.

BUSINESS MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

The session met in Brooklyn at 10:45 a.m. to resume deliberations. The prayer thought was read from Evangelism p. 647. Bro. Gibbs offered prayer, after which we were again about the King's business. The whole day was taken up in the making of by-laws. There was at the end of the meeting a great sense of accomplishment.

"Without counsel, purposes are disappointed. But in the multitude of counsellors they are established." Proverbs 15:22.

BUSINESS MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 26

New Rochelle, New York, was once again designated as the meeting place. The chairman read from Evangelism p. 98 and prayer was offered. Various by-laws were deliberated upon, motioned, and passed. Though weary, the session closed the meeting for the day with still greater joy at what had been accomplished by the help of the Lord.

"The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord...A man's heart deviseth his way, but the Lord directeth his steps." Proverbs 16:1,9.

BUSINESS MEETING - FRIDAY, MAY 27

The Session went back to Brooklyn to conclude it's business. After prayer, the few remaining items left on the session agenda were discussed, motioned, and passed. A hymn of joy was sung, prayer offered, and the business aspect of the memorable session

of 1983 came to a close.

"Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." Isaiah 26:4.

SABBATH - MAY, 28

The final gathering of the session of 1983 was held in Brooklyn, New York at 5:00 p.m. The meeting consisted of first, an informative health lecture by Bro/Dr. Norris Nosworthy. The lecture gave us some insight into "protein complementation." This information helped us in the understanding of combining our various foods.

Sis. Sharon DaCosta presented a study on the "Righteousness of Christ". The subject was most appropriate for the conclusion of the historic events of the past week. She reminded us of the qualities which we must have to reflect Christ's righteousness. She also exhorted us to embody the whole credenda of the "Rod" message into our lives---we must keep all the standards, and teach them to others.

Afterwards, there was the dedication of the Executive Council, which was performed by Bro. Leeford Francis. He admonished the newly-formed Council to be humble, prayerful and Spirit-filled. The Council then made their pledge of alligance to the service of God and His people, as recorded in 13 Tract p. 35. Indeed, it was a solemn moment as the pledges were taken and the dedicatory prayers offered by Sis. Gloria Raymond and Bro. Louis Harris. Truly, our hearts did burn within us for the Spirit was within that place.

After the Sabbath was closed, a short report was given of the weeks proceedings. The session then closed with social fellowship. The session of 1983 was clearly a historic session. God had united with man. Fresh zeal was showered from heaven, a desire was manifested among all present to do all within their power to usher in the setting up of God's Eternal Kingdom on earth. It is doubtful that any present at the session will ever forget its proceedings.

"The conflict before us calls for the exercise of a spirit of self-denial, for distrust of self and for dependence on God alone, for the wise use of every opportunity for the saving of souls. The Lord's blessing will attend His church as they advance unitedly, revealing to a world lying in the darkness of error the beauty of holiness as manifested in a Christ-like spirit of self-sacrifice, in an exaltation of the divine rather than the human, and in loving and untiring service for those so much in need of the blessing of the gospel." Prophets and Kings, p. 74.

BY-LAWS OF THE
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY-ADVENTISTS, MOUNT CARMEL
P.O. Box 332 White Plains, NY 10605

Voted in, at the Historic Session of May 1983

All previous by-laws legislated at the Sessions of 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, and 1980 have been repealed, amended and re-established in accordance with the Bible, Spirit of Prophecy, and The Shepherd's Rod Message. Only the by-laws legislated at the 1983 Historic Session are legal and binding upon all credentialed members of the General Association Of Davidian Seventh-Day-Adventists, Mount Carmel.

ARTICLE I-Headquarters

Section 1-Separation from Salem

(a) The Executive Council (See Article II, Section 3), is to find and establish a world-wide headquarters to carry forward the work, as depicted by the Shepherd's Rod, in all points, i.e., the distribution of literature, fellowship cards, the Davidic-Levitical Institute, etc. (Furthermore, the headquarters is to be established in any one of the eastern states (Ev 394, 386), except Washington, D.C., because of 12 Symbolic Code 5:18)

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(b) The Executive Council is to locate a permanent site for the establishment of the headquarters of the General Association Of Davidian Seventh-Day-Adventists, Mount Carmel, in order to accomplish the general purposes outlined in the tract entitled, "Mount Carmel Training Center". This property should constitute 80 (eighty) or more acres, at a reasonable price.

