



THE Seventh-day  
**ADVENTIST** CHURCH

IN

*Australia*

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# Who WE ARE

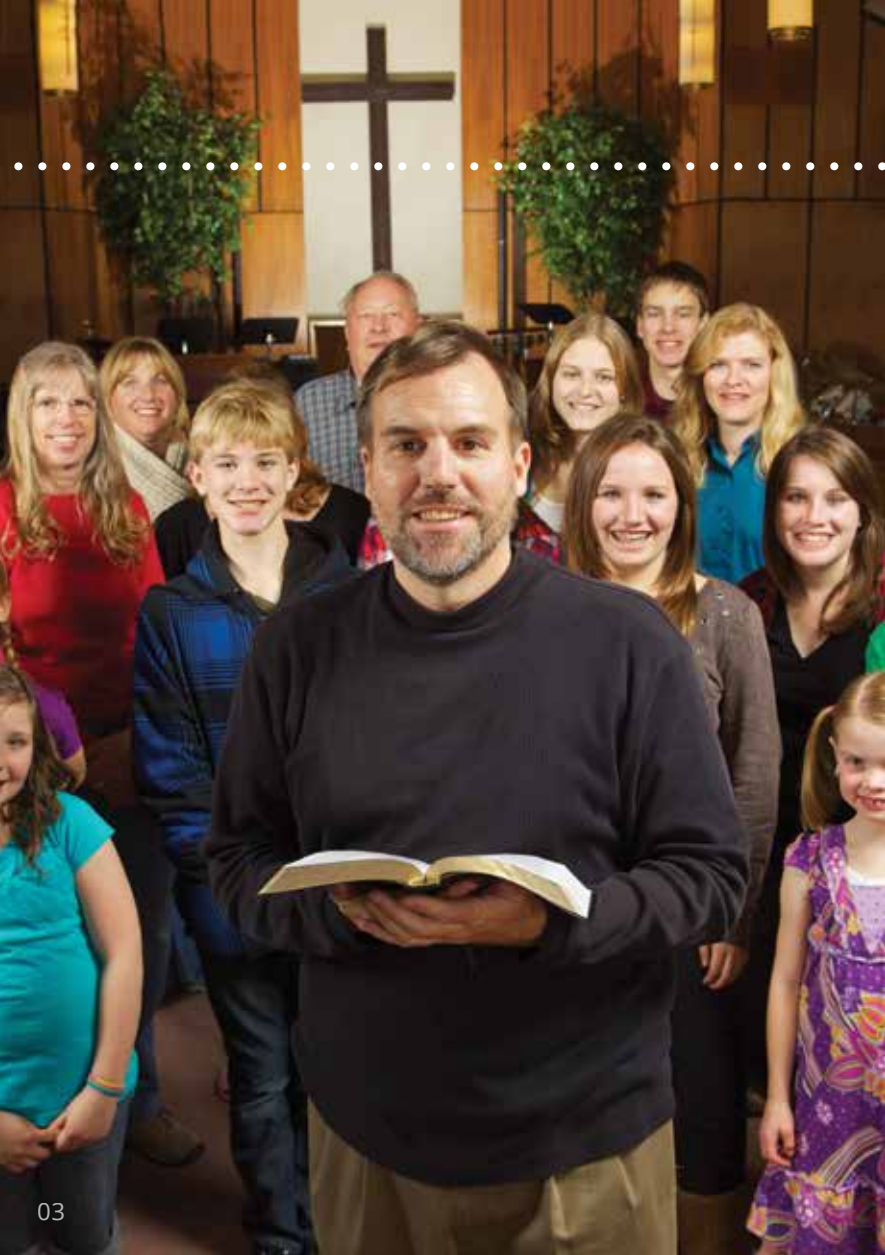
The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a global movement of committed Christians following Jesus and eagerly awaiting His soon return.



# Statement OF *Belief*

Seventh-day Adventists have their faith centred in Jesus as revealed in the Bible, the ultimate source of truth. We believe God Loves, Creates, Redeems, Inhabits, Transforms and Triumphs in this life and beyond ([www.adventist.org/en/beliefs](http://www.adventist.org/en/beliefs)).





