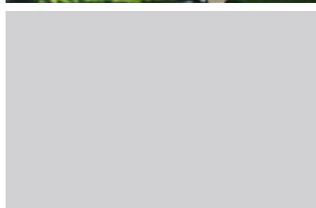


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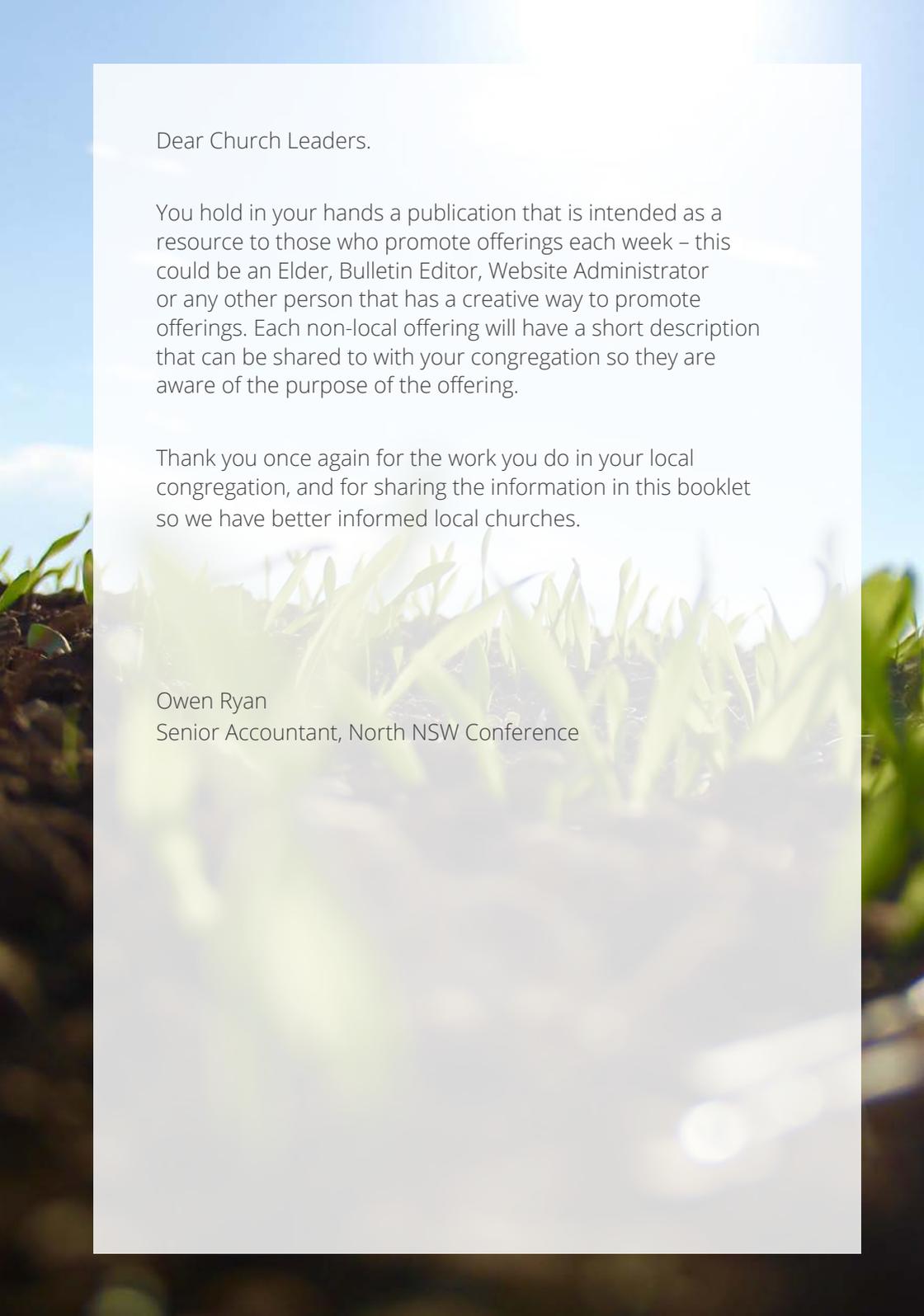
# 2021 Offering Calendar



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TO  
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THAN TO  
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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.



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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# Adventist Youth (SPD)



The youth and young adults across the South Pacific wish to thank the corporate church for the amazing support that has been offered in providing funding for the World Changer Bibles and reading guides that have had an incredible positive impact in the churches. To date we have distributed more than 505,000 World Changer Bible kits and provided training to pastors and lay people across the 35 territories of our South Pacific Division. 70,000 of these WC Bible kits were dedicated to every student in every Adventist school across the Pacific including Australia and New Zealand.

