

GC 2025 Intro

Greetings! This is not a full report, but just a brief article to speak of some important developments that occurred during the 2025 General Conference (GC). I am working on a full report, but I have many hours of video to sift through.

Some Chaos

On July 3rd, during the afternoon session, it was chaos as several outspoken people struggled with the rules of order to change what they had unknowingly voted on. Some of the attitudes taken were very poor while others were more polite. The disunity was discouraging. Suggestions were made; motions were raised; and, in the end, nothing was accomplished. Someone even made a motion to put age restrictions on positions in the Church. This motion was met by silence. There were some difficulties at that time; it wasn't possible to discern if the silence was because of the person who spoke or because of the motion, or both. The entire first afternoon business meeting appeared to be a competition of people crowding each other out in order to say the same thing. In this session the only thing that impressed me was the patience of the chairman in this Church's business meeting. He made several comments about lunch, to keep the mood less serious. Some of these statements have been used as if he didn't care what was being raised or was against the truth. The reality is that he looked like he enjoyed all the commotion; and, even when his answers seemed to have an air of easy unconcern or indifference, he still followed through with them. I was actually not expecting him to act on some things that were suggested because of the way he answered. He gave evidence that every voice was heard. Many of the motions made could not be acted upon because of the delegates' failure to follow the rules or their lack of the knowledge / situational awareness. The following is an example that occurred near the end of the meeting:

Someone approached the microphone (mic) to present a motion to the agenda. They asked why the delegates, who are the highest authority in the Church, have to accept an agenda and why they cannot make it themselves; and they made a motion to approve and choose their own issues, with the most important and pressing

matters, such as accountability for the actions of certain departments. This person stated the Church would not collapse if they postponed matters that are not urgent. Their motion was specifically to get a report on what the PARL (Public Affairs and Religious Liberty) Department had been doing in the past five years. This person was invited to more appropriately word their amendment so it could be voted on. While it was being recorded for a vote, people were invited to the mic to discuss the amendment and speak against it or in favor of it.

During this time, someone requested people not to express approval by clapping hands or disapproval by booing. Another person attempted to make a motion to adopt a new daily schedule, but they were denied because a motion was already on the floor; and only one can be on the floor to talk at one time. (This happened a lot.) When the wording was completed, there were no seconds heard; so the chairman determined to return to the agenda. Someone approached the mic with a point of order; she said there had been seconds, and she wasn't sure why the chair hadn't heard them. (There was some shade thrown, as if the chairman was ignoring the seconds or deliberately disrespecting or undermining the opinions or contributions of certain individuals, known as "seconds.") The chair said that, if there was a second, the motion was accepted, and he was waiting to be advised. Then the parliamentarian heard a second; so the discussion was opened for the amendment to add a report on PARL to the agenda. (In an assembly, the chairman is the presiding officer who leads the meeting and has the authority to make rulings on procedural matters, while the parliamentarian is an expert in parliamentary procedure and provides advice and guidance on rules and procedures to the chairman and members.) Someone approached the mic and said this item should always be on the agenda. Someone else approached the mic and asked to end the discussion. A vote was taken to end the discussion on the amendment. Before the vote, the chair mentioned that the PARL briefing was already part of the agenda. The delegates voted against the amendment.

The Vax Amendment

2 Earlier in the session, during a discussion about an amendment to add the 2015 vaccination (vax) statement to the agenda, a member of the PARL spoke about her work. She said that, out of the 300 individuals whom she assisted, only three exemption requests were denied, and two of those were denied before reaching her. That's a 1% denial rate. She said that, if a Church's statement was all it took to resolve an issue, life would be a lot easier. She actually ran out of time to speak and was cut short. The chairman asked her, for the sake of the translators, to clarify if she was speaking in favor of or against the amendment. She said she was speaking against it. Adding an amendment to the statement wouldn't affect anything because, just like Sabbath observance, it can still be denied; and it will only sound good for those who have "abandoned the spirit of unity." The next person who got up was particularly argumentative; one of her points of order was a question about why the member of the PARL was given more time to talk. I found it to be a highly distasteful comment, considering the entire session and how much patience other members had been shown when they spoke. Truth never hurts the cause of Christ; trying to silence the opposition is not an effective strategy. In the end, their motions backfired; the other delegates got sick of that attitude and the chaos. The chairman who they were "fighting against" only let them talk, and they destroyed their own cause. Any honest viewer will recognize that the chairman didn't play any favorites; he was just doing his duty. *Was their cause right? More on this later.*

