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CHURCH

North New South Wales



2019 Offering Calendar



IT IS
MORE
blessed
TO
GIVE
THAN TO
RECEIVE

ACTS 20:35

As we manage His resources we can share His blessings when we recognise that God gives through us. Our greatest blessing is to worship God by returning to Him the best of what He has placed in our hands.

Dear Church Leaders,

The naming of our offerings can often cause great confusion in our churches. We want to ensure that our congregations and church members are well informed about where their contributions are going to and how the funds will be used. This publication is intended to assist with this. Please use the information contained here to promote the various offerings each week – whether from the front of your church, on your weekly email newsletter or bulletin, or any other means that you have in your church.

In addition to this we have also included information at the back of this booklet about how tithe is used as well as other giving methods and support that is available from the Local Church Support Services department. If we can help in anyway, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

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Matthew Brown
Senior Accountant, North NSW Conference



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Adventist Youth, SPD



The Youth offering will aid in resourcing youth groups right across the South Pacific Division to engage their friends with Bibles, reading guides and training that will empower them to reach the nearly 12 Million youth and young adults across the South Pacific who currently do not know Jesus as their personal Saviour and friend.

This offering will help to purchase and distribute World Changer Bibles, and accompanying study guides to every student attending every Adventist school in the South Pacific. These students and young adults will all be equipped to share the gospel message with their friends and to lead them to Christ and God willing to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Every year, disasters like the Australian drought and Indonesian tsunami, leave thousands of children, women and men stranded. They often need safe shelter, enough food to eat, clean drinking water, physical safety and the ability to rebuild their lives. And they can't do this without our help.

Today, by supporting this Disaster and Famine Relief Offering, you will enable ADRA to respond to disasters as soon as they happen. In Australia, your offering will help deliver emergency accommodation and crisis assistance to people in need, while overseas it will help provide food, shelter, medical help and other basic needs to those affected. Your gift today will also help communities in Australia and around the world prepare for disasters to prevent lives and livelihoods from being lost.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.adra.org.au

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MAR

Adventist World Radio



The offering today goes to support Adventist World Radio. Adventist World Radio, using AM or FM radio and internet broadcasting, provides an opportunity to reach people where all other means are impractical or even impossible.

Many countries of the world are closed to traditional methods of evangelism. Talking about God is prohibited or severely restricted. Punishment for those caught can be severe.

Radio waves know no boundaries, and stories frequently emerge from these isolated countries where people who have stumbled across an Adventist World Radio broadcast in their own language and have become committed Christians.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has established a network of radio stations that now reach most parts of the world. The challenge is to provide sufficient content in as many different languages as possible. Please give generously to this vital ministry.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.awr.org

WE INVEST IN OTHERS.



Today's offering supports the work of Adventist Education.

Adventist schools provide caring, learning communities that spiritually and academically equip, challenge and inspire students to make a difference. Adventist schools promote excellence, nurture growth and inspire a life a service.

100 per cent of your offering today goes directly to supporting the work of Adventist Education in the North New South Wales Conference.

Please give generously to this vital ministry.

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APR

Hope Channel



HopeChannel

As the official television network of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, HopeChannel offers programs on wholistic Christian living and focuses of faith, health, relationships, and community. It's television that will change your life! We produce more than 95 percent of our programs and broadcast worldwide.

Local HopeChannel broadcasts are a faith ministry and are supported by donors and sponsorship. HopeChannel endeavours to use the broadcast media (terrestrial, satellite, cable, digital) or a combination of media, that reaches the largest possible viewing audience with limits of local support.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
hopechannel.com/au/about

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Each year at Big Camp at Stuarts Point the North NSW Conference makes an appeal for a special offering that goes to support evangelistic initiatives that could not otherwise happen. This commenced in 2016 and has collected over \$1.3 million over the last three years. This money has been able to support church plants, fund community service projects, fund a ground-breaking aboriginal health program, allow the purchase of an additional 14 Faith FM radio licences, support bible workers in local churches, employ a conference prayer co-ordinator, support church revitalisation and a large scale evangelistic push into the city of Newcastle.

All the money collected in the big camp appeal goes directly to support local church and conference initiatives to reach the world with the everlasting gospel. We pray that the spirit of generosity that has gripped those at Big Camp over the last few years will be felt across the North NSW Conference as this offering is collected today.

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MAY

Record

Record™

Did you know? Adventist Record is more than a magazine that informs, inspires and nurtures church members across the South Pacific. As well as the print magazine you've always known and loved, Adventist Record is now a website that's updated daily, a dynamic Facebook and Twitter page, inspirational videos ... all to serve you in more ways and more places.

