

The Adventist Church and its Support System



A collective summary

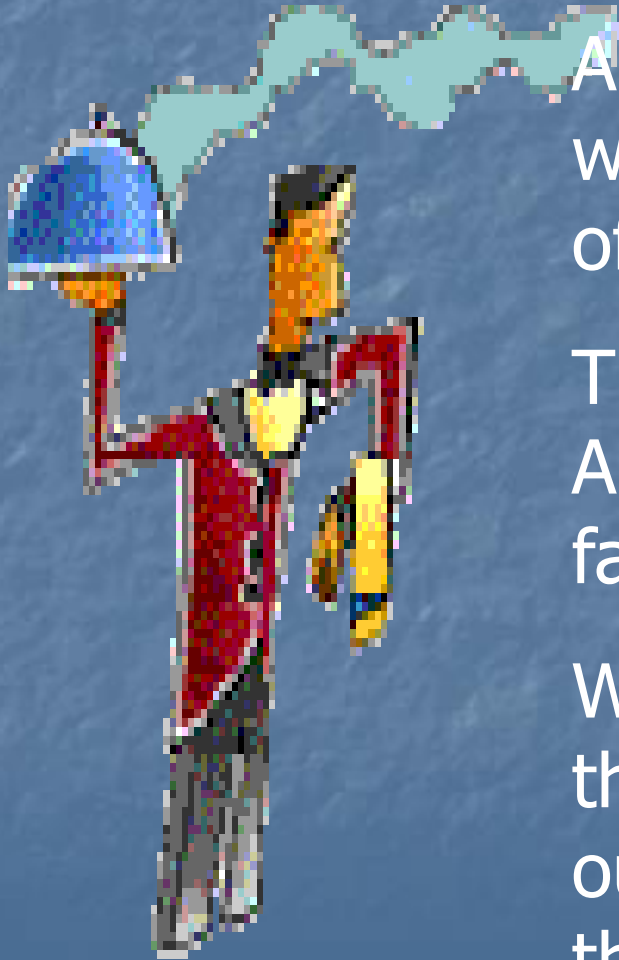
World Stewardship Day

First Sabbath in December

An emphasis day to remind us that we are Stewards rather than owners of everything entrusted to us.

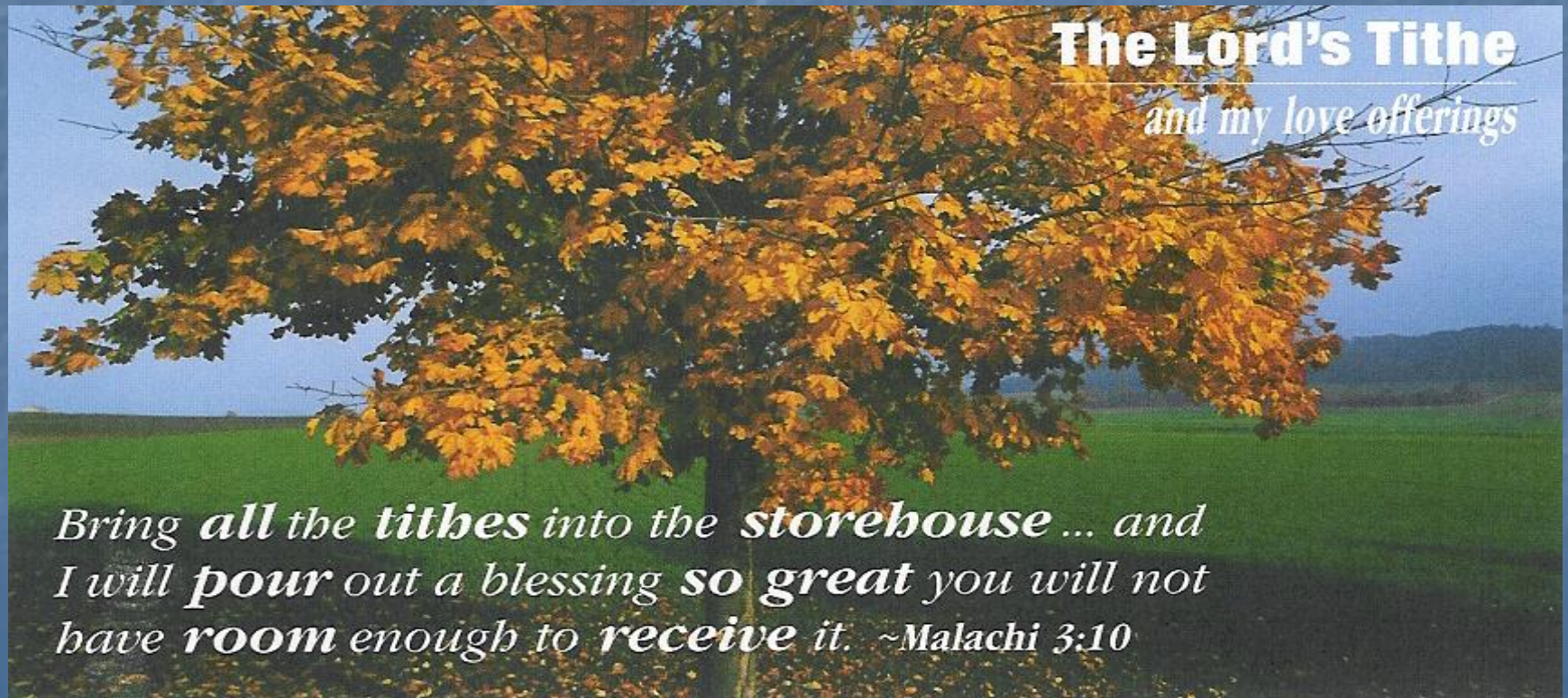
This includes: Materials, Means, Ability, Time, Environment, Our family and our bodies - everything