(c) This association shall be hereafter known as: The General Association Of Davidian Seventh-Day-Adventists, Mount Carmel, and abbreviated throughout these by-laws as, GA of DSDA, MC.

ARTICLE II- The Executive Council

Section 1-Names of eligible individuals

(a) The session is to select a group of persons which are to be known as the Executive Council.

(b) The Council is to consist of no less than 7 (seven) persons.

(c) Their term is to be for 1 (one) year, with a 6 (six) month probationary period. During which time their performance is to be evaluated, and if found satisfactory, they will continue thru the full term, but if not, they will be asked to resign from their positions by the "Judicial Committee". (See Article III, Section 1, 2).

(d) All areas of the world field, as much as possible, are to be represented on the Executive Council.

Section 2-Positions on the Executive Council

(a) There is to be an assistant Vice-President, an assistant Secretary, and an assistant Treasurer. These persons are also to be on the Executive Council.

(b) The seventh council member, without portfolio, is to be chosen from an area not represented on the Executive Council.

(c) The positions of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be filled by the eligible nominees with the highest votes. The assistants to these positions will be filled by the nominees with the next highest votes.

Section 3-Officers

- (a) The officers for the year 1983-1984 are as follows:
1. Vice-President-Bro. A. Anthony Hibbert (NY)
 2. Assistant Vice-President-Bro. Norman Archer (JA)
 3. Secretary-Bro. Peter Gibbs (NY)
 4. Assistant Secretary-Sis. Sharon DaCosta (CAN)
 5. Treasurer-Bro. Lenox Wilson (NY)
 6. Assistant Treasurer-Bro. Colin Harris (NY)
 7. Council Member-Sis. Jean Coleman (CAL)

Section 4-Authority

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

(b) It shall have full executive and administrative power between sessions of the Association.

(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 the President.

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

(e) Meetings of the Executive Council may be called by the chairman or by any member of the Council so appointed or delegated by him.

(f) Meetings may be convoked at any time.

(g) They shall be held at the general headquarters, unless otherwise designated by a quorum of the Council.

(h) Minority meetings of less than seven members of the Council may be held at the General Administrative Office for the transaction of necessary or routine business.

Section 5-Mandate

(a) No husband and wife are allowed to be on the Executive Council during the same term.

Section 6-No President

(a) Because Bro. Houteff was the last "President" of the GA of DSDA, MC, the present association cannot elect a president, but must elect a vice-president to serve as chairman of the Executive Council, and to direct the affairs of the Association.

Section 7-The Pledge

(a) The members of the Executive Council are to verbally repeat the pledge of alligance found in 13 Tract page 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"

ARTICLE III-The Judicial Committee

Section 1-Composition of the Judicial Committee

A number of the delegates were concerned to see a safety device built into the mechanism of Davidic-Levitical order, to protect the Association against any possibility of another Executive Council's either failing to carry out its responsibility or exceeding its constituted authority. Long deliberation on this concern resulted in the formation of a Judicial Committee as an appeal body. As such, it is vested with power to be a court of appeal for any certified member of the Association. Therefore, if at any time any member believes there is solid evidence that any decision, action, procedure, or aspect of the program of the Executive Council is in violation of truth, justice, or righteousness, he/she can appeal to the Judicial Committee to investigate the matter. Thus the Judicial Committee becomes the supreme judicial authority of the Association between sessions.

(a) The Judicial Committee is to be composed of the delegates to the session.

(b) Any delegate that is elected to the Executive Council automatically loses his/her place on the committee, thus requiring his/her area to fill his/her vacated place on the committee.

(c) The Judicial Committee has the right to elect its own chairman.

Section 2-Authority

The Judicial Committee shall have the authority to:

(a) Hear an appeal on, and, by a majority vote, to sustain or overrule, any action of the Executive Council.

(b) 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.

(c) Immediately to elect and install a new Council, should the incumbent Council fail to comply with the order.