## WEEKLY *Worship* SERVICE

Every Sabbath (Saturday) Seventh-day Adventists around the world gather together in community to worship Jesus through music, prayer and Bible teachings. Whether in large auditoriums seating thousands, or under the shade of a eucalyptus tree in the outback, Seventh-day Adventist's worship services are a communal expression of gratitude to the Creator and Saviour.

## *Sabbath School*

Each Sabbath, Seventh-day Adventists meet to fellowship and explore the Bible together. Sabbath School classes provide a safe environment to ask questions, share faith experiences and get to know Jesus better through a shared, interactive group study of the Bible. For the children, Sabbath School provides a wonderful time of music, craft and discovery through Biblical stories, drama and games as they grow to know, love and share Jesus. Teens, youth and young adults often spend this time exploring Biblical perspectives on personal, relational and societal issues with opportunities for honest and open discussions.





# *Gospel*

## CO-MISSION

Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and make disciples - followers of Jesus who are becoming more like Him in every way. The Seventh-day Adventist Church exists to fulfill this mission whether in large cities, rural towns or remote communities through personal friendships, local churches and in many places large institutions such as hospitals or schools. The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to be a thriving disciple making movement.



# *Small Groups*

In homes, cafes or public spaces, Seventh-day Adventists enjoy meeting regularly throughout the week in small groups for fellowship, worship and Bible study. Small groups provide a warm and caring context for deepening friendships, growing in faith, serving others and leadership development.







# *Adventurers* (AGES 5-9) AND *Pathfinders* (AGES 10+)

From mountain top treks to white water rafting, exploring the stars or baking damper, Adventurers and Pathfinders provide safe and engaging activity-based clubs to nurture, develop and challenge children and teenagers as they develop resilience, teamwork and faith.







# Community SERVICE

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Following in Jesus' footsteps, Seventh-day Adventists are constantly striving to make the world a better place. From food banks and soup kitchens, op-shops and counselling centres, to education programs such as CHIP, Depression Recovery and Vegetarian Cooking classes to ADRA, in small and large ways individual members and local churches provide timely and essential community services that support others in times of need.





# Family

Family Ministries focuses on people in relationships. It is a ministry that provides tools, resources and events for couples, parents and children, single adults, and all members of the wider family circle as they pass through life's predictable stages and confront unexpected changes in their lives.

# Children

Each week, thousands of children participate in age-relevant Sabbath School classes where they discover Christianity through craft, stories and music. Many local churches also host Vacation Bible Schools which provide a fun, safe environment for children to make new friends, participate in engaging activities and encounter Jesus.







# Youth

From junior and teen summer camps to weekend retreats for young adults, from local small groups to interstate StormCo mission trips, youth leaders from around the country mentor, equip and empower the next generation of leaders to experience Jesus and be His hands and feet to the community.







# *Men & Women*

While upholding the creation truth that both men and women are created in God's image as equals, Adventists celebrate gender differences by providing specific events, retreats, resources and development opportunities so that both women and men can reach their full potential in their personal, social and spiritual lives.