Adventist Record has been spotted in some diverse settings, from prisons in PNG, to marketplaces in Solomon Islands, to fruit stalls in Cook Islands and of course the magazines find their way into churches all throughout our Pacific region.

But all of this is only possible through your continued support. By giving to the Adventist Record offering you ensure that we can continue to tell our stories, connect our family and share our hope.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
record.adventistchurch.com

WE INVEST IN OTHERS.



In Dec 2004 smoking was finally banned in all enclosed spaces as research showed that three (3) cigarettes a day could reduce ones life span by 10 years. Now sitting is the new smoking. The latest research now shows that extended sitting without regular daily exercise could bring on an early death, especially to the 94% of inactive women who fit into this category compared to 48% of inactive men in Australia.

Sitting or lying down for too long increases your risk of chronic health problems, such as obesity heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, stroke and cancers. Too much sitting can also be bad for your mental health. The risk of both anxiety and depression is higher in people that sit more.

Sitting is now new smoking. The focus for our health week in 2019 is on regular EXERCISE which aims to encourage everyone to be more active every day. In this context we promote to you the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP), Depression Recovery and the Live More Project, as programs which focus on the importance of exercise and other important interventional strategies in reversing chronic disease and depression. If you want to live well and retire well, then we have to reduce our sitting time.

Your offering today will enable us to keep building on the resources that are so desperately needed for promoting health and lifestyle and behaviour change for better health.

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JUN

Pacific Adventist University



Pacific Adventist University (PAU) is a tertiary institution run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Koiari Park Campus is located in a peaceful rural setting, 20 kilometres outside of Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea (PNG). This campus, which is part of a 48-hectare estate, is set in a beautiful environment with water lily-filled lakes, a wealth of bird life, well-maintained lawns and shrubs, and well-chosen shade trees, making it a peaceful place not only for its residents, but also for many local and international visitors.

Fulton College in Fiji and Sonoma Adventist College in Rabaul, PNG, are affiliated campuses of PAU. Their degree programs and some diploma programs are PAU awards.

Let us give liberally today to support this vital education institution in the Pacific region.



Our offering today supports Adventist schools in the North New South Wales Conference.

Adventist schools offer communities that provide safe and caring learning environments where each student is respected as an individual, and is nurtured academically, socially and spiritually.

Adventist school teachers are passionate about Christian Education, which means they go beyond simply teaching Bible in the classroom. They are constantly modelling, teaching and reinforcing a Christ-centred lifestyle that shapes each student's character and personality.

Your generosity will support this vital ministry of the church.

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JUL

World Mission Budget



CHINA—Lai and Ping are church planters in rural China where many villagers are steeped in local traditions. They met Mei, a local woman, who asked them, “Who is Jesus, and what is a Christian?” Lai and Ping patiently taught Mei about the Creator God who loves her and came to earth to save her from her sins. Mei’s heart rejoiced to learn about God’s love. But her husband objected to her desire to worship God. He hit her, yelled insults, snatched her Bible from her, and blocked the doorway to prevent her from going to a worship service. Mei prayed that God would soften her husband’s heart. Just then a man came to the house to see her husband, and Mei hurried out the door to worship with the small group of believers.

Mei’s husband is still strong in his traditional beliefs, but he now allows her to worship God. Meanwhile, others in the village have joined Mei in accepting Jesus as their personal Saviour.

Appeal

Adventist frontline workers such as Lai and Ping often work under difficult conditions. Faithfully returning God’s tithe and giving regular, percentage based offerings on our income will help take the message of Jesus’ love to the unreached corners of the world. Today’s offering is for the World Mission Budget.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for faithful frontline missionaries. Bless them and those they can introduce to Jesus because of the offerings we give.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

am.adventistmission.org/mission-offering

WE INVEST IN OTHERS.

Union Global Partnership Project

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JUL



The Union Global Partnership Offering is a joint partnership, at the request of the General Conference, between established Unions and developing mission fields.

Australia has been invited to partner in supporting mission and development in Timor-Leste and Laos.

In Timor-Leste, which has a population of 1.26 million, there are 536 Adventist Church members and just one church. In Laos, a country of 7.1 million residents, there are four

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is already working in both of these countries with a focus on providing clean drinking water and sanitation.

Funds raised from today's offering will support mission trips with Australia teams who will assist with evangelism programs, community health and wellbeing initiatives, building and service projects, children's ministries and much more.

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AUG

Media Evangelism



Today's offering supports Adventist Media, the communication arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church based in Sydney.