We have seen unprecedented growth in many of our island territories and this is partially due to the valuable ministry tools. The Pacific Nations are Christian and as the younger population are growing with higher birth rates than Australia and NZ, there is a continual need for Bibles and other resources to keep up with the next wave of students and young people joining the church. Due to the lack of finances and high unemployment, many of our members cannot afford to buy a Bible. Most people are part of the informal economy and living at subsistence level. There is a huge ongoing need for more Bibles to be given into the hands of new believers and our young people as they enter our Adventist schools.

The Youth offering is a dedicated offering that will help to resource the needs of our youth and young adults across the South Pacific. There is a crucial need for more Bibles and other resources for young Adventists. Your donation will provide much needed support and will enable our young boys and girls to share their faith with their friends. Please give generously as the needs are urgent.

**WE INVEST IN OTHERS.**

# ADRA Disaster & Famine Relief

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FEB



*"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." Isaiah 1:17*

In an average year more than 300 disasters affect more than 200 million people, most of which are already in poverty and disadvantage. Disasters like bushfires, flooding and cyclones destroy homes and livelihoods, leaving thousands of children, women and men without their basic needs. They often need shelter, enough food to eat, clean water, physical safety and the ability to rebuild their lives. And they cannot do this without our help.

By supporting the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering today, you will enable ADRA to be ready to respond immediately to disasters both at home and overseas. Your offering will help deliver emergency shelter, food, water and medical supplies to those affected.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.adra.org.au](http://www.adra.org.au)

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# Adventist World Radio (GC)



“Radio has a special place in my heart. It was the radio ministry that brought my own family a knowledge of the gospel of Jesus and an introduction to the Seventh-day Adventist Church”, says Pr Edward Reid, Assistant to the President for Planned Giving at Adventist World Radio.

Shortly after the close of World War II, his family lived in a small logging town in northern California. There were no Adventists and, of course, no Adventist church. He and his brothers were pre-schoolers at that time. Mum and Dad found the radio program on their kitchen radio, and they would all listen on Sunday mornings during breakfast.

After listening to the program for a period, his parents took the Bible correspondence course and upon completion requested a visit from an Adventist pastor. The pastor gave them some additional studies, and they were baptised in the Klamath River. That is one of Pr Reid’s earliest memories.

“Over the years, I have thanked God that someone sponsored that radio program on a station that reached our little wooden mill-town home. Our family’s life-focus changed dramatically after my parents’ baptism. There was church school, academy, and college, and service for God’s church”

With Pr Reid’s background, it is easy for him to imagine other families in isolated places in the world - places where there are no Adventists members or churches - responding to the broadcast ministry of Adventist World Radio. The thousands of letters and e-mails received by AWR each year are a positive testimony that families are being reached by radio.

Today’s offering will immensely assist Adventist World Radio to continue to broadcast where missionaries cannot go, transforming lives for eternity!



Sarah grew up believing in Jesus and loved Him from a very young age. Yet, like many of us, she never felt good enough for Him and this cast a dark shadow over her childhood. This led to unhealthy habits, bad relationships and substances, causing further pain. She fell into depression for several years. Her days were spent in bed, watching television and her self-worth continued to plummet. Sarah fell into a dark place, further away from God, to the point where she considered ending her life.

It was at this point she reached out to a friend who suggested downloading some inspirational content onto her phone. That is when Sarah found Hope Channel – right in the app store in her phone! “I liked the name,” Sarah said. “I thought okay, ‘Hope Channel’ – I am really looking for hope right now!” The first program she came across was Table Talk, and she started watching right away. Through this program she began to understand God’s grace and her life started to change.

This led to “Let’s Pray LIVE” and she began to reach out to their online community. Now, she feels she is part of a family. Sarah says, “I’m just so grateful that I found [Hope Channel] and in the months since I found it, I have never once thought about throwing away this precious life that I’ve been given. I am joyful.”

Thousands around the world like Sarah are searching for hope. They are looking for a community to connect with and for people who will pray with them. Today, the offering will further the ministry of Hope Channel. Your faithful support of Hope Channel makes this possible and allows for continued growth and reach to new places.

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# Big Camp Appeal



Each year at Big Camp, the North NSW Conference makes an appeal for a very special offering. The gifts collected are used to support front-line, cutting-edge outreach activities that could not otherwise happen.

Since the first Big Camp Appeal Offering in 2016, more than \$2.2 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, provide seed finance for churches setting up new Centres of Influence, produce video content for children's evangelism, grow Adventist ministries on university campuses and much more. Thank you!

We pray that the spirit of generosity that has gripped those at Big Camp in recent years will again be felt across our 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.