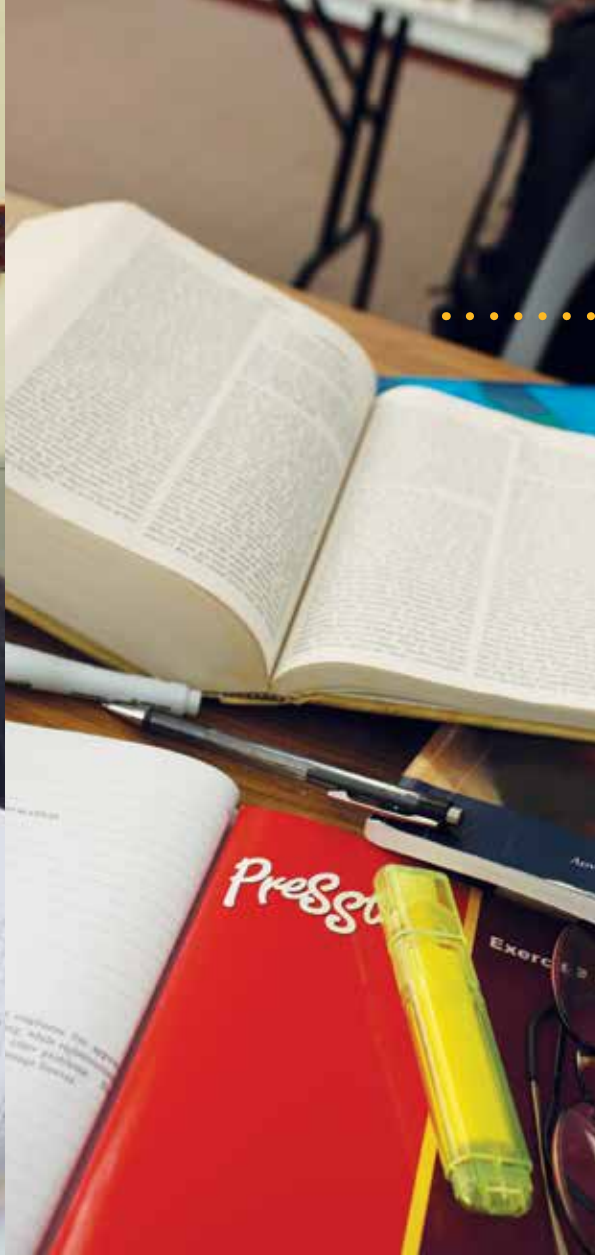


# *Aboriginal* AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER *ministry*

ATSIM ministers to the specific cultural and missional needs of indigenous communities around Australia through lifestyle development, education institutions and community service. The church owned Mamarapha College empowers dozens of graduates each year to make a life-changing difference in the lives of indigenous Australians.







# *Mamarapha* COLLEGE

Mamarapha is a tertiary Seventh-day Adventist Bible College offering Certificate II up to Advanced Diplomas in Ministry and Health.

Set in the beautiful bush surrounds of Perth's orchard region, Mamarapha is a quiet, peaceful place where students can connect with God and grow in their walk with Him.

The word "Mamarapha" combines a widely used Aboriginal word with an ancient Hebrew word meaning "God makes whole".



Mamarapha College Ltd.



# Media

Through TV (HopeChannel), Radio (Faith FM), print resources and a growing number of online services, the Adventist church is constantly developing new and innovative media avenues to benefit the community in areas such as health, wellbeing, relationships and finance, as well as sharing the good news of Jesus and His return.





# Sabbath School for Life

Discover a new missional approach to a traditional experience!

[Find Out More](#) ➔



Projects



Stories



Blog

# Disciple.org.au

Discipleship involves making more and better disciples — more people who know, experience, love, follow Jesus and reflect His character to others.

The disciple website provides a variety of resources to encourage, empower and equip members in fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission to go and make disciples of all people.





