

South Central Conference 24th Constituency Session

Third Quinquennial Session

June 25 – 26, 2011

MINUTES

Prayer: Dr. Leslie Pollard
Devotional: Dr. Jesse Wilson
Call to Order: Elder Dana C. Edmond—9:45 A.M. (CST)
Delegates Present: 896

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- 2011: 01-VOTED: That Attorneys Collins and Mulraine Serve as Parliamentarians for the Constituency Session. [STp. 7, l. 14-17]
- 20011:2-VOTED: That the Agenda for the 24th Constituency Session be adopted. [ST p.7, l.20-23]
- 2011:03-VOTED: That each delegate speaking at the microphones be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes. [STp.7, l. 8-10]
- 2011:04-VOTED: To accept the Tuscaloosa New Life SDA Church into the Sisterhood of Churches in the South Central Conference. [STp. 10, l. 8-14]
- 2011:05-VOTED: To accept into the sisterhood of churches the Luz & Esperanza SDA Church of Boaz, AL. [STp. 11, l. 1-2]
- 2011:06-VOTED: To accept the Oakwood Spanish SDA Church of Huntsville, AL into the Sisterhood of Churches. [STp. 11, l. 7-13]
- 2011:07-VOTED: To accept the Moss Point Bible Fellowship SDA Church of Moss Point, MS into the sisterhood of churches. [STp. 11, l. 15-24]
- 2011:08 VOTED: To accept the Lima Drive Spanish SDA Church of Lexington, Kentucky into the sisterhood of churches. [STp.12, l. 1-9]
- 2011:09-VOTED: To accept the Aliento de Vida SDA Church of Memphis, TN into the sisterhood of churches. [STp. 12, l.17-25]

- 2011:10-VOTED:** To set 6:00 P.M. (CST) for ending the Constituency meeting, with the proviso: that a majority of the delegates be allowed the option to extend the meeting, if it is so voted. [STp. 14, l. 8-15]
- 2011:11-VOTED:** To accept the President’s Report. [STp. 26, l. 2-13]
- 2011:12-VOTED:** To accept the following names of individuals to Serve on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for the ensuing quinquennium:
 Sandy Robinson—North Alabama, Albert Frazier, Kentucky; Martin Lister, Central Tennessee; Fred Batten, West Tennessee; Clifton McMillan, Central Alabama; Marion Johnson, South Alabama; Danny Chandler, Mississippi; Norma Hunt, Florida; Stephanie Crider, East Tennessee; Aaron Carranza, North Alabama; Ron Smith, Southern Union, Auldwin Humphrey, South Central Conference. [STp. 29, l.7 – 16]
- 2011:13-Voted:** That the Report of the Organizing Committee, listing the names of those to serve on the nominating committee, be referred back to the Organizing Committee: (From North Alabama: Cleveland Wilson, Stafford Cargill, and Reneta Drake—Lay persons; Central Alabama Winfield Burke—lay, Pastor Roy Gaiter, Elzilah Drake –lay; South Alabama: Pastor Mike Ross, George McPhearson—lay, Donald White—lay; Kentucky: Pastor Kennedy Luckett; Central Tennessee: Victoria Fletcher—lay, Pastor Randy Stafford; West Tennessee: Darrel Thomas—lay, Pastor Marvin Whiting; East Tennessee: Pastor Seth Yelorda, Lorain Polite—lay; North Mississippi: Danny Chandler—lay; South Mississippi: Betty Graves—lay, Pastor Philip Johny; Florida: Pastor Curtis Hall). [STp. 33, l.16-20]
- 2011:14-Voted:** To accept the Executive Secretary’s Report. [ST p.52, l. 1-3]
- 2011:14-Voted:** To accept two changes in the Report of names recommended to serve on the nominating committee: the name of Isaiah Dominguez, a lay person, to replace Lorain Polite; and the name of Fran McKnight, a lay person, to replace Danny Chandler. [ST p.52, l. 9-25]
- 2011:15-Voted:** To accept the General Conference Auditing Service’s report, through 2009. [ST p. 69, 78 l. 24, 25]
- 2011:16-Voted:** To accept the financial overview of the treasurer’s report. [ST p. 98, l. 8-11]

