



To the Officers of the Trans-European Division

Greetings in the Name of our Lord,

We want to express our appreciation from the General Conference Administration for the cordial Christian spirit and transparent discussions in our meeting with the Trans-European Division officers and two of the Norwegian Union Conference officers on February 25, 2020. Although in the broader discussion of the world field, there are differences of opinion regarding the interpretation of scriptural passages and church policy, we are unified in our commitment to the fundamentals of the Adventist faith and a desire to share the message of the everlasting gospel. During the February 25, 2020, meeting, the General Conference leadership team made a commitment, at the Norwegian Union's request, to present their six-page appeal document with its five major points to the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM). On March 17, 2020, that commitment was honored. The appeal was read to ADCOM in its entirety. Hard copies of the appeal for all ADCOM members are available from Secretariat.

The "warning" initially voted at the meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee at the 2018 Annual Council in Battle Creek, Michigan, was given at the 2019 Annual Council because the Norwegian Union Conference is out of compliance with General Conference *Working Policy*. A unified ordination process of licensing and credentials in the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been one, among many factors, that has kept the Church together. There may be some voted actions of the Church at large that we may disagree with, but if each entity works unilaterally from the larger body, organizational confusion, and fragmentation will logically follow. All Church leaders worldwide have an obligation and God-given mandate to be responsible to the worldwide body and respectful of its corporate decisions. It is in the spirit of Christian love and responsibility to the worldwide Church that the "warning" is given. We are reminded of the Psalmist's words, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1). The General Conference ADCOM did not see any reason to take a further action recommending a change in its already voted action and that of the General Conference Executive Committee relative to the Norwegian Union Conference. Kindly share this letter and information with our colleagues, the officers of the Norwegian Union Conference.

The General Conference is grateful that the leadership of the Norwegian church is focused on the spiritual growth of its membership and its mission to reach the 5.3 million people living in Norway. In a postmodern, secularized society, their task and yours is daunting, but God is able to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we "ask or think." (Ephesians 3:20). His grace is sufficient for the challenges before all of us. Along with you and the Norwegian Union membership, we long for the day that, "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14) In these critical times in earth's history, our prayer is that the entire world church will unify in the proclamation of the gospel in the setting of the three angel's messages to hasten that great day when our Lord will return. We will continue to pray that God will give you wisdom, resourcefulness, and strength to carry out His mission in the territory of Norway and the Trans-European Division.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H.M. Mooroooven', enclosed within a large, loopy oval scribble.

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Undersecretary/ADCOM Secretary