(d) 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 3-Procedure

Before any card-holding member approaches the Judicial Committee with a complaint, he/she/they must take the following steps:

If the problem is with an individual member of the Executive Council or with

the Executive Council as a body, he/she/they must:

(a) Approach the individual(s) involved making him/her/them aware of the situation, as in accordance with Matt 18:16,17.

(b) Document the conversation.

If there is no satisfaction, he/she/they should:

(c) Submit this document to the Executive Council, through the person of the Vice-President for resolution.

If there is no response from the Executive Council within 3(three) weeks or if the individual(s) is not satisfied with the response, he/she/they has the right to:

(d) Appeal to the Judicial Committee, which must act on the matter according to Article III, Section 1 and 2.

(e) The Judicial Committee shall document and record all of its action, to be submitted to the world field, for their acknowledgement.

ARTICLE IV-Sessions

Section 1-Session every year

(a) A regular session must be called by the Executive Council annually.

(b) All regular sessions are to be in the month of July or August.

(c) 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 2(two) consecutive issues, before the date of the opening of the session.

Section 2-Special Session

(a) Special sessions may be called in the same manner in which a regular session is called.

(b) The decisions at special sessions shall have the same force as those at a regular session.

Section 3-Session Agenda

(a) The Executive Council must prepare the session agenda prior to the opening of the business meetings, and send a copy to all card-holding members who plan to come to the special of 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 item suggestions on the agenda.

(b) After each session, the Executive Council must publish in the Symbolic Code all the by-laws enacted, amended, and repealed at the last session.

Section 4-Session Procedure Rules

(a) The Vice-President shall continue to administer the affairs of the Association at regular or special sessions until the election of officers at the business meetings. He shall direct the movements of those coming to the sessions, as well as direct all religious meetings, and shall sit as chairman of the business meetings unless the session votes another chairman.

(b) Anyone coming to any regular or special session is allowed to attend religious meetings. Under no circumstances shall any Davidian or anyone else be allowed to attend any business meetings, or to vote on any issue, unless he is a valid card-holding member of the GA of DSDA, MC.

(c) The session's business meetings will be opened by the Vice-President'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 persons right to attend the session's business meetings. Any member whom the session did not approve by majority vote, to be present at the business meetings, will be asked by the Vice-President to leave, and if he/she refuses, let the Vice-President see that he/she is removed.

(d) The Chairman 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.

(e) The Chairman may appoint someone to be the Secretary and the Sargent-At-Arms, or the session may appoint them.

(f) The usual or standard method of voting on motions that are passed during the sessions business meetings is by a show of hands in the majority. Secret ballots may be used on special motions if the session so decrees.

(g) For the election of the Executive Council officers, the session may use secret ballots in the majority.

(h) The session must elect 2(two) persons to collect and count the secret ballots and have them verified by the Chairman, who announces the result.

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

(j) It is the Chairman's duty to ensure that parliamentary procedures are followed thru-out the meetings.

Section 5-No Proxy voting at Sessions

(a) At no time is proxy voting to be allowed at a regular or special session. Each card-holding delegate recognized by the sessions "Roll Call" is authorized to cast only one vote, and he/she cannot represent any others by proxy.

Section 6-Delegates

(a) The Association at any session thereof, may enact, amend, or repeal by-laws by such a representation and vote as is exempld in the Acts of the Apostles, pp. 195, 196 ----The Leviticus p. 8.

(b) Each branch(See Article XI, Section 1) may be represented by at least one delegate, elected by a majority vote of the card-holding members, plus an extra delegate for each 10(ten) card-holding members.

(c) Delegates, credentialed teachers, and ordained ministers(See Article XIII, Section 2), shall have full executive, administrative, and legislative power during regular and special sessions.

(d) All ministers and credentialed teachers have the privilege to attend and vote at session business meetings.

(e) Any branch of the Association shall by majority vote, replace its delegates, whenever it elects to do so.

Section 7-Session Funds

(a) To be left up to the descretion of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE V-Membership

Section 1-New Members

(a) To all new Davidians who request a fellowship card for the first time, the Executive Council must send them an application form.

