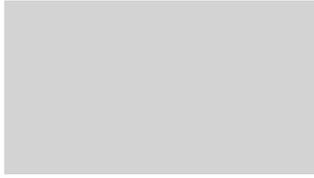


Seventh-day Adventist Church™

North New South Wales

2020 Offering Calendar



IT IS
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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.

The background of the page is a stack of cut logs, showing the circular cross-sections of the wood with their characteristic growth rings. The logs are stacked in a somewhat haphazard manner, with some larger than others, and the lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the wood.

Dear Church Leaders.

You hold in your hands a publication that is intended as a resource to those who promote offerings each week – this could be an Elder, Bulletin Editor, Website Administrator or any other person that has a creative way to promote offerings. Each non-local offering will have a short description that can be shared to with your congregation so they are aware of the purpose of the offering.

Thank you once again for the work you do in your local congregation, and for sharing the information in this booklet so we have better informed local churches.

Owen Ryan
Senior Accountant, North NSW Conference



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SPD Strategy: Blind & Hearing Impaired



Christian Services for the

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Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired (CSFBHI)—the recipient of this Sabbath's church offering across the South Pacific Division.

The mission of CSFBHI* is threefold: to create awareness of those with special needs, to promote a meaningful acceptance of those with special needs and to prompt to action—to give practical help for those with any form of special need. It's about the inclusion of all in church activities and worship; for all are gifted, all are needed, all are treasured.

With 27 of the 35 recorded miracles of Jesus relating to healing someone with a special need, the focus of a special needs ministry and witness is evident. So this Sabbath, in your giving, follow the example of Christ and give generously, and help CSFBHI help some of the millions living with disability.

*CSFBHI is a registered charity with tax-deductible status.

ADRA Disaster & Famine Relief

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Today we take up the ADRA Disaster and Famine Relief Offering. ADRA stands for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, and is the part of our church that cares for people in need.

This offering is a crucial part of ADRA Australia's ministry in responding with aid and compassion in the wake of disasters, both here and overseas.

Over the years, ADRA has responded immediately to natural disasters and emergencies around the world. In Australia, ADRA has been allocated the task of organising emergency accommodation at these times, and has done this recently at times of storms, floods and fires.

More than 600 churches across Australia are supporting ADRA today so that when disaster strikes, ADRA can instantly be there to help with food, shelter, medical assistance and other basic needs.

Be assured that whatever you give today will make a real difference in peoples lives. Please give generously.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.adra.org.au

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Adventist World Radio



Adventist World Radio is your mission radio, broadcasting the Advent message of hope to people around the world. Radio is one of the most inexpensive ways to reach the world, blanketing over 80% of the world's population including countries where Christianity is against the law. So AWR can make your mission dollars go further.

A specific project for AWR in 2020 - Papua New Guinea is one of the most primitive areas in the world. Access to these villages is very difficult. AWR 360 is seeking to bring the gospel to these very hard to reach places. A gift of \$40 will assist AWR to bring GodPods with pre-recorded health and Bible talks to one of these locations. These GodPods will be followed up with an evangelism series across 2,000 sites in April and May 2020.

AWR is unique in that the salaries and office expenses are funded by the General Conference. So any additional donations and funds is used directly for outreach expansion.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.awr.org

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As the official television network of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hope Channel 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 Hope Channel broadcasts are a faith ministry and are supported by donors and sponsorship. Hope Channel endeavours to use the broadcast media (terrestrial, satellite, cable, digital) or a combination of media, that reaches the largest possible viewing audience.

Hope Channel began broadcasting in the United States in 2003. But today, Hope Channel is a global network with 45 Channels that cover Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, Australia and New Zealand and the islands of the Pacific. Where possible programs on each channel are contextualized for their local culture and are broadcast in many languages including Spanish, Portuguese, German, Romanian, Mandarin, Russian, Tamil, Hindi, Ukrainian, Arabic, Farsi and Telugu.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.hopechannel.com.au

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Big Camp Appeal



Each year at Big Camp, at Stuarts Point, the North NSW Conference makes an appeal for a special offering for supporting front-line, cutting-edge outreach activities that could not otherwise happen.

