

Statement of Consensus

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY IN SCRIPTURE AND HISTORY

We, the attendees at the 5th Bible Conference, convened at the University of Montemorelos, Mexico, with full confidence in the end-time prophetic guidance through the ministry of Ellen G. White (1827-1915), adopt the following Statement of Consensus:

- 1 We reaffirm our full commitment to the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice, recognizing that the Bible itself lists the gift of prophecy among the gifts of the Holy Spirit intended to build up the Christian church toward “the unity of the faith” and “the fullness of Christ” (Eph 4:11-14).
- 2 We reaffirm our confidence that God has blessed His end-time remnant with the gift of prophecy (Rev 12:17; 19:10) in the life, ministry, and writings of Ellen White, to keep His children faithful to the Bible and its teachings.
- 3 We reaffirm that the inspired writings of Ellen White are as authoritative today as they were during the formative years of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- 4 We reaffirm that when interpreting Ellen White’s writings, we should seek their most natural meaning, considering all her writings within their historical and literary contexts, recognizing the need for human reason to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit.
- 5 We reaffirm that the principles found in Ellen White’s writings dealing with the Adventist lifestyle and behavior, including health reform and wholistic education, are relevant and necessary for us today.
- 6 We reaffirm that sermons should be based on Scripture and informed by the writings of Ellen White.
- 7 We reaffirm that the mission of the Church and its outreach methods should be based on sound biblical principles and informed by the writings of Ellen White.
- 8 We reaffirm our commitment to read and study daily the Bible and Ellen White’s writings, as well as to encourage others to do so.
- 9 We reaffirm our responsibility to reach and engage new generations whose questions and challenges require innovative approaches in making Ellen White’s prophetic ministry relevant.
- 10 As Seventh-day Adventist leaders, we reaffirm our unconditional commitment to the Bible as the Word of God, and to the principles and counsels found in Ellen White’s writings.

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