(b) All new Davidians requesting membership with the GA of DSDA, MC, must fill out an application form and submit it to the resident Council at the GA of DSDA, MC for their approval by a majority vote of the full Council (resident and non-resident) before their cards can be signed by the Vice-President and issued to them.

(c) If there is a Davidian leader in the area or minister nearby, the application must have his/her signature of recommendation on his/her application form before the Council can approve it; or a Council member may recommend him/her by his/her signature.

(d) A new Davidian applying for a fellowship card should be a faithful first and second tithe payer to the GA of DSDA, MC.

(f) At no time can the Executive Council issue a fellowship card to a Davidian who is not a vegetarian, not a first and second tithe payer(without a proper reason for second tithe exemption), not having read all the Rod literature.

Section 2-Former Members

(a) To every Davidian who already holds a valid fellowship card that year, the Executive Council must mail to each of them that same year(during the first week of February), an application form for all who want to renew their fellowship cards for the coming year. Unless each application is returned by March 1st of that same year, his/her application will be held until the following year, to investigate his/her standing with the GA of DSDA, MC.

(b) All new fellowship cards will be valid from April 1-March 31.

(David-8Tr 47,48,71, 2TG 21:23; Jezreel-2TG 6:17,18,25, 2TG 43:18,19, WHR 65, 4Tr 51; Ezekiel-1Tr 37, 1TG 22:30; Zechariah-1TG 16:29; Zerru-
babel-1TG 14:20-22; Elijah-GCS 23,32, 1Ans. 8,67,68; Joshua-1TG 8:23,
24,28)

7. That God's Headquarters must be in the domain of the two-horned beast, (USA), in the east, according to the river of Ezekiel 47. (2SR 297)

(b) The Executive Council is to send the above beliefs as a supplement, with the application form, requiring each applicant to read and study the same, before he/she conscientiously signs the application form.

ARTICLE VI-Finances

Section 1-Bank Accounts and Allocation of Funds

(a) The account in the name of the GA of DSDA (New York Branch) will be turned over to the Executive Council of the GA of DSDA, MC.

(b) All funds from the world field will be sent :
The General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day-Adventists (NY Branch)
P.O. Box 332 White Plains, NY 10605
Until an account is set up in the name of the GA of DSDA, MC.

(c) The Headquarters will distribute funds to the various branches, so they can take care of their local needs.

(d) Those branches in foreign countries that are unable to send funds to the headquarters, are to send a quarterly financial report to the Association.

(e) The Executive Council is given the authority to spend all that is necessary, in the various departments (See Article X, Section 1), for the establishment and furtherance of the GA of DSDA, MC. In addition, each department is to submit to the Executive Council their budgets for consideration.

Section 2-Account Signees

(a) Five persons are to be on the account of the GA of DSDA, MC.

(b) Any 3 (three) of the 5 (five) must sign for all withdrawals.

(c) Should a financial problem arise, it should be ratified by the signatures of all 5 (five).

(d) In case of a catastrophe, (i.e., death), each of the 5 (five) signees will bequeath their "power of attorney" to the Executive Council, to act in their behalf.

- (e) The 5 (five) signees are to be:
1. The Vice-President-Bro. A. Hibbert
 2. The Secretary-Bro. P. Gibbs
 3. The Treasurer-Bro. L. Wilson
 4. The Assistant Treasurer-Bro. C. Harris
 5. Non-Resident Council Member-Sis. J. Coleman

Section 3-Loans and Donations

Section 3-Valid Fellowship Cards

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

1. To attend all religious or business meetings at a group meeting or 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 Carmel Headquarters.
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 returns first and second tithes to the GA of DSDA, MC are qualified:

1. To have a right to attend religious group meetings.
2. To receive charity (if qualified)
3. To have a right to visit the Carmel Headquarters.

(c) The Vice-President is authorized to sign all fellowship cards, after the application has been processed and approved by the Executive Council.

(d) The original application form used by Bro. Houteff is to be re-instated and utilized by the GA of DSDA, MC at the conclusion of the 1983 Historic Session.

