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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION SPECIAL EDITION - #2!

Update from the Alamodome » Another day at the General Conference Session, another set of nominations, elections, motions, and decisions have been made by nearly 2,000 delegates from 215 countries of the world. The following have been enacted:

- Ted N. C. Wilson was reelected as president of the General Conference. He will hold that position for the next five years. G. T. Ng was also reelected for a second term, unanimously voted to continue as GC executive secretary. Juan Prestol-Puesán replaced Robert Lemon, who is retiring this year, as GC treasurer. Prestol is leaving his previous position as undertreasurer.



(Thomas Lemon at far right; photo by James Bokovoy)

The GC made the decision to narrow the number of general vice presidents from 9 to 6, due to a minimized workload experienced in the last five years. The new vice presidents are Thomas Lemon (previous president of the Mid-American Union Conference), Guillermo E. Biaggi (president of Euro-Asia Division), and Abner De Los Santos (vice president of Inter-America Division), while the returning officers are Geoffrey Mbwana, Ella Simmons, and Artur Stele.

- Daniel Jackson was reelected as president of the North American Division. The secretary and treasurer of NAD will be announced on

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

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Upcoming Events

General Conference
July 1-12

Wyoming Camp Meeting
July 14

Speaker: Jim Ayer, AWR
Contact: Pastor Don Barnt

Wyoming Town Hall

Thursday, July 9. (Photo by Bryant Taylor)

- Delegates voted through new wording for the Fundamental Belief #6 (Creation), which now reads: God has revealed in Scripture the authentic and historical account of His creative activity. He created the universe, and in a recent six-day creation, the Lord made "the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them" and rested on the seventh day. Thus He established the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of the work He performed and completed during six literal days that together with the Sabbath constituted the same unit of time that we call a week today. The first man and woman were made in the image of God as the crowning work of Creation, given dominion over the world, and charged with responsibility to care for it. When the world was finished it was "very good." (Gen. 1-2; 5; Ex. 20:8-11; Ps. 19:1-6; 33:6, 9; 104; Isa. 45:12; Acts 17:24; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2; 11:3; Rev. 10:6; 14:7.)

- On Wednesday, July 8, much anticipation and tension comes to a head with the vote relative to the issue of ordination of women to the gospel ministry. The delegates will be asked to vote "Yes" or "No" on a motion, whether "it is acceptable for division executive committees, as they may deem it appropriate in their territories, to make provision for the ordination of women to the gospel ministry". The proposal comes after several years of study by a Theology of Ordination Study Committee (TOSC). This agenda item has been the subject of heated debate among theologians, leaders, and laity, and created tension throughout the world church.



If My People Pray » The prayer room in the Alamodome was overflowing this morning with people of all ages, nationalities and languages gathering to bow in earnest supplication for the presence of God as the fifth day of church business convened in San Antonio.

Roman Ril, a missionary from Germany, is serving as one of the volunteers to welcome guests, explain the setup of the room and offer to pray with anyone who wishes. "People are streaming here every day to ask for God's will to be done and for unity among the members of our church," he said. "This is not a place for political debates--we are praying only for the will of God to be accomplished and for unity among all members. The Spirit unites us."

Ril explained that the room is separated into two sections, allowing for public prayers and private prayers. Every hour between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. there is a new prayer session being led in the public section by a volunteer that includes reading Scripture verses, singing and short group prayers for the delegates, leaders, ministries and special requests guests bring. [\[more\]](#) (taken from Outlook Magazine)

A Millennial's View of the GC Session by Katie Morrison » As a lifelong introvert, the thought of immersing myself in a sea of sixty thousand Adventists in an unknown city was daunting to say the least. Add to that the fact that I would be working the entire ten days with seasoned media professionals from all over the country, potentially the world, and my head was spinning.

I was thrilled at the opportunities I had been promised. *You'll get a press pass! You'll meet so many people! You'll see our church leadership in action and get an inside view at our processes!* Yes, all these things seemed unthinkable for a mere summer intern to experience. How awesome for me to be able to tell future employers that at the age of 21, I had been privy to daily General Conference press briefings for the North American Division or had churned out as many as three news stories in a day. Such an opportunity!

The opportunities did not make me forget my nerves. [\[more\]](#)

July 18, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Wyoming Taskforce

July 19, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

July 21, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee

July 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cowboy Camp Meeting

July 22

Speakers:

Tom Lemon & Seth Coridan

Begins 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Ends about 10:00 a.m. Sunday

NE Colorado Camp Meeting

July 24

Speaker:

Merlin Burt, White Estate

Contact: Pastor Michael Goetz

Christian Adventure Outpost

July 29

Speakers:

Ed Barnett, Craig Carr

Contact: Pastor Bruce Aalborg

Teacher Convention

August 3

Korean Camp Meeting

August 6

Contact: George Hahn, 303-756-2809

Conference Staff Meeting

August 11, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

RMC Property & Trust Committee

August 11, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Opening of Mile High Academy

August 16, 1-4 p.m.

GVR Board

August 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hispanic Camp Meeting

August 27-29, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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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. [RMCNews]

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