

Dear Presenters,

Thank you for sharing the 2025 “Call to Offerings” with your local church family.

These offertory readings have been **edited** and **personalized** by the **Wisconsin Conference**. They are similar but NOT originals of the online offering appeals from the NAD. They can also be found online at wi.adventist.org/offering-schedule-sunset-calendar.

If you're able, please read the call to offering in advance to practice and be able to **tell it like a story**. If you do need to read it, be sure to read clearly with much expression. If you have a personal (short) story to share that you think will add strength to the appeal, please share it. People connect with worship through stories. Another option is to print the reading in your weekly bulletin.

For your convenience, there is also an extensive selection of videos emphasizing various offerings on the website www.nadstewardship.org/videos. If you decide to use these make sure they synchronize with the Wisconsin Conference schedule of offerings.

Thank you again for your ministry to your local church. You are MUCH appreciated!

Stewardship Department of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh day Adventists.

Suggestion: Post this on the bulletin board in the church office for easy reference each week.

2025 North American Division Sabbath School Mission Investment Projects

MID-AMERICA UNION

The Tentmaker Mission in the Minnesota Conference will train lay church members to start small Bible study groups in their workplaces.

As part of its ministry to people experiencing homelessness the New Haven Church (Overland Park, Kansas) proposes to create an Extreme Cold Weather Small Group Station to shelter 8-12 individuals between 6pm and 8am when the overnight temperatures are expected to fall below 25 degrees (Fahrenheit).

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

The Seattle/Tacoma metro area is one of the least reached areas in the United States, with an Adventist to general population ratio of 1:900. The Washington Conference is launching an athletics-based Center of Influence to reach those who aren't looking for a church but are looking for community.

PACIFIC UNION

The Lanai Church, which serves a small island population of just under 3,000 people, needs to expand their facility. This project will provide more space for children's Sabbath School, events, and guest speaker housing (the cheapest hotel room on the island costs more than \$1,000 a night).



About the Author

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Melvin is passionate about establishing discipleship-driven churches and maximizing every member's ministry potential and effectiveness as lay ministers. He also enjoys mentoring and training pastors and church leaders around the country.

He firmly believes that a successful disciple-maker also needs to be a committed steward. In his leisure time, he enjoys being a digital creator and influencer, traveling, gardening, exploring different countries, and learning new languages.

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About the Readings

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