

April 5

Local Church Budget

Researchers estimate that there are 10 quadrillion ants on earth. Ants live in colonies and are very industrious with various tasks. Everything they do is for the sake of the “queen” ant. It’s been noted that an ant is helpless without its colony, but when ants work as a team, they are practically unstoppable.

If we insist on doing our own thing, we are no better than the anonymous ant, just struggling ineffectively to store enough food for the next winter. However, when we choose to work together we become effective for the kingdom of God.

Our offering today is for the local church budget. Consider what areas you need to work together with your church family to become effective for the King. Let’s pray...

April 12, 2025

Hope Channel International

Hope Channel International (HCI) is an Adventist global media network that offers programs on Christian living with a holistic focus on faith, health, relationships, and community. Hope Channel began broadcasting in North America in 2003. Today, Hope Channel is a global network with more than 80 channels broadcasting in over 100 languages. In December 2023, in response to the heightened sense of loneliness prevalent during the holiday season, Hope Channel International stepped forward with a heartfelt campaign to foster connections and address the epidemic of isolation in our society. At the heart of this initiative was a strategic billboard placement in the iconic Times Square in New York City. Positioned where an average of 330,000 people pass through daily, this strategic move amplifies Hope Channel's reach to millions from diverse backgrounds.

Jesus quoted the following passage from Isaiah 61:1, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me; Because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted." (NKJV).

Thank you for your support for the ministry of Hope Channel as they preach the good news to all the world.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, out of the blessings we have received from your hand, we give back these offerings. Bless Hope Channel as they reach not only the homes, but the hearts of many people.

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Jesus gave solid investment advice, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6: NKJV). In other words, invest your treasures in the kingdom of heaven.

God has a simple plan in place to finance His kingdom work here on earth. First, He blesses His children, and then they return faithfully the tithe and freewill offerings. That’s it.

As there are greater needs in growing God’s kingdom, He increases the blessings He gives to His children. So, the more faithfully we return, the more He gives. This is the divine partnership God wants His people to understand.

There is no other plan, no substitute, no alternate. An all-wise God knew the right plan from the beginning. His investment system is fail-proof.

Do you want to see God do a miracle? Do you want to increase your faith? Invest in God’s Kingdom and watch Him work His wonders.

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Wisconsin Conference Budget

Author Melvin Santos Speaking:

When I was little boy, I was asked to help collect the offerings with the adult deacons and deaconesses. I wondered how in the world we get the money to God. My young innocent mind was trying to process this dilemma. Is there a special place we deposit the money and God sends His angels to pick it up later? Then I learned that the church represents the body of Christ on earth. So, when we give to the church, we really give it to God by faith.

God doesn't need our money to do His work on earth. He owns the universe and galaxies. But He allows us to partner with Him so He can bless us, make us the funnel to bless others, and grow His kingdom. God's systematic giving plan enables us to develop His character. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to join heavenly agencies in the great plan of redemption.

Today's offering is for the Wisconsin Conference Budget. Let's consider how we can be partners with God to further His kingdom in our conference. Let's pray...