

November 1

Local Church Budget

“Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years” (Deuteronomy 8:4, NIV).

When the Israelites trusted in God for their needs and were faithful to Him, He always came through. Imagine clothes and sandals that did not wear out over 40 years of use!

Author Melvin Santos Speaking:

My wife and I remind ourselves that everything we own belongs to God! The first microwave we purchased as a married couple became a living testimony of God’s faithfulness.

This microwave, after ten years of usage, became a topic of discussion. My wife said, “Any time now, I want to replace this microwave when it stops working!” One morning, the microwave stopped working! My wife rejoiced at the thought of a replacement. I didn’t know anything about fixing appliances. Well, as I was visiting a church member that afternoon, he heard of our dilemma and offered to look at the appliance. In two minutes, he said, “Pastor, here’s the problem. I replaced the fuse and it’s now working!” The cost of the fuse? Twelve cents. That microwave continued to work for a total of 21 years—to my wife’s dismay—until we finally donated it to a family member!

Our offering for today is for the local church budget. Trust God and see how He will take care of our needs today. Let’s pray...

November 8

Annual Sacrifice for Global Mission

In 1857 David Livingstone was invited to receive a tribute and speak to students at Cambridge University in England. He had left behind a prosperous life in Europe to devote himself to preaching the gospel on the African continent. As he stood in front of the students, he uttered the following words,

People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay?—Is that a sacrifice which brings its own blest reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter?—Away with the word in such a view, and with such a thought! . . . I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk, when we remember the great sacrifice which HE made who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us.

Today, we continue our tradition for every member of the Adventist church to give sacrificially so the General Conference can continue with the endeavor of Global Mission.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, we thank you for the sacrifice you made by coming to this world to save us. We want to give sacrificially of our offerings, that signify part of our lives. Bless these tithes and offerings.

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A recent article by McKinsey & Company noted that nearly two-thirds of US-based employees who were surveyed said that COVID-19 has caused them to reflect on their purpose in life. Nearly half said that they're reconsidering the kind of work they do because of the pandemic.

The research stated that people who live their purpose at work are more productive than people who don't. They're also healthier, more resilient, and more likely to stay with the company.³

God gives us the privilege of partnering with Him in His kingdom work. Is our purpose aligned with His purpose?

Our offering for today is for the local church budget. Let's practice our purpose in life by partnering with God in His calling for us. Let's pray...

³ (McKinsey & Company, April 5, 2021, article, "Help your Employees find Purpose -or Watch them Leave.)

November 22

Wisconsin Conference Budget

Do you have a mission plan? Does your church have a mission plan? We are saved because God had a mission plan. He emptied heaven and sent His Son, Jesus, to our world. And at some point, the church mobilized resources to send a missionary to our home country or region. With Jesus as our model, would you like to be an instrument of love to every nation, tribe, language and people?

“The best medicine you can give the church is not preaching or sermonizing but planning work for them. If set to work, the despondent would soon forget their despondency, the weak would become strong, the ignorant intelligent, and all would be prepared to present the truth as it is in Jesus.” (Review & Herald, June 25, 1895).

God may be calling you to give more than just tithe and offerings. He may be calling you to give time and talents. Are you willing? Today’s offering is for the Wisconsin Conference budget. Please pray about how you can help advance the mission of our local conference. Let’s pray...

November 29

Wisconsin Academy

Today's offering is for Wisconsin Academy. The mission of Wisconsin Academy is "Developing Leaders today who will walk with Jesus into eternity." To accomplish this mission the academy seeks to provide opportunities to develop leadership skills in each of the students through campus ministries, mission trips and various outreach endeavors.

Through daily worships, Bible study groups and regularly scheduled Weeks of Prayer, the staff at Wisconsin Academy strive to provide spiritual growth and mentorship for the students.

Perhaps you have been blessed to have the WAY team (Wisconsin Academy Youth) come to your church and you have heard the students share their testimonies and music. God is truly working in the lives of so many of our young people.

To continue the ministry of Wisconsin Academy they are in the midst of a four-year plan to renovate all buildings and the grounds on campus. If you would like to view the current projects that are underway and which projects are planned for next you can visit the development page on the Wisconsin Academy website wisacad.org.

Thank you for your support of the ministry at Wisconsin Academy. Please pray for the continued growth and success as they seek to develop leaders for His kingdom. Let's pray...