We symbolise our stewardship through the return of tithe – 10% of our income and social investment in the generosity of offerings.



Tithe = 10% of our earned increase

A recognition that everything that we have and are comes from God. We prosper in the radiance of His blessing.



The Lord's Tithe
and my love offerings

*Bring **all the tithes** into the **storehouse** ... and I will **pour** out a blessing **so great** you will not have **room** enough to **receive** it. ~Malachi 3:10*

Principles and Procedure in Tithing – Our Policy

The tithe is to be held sacred for the work of the Ministry and Bible teaching including conference/mission administration in the care of churches and field outreach operations.

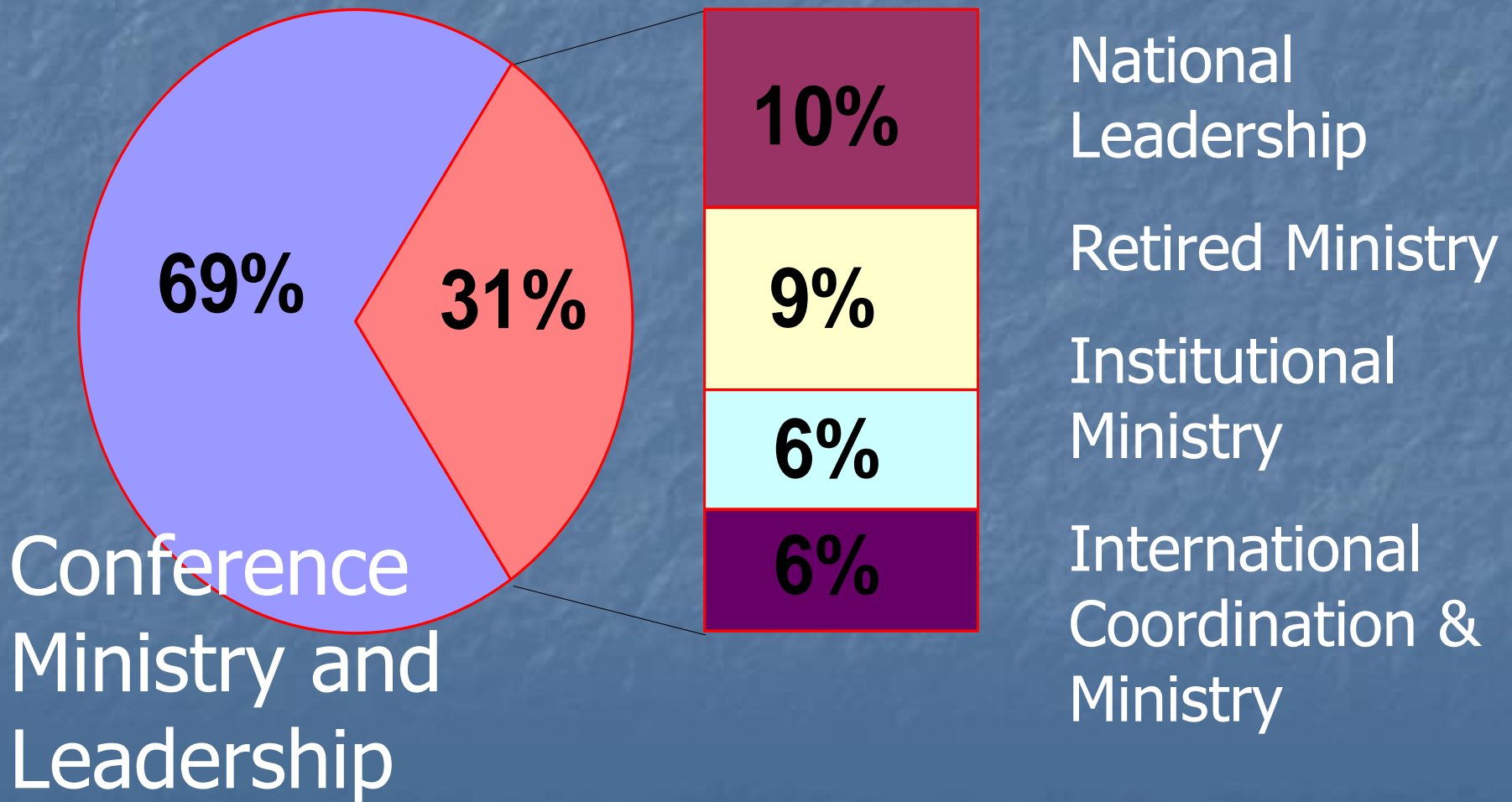
The tithe is not to be expended on other lines of work such as church or institutional debt paying or building operations.

