### Seventh-day Adventist Church

North New South Wales

# 2022 Offering Calendar

















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 jointly developed between the NNSW Conference and the Australian Union Conference. It is intended as a resource to those who promote offerings each week for the 2022 calendar year. It is intended primarily to provide additional information to those who announce the offerings each Sabbath and to be an aid for treasurers when recording the correct allocation of the offering each week.

Thank you once again for your faithfulness in leading, empowering and caring for 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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## 22 JAN

# Blind & Hearing Impaired (SPD)



# SPD Strategy: Discipleship of Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired [eGiving: Blind & Hearing Impaired, SPD]

More than a billion people worldwide live with a disability — blindness, deafness, mental or physical impairment — and some are in your church. Please reach out to them and their families with the gift of friendship and inclusion. Always include those with special needs, and give consideration, support and loving care to the families and carers of those with special needs. And remember, it isn't about their needs and limitations, but their possibilities.

The Adventist church's Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired is supported by church offerings, donations and bequests, which together fund its free services. These include advocacy and awareness building, audio and braille resources for the blind, captioning and audio augmentation for the deaf and hard of hearing, and development grants to qualifying blind or deaf individuals or related organisations. Please give generously. You can also make an online, tax-deductible donation at any time via eGiving.

# ADRA Disaster & Famine Relief



This offering provides vital funding for ADRA's emergency management work, providing immediate, life-saving assistance when disasters strike here at home and around the world. Gifts above \$2AUD / \$5NZD are tax-deductible.



## 12 MAR

# Adventist World Radio (GC)



From the radio to social media to in-person evangelism, Adventist World Radio (AWR360°) is sharing messages of hope in every corner of the world. In Acts 2:17, God says that in the last days, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people." This text has never been more relevant than today. We are seeing its fulfillment right before our eyes! Yes, we can only stand in awe as we see God pour out His Spirit, transforming the lives of people all around the world. And I love that He uses us—and Adventist World Radio—to do it!

Your offering gift today will be used carefully and prayerfully by Adventist World Radio to broadcast the Three Angels' Messages into locked homes, locked high-rises and even locked countries. God's Spirit will unlock people's hearts and bring souls 'from broadcast to baptism'. Thank you for your willingness to invest in God's special work for this time.

## **Hope Channel (GC)**



#### Hope Channel, Inc [eGiving: Hope Channel, GC]

Sarah grew up in a Christian home but wandered away when life got busy and complicated, and she got depressed. One day a friend encouraged her to download some messages from Hope Channel. "I liked the name," Sarah said. "I'm really looking for hope right now!" As she watched the programs, Sarah began to see and understand God's grace. Her life began to transform.

The next program she found was called, Let's Pray LIVE. "They say it's 'the place where you don't have to pray alone," said Sarah. "My husband's not a believer so a lot of times I do pray alone, and since I found them, I'm not!" In fact, Sarah reached out online to other members of the Hope Channel community and now she feels she is part of a big 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. As the global television evangelistic ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hope Channel aims to reach these people, to provide the hope they are searching for and to tell them how much God loves them.

With 59 Hope Channels around the world, and programming that broadcasts in more than 70 languages, Hope Channel is working 24/7 every day to share hope and peace. Today's offering will further the ministry of Hope Channel and help it to reach to new places, and new people like Sarah. Let's share hope around the world!

## 23 APR

## **Big Camp Appeal**



The Big Camp Appeal is a North NSW Conference initiative that started in 2016 for the purpose of raising funds for the front-line, cutting-edge outreach activities that could not otherwise happen.

Various missional initiatives such as the Aboriginal Health program, Faith FM radio licenses, Bible workers in the west, videos for children's evangelism, Centres of influence, Church multiplication, Digital evangelism, film productions, and many more have been made possible through your generous giving.

We invite you to continue to partner with us as we prayerfully seek to proclaim the good news of salvation and the soon return of Jesus Christ to the North NSW Conference and beyond.

"For God is the One who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you." (2 Corinthians 9:10 NLT).

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing, day-to-day support in many unique and exciting ministries that are happening across the North NSW Conference. All praise, honour, and glory to God for the wonderful results He is achieving.

## Record (SPD)

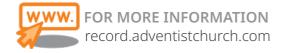


#### South Pacific Record [eGiving: Record, SPD]

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 also a website that is updated daily, and 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.



## 21 MAY

# Comprehensive Health Ministry (SPD)



## **SPD Strategy: Comprehensive Health Ministry** [eGiving: Health, SPD]

In 3 John 2, we see God's desire for all people, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

Our focus for health week in May 2022 is two-fold. Firstly, for you to be in good health. And secondly, to work with the Unions and Conferences to educate and empower you to partner with ELIA Wellness to transform 100 Seventh-day Adventist churches across Australia and New Zealand to become Wellness Hubs. The aim is to bring whole-person health to the community, so we can all live abundantly. Adventist Health in the South Pacific aims to be known as the 'go to' destination for health, healing and hope through our Institutions, Wellness Hubs, Wellness Schools, and Lifestyle Medicine Centres.

The Health offering will be 50% for the local conference health department, and the other 50% is for the South Pacific Division Comprehensive health strategy which will go towards supporting exciting initiatives including Wellness Hubs, Wellness Schools, a Lifestyle Medicine Centre, ELIA digital platform, research and innovative, evidence-based resources.