Since the first Big Camp Appeal Offering in 2016, more than \$1.8 million has been prayerfully invested to support new church plants, fund Adventist Community Service projects, pilot a ground-breaking Aboriginal health program, purchase Faith FM radio licences, support bible workers in local churches, pilot pop-up health retreats, employ a conference prayer co-ordinator, fund regional evangelistic programs and provide seed finance for churches setting up new Centres of Influence. Thank you!

We pray that the spirit of generosity that has gripped those at Big Camp in recent years will again be felt across the North NSW Conference as this offering is collected today. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:8, "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." Please give prayerfully and generously to support this year's Big Camp Appeal.

Thank you again for your generosity and your ongoing, day-to-day support in the many exciting ministries that are happening across North New South Wales. All praise to God for the wonderful results He is achieving.

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WE'RE BACK
ON INSTAGRAM!
@adventistrecord

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

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MAY**

Comprehensive Health Ministry, SPD



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.



Our offering today is for Avondale College of Higher Education, the largest of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's tertiary education institutions of higher education in Australia. Avondale offers a broad range of undergraduate, postgraduate and vocational courses. Its educational programme seeks to develop the whole person. The two campuses (Cooranbong and Sydney) provide safe and pleasant environments where students may enjoy Christian friendship while receiving a quality education.

Avondale's graduates are widely sought after by employers. Many Avondale graduates have progressed to master and doctoral degrees at Australian and overseas universities, with an outstanding record of achievement.

Let's be generous in our giving today.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.avondale.edu.au

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JUL

World Mission Budget



Every morning little Haroun* cheerfully waited for Dr. Bland, the American missionary surgeon, to come “hurt” him. He was 10 years old and had suffered a nasty fracture of his left leg. Dr. Bland had removed a large portion of his tibia, but he still had an infection. Each morning, the doctor and his team removed the dressings, squeezed out pus, and repacked the wound with bleach-soaked gauze. Haroun was brave; as soon as the procedure was over, his bright smile returned. Every time Dr. Bland and his medical team at the Bere Adventist Hospital in Chad visited Haroun, they would speak French with him and teach him intricate handshakes. Since Haroun was alone at the hospital, this was the highlight of his day. The rest of the time he played with other young patients or watched the “Jesus movie.”

In medicine sometimes, doctors have to cause pain to achieve healing. Patients like this young boy must trust that the physician has their best interest in mind and that the outcome will be an improvement.

Part of your regular offerings and gifts today will automatically be sent to the World Mission fund, supporting the ministry of more than 400 missionary families. You may also give directly to the World Mission in addition to your “Promise” (regular and systematic offerings) by writing “World Mission Offering” on your tithe envelope, or by visiting Giving.AdventistMission.org, then clicking on “My donation is for” and selecting “World Mission Offerings.” Thank you in advance for your generous giving!



FOR MORE INFORMATION

am.adventistmission.org/mission-offering

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Union Partnership Timor-Leste

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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, a country with a population of 1,266,000, one Seventh Day Adventist Church and 536 members.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is already working in this country 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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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

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Mamarapha College is a tertiary Christian Bible College owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church offering Certificate II up to Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Studies (streams of Ministry Bible Work and Lifestyle Health Promotion).

Set in the beautiful bush surrounds of Perth's orchard region, Mamarapha is a quiet, peaceful place where each year dozens of indigenous students connect with God and discover how to share Him with their communities in a culturally sensitive way.

Mamarapha College graduates have made positive, life-changing differences in the lives of thousands of indigenous Australians through lifestyle programs, community service, public evangelism and personal faith sharing initiatives.

Your offerings today will support Mamarapha's ongoing work of making disciple makers for the indigenous community throughout Australia.

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SEP

Annual Sacrifice



WHAT COULD YOU SACRIFICE FOR MISSION?

If you had one shot to make a sudden, big difference in someone's life, would you take it, or let it slip away? Unusual opportunities don't happen every day but when they do, they require a rapid response from God's church. The Unusual Opportunities Offering is a special funding pool that enables the General Conference to respond rapidly to urgent projects as soon as they arise.

Let's suppose, for instance, that there is an unexpected door opened in a country that was completely closed for the Adventist message before. This fund will allow the Church to move quickly as the opportunity appears and be established in this country in more solid basis.

