GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION
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Tom Lemon, President of Mid-America Union Elected as Vice President of the World Church » Delegates of the 60th GC Session elected several new general vice presidents of the General Conference today, including Thomas L. Lemon, president of the Mid-America Union.

In the previous quinquennium nine vice presidents were elected. The current election reduced that number to six, due in part to transfer of several institutions from GC oversight that will result in reduced workloads, explained President Wilson. Four vice presidents retired: Lowell Cooper, Armanda Miranda, Michael Ryan and Benjamin Schoun.

Other general vice presidents elected today were Guillermo E. Biaggi, president of Euro-Asia Division and Abner De Los Santos, vice president of the Inter-American Division. Those re-elected were Ella Simmons, Artur Stele and Geoffrey Mbwana.

Lemon, who has served as president of the Mid-America Union Conference since 2010, graduated from Southwestern Adventist University with a theology degree, and from the Adventist Theological Seminary with a Master’s of Divinity.

He also served as president of the Minnesota Conference, assistant to the president in Rocky Mountain Conference, and ministerial director of the Oregon Conference, subsequent to pastoring in Texas and Chesapeake conferences.

“I was taken by surprise at the request of Elder Wilson and the
vote of the delegates to assume the role of general vice president of the General Conference,” said Lemon. “It has been our great joy to serve the Mid-America Union Conference these past years. Thank you for your prayers as both we and the MAUC move forward as we anticipate with eagerness the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

Elder Lemon is married to the former Jan Elmendorf, a career educator. They are the parents of two adult children and have four grandchildren. [Brenda Dickerson]

40,000 Worship on Sabbath at San Antonio, Texas; Ted N. C. Wilson Re-elected as World Church President » Though official count is not available, perhaps more than 40,000 believers came together to San Antonio, TX, Alamodome on the first Sabbath of the 60th General Session of the General Conference, July 4. A re-elected secretary of the General Conference, G. T. Ng delivered the sermon and greeted the American people on the Independence Day of the United States.

On Friday, July 3, delegates to the 60th Session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, meeting in San Antonio, Texas, voted to re-elect Ted N. C. Wilson as its president for the quinquennium ending in 2020. When elected as the 18-million members Adventist world leader in Atlanta, Georgia, he became the 20th president since the beginning of the church in 1863.

Wilson’s nomination was greeted with an applause, but also with requests to refer the nomination back to the committee. A result of consultation with the officers of the Nominating Committee, the nomination was voted by a majority of the delegates using paper ballots. Accepting the nomination, Ted N. C. Wilson requested prayers of the church. He called for church members to lift up Christ and His righteousness, faithfulness to God’s Word and message, as well as church member involvement in witness and evangelism.

#GCSA15 [Photo by Rohann/NAD]

MAUC Booths Boast Freebies, Audio Players, Giveaways, and Legos » The Mid-America Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (MAUC) has many representations of their ministries and associations in the exhibition halls of the General Conference. With the thousands of guests streaming through the halls, exposure is limitless and the opportunities endless. Among those from the MAUC territory are Campion Academy, Christian Record Services for the Blind, Bible Faces, and Union College.

Out of over 1600 Adventist secondary schools in the world, less than ten academies have booths in the convention center. One of those few is Campion Academy. “So far I’ve only seen 3 high
school booths,” said Jessica Rios, Campion Academy’s new recruiter. “If you’re here, it’s a big deal.” Many international students visit the booth to inquire about the school, all looking for an academy where they can learn English. Some visitors come from countries that do not have a single Adventist academy.

Campion alumni and current students are a constant feature at the booth, much to the relief of Jessica. “They definitely help draw in traffic,” she said. “Many even volunteered to help run the booth, which is helpful since I’m the only one here for the entire week.”

Communicating from the General Conference Session

While the General Conference Session is busy with the agenda, nominations, and other activities, there is a group of 250-300 reporters and media staff that brings the session to the world. #GCSA15 In the Press Room, you will find (l-r) Brenda Dickerson, editor of OUTLOOK, Katie Morrison, RMC communication intern, and Dan Weber, communication director of the North American Division.

You can read, see and hear much that is happening here on these Web sites:
- Outlook: http://outlookmag.org/
- NAD & MAUC: http://outlookmag.org/tag/2015-GC-Session/
- GC Youth Ministries (Impact SA): http://gcyouthministries.org/
- GC Website: http://2015.gcsession.org/

News from the General Conference Session to your email box » NewsNuggets will be bringing to you news from the world church session in San Antonio, Texas. We will partner with a sister e-newsletter, myOUTLOOK from Mid-America Union. "OUTLOOK is creating an attractive e-newsletter that will include daily summaries of events, stories and photos from San Antonio," says Brenda Dickerson, MAU communication director, OUTLOOK editor. Sign up yourself and help our constituents stay in the loop by forwarding sign-up link to any of your contacts you think would be interested: http://eepurl.com/bq-c4v. It only takes a minute.

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