# Avondale University (SPD)



Your gift to the Avondale University will help enhance the Avondale experience, protect its heritage, or partner in discovery. The Avondale experience is about people and supports scholarships that bring students to Avondale or projects that bring life to campus. Heritage is about place—these are projects that invest in capital works. And discovery is about purpose—the research that gives us a better understanding of ourselves and our world.

By making a gift, you're transforming lives through Christ-centred higher education. The impact of this transformation: graduates who go on to serve their world for good.

You can make your gift in two ways. If in church, place your gift in the offering or use eGiving. If online, visit www.avondale.edu.au where gifts above \$2 are tax-deductible in Australia.

Thank you for your support.

## 09 JUL

# World Mission Budget (GC)



Did you know that your offerings are like a life-giving river flowing through the entire world? They provide life-giving water to help sustain the mission fields.

You may be surprised to learn that your weekly mission offerings help support the work of some 400 missionary families around the world. In fact, 70 percent of the weekly mission offerings each quarter help support overseas missionaries and the international work of the church. Appropriations from the General Conference to world divisions, the Middle East North Africa Union Mission, and the Israel Field help these regions build and sustain mission activities in their territories, just like water to irrigate fields when there's not enough rain.

The remaining money helps various institutions and agencies that serve the world church. For example, it helps the compassionate medical mission work of Loma Linda University, the outreach of Adventist World Radio, and the humanitarian ministry of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

In recent years, millions of people from challenging areas of the world have found salvation in Jesus and have joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On average in 2020, someone became an Adventist every 39 seconds, and a new church was organized every 5 hours.

Thanks to your offerings, thousands of new congregations have been established in unreached areas and among new people groups. But after these new believers have been baptized, how are they nurtured? How do we make sure that their new faith is strengthened, and they grow as disciples? Sixty-six percent of the world's population are still waiting to experience the refreshing news about Jesus. Your ongoing support of Mission Offerings will help grow and sustain new work throughout the world. Please keep this life-giving river flowing.

# Global Partnership Project (AUC)



"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.

## 13 AUG

## Media Evangelism (SPD)



## SPD Strategy: Comprehensive Media Evangelism [eGiving: Media Evangelism]

Media presents the church with significant opportunities to connect with our communities. Whether it be through broadcast media, social media, radio or print, these are all avenues by which we can share the good news of Jesus Christ with a large and unknown viewership as well as our neighbours and friends.

This Media Evangelism offering will provide much needed resources to support the production of short film clips for social media, the broadcast of Hope Channel and provide resources for ministries such as Mums at the Table and the Hope Discovery Centre which works directly with media contacts.

Your generous support will help the church with its mission of engaging, equipping and evangelising through media.



# Mamarapha College (AUC)



"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.

## 10 SEP

## **Annual Sacrifice (GC)**



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 local people 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 is an opportunity for us to truly sacrifice for mission to help fund the work of Global Mission pioneers. The question is: what are you willing to give up, so that the good news can bring hope and healing to people living in darkness?

# ADRA Community Projects



This offering will support ADRA Community Projects to feed, clothe, connect and empower people to overcome poverty and crisis, and transform their lives. Please give generously to help people live as God intended – free from poverty and disadvantage. Gifts above \$2AUD / \$5NZD are tax-deductible.

## 22 OCT

# Adventist Community Services



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 NNSW 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.

# World Mission Budget (Unusual Opportunities)



# World Mission Budget (Unusual Opportunities) [eGiving: GC Worldwide Offering]

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 significantly increase the impact of God's mission throughout the world.

## 10 DEC

# Mission to the Cities (SPD)



### SPD Strategy: Mission to the Cities [eGiving: Mission to Cities, SPD]

"When talking to Jonah, God said, "Should I not pity that great city Nineveh?" And Ellen White wrote that, "the work in the cities is the essential work of this time." When she wrote that in 1910 the population of New York city was smaller than Sydney is today! Your offering today will be used carefully and prayerfully to make disciples in the largest mission field in the South Pacific Division, our major cities. Please give as God challenges you.

# 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.

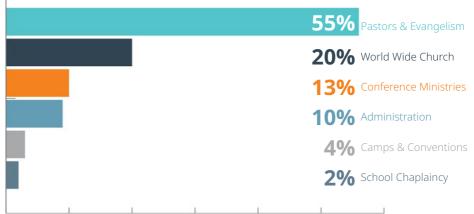
**13th Sabbath offering:** 25% of the funds received for 13th Sabbath offering go to nominated World Mission Projects as shown on the back of your quarterly lesson pamphlet. The balance is used for World Mission Budget (which is described in this booklet).

**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.

### **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?

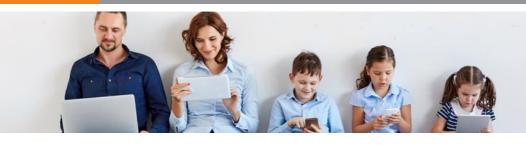


Note that the percentages above add to 104% indicating that we have spent 100% of tithe received on mission and the additional tithe related expenditure has been funded from non tithe sources such as big camp appeal.

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 <a href="https://egiving.org.au">https://egiving.org.au</a> or via the e-Giving app (available on iPhone & Android). More and more members prefer to use this option of giving their tithes and offerings. The e-Giving platform 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-

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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 platform. 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 website (nnsw.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 donated 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 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 <a href="http://nnsw.adventist.org.au/treasury-manual">http://nnsw.adventist.org.au/treasury-manual</a>>.

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