To: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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CC: Division President, Union President, Conference President

Dear SDA General Conference ADCOM and EXCOM,

RE: [Congregation] SDA CHURCH OBJECTION TO GC ADCOM’s STATEMENTS ON IMMUNIZATION

We write to you from [Congregation Name] SDA Congregation, of the [Conference name] Conference, of the [Union] Conference, of [Division] (DIV). At our Business Meeting of [meeting date], the following statements of SDA General Conference (GC) ADCOM were critically reviewed and considered:

1. GC ADCOM statement: <https://www.adventist.org/official-statements/immunization/>
2. Reaffirmation: <https://adventist.news/news/reaffirming-the-seventh-day-adventist-churchs-response-to-covid-19-1>

Areas of concern:

1. Setting an uninspired source alongside the inspired sources: The Adventist health emphasis, found in Fundamental Belief 22, is based upon Fundamental Belief 1, the Holy Scriptures, and Fundamental Belief 18, the Gift of Prophecy. The 2015 immunization statement claims peer-reviewed scientific literature (PRSL) is an additional basis. This claim contradicts, not only the Introduction to the Fundamental Beliefs (FBs) which states: (*“Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed”*), but also the substance since PRSL is not mentioned in the FBs.
2. Questionable Origin: These statements were not voted in a regular GC session by official delegates from the world church body, and are therefore not representative of the world church. The Church manual states, *“Church organizations around the world recognize the General Conference in Session as the voice of the Church.”* GC ADCOM, EXCOM, or any SDA leadership body/person, should not claim to produce official statements on behalf of the Church, this is the remit of GC in session delegates.

Therefore, our congregation rejects the ADCOM 2015 and 2021 statements, recognizes that our church members may have a sincere religious objection, and petition the GC EXCOM to:

1. Publicly withdraw these statements
2. Apologize for allowing such statements to be published and the subsequent harm caused.

These ADCOM Statements have introduced an uninspired source (PRSL) as a basis for our health message. Additionally, these statements have severely impacted and undermined the foundation and principles of Religious Liberty as practised and upheld by our Church Members.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this regard.

Christian greetings,

Church Pastor/Head Elder/ Business Meeting Representative/Church Clerk