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## Faith & Science—Part 2

Session delegates today overwhelmingly endorsed a document that positively responds to the International Faith and Science Conference report they received on Monday. A four-person drafting committee brought a 300-word statement of affirmations and recommendations to the floor, where it was discussed for more than an hour before being voted.

Requests from the Monday session that language be included to express the church's historic belief found expression in the document's affirmation of a "literal, recent, six-day Creation." Responding to questions about perceived ambiguities in the church's Fundamental Belief #6, the document specifies that "the seven days of the Creation account were literal 24-hour days forming a week identical in time to what we now experience as a week." The global nature of the Genesis flood was also underscored.

The responding statement called for the widest possible dissemination of the International Faith and Science Conference (IFSC) report and today's response in all the major languages used by members. It also called upon governing boards and educators at Adventist institutions to continue upholding and advocat-

ing the church's position on creation. Special concern was urged to educate Adventist youth attending non-Adventist schools about the issues related to the church's belief.

A move by some delegates to launch a process of reworking the language of Fundamental Belief #6 was also debated at length, but turned down by a large majority.

The full texts of the IFSC report, today's responding document, and Fundamental Belief #6 are available at [www.adventistreview.org](http://www.adventistreview.org).

### Annual Council 2007 to Be Held in ESD

For the first time in Adventist Church history the Euro-Asia Division will host the church's Annual Council. In 2007, session delegates will travel to Kiev, Ukraine, to discuss church business and worship with the approximately 6,000 Adventists who live in that city.

### Joseph Gurubatham Leaves HSI

Home Study International president Joseph Gurubatham has accepted the presidency of Health

Management, Inc., an ASI-member organization located in Washington, D.C. Health Management specializes in healthcare careers training and education as well as home health services. Gurubatham has been president of Home Study International for 15 years. He will begin his new responsibilities on November 15.

### GC Institute of World Missions Director Retires

Patricia Gustin, who has served as director of the GC Institute of World Missions at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for eight years, will be retiring January 1, 2005. She plans to move to Walla Walla, Washington, to live near her daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren.

### Executive Committee Adopts Philosophy of Music

After first tabling a recommendation to approve a philosophy of music that incorporates principles and applications of music for corporate and personal worship experiences, delegates again considered the statement at a late Tuesday session.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was voted to approve a revised document that includes the preamble and the biblical principles of music identified by the drafting committee.

"I would hope that any guidelines on music that our church adopts not become the instrument by which we measure spirituality," said Jan Paulsen. "I see it as a teaching instrument." Paulsen added that the philosophy of music statement presents guidelines and not policies.

### More Than Just NAD

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