A similar situation happened after 1991, when the Iron Curtain fell, and the former Soviet Union countries were suddenly opened for the gospel. Fortunately, the church was able to take advantage of the opportunity, developing more than 250 evangelistic series in Russia, one of them, conducted in 1992 by Mark Finley, inside the Kremlin – the very centre of a power that had declared the religion as dead and the atheism as the state religion!

Part of your regular offerings and gifts today will automatically be sent to the Unusual Opportunities Offering fund that will support critical necessities, as they appear. You may also give your freewill offerings directly to this fund, beyond and above your Promise (regular and systematic offerings) by marking Unusual Opportunities Offering on your envelope, or by visiting AdventistMission.org/donate, and selecting "GC Unusual Opportunity Fund."



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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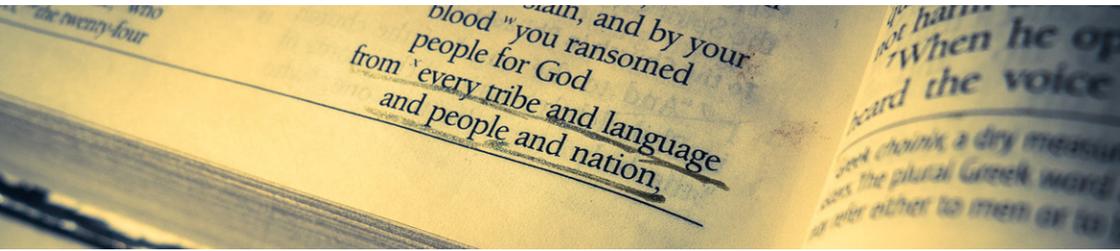
God has called every Seventh-day Adventist and their Church to be a transforming agent in its community, following the method of Jesus to bring help and hope through ministries of compassion in His name (see Luke 4:16-21; Ministry of Healing, p. 143). Adventist Community Services (ACS) is the descriptive label for a wide range of public services provided by the NSW Seventh-day Adventist Churches – Food Pantries, God’s Closets, Random Acts of Kindness, Aboriginal Mental Health Residential Programs, just to mention a few. It is also the name of the denomination’s community action organisation that operates at the local church level.

Even though problems such as poverty, disease, disaster, and other social problems are multiplying around the world, there is a positive side to this challenge. These ever-present problems present unlimited opportunities for God’s people to experience the joy of service in providing compassionate care that alleviates and prevents suffering. This opens doors to reach people with the hope of Jesus Christ in the midst of their struggles.

We thank you today for your generous financial support, but also for being the hands and feet of Jesus, serving your community in a very practical and tangible way.

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NOV

World Mission Budget



After Prem completed his medical training, he chose to live on a small stipend in a remote town in India as a Global Mission pioneer. Before Prem arrived there were no Adventists in the region. The nearest hospital is several hours away, so pioneer Prem uses the talents God has given him to serve the town's sick. He transformed his living room into a clinic, where he lovingly teaches the locals how to adopt a holistic lifestyle. He then prays for the heavenly Physician to heal and bless them.

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'"—Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 143.

Global Mission Pioneers sacrifice much to take Jesus to the unreached cities, towns, and villages around the world and to put His method of outreach into action. The question is, what are you willing to sacrifice to help support them?

The offering collected today will serve as a special gift to support the work of Global Mission Pioneers. Part of your Promise (regular and systematic offering) already supports the Global Mission Pioneers.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

am.adventistmission.org/mission-offering

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MISSION to the CITIES

“We’ve already told you many times to stop sharing Bibles and building churches,” said the officer to Pavel’s father (also named Pavel). During the Romanian communist era, those who were against the government or who were sharing Bibles were often arrested, beaten badly or secretly given doses of radiation. So many of my friends were beaten very badly,” says the son, Pavel Goya, Ministry magazine editor, “but it didn’t stop anything.”

Mission to the Cities is a strategic five-year initiative for the Seventh-day Adventist Church to specifically target the largest cities in the world, including those with a long history of religion repression and secularity, for Jesus.

The initiative shares strategies for urban evangelism, and provides resources for local churches to become centres for discipleship and training. It also provides one-off grants to local churches to do evangelistic programs that can often be expensive to run in large cities.