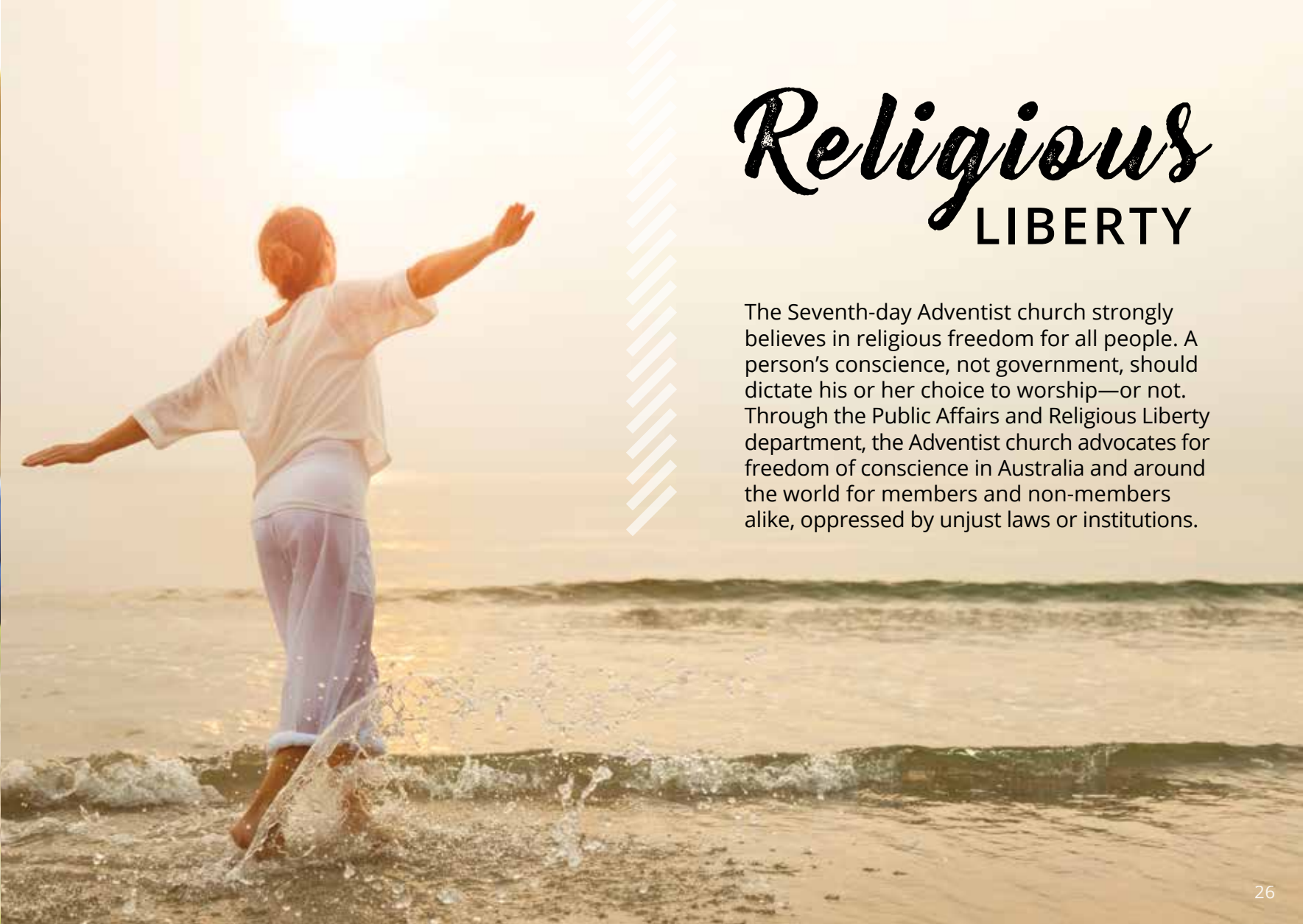
# Health

Adventists endorse a holistic approach to life which includes physical, social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Whether through local health and cooking seminars or national health initiatives such as CHIP or the Live More Project, Adventists are passionate about empowering others to experience optimum wellbeing.



# Religious LIBERTY

The Seventh-day Adventist church strongly believes in religious freedom for all people. A person's conscience, not government, should dictate his or her choice to worship—or not. Through the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department, the Adventist church advocates for freedom of conscience in Australia and around the world for members and non-members alike, oppressed by unjust laws or institutions.





# Education

Since the first Seventh-day Adventist school commenced on St Kilda Road, Melbourne in the early 1890's, our education system serves the mission of the Church through 48 school campuses spread across Australia that are offering Christian education to over 13,000 students.

Our dedicated team of principals, teaching and support staff is committed to providing a high quality, Christ-centred, non-selective education to all who pass through our classrooms.

Our desire is to build strong communities of faith and learning where young people seek to become committed to serving God and the community around them.







# Avondale

Avondale is a leading church owned tertiary institution established to train and equip students for service and mission in the wider community. Undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in ministry, education, nursing, science, business, humanities and arts develop more than 200 graduates each year, equipped and emboldened to go out and impact the world for eternity.



# ADRA

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the official humanitarian agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, operating in more than 130 countries. Fuelled by the belief that all people were created in the image of God to do amazing things, ADRA works to inspire and collaborate with others to facilitate transformational development and relief projects in Australia and overseas. By working together with the worldwide church, ADRA strives to restore relationships so that all people can thrive.





# Sanitarium

Founded in 1898, Sanitarium has become a market leader in providing healthy convenient foods for Australia and beyond. With award-winning brands like Weet-Bix, Up & Go and So Good and community events like the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon, Sanitarium plays a vital role in sharing a message of health and hope with the community.