Section 4-Invalidated Fellowship Cards

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

Section 5-Supplement to Application Form

(a) This Association, The General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day-Adventists, Mount 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 2 TG #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. (1 TG #52:20,21; 3 Ans 26; 1 SR 219)
2. That the last Porter/Prophet/President to God's Church today, is, Brother Victor T. Houteff. (GCS 7,8,23,32; 9Tr 67)
- ③ [REDACTED]
4. That Carmel is a spiritual pasture (not literal), and that it will be in existence until the establishment of the Kingdom.
(1 SR 243; 11 Symbolic Code #12:30-34; 12 SC #8,9:14,15)
5. That the 2nd Pentecostal outpouring on the Holy Spirit cannot be until after the purification of the church, the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. (1 Ans 91,92; 2SR 220,221; 3Tr 86; 2 TG 46:27,28,34,36)
6. That Bro. Victor T. Houteff is the Master Anti-Typical Prophet.

Section 5-Supplement to Application Form paragraph (a), item 3, was highlighted on the original document and did not scan legibly; see below for replication of said item.

3. That the Living “Spirit of Prophecy” is not a man, but rather, the inspired interpretation of the scriptures, a timely message. (2 TG 45: 5-8; 2 TG 41: 21; 3 TG 20: 24)

(a) The GA of DSDA, MC will accept a loan of \$2,000, for printing paper, from Sis. Ilene Politzer, and the Association will repay this amount in monthly installments, as designated by the Executive Council and Sis. Politzer.

(b) The GA of DSDA, MC will accept a bequeathment of \$2,000 (Jamaican money), from Sis. Naomi Thompson. \$1,000 will be used in Jamaica, and \$1,000 will be sent to the U.S.A.

Section 4-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) At no time are less than 4 (four) members of the Executive Council to be present when the box is to be opened.

(d) Copies of all documents, in relation to 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.

(e) The signees will be renewed after every session.

ARTICLE VII-The Davidic-Levitical Institute

Section 1-The Institute

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

(b) The Institute will hereafter be known as:
The Davidic-Levitical Institute-Mount Carmel Training Center

ARTICLE VIII-Workers

Section 1-Employment

(a) All workers are to be employed by the GA of DSDA, MC.

(b) The Executive Council will have the responsibility and burden of designating the workers allotment of funds, so as to meet their basic needs.

(c) Workers report forms will be drafted, so that those in the world field who desire to be re-imbursed for their expenses while doing the Lord's work, can be re-imbursed.

(d) the following 3 (three) individuals are to be employed by the GA of DSDA, MC upon the completion of the 1983 Historic Session, and as soon as the finances will allow: 1. Bro. A. Hibbert, 2. Bro. N. Archer, 3. Bro. C. Harris.

Section 2-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 pp. 10,11, Article 3, entitled, "Ordination of Ministers".

(b) The following individuals are to be our first candidates for ministerial positions:

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| 1. Bro. N. Archer (JA) | 5. Bro. H. Hibbert (NY) |
| 2. Bro. H. DaCosta (CAN) | 6. Bro. N. McCullum (JA) |
| 3. Bro. C. Harris (NY) | 7. Bro. C.H. Morgan (JA) |
| 4. Bro. E. Hawthorne (JA) | 8. Bro. M. Wallace (JA) |

They are first to be licensed, then they are to be ordained, as decided by the Executive Council.

(c) At the conclusion of their first 6 (six) months at their posts of duty, the Executive Council is to review the aforementioned names, and recommend them individually for ordination.

Section 3-Labourer's Compensation

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

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

ARTICLE IX - THE PRESS

Section 1-Acquisition of the Press

(a) The Association accepts the loan of \$10,000 from a benevolent Davidian family, for the purchasing of an A.B. Dick 360 Printer, and all the other necessary equipment (i.e., cutter, folder, etc.).

(b) With the consent of the resident and owner of 170 Coligni Avenue, in New Rochelle, New York, the 1983 Historic Session has granted permission to them to temporarily house the newly purchased press (A.B. Dick 360 and accompanying equipment), until a permanent place (headquarters), has been established. It is also understood that printing will begin as soon as possible, and that utilities consumed by the operation of the same will be paid by the Association.

Section 2-Literature

(a) The Executive Council ensures that the Rod literature is to be 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 the Symbolic Codes) are to be reprinted in their original, uniform, pocket size.

