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Dear Church Leaders

Thank you for your faithfulness in leading, empowering and caring for your local congregations.

This resource jointly developed between your local conference and the Australia Union Conference provides information and inspirational readings on stewardship, tithes and offerings for each Sabbath of 2018.

Please allow the time in your worship service to share these readings with your congregation during the offering promotion time.

Thank you again for your ministry and may God multiply the fruit of your labour.

May God richly bless your church and each member as we all share a message of hope and reach out both to our local community and to the wider world, where even the basic necessities of life would often be beyond reach were it not for the tithes and offerings faithfully returned to God each week.

--Pr. Cristian Copaceanu
Director for Stewardship
Australian Union Conference

--Jenny White
Tithes and Offerings Support
Northern Australian Conference
# Offering Calendar

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AZERBAIJAN—Ibrahim, age 9, and his mother share God’s message of love in a land where Jesus isn’t worshipped as God. One day on a bus Ibrahim asked the driver, “How many days did it take God to create the earth?” The driver didn’t know. “Six days,” Ibrahim said. “If you want to know more about what God does, you can buy a book from my mom called God Gives Us Peace.”

Others on the bus heard Ibrahim’s comment and asked about the book. Mother usually sold the book, but she let Ibrahim give each passenger a copy. As they got off the bus, he saw several passengers reading the book. One person asked him, “How do you know so much about God?” And Ibrahim answered, “My mother and I read the sacred writings together.”

Appeal
The church’s publishing houses and literature evangelists such as Ibrahim’s mother help spread the gospel in difficult areas. Your offerings help millions learn more about the Saviour we love. Today’s offering is for Outreach and Local Church Budget.

Prayer
Father, we are privileged to know so much about You. Thank You that by returning Your tithe and giving our offerings, others can hear Your message of love.
Today’s main church offering goes toward our local church budget.

These funds provide for the maintenance and repair of our church buildings, equipment, gardens and grounds, and the purchase of supplies for the efficient running of our local church departments.

We are also able to reach out to those in the community around us by sharing our message of hope, and caring for those who need a helping hand.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings today. Those appointed will now collect them.
AUSTRALIA—Fay lived with her grandparents and nine cousins in rural Australia. Life was difficult, but they trusted God for their needs. Grandpa got a job on a ranch several hours away from home. Before he left, he gave Grandma all the money he had. But it wasn’t enough to feed 10 hungry children. Grandma called the children together to pray for a miracle, then they set out walking to town.

Along the way one of the girls kicked a dusty envelope. Grandma picked it up and found a $10 bill inside, but no identification. “Look, children!” Grandma exclaimed. “God has sent us money for food!” They thanked God for His gift and then hurried to the little store. Grandma bought powdered milk, flour, and some fruit.

When they arrived home, the family again thanked God for His faithfulness and for the lesson in trust He had taught them all.

Appeal

*We can trust God to provide our needs when we are faithful in returning His portion to Him. Today’s offering goes to Local Church Budget.*

Prayer

Lord, You are ever faithful. Help us to be faithful to You as we return Your tithe and give our offerings to further Your work.
Christian Services for the Blind provides audio literature on CD for totally and partially blind people and for sighted people who cannot read normal print due to disability.

Currently Christian Services For the Blind and Hearing Impaired (CSFBHI) has a library of almost 1000 religious/spiritual/denominational audio titles, and new titles are being added. They also offer a free library service through Vision Australia giving CSFBHI members access to some 20,000 titles of many genres and subjects.

The offering today will support the work of Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired as they continue to spread the Word of God to those in need of this service.

Please give generously.
GERMANY—Ute [OOH-teh] thought Christians were weird and weak. Then Frank, her neighbour, invited Ute’s daughter to attend Pathfinders. Her daughter went, and she loved it. Then Frank invited Ute to a Pathfinders program at the church. She hesitated, but went for her daughter’s sake. She expected to meet strange people; but they were warm, friendly—and normal. Ute started attending church and tried reading the Bible for herself. But when she couldn’t understand it she searched online for help to understand what she was reading. She discovered the Voice of Hope Bible correspondence course. She enrolled, and completed each Bible lesson with growing enthusiasm. She was delighted that someone personally answered her many questions.

“I have learned so much about God,” Ute says. “I have discovered that I have a loving heavenly Father who will help me through life’s bumps. Things aren’t perfect,” she says, “but Jesus goes with me into battle.”

Appeal

_We never know whom we will meet who needs to know Jesus. Our offerings help us be prepared with literature and Bible study guides that can make a difference in someone’s life. Today’s offering is for local church budget._

Prayer

Father, guide us to people who need to know You, and guide our offerings to where they will make a difference in someone’s life.
Today’s main church offering supports the work of Adventist Education.