**Sanitarium**  
health & wellbeing







## ADVENTIST *Media*

From early beginnings printing Bible leaflets in 1885, the Adventist church has been at the cutting edge of using media to share the Gospel. Adventist Media, based in Wahroonga, cares for large-scale film, web, audio, print and communication projects including the Record, Signs Magazine, Hope Channel, the Bible Correspondence School and more.

## *Signs* PUBLISHING

No job is too big or small for the church owned print, publishing and design house. Each week Signs Publishing produces thousands of high quality print products including the Record, Sabbath School pamphlets, Conference newsletters and a myriad of jobs in between with the sole purpose of supporting and enhancing the mission of the church.





# SYDNEY ADVENTIST *Hospital*

Adventist HealthCare Limited operates a group of healthcare businesses including the organisation's flagship entity Sydney Adventist Hospital in Wahroonga - NSW's largest private hospital. With a longstanding reputation for excellence, Adventist HealthCare offers a comprehensive range of acute medical, surgical, diagnostic, support and wellness services. The organisation's Mission, "Christianity in Action" is brought to life daily through the dedicated efforts of staff, doctors and volunteers who care for the body, mind and spirit of their patients, colleagues and the community.



# ADVENTIST *Retirement* VILLAGES

13 institutions around Australia provide exceptional service for senior citizens and those requiring full time care. Committed Christian staff, superior facilities and quality service care make Adventist Aged Care facilities a prime choice for those wanting to enjoy their retirement in a warm, friendly and faith-based community.





# Australian UNION CONFERENCE

The Australian Union Conference is the national administrative and support centre for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia. In partnership with the nine regional conferences it supports, the AUC develops and coordinates national projects, events and resources to further the Gospel Commission.



