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# The 1993 General Conference

## June 21-25, 1993

A lot of change occurred in 1993. For the first time, we decided to elect just one bishop. That person was Ray Seilhamer, who served for the next eight years. Kyle McQuillen was elected as Director of Missions, and G. Blair Dowden had become president of Huntington College the year before.

Paul Hirschy was re-elected Director of Church Services, the position he had held since 1981 and would hold until 2001. Marda Hoffman continued as General Treasurer/Office Manager, her role 1979-2003. Steve Dennie, with publications since 1978, transitioned to a centralized role as Communications Director.

The retiring bishops had things lined up. C. Ray Miller became chairman of the Huntington College Board of Trustees,

and Clarence Kopp, Jr., became fulltime superintendent of Central Conference for the next two years.

Jerry and Eleanore Datema had planned to move to Jamaica in the fall to begin two years of missionary work. However, in September 1993 he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Bishop Jerry Datema passed away September 15, 1994.

Altogether, this photo includes nine past, present, and future bishops: Clyde Meadows (1961-1969), Raymond Waldfogel (1969-1981), C. Ray Miller (1973-1993), Wilber L. Sites, Jr. (1977-1989), Clarence A. Kopp, Jr. (1981-1993), Jerry Datema (1981-1993),

Ray Seilhamer (1993-2001), Paul Hirschy (2001-2005), and Brian Magnus, Bishop of the United Brethren Church in Canada (2002+).

Of the former bishops, only George Weaver was missing. Both bishops Clarence Carlson (1957-1965) and Duane Reahm (1969-1981) had died during the previous four years.

There are also four Missions directors: Emmett Cox (1969-1973), Jerry Datema (1981-1993), Kyle McQuillen (1993-2001), and Gary Dilley (2001-2008).

Clyde Meadows had attended every General Conference since 1921, and had been elected as a delegate to every conference since 1933. This was his last as a delegate, though he still attended in 1997. Bishop Meadows passed away in 1999.