Although tithe paying is not held to be a test of fellowship, it is recognised as a scriptural obligation that every believer owes to God and is essential in claiming by faith the fullness of blessing in Christian life and experience.

The return of a faithful tithe is recognised as an act of worship and a loving stewardship response to a benevolent God. It is expected of all leaders.

Distribution of Tithe

Approximated for simplicity



Sabbath School Mission Offering



- Offering in general support of the world mission endeavour.

- Church institutions, schools, hospitals benefit through appropriations via the General Conference and World Divisions.

- Funds are sent in trust to the General Conference.

13th Sabbath Offering

Last Sabbath School Offering each Quarter

- Each quarter 3 - 4 projects are chosen and are the subject of promotional readings.
- The focus rotates among 13 World Divisions
- 25% of the actual offering is calculated to benefit the projects as the 'overflow' of an enhanced offering.
- Offerings labelled '13th Sabbath' in the following weeks accrue to the last named project.





Investment Offering

What more can I do toward the salvation of others?

- The object is the same as the Sabbath School offering. We are passionate about our mission!
- Members are encouraged to embark on an 'Investment' project / hobby in which the proceeds of the endeavour are committed to expand of the Church's world mission.
- Funds are forwarded to the General Conference.

Birthday and Thank Offering

- An occasional offering in which members make a special gift in thanks or commemoration for a year of life, healing, a success event or experience of God's mercy.
- The Offering is in support of World Mission and is sent to the General Conference.



Local Church Budget Offering

Collected during Divine Service

- The principal offering of the local church
- Retained and managed by the local church board and the appointed Treasurer.
- Provides the cost of maintaining the Local Church Program, Building, Facilities, Utilities, Evangelism, Church School support....
- Supplemented by Gift Aid returns as agreed by each Conference.



The Budget is the church's dream



Evangelism	10,000
Literature	5,000
Kindergarden	2,000
Youth development	2,000
Hospitality	3,000
Church Improvement	4,000

The image shows the cover of the 'Messenger' journal. The title 'Messenger' is written in a large, red, serif font. Above the title, a black horizontal bar contains the text 'Journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United Kingdom and Ireland' in white. Below the title, another black horizontal bar contains the text '17 March 2008 • Volume 111 • 7' in white.

Messenger

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The Messenger Offering when taken, is collected on the **last Sabbath of January** each year. Many churches make a contribution from their annual budget.