423  
CHURCHES



60,000  
MEMBERSHIP



48  
SCHOOLS

13,000  
STUDENTS

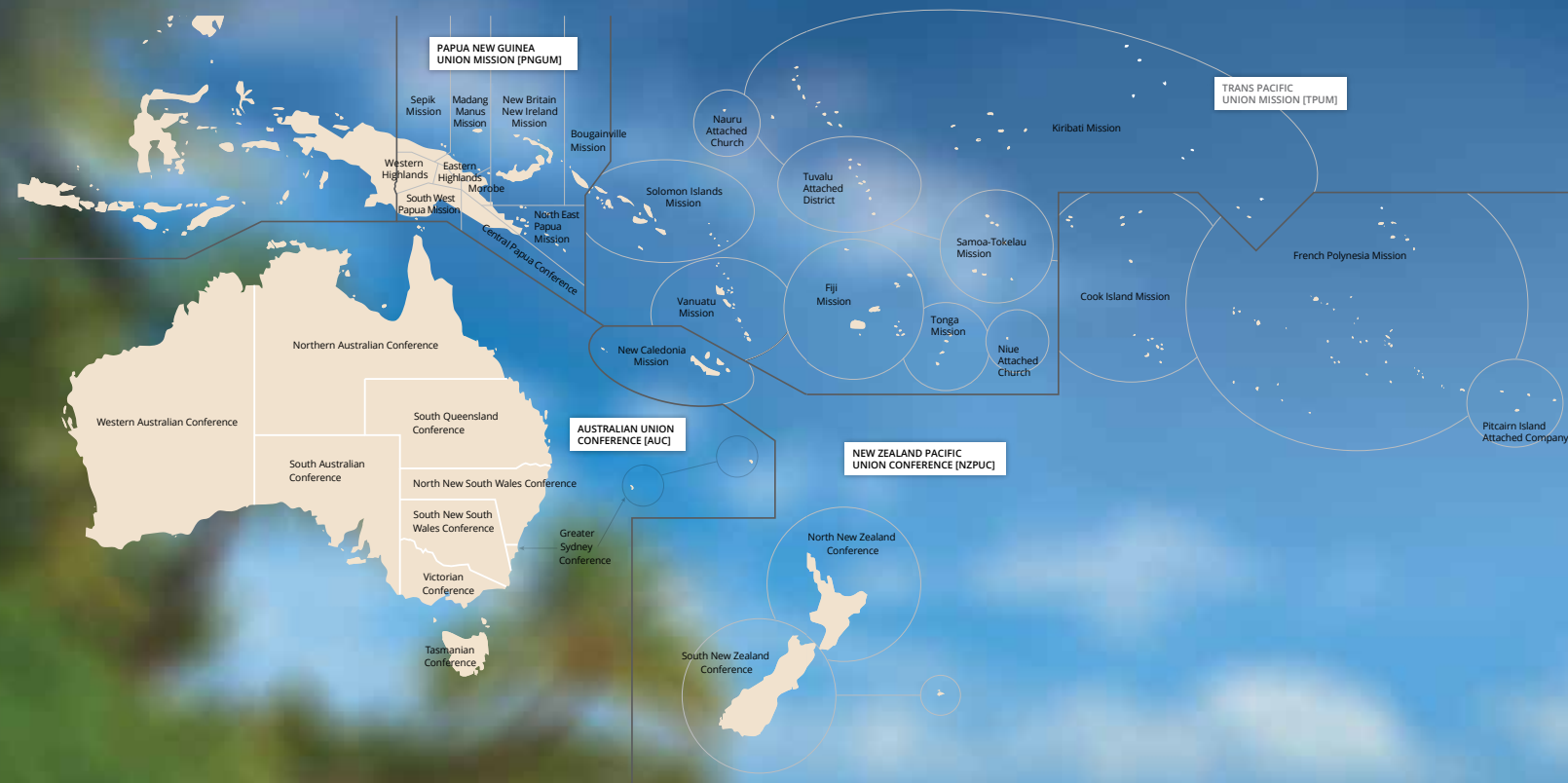


13  
AGED CARE  
FACILITIES



9  
REGIONAL AREAS  
[CONFERENCES]





**2100**  
CHURCHES



**460,000**  
MEMBERSHIP



**4** FOUR  
UNIONS



**20** COUNTRIES &  
TERRITORIES

# South Pacific DIVISION

The South Pacific Division provides administrative, mission and resource support for the four unions within its territory as well as managing significant institutions including Sanitarium, Avondale College, Sydney Adventist Hospital and Adventist Media. Spanning 14 countries and 8 time zones, the SPD serves a vast and diverse region to fulfil.



# General CONFERENCE

The General Conference coordinates the global ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a body set up under the belief that no individual should be governed by the judgment of another, and any decision should be made by an assembly. The General Conference is responsible for the spiritual and developmental plans of the church around the world and operates on a representative model in which decisions are made by assembled delegates from around the world.



85,000  
CHURCHES



20,000,000  
MEMBERSHIP



13  
DIVISIONS



20,000  
ORDAINED  
PASTORS



115  
UNIVERSITIES  
& COLLEGES



8,000  
SCHOOLS

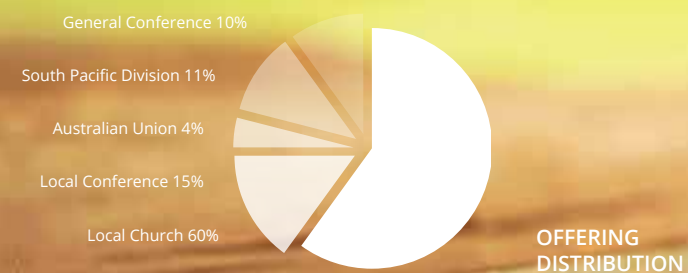
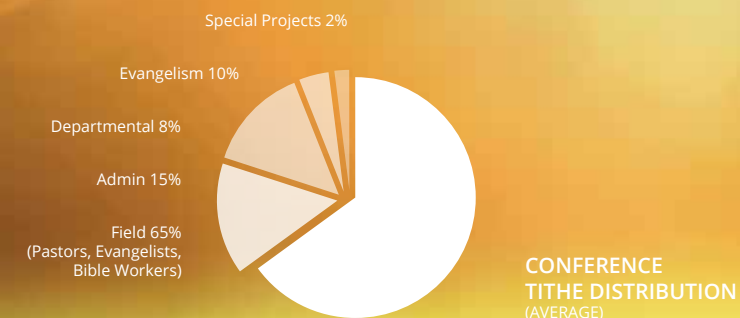
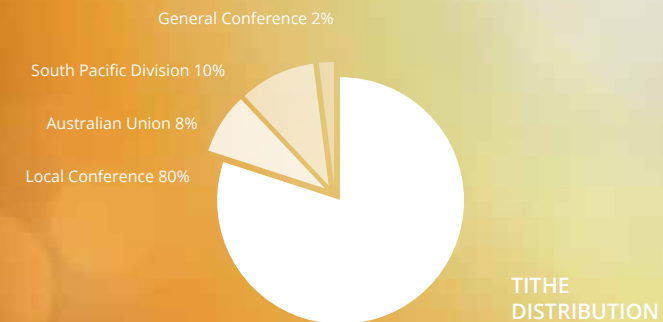






