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## **G. Alexander Bryant Re-elected as President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America**

On Monday afternoon, July 7, 2025, delegates at the 62nd General Conference (GC) Session voted in favor of the nomination of G. Alexander Bryant as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Bryant, the division's current president, began his presidency in July 2020, when the GC executive committee elected him to replace the late [Daniel R. Jackson](#), who retired on July 1, 2020. Bryant was [elected by the General Conference in session in 2022](#).

Following his election, Bryant shared a few remarks. "I'm very humbled at the opportunity to serve the church here in the North American Division and [by] the confidence that the people, the nominating committee, my [NAD] caucus, and this entire body have placed in me," he said. "In the [NAD], our theme has been *Together in Mission*, and I believe the Lord wants us to double down on that," he continued. "We look forward to every entity in our North American Division territory . . . working together to help finish the work so we can go home and see our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Globally, the following presidents were also voted for the 2025-2030 term:

Blasious M. Ruguri (East-Central Africa Division), Mikhail F. Kaminsky (Euro-Asia Division), Abner De Los Santos (Inter-American Division), Barna Magyarosi (Inter-European Division), Soon Gi Kang (Northern-Asia Pacific Division), Stanley E. Arco (South American Division), Glenn C. Townend (South Pacific Division), Harrington Akombwa (Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division), John Victor Chinta (Southern Asia Division), Roger O. Caderma (Southern Asia-Pacific Division), Daniel Duda (Trans-European Division), and Bassey Udoh (West-Central Africa Division). Magdiel Perez Schultz, secretary of the nominating committee and assistant to the General Conference president, presented the names and final vote.

The world church presidents received an overwhelmingly positive vote, with 1,720 yes votes and 113 no.

After the vote, Bryant issued a challenge for the next five years: "We're going to pray even more fervently for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit — and let's see what God does to explode the work of the North American Division so we can reach every man, woman, boy, and girl, in every city and every town."

He later expanded on that vision, asserting, "My heart's desire for the North American Division is for God to pour *His* Spirit out with double portion power. I want what the disciples had to be ours — but more. My prayer is the unity that bound them together will bind us together. May our lives be transformed, and as a result our churches, and as a result, our communities! This is my sincere prayer."

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Reporter Herma Percy talks with reelected NAD president G. Alexander Bryant after the vote. Bryant was reelected on Monday, July 7, 2025.

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## **Erton C. Köhler Elected as General Conference President**

Erton C. Köhler was elected to the office of the president of the General Conference (GC) on July 4, 2025, during the 62nd GC Session in St. Louis, Missouri. Köhler's election marks the beginning of his first term as the spiritual and administrative

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"Before any other word, I'd like to tell you that I move forward renewed in my confidence in the Lord and in the church," Köhler said.

The nomination came to the floor after prayerful deliberation by the Nominating Committee, composed of delegates from each of the church's global divisions and attached fields. The committee's recommendation was then presented to the delegates in attendance, who voted to confirm Köhler's nomination during the business session at the Dome in America's Center.

In response to the election announcement, Kyoshin Ahn, NAD executive secretary, stated, "Ertan Köhler is a mission-focused leader. His mission-focused approach will take the church to the next level in bringing the eternal gospel to every corner of the world with a heightened sense of urgency."

G. Alexander Bryant, North American Division president, echoed that sentiment, adding, "Elder Köhler is taking up the leadership at a very challenging time in earth's history. However, God never calls a person without equipping him. Elder Köhler is an accomplished and experienced leader. He believes deeply in the mission of the church. He will faithfully lead the church as we move forward. His focus on integrated mission fits perfectly with the North American Division's emphasis of 'Together in Mission.' Let's pray for him and his family as they take up this awesome responsibility."

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