The Adventist Education system is the second-largest Christian education system in the world. We have close to 8000 educational institutions operating in more than 100 countries, with more than 1.5 million students.

Adventist Schools Australia operates 69 schools, and caters for more than 12,000 students. Our Northern Australian Conference manages and supports 3 schools and two Early Learning Centres with an enrolment of close to 250 students.

Parents want quality education, a strong values program, and consistent discipline for their children, with a chance for them to establish positive peer friendships and a close relationship with Jesus. They are finding all of these things — and more — in our Adventist schools.

Thank you for supporting the work of our Adventist schools through your offering today. Our deacons will now collect our tithes and our offerings.
This Sabbath we take up the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering.

This offering is a crucial part of ADRA Australia’s ministry in responding with aid and compassion in the wake of disasters, both here and overseas.

Over the years, ADRA has responded immediately to emergencies around the world, including providing assistance to earthquake survivors in Haiti, flood victims in Pakistan and Queensland, and cyclone-affected residents in this Conference.

More than 600 churches nationwide join in this effort today so that, when disaster strikes, ADRA can instantly be there to help with food and water, medical aid, general emergency relief, education and development assistance if required to those who need it most.

Please give generously today as the deacons come forward.
Today’s main church offering goes towards our local church budget.

These funds provide for the maintenance and repair of our church buildings, equipment, gardens and grounds, and the purchase of supplies for the efficient running of our local church departments.

We are also able to reach out to those in the community around us by sharing our message of hope, and caring for those who need a helping hand.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings today. Those appointed will now collect them.
Today’s main church offering is for our local church budget.

Our local church has constant commitments. We want our church building and grounds to be representative of our faith and a witness in our neighbourhood.

Our church departments require resources and materials so that they can operate efficiently and meet the needs of our church and community.

Please be generous again today as you support our local church projects and operations.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings as our deacons come forward to collect them.
In some regions it’s dangerous to send a missionary—or even to become a Christian. In such places media such as radio or the Internet may be the only means to reach people with the gospel.

Adventist World Radio received an e-mail from Amin, a 19-year-old youth living in one of these regions. Amin asked for a Bible so he could learn about Jesus. AWR sent him an Internet link to a Bible in his language. A few weeks later Amin responded, “Every day I read the Bible. I’ve accepted Jesus as my Saviour.”

Two months later Amin emailed again saying his family had learned of his new faith. “My father took my computer and threatened me if I follow Jesus. The police threatened me and called me a terrorist for following Jesus. I may be taken to prison soon. Pray for me. I love Jesus and am ready to die for Him.” That was the last message Amin sent. Only God knows what happened to him.

Appeal
Adventist World Radio, one of the church’s media ministries, continues to shine the light of truth into the darkest of places around the world. Your faithful stewardship benefits these ministries too. Today’s offering is for AWR.

Prayer
Father, we don’t always know the sacrifices believers make for their faith. Bless them as they share their faith, and bless us as we give to support Your work around the world.
Our main church offering today supports our local church budget.

These funds go towards our local church ministries, Sabbath School operations, resources, insurance and outreach — just to mention a few.

All of the church and worship facilities we enjoy and use each Sabbath are provided and maintained from these funds. Please support our local church today.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings as our deacons come forward to collect them.
This offering will be used to ensure the continuation of resourcing, training, and youth ministry events including pathfinders and adventurers.

Youth are our first point of evangelism in the church and by providing, community services, big memory events, outdoor recreation opportunities, and safe places of mentoring and discipleship we believe that God will raise the generations to see Him come again.

Thank you for your continued support of these ministries.
Today’s offering supports our local church budget.

All departments of our local church depend on these offerings for their ministries and outreach work. Our Sabbath School needs material and equipment for the children and adult departments.

Also, resources for services to the local community are supplied from these monies.

Our tithes and offerings will now be collected by those appointed. Thank you.
CUBA—Hector couldn’t back his cement truck close enough to the building site to pour the cement into the foundation forms. He watched a line of men, women, and children approach his cement truck carrying cooking pots and buckets. He realized that they planned to hand carry tons of cement to the building site!

“What kind of building is this?” Hector asked in amazement. When he learned that it was an Adventist church, Hector wanted to know more. A member gave him a Bible, and soon he was spending all his free time reading it. He shared with his family what he was learning about God, and soon the family began attending the Adventist church. Eventually they were baptised. When Hector lost his job because of the Sabbath, he was invited to share his faith in another town. Within a year 20 people were attending a house church, and the number continued to grow.

Hector has moved to another town to plant a church. “We must do everything we can to help people be ready to meet Jesus,” Hector said. Because of dedicated lay people like Hector, God’s work in Cuba is moving forward rapidly

Appeal

Our tithes and offerings support God’s work in more than 200 countries. Your faithfulness in returning God’s tithe and giving offerings will help our church reach out to others here and around the world. Today’s offering goes to the Local Church Budget.