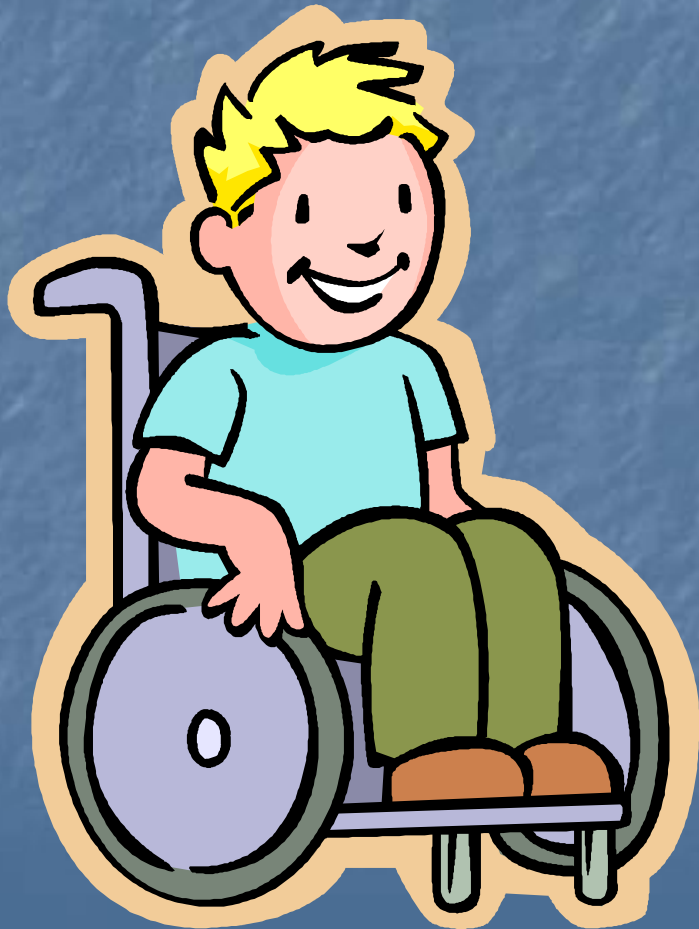
The fund is used by the Conference / Mission to defray their subsidy of the Journal.

The purpose of the Magazine is to inform and enrich the spiritual life of the Church throughout the British Union.

An annual subscription costs about £15 per year

Special Needs Camp

First Sabbath in February



The British Union Conference operates an Annual Camp at Aberdaron, Wales for children with special physical, mental and emotional needs.

The Camp also serves to develop caring young people.

Children with special needs are also supported by our Annual Appeal.

Newbold College

Third Sabbath February



Newbold College, in Bracknell is the Senior educational training facility within the Trans-European Division and the British Union.

Its purpose is to inspire young people for service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and society in general.

It is the place where our leaders are formed.

Invest in the future.

Adventist World Radio

Second Sabbath March



Adventist World Radio is the broadcast corporation established by the General Conference of the World Church.

It's function is to broadcast the Adventist message into parts of the world where personal witness is not possible.

Broadcast centres and antenna are strategically placed to cover the entire globe.

Education Day Offering

1st Sabbath in June



We operate 10 schools throughout the country with premier Christian Education as our ideal for every child. Schools are successful in retaining children in the faith and creating leadership for the future.

Schools receive supportive grants from the Conference.

Pupils are also supported through local church offerings.

Parents contribute 50 – 80% of the total cost.



Disaster and Famine Offering

Second Sabbath in May

Earthquakes, Hurricanes, Tsunami's and Human Conflict are common in our times. We seek to be amongst the first to respond with altruistic Christian Charity.



This offering is held by each World Division and is used for the initial response to events.

Subsequent action is taken up by ADRA as concerted network action.

Stanborough Press Open Day

First Sunday in September

An opportunity to browse and purchase the best in Adventist literature.

An opportunity to meet Adventist Authors.

An opportunity to taste and purchase health food products.

Many churches arrange a coach outing.



Pathfinder Rally Day

Third Sabbath in September

- An opportunity for every church to support their local Teen, Youth or Pathfinder Club.
- Developing current talent and future leadership.



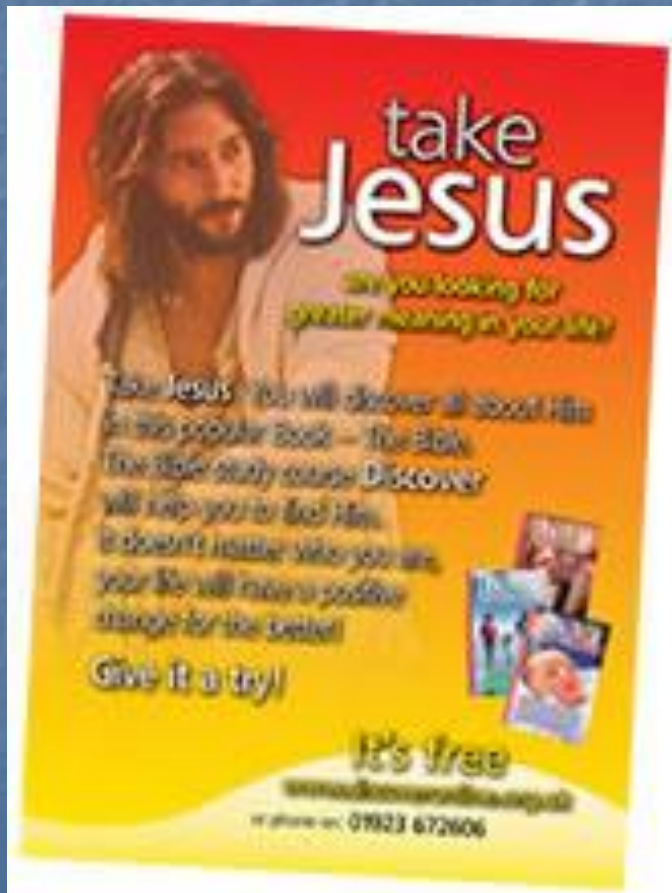
Voice of Prophecy Bible School Adventist Discovery Centre

