

May 2, 2026

## **Local Church Budget**

In 1987, Northwest Airlines Flight 225 tragically crashed shortly after takeoff, resulting in the loss of 155 lives. Miraculously, a four-year-old girl named Cecelia was the sole survivor. Investigations revealed that during the plane's descent, Cecelia's mother, Paula Chican, unbuckled her own seatbelt, knelt in front of her daughter, and wrapped her arms and body around Cecelia to shield her from the impact. This selfless act of maternal love protected Cecelia, demonstrating the profound lengths to which a parent's love can go.

Oh my, the love of a mother. The local church should be a place where people feel that kind of love. John 13:35 says, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day next week, let's return our tithes and offerings with grateful hearts knowing that Christ's love is even greater than the love of a mother. Let's worship God today, and may we love Christ deeply as we appreciate our mothers. Let's pray...

May 9, 2026

## **Disaster and Famine Relief (GC and NAD)**

Imagine being trapped on the second story of your home, with rising floodwaters at your chin, after being told that no rescue boats were in your area. That was the terrifying reality for a couple in Tennessee after a devastating hurricane. They were saying their goodbyes to each other, believing their time had come, when an unexpected rescue boat called out to them, offering them a lifeline!

Later, this couple arrived at an Adventist Disaster Response distribution site seeking emergency supplies. They shared their story with volunteers, expressing their gratitude and calling the help they received a miracle. Along with the food and supplies, ACS volunteers prayed with them and encouraged them on their journey of faith.

When crisis strikes, Adventist Disaster Response teams serve communities across the United States—providing practical aid and spiritual care after hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and even mass shootings. In moments of devastation, our volunteers stand beside survivors, reminding them they are not alone.

Psalm 34:18 reminds us, “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (NIV). Give today through your local church offering or at [www.communityservices.org](http://www.communityservices.org) and bring relief, comfort, and Christ's love to your neighbors. Your offering makes a difference and, together, we can become the hands and feet of Jesus.

May 16, 2026

## **Local Church Budget**

Our churches are called to be sanctuaries, places of safety not only in their physical structure but also in their psychological and spiritual atmosphere. It's been said the church is a hospital for sinners in need of healing and grace.

As a church, our mission is to reflect Christ's love and create a space where people can grow in faith without fear of rejection. Jesus was patient and kind, while Satan, the "accuser of the brethren," seeks to bring shame and make us feel unworthy. Yet, Jesus reassures us, just as He did the woman condemned by the Pharisees: "*Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more*" (John 8:11, NKJV).

As we return our offerings today, let us also recommit to supporting a church that embodies Christ's love—a safe and welcoming home for all.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ldsliving.com/how-to-make-our-church-communities-the-safest-place-to-make-mistakes/s/11798>

May 23, 2026

## **Wisconsin Conference Budget**

Today's offering is for the Wisconsin Conference budget. The mission of our Conference is to grow passionate disciples of Jesus, prepared for Christ's soon coming. Our vision is to transform communities by reflecting Christ. Our core values are God's word, His people and His charge to share the gospel.

The Wisconsin Conference has four main events to help grow us as Christ's disciples: Campmeeting, Camp Wakonda youth camps and activities, Education and Evangelism.

Campmeeting is our 10-day convocation for worship, fellowship and training held at the Camp Wakonda campground each June.

Camp Wakonda has summer camps for youth as well as numerous activities throughout the year, including retreats and Pathfinders.

Our schools in Wisconsin are scattered throughout the state and have been a blessing to thousands of young people, training them to become disciples of Jesus and future leaders for our church.

Evangelism is a commitment in Wisconsin, both corporately and individually.

Perhaps your journey as a believer has been enriched through one or more of these events. If so, today is a wonderful opportunity to give God a thank offering for all His blessings. Let's pray...

May 30, 2026

## **Local Church Budget**

Today's offering is for the Local Church Budget. Winston Churchill is quoted as saying, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

The Bible reiterates this idea in Acts 20:35, "Remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

As you reflect today on the blessings God has poured out to you consider the ways you could give to your local church of your time, talents and resources. You will build a life from what you give.

May the copious blessings of heaven be ours, as we give in love, gratitude, and without reservation to the cause of Christ in our local church today. Let's pray...