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News and information from the President's Office assembled by Dale Galusha and Gina Duncan



61st General Conference Session

by Dale Galusha

Last week the 61st General Conference Session took place in St. Louis, Missouri. The session, originally scheduled for 2020, had been delayed twice due to COVID 19.

GC sessions usually last ten days, but for a variety of reasons, this meeting was shortened to just six days. This was also the first "hybrid" General Conference Session-meaning that some delegates met in St. Louis while others joined from other parts of the world via Zoom.

Because of the shortened timeframe, there was no exhibit hall nor Adventist Book Center. Many attendees expressed how much they missed the exhibits and the store. Although there was no ABC during the meeting, the impact and work of Pacific Press was very much present and appreciated. Many church leaders expressed to me their appreciation for the effort that PPPA—and each you—made in order to have needed materials at the session.

A HUGE thank you to the Production department and Graphic Services for meeting deadlines and getting projects done!

Let me just mention some of the materials you and Pacific Press provided for this important meeting!

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The Great Controversy and The Great Controversy Study Guide—The General Conference Publishing Department asked us to print a special edition of The Great Controversy and an accompanying study guide. These were given to all the delegates on Friday evening; a large supply of which were also displayed on the platform for a dedication ceremony. The General Conference sharing program for 2023 and 2024 will feature The Great Controversy 2.0. The goal is to share MILLIONS of copies of The Great Controversy in multiple languages around the world. The special edition, produced here at Pacific Press, was the "showpiece" at the session to acquaint world leaders with it and to get them involved in the program. Several publishing house managers from other parts of the world expressed to me how beautiful and well produced the copies were. Pacific Press, they said, has set the bar for the rest of the world.

Great Controversy and Your Bible and You.

Dr. Anthony Kent, along with others, rode his bicycle from Silver Spring, Maryland to St. Louis, Missouri—handing out these two books that were produced here at Pacific Press specifically for this project.



Dr. Anthony Kent is also riding his bike this week from St. Louis to Lexington, Kentucky for the North American Division Pastor's Convention—and will be telling of his adventures handing out the books on his way there.

International Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary. During the Mission

Presentation on Sabbath afternoon, I had the opportunity to present Elder Ted Wilson with a copy of volume 6 of the new commentary (the first volume of the set to be produced). This is a project that our Product Development team has been working on together with a team of scholars. It is a wonderful project that will include 15 volumes when complete.

Over the past several months, Pacific Press has printed The Great Controversy along with a magazine called Thrive for Streams of Light. On Sabbath, June 4, thousands of copies were distributed around the city of St. Louis.

Other materials from Pacific Press that were handed out to all the delegates were:

- Three Angels Messages CHL
- Ministry magazine
- Adventist World
- General Conference Rules of Order
- General Conference Program Booklet
- A book on the sanctuary for Biblical Research Institute

Thank you to all of our Pacific Press family.

These materials and the other products you work on are very much appreciated by church members and leaders around the world.

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Summer Social at Wahooz!

by Social Committee

It has been a long two years without any of our usual social events.

That's why the Social Committee is very excited to announce this year's Summer Social Event at Wahooz! It will be on Thursday, July 28. Save the date!

More information and RSVP form will be coming to your inbox or in printed form for those without email. (If you prefer a printed form, contact Gina Duncan at the president's office).

We hope everyone can join in the fun!



From Your HR Department

Are You Planning to Retire in the Next Ten Years?

If you are thinking about retiring in the next ten years, the Planning for Retirement booklet is for you! Ask HR for a copy, or download the PDF here:

<u>Planning-for-Retirement-Booklet-2022-FINAL.pdf (adventistretirement.org)</u>



United Way Children's Book Drive

A reminder that we have a table with donation boxes located in the lobby to collect new or gently used books for the United Way Book Drive.

By donating we are providing a wealth of books to children in low-income homes and help break the link between poverty and poor academic outcomes.

The donation boxes will be picked up on Thursday, June 17th. Please take the chance to help make a difference!



June 2022

- 15 PAYDAY
- 19 Father's Day
- 29 PAYDAY

July 2022

- 4 PPPA Holiday—Independence Day
- 13 PAYDAY
- 27 PAYDAY



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