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 is updated daily, a dynamic Facebook, Instagram and Twitter page, 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](http://record.adventistchurch.com)

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MAY

# Health Ministry (SPD)



Our focus for health week in May 2021 is to champion whole-person health with the goal of helping people to live abundantly. The Seventh-day Adventist Church recognises that positive lifestyle choices act as preventative medicine and that evidence-based lifestyle medicine, integrated with conventional medicine, may assist to prevent, arrest and in some instances, reverse chronic disease.

The Health offering will be 50% for the local conference health department. The remaining 50% will be used for the South Pacific Division Comprehensive Health Strategy to empower and grow our network of locations, health professionals and advocates to champion whole-person health so we can become a leader in lifestyle medicine. God wants us to live our best life so we can serve and share the message of health, healing and hope to all!



Perhaps one of the most intriguing verses in the Bible is Ecclesiastes 11:1, where we read, *“Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.”*

For a society that depended on the land and good weather to survive, effective farming was crucial. Although some versions use the word “grain,” which is what you sow in the soil, the NKJV uses “bread,” which is the product of grain. That means you would not sow bread as such but grain with the expectation to obtain bread from the harvest. This seems to be confirmed by the expression, “you will find it [bread] after many days.” This is particularly true concerning Christian education. You can cast your grain with the expectation of reaping later an abundant harvest of the formed product: a new and faithful generation that will keep aflame the faith of their fathers.

Please, give generously this June 12! With your special offering, you are making possible that loyal young people, like freshly baked bread, can be at the table of the Lord’s service forever.

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JUL

# World Mission Budget (GC)



There are 7 billion people living on this planet today. Did you know that more than 42 percent of them live without any Christian presence or influence in their lives? That is approximately 3.1 billion people! Our Gospel commission is clear: *“Go ye into all the world and teach all nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you”* (Matthew 28:19)

Four times a year the offering taken during our church service supports the work of Adventist mission work around the world. Today is one of those days when we have a special opportunity to help share God’s words of hope and love with our fellow humans.

Please know that today’s offering help fund missionary work in hospitals, clinics, schools and churches, printing of literature and the preparation of broadcasts so that people who never knew about Jesus can hear His words or read about Him in their own language.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

[am.adventistmission.org/mission-offering](http://am.adventistmission.org/mission-offering)

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*"Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does."* 1 Chronicles 16:24

The Australian Union Conference has been partnering and supporting Timor-Leste in mission for over 3 years. Previous offerings have contributed to the building of classrooms for students who were having their lessons in tents and supporting the installation of 5 centres of influence providing services in health, mission and all types of ministry work. In the past this offering has supported the training of local ministers by sponsoring students to get their teaching, pastoral and nursing qualifications. Your ongoing support means that there are currently a team of local ministry people on the ground in Timor-Leste that are moving Gods mission forward in that region.

As you give generously this team will continue to grow with further sponsorship, resourcing and practical assistance. What you give makes a difference in how we are God's hands and feet with our neighbours in Timor-Leste.

Please continue to pray for our partners and the challenges they face and know that your offering is making a huge difference.

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# Media Evangelism (SPD)



Now more than ever people are looking for encouragement and hope as they face the challenges of living in this complex world. In times like these everyone deserves to hear about God's love. However, as a Christian it can be tough to share your faith as it seems that people don't want to listen. The task is huge, and the times are uncertain, and we understand you can feel overwhelmed.

At Adventist Media we believe that together we can share the gospel with every nation, tribe, people and language. That's why we are producing high quality Christian resources—from books and magazines to podcasts and video clips—that are designed to help you connect with people. And we want to continue providing you with inspiring content so that you can share the gospel in relevant and effective ways anytime, from anywhere, to anyone.

Your offering today will really make a difference in helping people across the South Pacific to learn more about Jesus and His love for them.



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[adventistmedia.org.au](http://adventistmedia.org.au)

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*“And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” Mark 16:15 (NLT).*

Mamarapha College is a tertiary education institute owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As a Registered Training Organisation, we offer nationally credited qualifications ranging from Certificate II to Advanced Diploma for courses in Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Pastoral Ministry and Lifestyle Health Promotion.

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

Mamarapha College graduates have impacted 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 core focus of training disciples to spread the Gospel of Jesus into Indigenous communities throughout Australia.

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# Annual Sacrifice (GC)



## WHAT COULD YOU SACRIFICE FOR MISSION?

Prem 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 has transformed his living room into a clinic where he lovingly teaches the locals how to adopt a wholistic lifestyle and treats their illnesses. Then he prays for the Heavenly Physician to heal and bless them.

Through Prem's compassionate words and actions, many of his former patients now come each Sabbath to the local church building. There they eagerly wait for Prem to finish treating patients in his clinic so he can teach them more about Jesus.

The Annual Sacrifice Offering comes at the end of Week of Prayer and is an opportunity for us to sacrifice for mission to help fund the work of Global Mission pioneers. The question is: what are you willing to give up for mission?