(c) The postal address on the back or inside of the tracts will be:

The Universal Publishing Association
Mount Carmel Center
P.O. Box 332
White Plains, NY 10605

(d) Complete outlines of the basic chart studies are to be formed, as an aide to those desirous of teaching the Message.

ARTICLE X-Board of Directors

Section 1-Departments

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

(c) Each department will be required to report to the Council on a monthly basis, on all activities.

(c) All members of the Board of Directors should meet together on a bi-monthly basis to co-ordinate their activities around the world.

(d) The Sabbath School Department is to publish both children and adult sabbath school lessons, to be dispersed throughout the world field.

(e) The Evangelism Department is to put the entire Rod Message, along with the chart studies, on audio cassettes.

(f) The Sabbath School Department and the Evangelism Department are to be merged together, because of the close similarities of their work.

(g) The names of the departments and their directors as selected by the 1983 Historic Session are as follows:

1. Editor-Bro. Colin Harris
Assistant Editor-Bro. Leeford Francis*
Associate Editor-Bro. Courtenay Escoffery*
2. Evangelism/Sabbath School-Bro. Norman Archer-Director
Assistant-Bro. Garrick Augustus*
Associate-Bro. Errol Harris*
3. Youth-Sis. Yvonne Hibbert-Director
Assistant-Sis. Phyllis Escoffery*
4. Transportation-Bro. Peter Nosworthy*-Director
5. Health-Dr. Norris Nosworthy*-Director
Assistant-Sis. Christine Horne
6. Welfare-Sis. Eugenie(Jenny) Galloway-Director
Assistant-Bro. Derrick Graham*
7. Education-Bro. A. Anthony Hibbert-Director
Assistant-Bro. Leeford Francis*
8. Printing Supervisor-Bro. Peter Nosworthy*

Assistant-Bro. Colin Harris

9. Communications-Bro. Courtenay Escoffery*-Director
Assistant-Bro. Peter Gibbs

10. Religious Liberty (Committee)

The following by-laws were passed in regards to the function of the Religious Liberty Committee:

(a) Any doctrinal dispute in the field is to be brought before the Religious Liberty Committee for investigation of the matter.

(b) If the matter cannot be solved at that level, it should be brought to the Judicial Committee, who's decision is final, subject to amendment at the following session.

The individuals on that committee are as follows:

1. Bro. Hugh DaCosta(CAN)-Chairman
2. Bro. Anthony Hibbert(NY)
3. Bro. Norman Archer(JA)
4. Bro. Courtenay Escoffery(NY)*
5. Bro. Lenox Wilson(NY)
6. Bro. Garrick Augustus(NY)*
7. Bro. Melvin Wallace(JA)
8. Sis. Sharon DaCosta(CAN)
9. Bro. E. Hawthorne(JA)
10. Bro. Noel McCullum(JA)
11. Bro. Colin Harris(NY)

11. Building and Maintenance-Bro. Louis Harris-Director
Assistant-Bro. Peter Nosworthy

*Official, upon receipt of his/her fellowship card.

ARTICLE XI-Classification of the World

Section 1-Classification

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

1. A Section-The smallest.
2. An Area-A group of Sections.
3. A Branch-A group of Areas
4. A division-A group of Branches

(b) The Executive Council has the responsibility of dividing the world field into these 4(four) general categories.

Section 2-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 minister, sent by

the Association, to that particular area, should be recognized as the leader, responsible to the Executive Council, until such time as the members of that area are eligible (recieve 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".

ARTICLE XII-Final By-Laws

Section 1-Closing By-Laws

(a) All members of the Executive Council must be card-holding members.

(b) The Executive Council is to draft-"The Constitution of The GA of DSDA, MC", as prescribed in the Leviticus, for registration with the state.

(c) 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.

(d) The 1983 Historic Session, confers upon the Executive Council the awesome responsibility of administering the affairs of the Association, as prescribed in these by-laws and guidelines, in accordance with the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy and the Shepherd's Rod Message.