- 2011:17-Voted: **To end discussion on the previous question, “ to accept the treasurer’s report.”** [ST p. 108, l. 6-9]
- 2011:18-Voted: **To accept the financial overview of the treasurer’s report.** [ST p. 108, l. 11 -15]
- 2011:19-Voted: **To recess for Lunch.** [ST p. 108, 110, l. 4 - 7]
- 2011:20-Voted: **To receive the Conference Treasurer’s Report for 2010.** [ST p. 120, l. 16 - 23]
- 2011:21-Voted: **To recess the Constituency session.** [ST p.122, l. 1 - 4]

Conference Association Session

- 2011:01-Voted: **To convene the Conference Association** [ST p.122, l. 6 - 8] (review and receive the accounting report for the Association and a clean opinion on the financial Audit through 2009.)
- 2011:02-Voted: **To adopt the report that was given, in the previous quinquennial session, for the unincorporated association.** [ST p. 125, l. 1 – 6]
- 2011:03-Voted: **To adjourn the Conference Association and Reconvene the Constituency Session.** [ST p.125, l. 8 - 12]

Re-convening of the 3rd Quinquennial Session

- 2011:22-Voted: **To end debate on the previous question related to the amendment to the constitution & bylaws which would allow two-thirds of the conferences’ churches to call a constituency meeting when a majority of the members of those churches, in a duly called business sessions, vote to convene a constituency meeting.** [ST p. 148, l. 12-22]
- 2011:23-Voted: **That the South Central Conference constituent members shall have a right to call a special constituency meeting, if the request is voted by at least two-thirds (66&2/3) percent of the churches voting in duly called business sessions.** [C&BST p.149 l. 6 - 8]

- 2011:24-Voted:** Motion Failed --The Nominating Committee’s recommendation of Elder Jesse Wilson for president of the South Central Conference. [ST p. 155, l. 13 - 19]
- 2011:25-Voted:** That Elder Dana Edmond serve as President of South Central Conference. [ST p. 159, l. 6 -11]
- 2011:26- Voted** To postpone placing in the Constitution and Bylaws a provision that electronic balloting be utilized. [ST p. 165. l. 1- 5]
- 2011:27-Voted:** A Constitutional Amendment that no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the sitting Nominating Committee may be voted on to the ensuing Executive Committee. [C&BST p. 170, l. 10 -13]
- 2011:28-Voted:** To place in the Constitution and Bylaws a provision that would mandate a concise annual financial report of the Conference-- to be distributed annually to the church board members. [C&BST p. 171, l. 2- 4]
- 2011:29-Voted:** To have the Constitution and Bylaws Committee consider wording that would provide for a more open electoral process including the possibility of a search committee, as well as an earlier convening of the Organizing and Nominating Committees. [ST p. 176, l. 9 - 14]
- 2011:30-Voted:** To end debate on the previous question related to convening a special constituency meeting in two and half years, for the purpose of dealing with constitutional issues. [ST p.182. l. 8-12]
- 2011:31-Voted:** To convene a special constituency meeting in two and a half years that would deal with constitution issues. [ST p. 183, l. 6 - 9]
- 2011:32-Voted:** That the concept of retaining “up to One-third of the non-exoficio members” of the former Conference Executive committee” to serve in the ensuing Executive Committee, be addressed at the specially called constituency meeting in two and a half years. [ST p.191, l. 1- 4]
- 2011:33-Voted:** To allow three (3) minutes for each departmental report. [ST p. 193, l. 20]
- 2011:34-Voted:** To limit the speakers that go the microphones to one (1) minute. [ST p. 210, l. 13- 19]