**PRAYER:** Father, our Global Mission pioneers continue to make great sacrifices to be laborers in Your field. Their needs are great. Please bless our sacrificial offerings to help equip these bold pioneers to reach even more people with Your love.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

[am.adventistmission.org/mission-offering](http://am.adventistmission.org/mission-offering)

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# ADRA Disaster & Famine Relief

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*“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it’s in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbour now, don’t say, “Come back tomorrow, and then I’ll help you.” Proverbs 3:27-28*

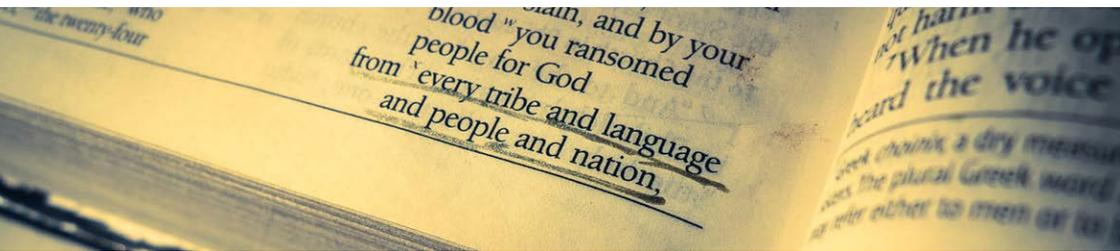
In every community, there are people struggling to get by and falling through the cracks. ADRA, in connection with Adventist Churches, has volunteer-run projects in Australia and New Zealand that feed, clothe, house, connect and empower people to overcome hardships and crisis and get back on their feet.

Today’s offerings will support ADRA Community Projects in Australia and New Zealand such as community meals, free counselling services, crisis support and disaster response. Each project is run in partnership with a local Adventist Church and is a tangible way for us, as Adventists, to connect with our local communities and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Give generously today to help others live as God intended.

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NOV

# World Mission Budget (GC)



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 do not happen every day but when they do, they require a rapid response from God's church. When you give your World Mission Budget Offering you are contributing to a special fund that enables the General Conference to respond rapidly to urgent projects as soon as they arise. So, let us seize the moment. Let us speed the work of the gospel by giving generously.

With your support, the church will be able to respond to new opportunities that will increase the impact of God's mission throughout the world.

**PRAYER:** Dear Lord, we know you love a cheerful giver. Move us, we pray, to respond with speed to your call to give generously to further your work.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

[am.adventistmission.org/mission-offering](http://am.adventistmission.org/mission-offering)

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# Mission to the Cities (SPD)

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## MISSION to the CITIES

When Ellen White wrote in 1910: “The work in our cities is the essential work for this time,” New York city was the largest city in the USA. Today, Sydney is larger than New York was then. As many as 1 million of people move into our six biggest cities every year. This is more than what we have as total Adventist membership in the Australian Union Conference and the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference. Making disciples in our cities is even more important now than it was in Ellen White’s day.

Your offering today will help in equipping, resourcing, and sending volunteers, students, professionals and families into the cities of our division as missionaries to make disciples in these last days of earth’s history.

# 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.

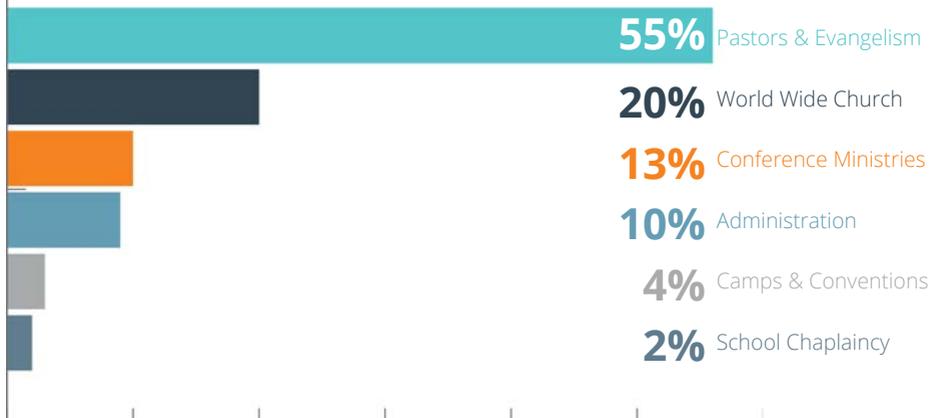
**Sabbath School:** offerings given in Sabbath School go to mission programs and projects all around the world. These funds are administered by the Church headquarters in Washington.

**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?



*Note that the percentages above add to 104% indicating that we have spent 100% of tithe received on mission and the additional tithe related expenditure has been funded from non tithe sources such as big camp appeal.*

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 55 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](https://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



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>.

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