Any questions or further information, please write to:

The General Association of Davidian Seventh-Day-Adventists, Mount Carmel
P.O. Box 332 White Plains, NY 10605

Att: Secretary
or The Executive Council

ADVANCED MOVE FOR THE KINGDOM

Dear Present-truth believers:

Grace be unto you and peace from our God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who's "Voice crieth unto the City."

We trust that you are praising God and rejoicing over what he has done these past few weeks for He has given us a great vision, revived our hopes and aspirations. Yes, after such a Spirit-filled session we are encouraged, and challenged to carry on the work as outlined in "The Shepherd's Rod". But, what is this work? Let us for a moment allow Inspiration to refresh our memories and captivate our beings.

"Just as soon as we as a Denomination awake to the fact that 'many nations shall be joined to the Lord,' and be His people, just that soon will the theory of only first fruits die out. And just as soon as this message reaches every church member, just that soon will the purification take place." Timely Greetings Vol. 1, p. 26.

"Plainly then, the 'latter rain' is miracle-working Truth that causes the saints to mature for the harvest of which the 144,000 are the first fruits (Rev. 14:4). Then, in order to quickly gather the second fruits, God pours His Spirit upon every first fruit saint, (upon 'every one grass') old or young, boy or girl - not upon one here and upon another there.

"Obviously 'bright clouds' represent agencies conveying Truth which they scatter everywhere in the Lord's vineyard-over every church member - 'every one grass,' wheat or tare Then, too, the spiritual 'latter rain' must fall as freely and without cost to the recipients as does literal rain. Thus it is that never before has the world witnessed so much absolutely free literature scattered away as this literature is. Millions! So it is that these small comprehensive publications, the bright clouds, laden with present truth, are now being scattered as leaves of autumn throughout Laodicea to every church member," 'to every one grass' in the vineyard of the Lord. The final results? 'More than one thousand,' attests Inspiration, 'will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications.' Review & Herald, Nove. 10, 1885., Timely Greetings Vol. 1, p.4,5.

"Here you are plainly told that in the gathering time the servants of God are compelled first to fish His people, then to hunt them. Since our first contact with them has been through the literature, it, therefore, must be the fishing. Rightly so, too, because as it is scattered everywhere as the leaves of autumn, the fish come to examine it, find it good for food, take a bite and get hooked, so to speak. Now, however, we are in the hunting period, and we have already begun to hunt them, be they in the city or in the country, in places easy to get to or places hard to get to. Wherever they live, they must be hunted, although it will not be a small easy task to catch at home something like 300,000 or more Adventists scattered throughout the United States alone, besides over

500,000 or more scattered throughout the foreign lands. This you see is mighty expensive work, demanding many hunters with expensive chariots (cheaper ones could not stand the task), covering hundreds of thousands of miles and requiring as many barrels of gasoline and oil. This is not a small task, proportionately there has never been the like, and will therefore, take the united strength of every present truth believer to keep them going and get the work done so that we can soon go to Glory Land." - Jezreel Letter 9, p. 6.

What a vision! What a work! Yes, what blessings can be ours! "Brother," "Sister", are we willing to meet the challenge? Why not venture into something in which there is no chance-taking? With God on our side, how can we fail? Unless, of course, we forsake Him!

"Yes, it is a great undertaking and a great work with a great promise requiring multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars and all the able and willing bodies He can get to hunt hundreds of thousands of Seventh-day Adventists 'in the holes and in the rocks' world over. To say a tremendous responsibility hardly describes the load, but as plain as day, stands the fact that it is worthwhile, that we cannot fail, and that His people will respond both to the message and to the help of the Lord against the mighty. And how thankful we ought to be that everyone is given the privilege and opportunity in one way or in another to share the 'well done, thou good and faithful servant.'" Jezreel Letter 9, p. 6,7

Our present Executive Council realizes more than ever before that the task of reaching every Seventh-day Adventist as prescribed by Inspiration is not an easy one. Nevertheless, we fearlessly in God's strength, meet the challenge, knowing that if the directions ("Rod") are followed there can be no failure.