Adventist Media operates under two brands: adventist.com.au to communicate internally with those already a part of the church, and hopechannel.com.au for the general public. The strategic plan of Adventist Media is to provide excellent content that is distributed to people in a number of ways, but increasingly in a digital way. They want to make the good news of the Gospel within an arm's reach of everyone.

It's an exciting ministry, reaching people where they are in a contemporary way. Please support the work of Adventist Media with your giving today.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
adventistmedia.org.au

WE INVEST IN OTHERS.

Union Offering: Digital Media Ministry

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Today's offering supports digital media in Australia

The AUC Digital Media comprises AUC TV, AUC Faith FM and AUC Social Media.

It's an exciting ministry, reaching people where they are in a contemporary way.
Please support the work of AUC Digital Media with your giving today.

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SEP

Annual Sacrifice: Global Mission



The main offering today is to support the world-wide Global Mission Outreach Program coordinated through the Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters in Washington DC. All Seventh-day Adventist churches in the world will collect this offering today and the money raised will be used to fund “unique opportunities” as they occur during the year.

Generally the money is used to support worship groups and church plants in unentered, heavily populated areas of the world where the Adventist message of hope has never been heard.

This offering is called the Annual Sacrifice Offering because church members are encouraged to sacrifice the equivalent of one week’s income in order to provide a greater financial support base for the world mission program of the church.

Whether you give a week’s wages or ten cents, you can be assured that it will all go to spreading the Gospel to people that have not yet heard the good news.

We really appreciate your support.



Your offering today supports the work of Adventist Education in North New South Wales. Our schools act as another bridge between the broader community and Christ.

As we come to the end of another school year, we can be sure that lives have been changed for Christ because students have experienced Adventist Education, but they have also met Jesus. Students have connected with Christ, and together, the local church and the school, teachers and others, have worked to lead students and their families into a closer relationship with Jesus.

It is the partnering of the school, in pursuit of the one mission, that creates the space for the Holy Spirit to work in a very powerful way. Adventist school principals, teachers and staff are thankful for the relationship between the church and the school, and the ongoing commitment, nurture and support Adventist churches across the North New South Wales Conference provide.

100 per cent of our offering today goes directly to supporting the work of Adventist Education in the North New South Wales Conference. Adventist Education acknowledges and thanks you for your commitment, your support and your generosity.

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OCT

Faith FM (NNSW)



Faith FM has rapidly expanded around Australia with the potential to reach more than 5 million people 24/7 with the hope of salvation and Jesus' soon return. During this time, many people have walked into Adventist churches asking for Bible studies and baptism, thousands have requested free faith-building resources and tens of thousands have and continue to tune in daily.

While media and technology continue to change rapidly, radio remains a favourite entertainment platform around Australia due to its easy access in the car, at work or the backyard. Faith FM can be heard on more than 120 stations around the country from metropolitan cities right down to remote communities and even islands. The Faith FM Live Breakfast Show in Newcastle broadcast topical and relevant content, engaging a national audience in spiritual conversations. In addition, Faith FM empowers local churches to produce and broadcast local content in their own communities.

Today's offering contributes to the work of Faith FM in North NSW by providing support for expanding network reach, empowering local church content production and promoting and marketing the station to the wider community.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
faithfm.com.au

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World Mission Budget

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NOV



We are part of a worldwide church. Today we have the opportunity to join with other Seventh-day Adventists around the world in giving to the World Mission Budget offering.

The money you generously give has the ability to help spread the Gospel to all creation (Mark 16:15). With a presence in more than 250 countries, the Adventist Church is constantly striving to share the news of God's great love with a world that needs it so desperately.

Your offering today can help carry a message of hope in Jesus to all areas of the world.

Thank you for your generosity in worshipping God in this way.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

am.adventistmission.org/mission-offering

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DEC

Mission to the Cities: SPD



One of the most challenging parts of the Seventh-day Adventist mission to the world is our cities. There are 43 cities with more than a million people where there is not a single Adventist congregation, and there are countless other, slightly smaller cities with little or no Adventist presence. To reach the people, we must go where they are and show them Jesus' love in practical ways, building friendships that will last an eternity. Within the South Pacific Division we have six cities with a population of over 1 million, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane and Auckland.

We are told, "There is no change in the messages that God has sent in the past. The work in the cities is the essential work for this time. When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed" (MM 304). When Ellen White wrote this in 1910 New York City was the largest city in America. Today, Sydney is larger than New York was when she wrote this. More people move into Sydney and Melbourne every year than the entire Adventist membership of Australia and New Zealand. The church in our division is serious about reaching our cities and is one of the key emphasis of our Division. Will you be a part of it? Thank you for your offering.