TED WILSON "ATTACKS"

Maybe the message in the above subtitle and its font is unnecessary, but it certainly reflects the attitude some have taken towards his statements:

Ted Wilson weighed in before they voted to add the 2015 vax statement to the agenda; he specified that COVID-19 had a great deal of misinformation. "The Church sympathized with those who lost jobs and lives," he said. "I think we can all agree that COVID-19 was a very difficult time." The 2015 statement had nothing to do with COVID-19 because nobody was aware it existed. The vax amendment was "highly misinformed" because the GC did not put science above the Word of God. He went on to give the correct statement to the delegates:

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phasis on health and well-being. The Adventist health emphasis is based on the Bible, the inspired writings of Church co-founder Ellen G. White, and is informed by peer reviewed scientific literature."—*The 2015 Immunization Statement voted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church Headquarters ADCOM (Administrative Committee).*

Fact check: Nothing can truly be deleted from the internet. The September 28, 2023, official statement on the website said:

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church places strong emphasis on health and well-being. The Adventist health emphasis is based on biblical revelation, the inspired writing of E.G. White (co-founder of the Church), and on peer-reviewed scientific literature."

Between the dates of April 28, 2025, and July 7, 2025, this wording was changed to "and is informed by peer-reviewed scientific health literature." It turns out the statement was changed to the correct wording on July 4, 2025; and Ted Wilson publicly apologized about this, but not to the people who he accused of "twisting words"; his apology was for the confusion about the place of science in the Church. (The Church members were just reading what appeared to be the official statement.) However, it causes concern because the changed statement remained unnoticed for ten years, and people have been talking about it for five years; someone must have known it was incorrect, but it wasn't Ted Wilson. As soon as he knew, it was corrected. He is a busy man and I approve the trust he has for those under him; love "believe all things" (1 Corinthians 13:7). I cannot in good conscience fault him for this; I just wish he took concerns seriously. Perhaps he had delegated the task to others and they lied to him? We cannot know for sure.

After the fact check, I continued to watch where I had left off. He stated three or four times, in the 2015 statement, that it was implied that vaccination was a personal choice. In the reaffirmation (to say something again in order to emphasize that it is still true) statement it says 16 times that it is a matter of choice. The 2021 statement is in all capitalized letters:

"THE DECISION TO BE IMMUNIZED OR NOT IS THE CHOICE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL, AND SHOULD BE TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH ONE'S HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER. PERSONAL RESEARCH ON THE SUBJECT IS IMPORTANT. WE ULTI-

MATELY RELY ON FOLLOWING BIBLICAL HEALTH PRACTICES AND THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, AND FOLLOWING GOD'S LEADING IN OUR LIVES, WHICH WILL BRING US PEACE AND ASSURANCE IN OUR DECISION-MAKING.”—*Adventist Review*, October 26, 2021; *Reaffirming the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Response to COVID-19*.

This information has been on the website Adventist Health Ministries, “COVID-19 Vaccines: Addressing Concerns, Offering Counsel” since October 26, 2021, and on Adventist.Com since December 18, 2020. It was posted to Ted Wilson's twitter on December 18, 2020. Ted Wilson pointed out that the GC never mandated anything. He said he was unsure why the all-capitalized statement was never spoken about by the people who were “twisting the wording.” Even the GC employees were not forced to be vaccinated. They can get tested every week if they choose to. (This was our government's recommendation, which they were attempting to be in compliance with. This is also biblical.) Elder Wilson shared that they had been providing answers since 2021 and 2022; but, because everything they were saying was being twisted, they stopped talking about it. (This is also in accordance with Spirit of Prophecy council.) In his opinion, it was a very small minority of people who were twisting words about this; and these people also say the Church is receiving instructions from the UN. He specified that only certain representatives are involved with the UN because they are working with other nongovernment (private, nonprofit) corporations—only executives in humanitarian areas, health challenges, and those helping in religious liberty aspects. He urgently appealed to the Church to not get involved in “conspiracy” (an agreement to perform together in a wrong, unacceptable act or subtly destroy an established system). The Church is not involved with the UN. Then he passed it back to the chair. (Clearly, there are powers at play in the GC that are not after God's order; yet there are also people in the Church who are sowing strife.)