# Tithes

Tithing is a Biblical principle where believers contribute 10% of their income to support the mission work of the church. Tithe funds are used primarily to support field workers such as pastors, evangelists and Bible workers. A small portion of tithe is used for administrative costs, mission projects and education.



# Offerings

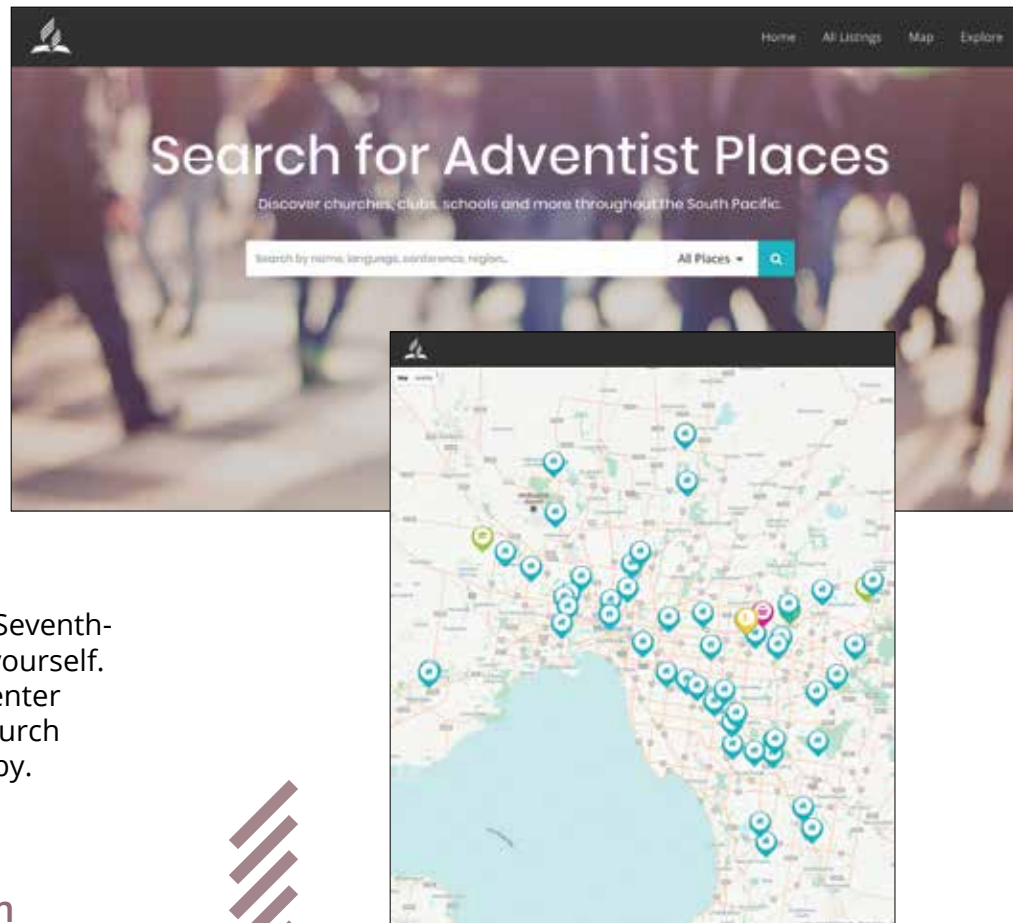
Many church participants support the ongoing mission of the church as well as major initiatives through regular weekly donations (offerings) collected each Sabbath. Offerings are used to fund the day to day mission of local churches as well as special large-scale projects including international mission, humanitarian work, media outreach and education.



# Find A CHURCH

We'd love to have you experience a Seventh-day Adventist Faith Community for yourself. Go to [search.adventistchurch.com](https://search.adventistchurch.com), enter your postcode and discover what church communities and activities are nearby.

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