Therefore, let us share with you some of the burdens God has laid upon our hearts for the present term of the Executive Council. We have just through the help of our Father, and two brethren in New York, purchased all necessary equipment for the printing of all Tracts, Timely Greetings, etc. In a few short weeks all present truth believers will be supplied with all necessary literature to complete their "Rod" sets, and at which time, anyone requesting literature may do so without cost or obligation. Just as soon as we are able, the association (Mt. Carmel) shall dispatch orders upon request. It is our projected goal that North America, the whole Inter-American Division, which includes the West Indies, parts of Europe, Africa, and Australia, be showered with the printed page - "meat in due season." In addition, it is our desire and aim soon to begin the translation of the "Rod" literature into languages such as French and Spanish. There are already two or three individuals in preparation for this task. So, brethren, gather the names of any or all Seventh-Day-Adventists and send them to Headquarters, for there shall be showers of blessings! X

Besides the printed page, there are already hunters preparing for their post of duty. Thus, soon, there will be workers in

California, Canada, Haiti, St. Lucia and Guyana.

Through the help of a sister in California, we will in approximately two weeks be able to begin putting the whole "Rod" literature on tape for your edification and listening pleasure.

*We are praying and searching for a permanent location for the Headquarters. This location will not only have an administrative building, but also a place for the Davidic-Levitical Institute, Universal publishing Association (printing house), dorms and house-dwellings. It will be set-up and organized as laid down in the Tract "Mt. Carmel Training Center". Therefore, in order to accomplish such large and grand moves, Divine aid is needed.

*Yes, in order to locate this land, the land which God has already, we are sure, awaiting His people, we must pray and fast earnestly for His extraordinary, and clear-cut direction. Thus, on the third day of July, 1983, Let all present-truth believers from sunset the 2nd to sunset the 3rd put not a drop of drink or bite of food between their lips. Let all come together in their respective areas to solicit the Father's leading as to where His Headquarters is to be located.

"We cannot have a weak faith now; we cannot be safe in a listless, indolent, slothful attitude. Every jot of ability is to be used, and sharp, calm, deep thinking is to be done. The wisdom of any human agent is not sufficient for the planning and devising in this time. Spread every plan before God with fasting, with the humbling of the soul before the Lord Jesus, and commit thy ways unto the Lord. The sure promise is, He will direct thy paths. He is infinite in resources. The Holy One of Israel, who calls the host of heaven by name, and holds the stars of heaven in position, has you individually in His keeping." Selected Messages, book 2, p. 364

There is a great work to be done and a great need to be supplied. But we all as erring mortals cannot do it. God must work for us. He will only work for us though, if we work with Him. That is, we must "pay strict attention to the message of God and serve the Lord our God with whole heart and soul." - 1TG13 p. 10 We must "comply with the requirements of the message for today, not of yesterday..." - 1TG7, p.13

In order to have God's blessings, we must also learn to work with one another. We are to love God and man. We are to love our neighbor as ourselves.

"If Christians never accuse one another, never communicate one another's mistakes, shortcomings, failures, and troubles, they will find themselves so united that nothing can break their common Christian bond. But such a spirit of oneness can be maintained only by a people who keep a tireless vigil over themselves, always to see eye to eye and speak the same things by forsaking their own ways and thoughts in exchange for the Lord's.

"It is imperative, therefore, that every Present-truth believer

teach and practice only Present Truth, teach not short nor beyond what is published, weave not into it private interpretations or constructions, theories and ideas, and do nothing less or nothing more than what the message calls for... Then only will you be able to dispel the spirit of confusion and to retain the spirit of love and unity." Ans. 4. p. 68, 69.

"...We want to press together. Oh, how many times, when I have heard the angel voice saying, 'press together, press together, press together. Do not let Satan cast his hellish shadow between brethren. Press together; in unity there is strength. '-Selected Messages, Bk. 2, p. 374.

'Brother,' 'Sister,' now is the time to march onward; to make advanced moves for the Kingdom.

"Now is your opportunity to promote His cause, to make it your chief business, your chief interest, your highest joy. Now is the time to say 'If I forget Thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.' Ps. 137; 5,6. To this end, pray and work. Give Him no rest until He makes Jerusalem a praise 'in the earth.' Let this be your delight as you are His delight." - Timely Greetings. 42, p.6.

Yours to be faithful,

The Executive Council

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