- 2011:35-Voted:** To end debate on the previous question relating to the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Auldwin Humphrey to serve as Executive Secretary. [ST p. 212, l. 10 - 14]
- 2011:36-Voted:** To accept the nomination of Auldwin Humphrey to serve as Executive Secretary of the South Central Conference for the ensuing quinquennium. [ST p. 212, l. 15-20]
- 2011:37 Voted:** Motion Failed-- to refer the Name of Zenobia Seward back to the Nominating Committee. [ST p. 215, l. 17 – 20]
- 2011:38-Voted:** To ask Zenobia Seward to serve as Treasurer of the South Central Conference for the ensuing quinquennium. [ST p. 218, l. 2- 7]
- 2011:39-Voted:** That the outgoing Executive Committee be empowered, on June 27th 2011, to address the issue of the possibility of procuring the Lake Vonda Camp site in Middleton, TN. [ST p.220, l. 9-13, & 232, l. 19-23]
- 201140-Voted:** To extend the constituency meeting for 30 minutes. [ST p. 243, l. 23-25 & p. 244, l. 1-4]
- 2011:41-Voted:** Call for the division of the Assembly on voted action: 2011:39 (That the outgoing Executive Committee, on June 27, 2011, be empowered to address the issue of procuring the Lake Vonda Campsite in Middleton, TN. The two-thirds vote was: 367 ayes to 104 nays. The motion carried.) [ST p. 250, l. 4-5]
- 2011:42-Voted:** At 6:25 P.M. (CST), to extend the constituency session long enough to approve the Departmental directors and the Executive Committee for the ensuing quinquennium-- 2011-2016. [ST p. 255, l. 14-23]
- 2011:43-Voted:** To accept the Adventist Book Center report. [ST p.258, l. 15]
- 2011:44-Voted:** To accept the Adventist Community Services report. [[ST p.259, l. 24]
- 2011:45-Voted:** To accept the Adventist Youth, Junior and Pathfinder Report. [ST p. 260, l.8,9]
- 2011:46-Vote** To accept the ASI/Communications/Stewardship/Trust Services report. [ST p.260, l. 15]
- 2011:47-Vote:** To accept the Children's Ministries report. [ST p. 260, l.23]

Noted: Let the minutes reflect that an impassioned appeal was made for ministry to the deaf. [ST p. 261, l. 10]

2011:48-Voted: To accept the Superintendent of Education's report. [ST p. 262, l. 15]

2011:49-Voted: To accept the Director of Evangelism's report. [ST p. 263, l. 6]

2011:50-Voted: To accept the Health Education Department report. [STp.263, l. 25]

2011:51-Voted To accept the Latino Ministry Report. [ST p.314, l. 2-11]

Noted: Let the minutes reflect that the delegate of the Third Quinquennium Session of South Central Conference, paused for a moment of silent prayer and reflection, in memory of the Fallen Soldiers who gave so much to the South Central Conference:

Warren Banfield, Bernice Benson, John Brown, Xavier Butler, Earl Cleveland Sr., Harold Cleveland, Charles Dudley, Franklin Hill II, Michael Holland, Edwin Humphrey, Garland Millet, Edgar Mimms, Leonard Newton, Lee Paschal, Tester Stringer, Milton Young [STp. 264, l. 14-16]

2011:52-Voted: To accept the Latino Ministries Department Report. [ST p.267, l. 13]

2011:53-Voted: To accept the Constituency report of the Prayer Ministry Department. [STp. 268, l. 6-8]

2011:54-Voted: To accept the Ministerial Department's report. [STp. 268, l. 18-20]

2011:55-Voted: To accept the Sabbath School/ Personal Ministries report. [STp.269, l. 14-15]

2011:56-Voted: To accept the Family Health Education Service report. [ST p. 270, l. 19]

2011:57-Voted: To accept the Religious Liberty Department report. [ST p.217, l. 25]

2011:58-Voted: To accept the Stewardship Department's report. [ST p. 272, l. 20]

2011:59-Voted: To accept the Women's Ministries Department report. [ST p.273, l. 9]

Noted: Let the minutes reflect that a show of applause and appreciation was expressed by the delegates in behalf of Brother Philip Palmer, who served as Treasurer from 2001 to 2011.

Noted: Let the minutes reflect that the delegates of the Third Quinquennium paused to show appreciation for the pastors' wives and the ladies at the Conference office who do so much to make the work of God a success.