Other Offerings



Where do my other offerings go?

Education: 100 per cent of offerings received for Education will go directly to supporting the work of Adventist Education in the North New South Wales Conference. 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.

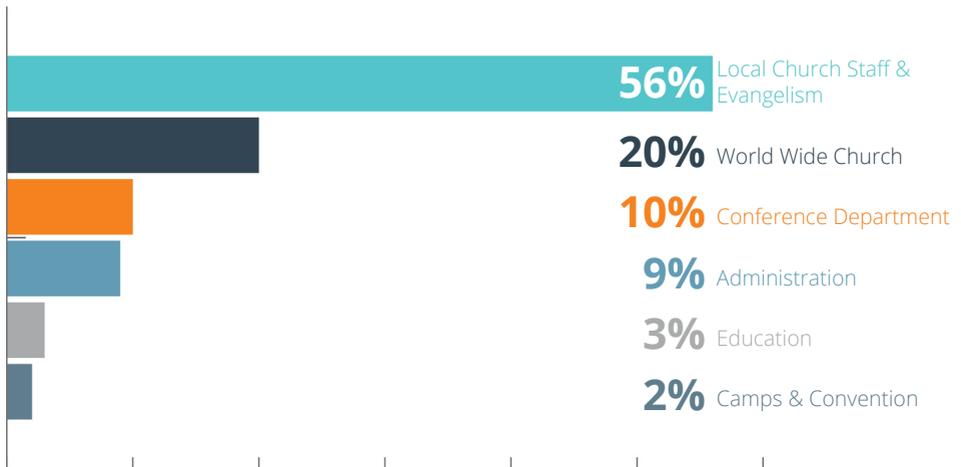
Sabbath School: offerings given in Sabbath School go to mission programs and projects all around the world. These funds are administered by the Church headquarters in Washington.

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.

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 has been distributing tithe received from members in recent years. 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. Also, we have recently restructured our tithe spending to ensure we can put at least 56 per cent of our tithe 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.

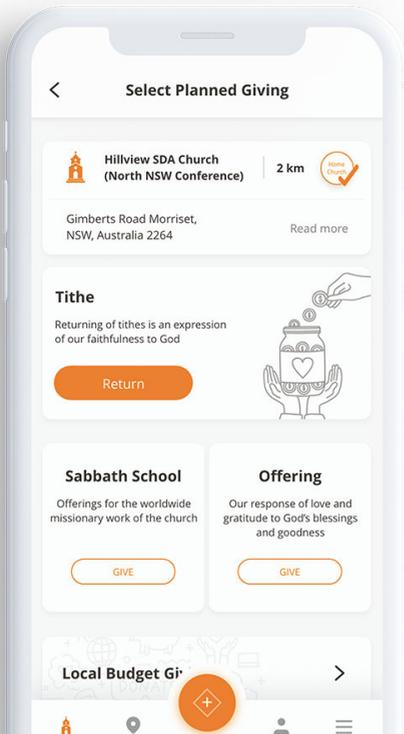
Tithes and Offerings via e-Giving



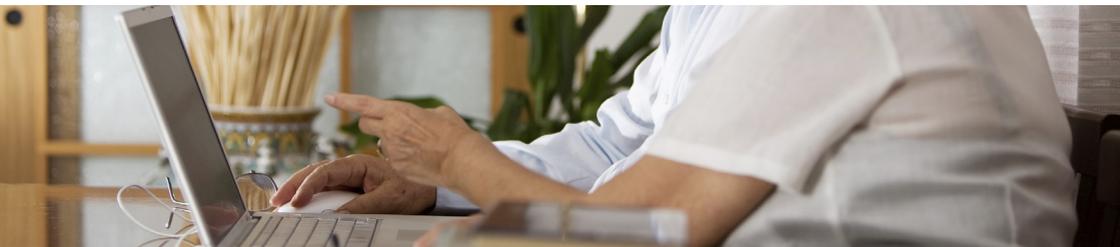
Your church's e-Giving site can be found at <https://egiving.org.au>. More and more members prefer to use this option of giving their tithes and offerings. The e-Giving site has a number of positive features that make the process very user-friendly, with simple steps to making a payment. One-off donations 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.



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 NSW 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-manual>.

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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