

Local Church Budget



“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

Do you ever feel like you don't have the capacity to give? Perhaps you're a student that has a limited income, a stay-at-home parent, a retiree on a pension, between jobs or a child that doesn't get pocket money.

Adventists have many beliefs that are unique to us. One of those is systematic benevolence. Systematic benevolence

is a system set up in the early days of Adventism by our pioneers. Early in the movement, itinerant preachers were struggling to put food on their tables as they travelled around spreading the Advent message. After much prayer and Bible study, a commission put together by J.N. Andrews in Battle Creek, Michigan recommended the practice of systematic benevolence based on 1 Cor. 16:1-2. This was especially important as the U.S. was about to go into an economic crisis that would greatly affect Adventist believers.

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Appeal

Let's make a decision today to give systematically and regularly so that we can have a bigger impact for God through our church!

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for Your generosity to us. Help us to be faithful in our giving! Amen.

The practice of systematic benevolence is putting aside a regular amount in proportion to what you receive. So each person gives in accordance with what they receive because stewardship is about the heart of the believer, not about money. This system allowed the early Adventist church to share the advent message with believers all over the world. Through a systematic process of giving we are able to do ministry on a greater scale than those early pioneers could have ever imagined. Our offering today will contribute to our local church ministry.