2011:60-Voted: A motion of appreciation for the work of Brother Philip Palmer, who served South Central Conference as Treasurer for the past ten years. [STp. 278, l. 1,2]

2011:61-Voted: To vote on the list of departmental personnel separately as opposed to a single vote on the entire list of names. [STp. 297, l. 17]

2011:62-Voted: The following list which indicates positions referred to the ensuing Executive Committee, as well as individuals named to serve as departmental directors: [STp. 297, l15-18]

Adventist Community Services – Referred

Children's Ministries Director—Referred

Disability Ministry Director—Referred

Education Superintendent—Erma Lee, Interim

Family Life Director—Referred

Family Health Education Services Director—Java Mattison

Health Ministries Director—Referred

Human Resource Director—Appointed

Latino Ministries Director—Edgardo Herrera

Men's Ministry Director—Roy Rugless

Ministerial Director—Benjamin Jones

Prayer Ministries Director—Roy Rugless

Evangelism Director – Alfred Miller

Evangelism Associate—Donnell Morgan

Sabbath School/Spirit of Prophecy – Craig Newborn

Religious Liberty – Clarence Hodges

Prison Ministry – Referred

Evangelism and Personal Ministries Dir. – Jeffrey Watson

Stewardship Director—Referred

Women’s Ministry Director – Referred

Youth Ministries Director—Vandeon Griffin

Youth Min. Associate—Wayne Hewlett

[List: STp.279, 280]

2011:63-Voted: To ask Elder Michael Harpe to serve as Communication Director. [STp. 299, l. 21]

2011:64- Motion: That the following individuals be voted to serve on the Conference Executive Committee for the 2011-2016 quinquennium— Pastors are indicated : North Alabama: Cleveland Wilson, Elvira Young-- Latino, Sheila Tony from small church, Pastor Debleaire Snell; Central Alabama: Janice Gaiter, Yvonne Finley—from small church; South Alabama: Pastor Michael Ross, Donald White; Tennessee: Nikkia Hampton, Darrell Thomas, Donnell Fletcher, Pastor Furman Fordham; Mississippi: Betty Graves, James McCoy—from a small church, Pastor Douglas Johnson, Kentucky: Hastings Miller, ~~Darrell McCartney~~; Florida: Pastor Curtis Hall

2011:65-Voted: Motion Failed --To refer the list of names nominated to serve on the Executive Committee back to the Nominating Committee. (The motion failed 83 ayes to 110 nays).

2011:66-Voted: (Amendment to main Motion 2011:64) To ask Edgardo Herrera to serve on the Conference Executive Committee as the Conference departmental representative. [STp. 315, l. 21-25]

2011:67-Voted: (Amendment to main Motion 2011:64) To refer the Kentucky vacancy on the ensuing Executive Committee, to be filled by the new Executive Committee. [STp. 318, l.5-9]

2011:68-Voted: That the following individuals be voted to serve on the Conference Executive Committee for the 2011-2016 quinquennium— Pastors are indicated : North Alabama: Cleveland Wilson, Elvira Young-- Latino, Sheila Tony from small church, Pastor Debleaire Snell; Central Alabama: Janice

Gaiter, Yvonne Finley—from small church; South Alabama: Pastor Michael Ross, Donald White; Tennessee: Nikkia Hampton, Darrell Thomas, Donnell Fletcher, Pastor Furman Fordham; Mississippi: Betty Graves, James McCoy—from a small church, Pastor Douglas Johnson, Kentucky: Hastings Miller, ~~Darrell McCartney~~; Florida: Pastor Curtis Hall [STp.323, I.3]

(Note: The Kentucky lay slot is to be filled by the Executive Committee; The President of Oakwood University is an additional Exoficio member of the Committee, along with the three Conference Officers—President, Secretary and Treasurer; the Latino Ministry Director is the Conference Departmental representative. This body meets the Constitutional requirements of 23 trustees for the South Central Conference).

2011:69-Voted: **To accept as the South Central Conference Association Board the following individuals:** The three Conference Officers, and in addition, Donna Harrison and Veronica Lockett. [STp. 323, I. 22 -24]

2011:70-Voted: **Adjournment: 8:44 P.M. (CST) 11 hrs. 44 min.**

Benediction: **Elder Alvin Kibble**