Last Sabbath in September

The ADC or VOP in SDA parlance!

Is a correspondence Bible School that gives thousands of people the opportunity to study the Bible, the Gospel and Prophecy in the stillness of their own home.

The school depends on this offering to grow and provide one third of its budget.



Children's Sabbath

Last Sabbath October



An opportunity for the Church to celebrate and contribute to Children's Ministry within its own community.

We aim to have the finest resources to develop Christian values and a knowledge of Christ.



ADRA UK

Changing the world one life at a time



Photo: Julio Munoz / ADRA International

- ADRA is a humanitarian agency operated by Adventists parallel to the Church.
- It attracts international development and emergency funds.
- Our Annual Appeal is used to 'match' these funds
- It is the humanitarian charity of choice for most members who feel a sense of social responsibility.

Good Samaritan Offering

Retiring Offering after Communion



- A sacrificial offering in support of members who experience hard times.
- Managed by local church leadership.
- Pastor, Welfare Leader, Elder are points of first contact.
- Treasurer acts only after consultation.

Week of Sacrifice Offering

First Sabbath in October



- An offering in support of new mission work internationally.
- An Adventist tradition in which members endeavour to contribute the equivalent of one week's earnings.
- Taken on the concluding Sabbath of the week of prayer

HOPE CHANNEL

Donations in support of the Hope Channel are invited.

Hope Channel is the Church's official satellite television network communicating the message evangelically to the world.

The broadcast is primarily for the benefit of those yet to come to faith.



Life.info

Serious issues for secular people

- Inspiration for every Adventist to share with friends and build relationship around meaningful life values.
- It is intended to be non-confrontational
- The aim is for every member to share 10 pieces of literature every month.
- Price maintained at less than a postage stamp.

Focus Magazine

- Quarterly Journal for Adventists to share.
- Each issue concentrates on a specific issue / doctrine from an Adventist perspective.
- It is intended to build on relationships already established, for people who are known to be searching for specific answers.

Sabbath School Lessons

- Purchased through Personal Ministries Secretary in every Church quarterly.
- A systematic approach to Bible Study in which the whole church participates, is able to respond and witness.
- Lesson versions available include:

Standard Lesson – Page a day Bible texts, questions, responses and Spirit of Prophecy references.

Teachers Edition – Amplified Version with thematic developments.

Collegiate Edition – For College age students written by College students.

Large Print Version – Available for people with visual limitations

Cornerstone Lessons – A foundational doctrinal series for teens

Gracelink Lessons – A spiritual Bible narrative series for juniors

Kindergarden Lessons – A series for toddlers

Adventist Publications

- Literature advertised in the Adventist Book Centre brochure or other journals is available on request through the Personal Ministries Secretary.
- Alternately on-line through the ABC – the international centre refers purchase to the UK outlet.

Adventist Review

- The official weekly voice of the Seventh-day Adventist Church internationally.
- Inspirational and Spiritual Journalism.
- News and views of events significant to the Adventist Church.

Adventist World

- Monthly World Mission Journal
- Provided by the World Church particularly in English speaking centres.
- News, Spiritual Articles, Leadership awareness.
- A General Conference publication.

Ministry Magazine

International Journal for Ministers

- Produced Monthly by the Ministerial Department of the General Conference for the professional development of Ministers and Elders.
- Includes: Doctrinal, Ethical, Moral, Motivational and Professional issues.
- Alternate issues are available for clergy of all denominations.
- Provided by the Ministerial Department of each Conference.

Annual Devotional

- Page a day inspirational hard bound book includes a text for the day with applications to nurture. It is an aid to family worship.
- Written by outstanding authors – alternating annually with Ellen White selections.
- Versions: Standard, Youth and Women's specialty.