Other Offerings



Where do my other offerings go?

Sabbath School: offerings given in Sabbath School go to mission programs and projects all around the world. These funds are administered by the Church headquarters in Washington.

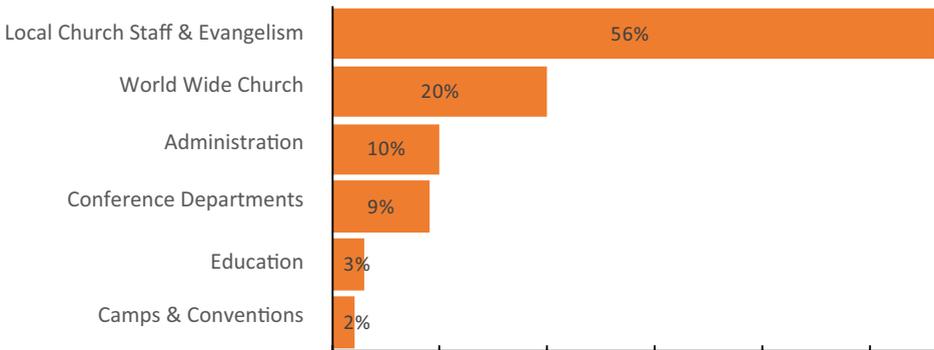
13th Sabbath offering: 25% of the funds received for 13th Sabbath offering go to nominated World Mission Projects as shown on the back of your quarterly lesson pamphlet. The balance is used for World Mission Budget (which is described in this booklet).

Local Church offering: used for the running costs of the local church. What is given will be used for the maintenance of the church buildings, equipment and grounds. It also provides the money required to run the programs of the church and reach out to the local community.

Tithe

One of the great strengths we have as a church is that we follow the biblical model of tithing by bringing all our tithes to the storehouse, so that we can support the advancement of the Gospel message to this generation. One of the challenges we face today is unity, and if we stand together and support the church under the biblical storehouse model, we will remain strong. As soon as we fragment and every member gives tithe to whatever cause they may personally choose, our movement will lose momentum.

What is the highest and best use for our tithe according to the Scriptures and Spirit of Prophecy?



The graph above illustrates how our conference is distributing tithe received from members in 2019. Note that the significant portion is for Gospel workers, ministers and evangelism, which we believe is the highest and best use of our tithe according to our understanding of the Word of God. We structure our tithe spending to ensure we can put at least 55% to front-line Gospel workers and evangelism.

Finally, as leaders of God's church, we must always thank and acknowledge the faithfulness and commitment of our church members at every opportunity — including the offering announcement — in returning their tithes to the storehouse.

Tithes and Offerings via e-Giving



Your church's e-Giving site can be found at <https://egiving.org.au>. More and more members prefer to use this option of giving their tithes and offerings. The e-Giving site has a number of positive features that make the process very user-friendly, with simple steps to making a payment. One-off donations can be made without using the "Log-On" provision — but if you wish, you can "Log-On" securely to create an account where you can manage, edit, change your donation details, or setup a regular donation.

BPAY and direct debit functionality is also available on the e-Giving site. Information on how to setup a new account and a recurring deduction is also available under the e-Giving drop down menu on the conference site (nsw.adventist.org.au).

e-Giving is an extension of the Tithes & Offerings Online Reporting System (TOORS), and treasurers who use this programme enjoy automatic recording of all tithes and offerings coming through e-Giving.



To return your tithe and give offerings using your credit/debit card or BPAY, use eGIVING.



**Convenient, safe
and easy!**

eGIVING is available through a secure online site. To access this service please visit:

egiving.org.au

Payments can be set up as a one-off or recurring payment.

Church Treasurer's Manual and Online Training Course



The Church Treasurer's Manual is a valuable source of information on the role and procedures for treasurers of Adventist Churches around the NNSW Conference. It is reviewed and upgraded regularly to ensure it remains relevant and up-to-date.

The manual is divided into sections with information about the duties and responsibilities of the local church treasurer, how to process transactions, managing risk, budgeting and reporting, applying for grants and loans, and recording and reporting online.

The entire manual can be downloaded from the conference website at <http://nsw.adventist.org.au/treasury>.

The interactive online training facility, aimed at developing and improving the skills and knowledge of our local church treasurers and their assistants, is ongoing and will be modified to match each new edition of the manual.

Each of the six modules will take around 15 to 20 minutes to complete. On successful completion, the participant will automatically receive a certificate of completion.

Church treasurers, assistants and others wishing to register for this free course can start the online training immediately by going to the conference website <http://nsw.adventist.org.au/treasury>.

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