Problems

We owe thanks to those people who spoke up about the vax statement. Who knows how long the incorrect statement would have remained on the official website had people not raised their voices during the session. The spirit some showed was unfortunate.

One thing is certain: Ted Wilson is not the all-powerful person who many tried to make

him out to be. He has been voted out, but not for the better. What this day revealed is that other people in power are corrupt, there is evidence of corruption in the PARL, which is revealed to be in contact with the UN. There are undesirable powers at play in the Church, but anyone who is surprised by this has never read the truth, in the Bible, about God's people in the last days

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers [those who violate agreements and break promises], false accusers, incontinent [lacking self-control], fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”—2 Timothy 3:1-5.

The real enemy is not the UN. The Adventist Church doesn't need to be united with them in order to obey them; they just need to follow their own reasoning, and they will fall in line with the will of Satan. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood. The most dangerous part of the reaffirmation statement was left unchanged. The principles listed in this reaffirmation statement are the problem:

“The Seventh-day Adventist Church, in consultation with the Health Ministries and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty departments of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, is convinced that the vaccination programs that are generally being carried out are important for the safety and health of our members and the larger community. Therefore, claims of religious liberty are not used appropriately in objecting to government mandates or employer programs **designed to protect the health and safety of their communities.**”—*Adventist Review*, October 26, 2021; *Reaffirming the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Response to COVID-19*.

Yes, that's what the Sunday law is “designed” to do: protect the health and safety of the community. So the PARL Department already has principles in place that will be used against us during the time of the Sunday law. This is really no surprise; they may yet change the wording, but I think it is time for Adventists to wake up. This is the greatest recommendation for country living that can be given.

4 The North American Division released this statement about vaccines:

“While the Church’s statement recognizes it is ‘not the conscience of the individual church member, and recognize[s] individual choices,’ the choice not to be vaccinated is not based on Seventh-day Adventist Church teachings or doctrine. For this reason, the Adventist Church in North America does not provide Church-endorsed vaccine exemption request letters.”—*Religious Liberty.Info, 2025; Vaccines and Religious Exemptions.*

The real problem seems to be in the PARL Department in the NAD. Isn’t it odd that this is only the case in the NAD? While Ted Wilson may not have been aware of the changes on the website, someone knew; someone changed the statements. Someone is listening to people they shouldn’t be listening to; but, ultimately, we know Satan is attacking the Church. The previous president was voted out. The new president wears a ring and used to be a youth ministries director from the SAD (South American Division), *and that is how this appointment makes me feel.* People who work with the youth are well-known to be liberal. I am very thankful for the revival of primitive godliness that is coming:

“Notwithstanding the widespread declension [a decline, decrease] of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His Word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time, to prepare a people for the Lord’s second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it, by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power, he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out; there will

be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult [rejoice] that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.”—*1911 Great Controversy, 464.*

Conclusion

Despite these developments, God is still on the throne of the universe. Whatever will come upon us is designed by infinite wisdom to prepare a people to stand, to purify and refine us. God cannot be surprised:

“They say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

“For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of Thy children. When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

“Surely Thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.”—Psalm 73:11-19.

What really matters is our own standing in the eyes of God. Will we be found faithful to God, or will we follow the world and be conformed to its image? We don’t want a spirit that will compromise truth for peace, but we also don’t want a spirit of anger or hatred. Let’s be loving in faithful, because God is able.

For a finished work,



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Wisdom is justified of all her children. -Luke 7:35

More Food for the Little Flock —