

July 4, 2026

## **Local Church Budget**

Happy Sabbath and Happy Fourth of July!

Although today's holiday is not like Easter or Christmas, for many citizens it is a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a people. As members of the Judeo-Christian faith, we are called to "Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants" (Leviticus 25:10, NIV) and to celebrate the gift of freedom from the bondage of sin.

While we express gratitude to be able to live in a land of freedom, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit our lives to God and His will. May we bring our gifts in worship to the true God, who declares, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, ESV).

Today's offering is for the local church budget. What a blessing it is to have the freedom to worship Him today in this place. Let's pray...

July 11, 2026

### **World Missions Offering (General Conference)**

When an unexpected situation hits the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we need to be ready to respond rapidly. By so doing, we can turn a challenge into a new opportunity to increase the impact of God's mission throughout the world.

Today's offering is for the World Budget. In recent years your support of this offering has helped fund projects such as an outreach center in Eastern Europe and television stations in Norway. It has funded a comprehensive health outreach program in Sweden and Ebola education in Africa. And when local outreach programs in Rwanda resulted in hundreds of new believers and new church buildings were urgently needed, your gifts helped make that possible!

Our prayer is that we will be generous as we work together to meet challenges and opportunities around the world to preach the Adventist message and paint a compelling portrait of God in many lands. Let's pray...

July 18, 2026

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Every steward has been endowed by God with at least one talent. As faithful stewards we are to seek opportunities to develop and expand our talents. Not only are we expected to develop our talents for personal gain, but we are to seek to grow and increase so that the mission of Christ and the kingdom of God can advance.

Today as we gather to worship through giving, let us seek to be good and faithful servants who will assist in the ministries and mission of our local church. Let's pray...

July 25, 2026

## **Wisconsin Conference Budget**

Many wonder what the purpose of the tithe is and what is it used for.

The Scriptures point out several purposes of the tithe. First, it was designed to support the priesthood in the Old Testament. Today, that means pastors and gospel workers. “Don’t you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple...In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:13-14, NIV). Secondly, tithing supports ministry workers (Deuteronomy 14:28–29). Thirdly, tithing is a form of worship. It shows God we trust *Him* (not money) to provide for us (Malachi 3:8-12).

As we are faithful to return our tithes and offerings to support the ministers and ministries in the Wisconsin Conference, God promises to bless us for giving.

Let’s pray.