Prayer

Father, thank You for sharing with us so that we can in turn share with others. Bless our giving today as it works to bring many to Jesus.
As part of the Seventh-day Adventist world-wide church, today we have an opportunity of sharing in our world-wide outreach by giving generously to the General Conference World Mission Budget.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church operates one of the largest missionary outreach programmes in the world. The church in Australia began because missionaries from America were willing to sacrifice by coming to our land to share their unique message. Many Australians have also travelled overseas to share the news of the Gospel. Some have made the ultimate sacrifice and await the resurrection day in foreign lands.

This offering is managed by the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the support of the World Mission work.

Thank you for your generosity in worshipping God in this way. Those appointed will now come forward to collect our tithes and offerings.
Our main church offering today supports our local church budget.

These funds go toward our local church ministries, Sabbath School operations, resources, insurance and outreach — just to mention a few.

All of the church and worship facilities we enjoy and use each Sabbath are provided and maintained from these funds. Please support our local church today.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings as our deacons come forward to collect them.
Today’s main church offering is for our local church budget.

Our local church has constant commitments. We want our church building and grounds to be representative of our faith and a witness in our neighbourhood.

Our church departments require resources and materials so that they can operate efficiently and meet the needs of our church and community.

Please be generous again today as you support our local church projects and operations.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings as our deacons come forward to collect them.
Our offering today will help provide every church member with a copy of the Church’s news and information magazine the *Record*.

The *Record* keeps us in touch with people and church activities in Australia and world-wide, and contains articles with interesting spiritual insights and comments.

Your support today will assist in the costs of publishing the *Record* for church members on a regular basis.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings today. Those appointed will now come forward.
Today’s main church offering goes towards our local church budget.

These funds provide for the maintenance and repair of our church buildings, equipment, gardens and grounds, and the purchase of supplies for the efficient running of our local church departments.

We are also able to reach out to those in the community around us by sharing our message of hope, and caring for those who need a helping hand.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings today. Those appointed will now collect them.
Our offering today is for the Health Ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the development of health and life-style projects both in our local Conference and Division-wide.

In the past, your contribution has made a huge impact in the lives of many people across our Division. Many un-entered areas have now been entered as a direct result of the health work. This mode of ministry is effective and powerful and needs continued support.

We thank you for your generous contribution in the past and we look forward to your continued support as this offering is taken up today.
Today’s offering supports the work of Adventist Education.

Adventist schools provide caring, learning communities that spiritually and academically equip, challenge and inspire students to make a difference. Adventist schools promote excellence, nurture growth and inspire a life of service.

Have you ever thought about getting involved with your local Adventist School?

100 per cent of your offering today goes directly to supporting the work of Adventist Education in the Northern Australian Conference.

Our deacons will now collect our tithes and offerings.
The main church offering today is for our local church budget.

We have many commitments to meet as a local church. Our church ministries, our special projects, our outreach plans, the costs of insurance and operating expenses are all met by our local church budget.

Let us give generously today as those appointed take up our tithes and offerings. Thank you.
Today’s offering is for Avondale College, which is an Adventist institution that seeks to develop the whole person - mental, physical, social and spiritual.

Their vision is to be a student and community focused Christian university, fostering a learning community that is dedicated to serving world needs.

Avondale accepts the challenge of learning and striving for excellence and of fostering a creativity that blends individuality, wisdom and healthy self-evaluation.

You can help them achieve their mission by giving generously today to support this Adventist institution.

The deacons will now collect our tithes and offerings.
BULGARIA—Tatiana was a physics and astronomy professor who was convinced that God doesn’t exist. Then her brother became a Christian and tried to convince her to give God a chance, but she refused to listen. He mailed her Bible studies and literature, but she refused to open the envelopes.

One day Tatiana decided to read what her brother had sent so she could show him the errors of his beliefs. She opened several envelopes and read through the lessons. They aroused her interest, so she filled in the study sheets. She found herself looking forward to receiving each lesson.

She began reading the Bible and visited the little Adventist church in her city. For the first time in her life Tatiana experienced the presence of God. She and her brother talked about her experiences, and the two prayed together. Stubborn Tatiana realized she had fallen in love with Jesus.

**Appeal**

*A praying brother and literature provided by the Adventist church had helped Tatiana find Jesus. Imagine what God can do with your offerings! Today’s local offering will help our church reach out to our community.*

**Prayer**

Father, thank You for using our humble offerings to work miracles around the world. Bless them and those who will hear about You because we’ve given as You’ve asked.
Today’s main church offering is for our local church budget.

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Our church departments require resources and materials so that they can operate efficiently and meet the needs of our church and community.

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Thank you for your tithes and offerings as our deacons come forward to collect them.
Today’s offering supports the Northern Australian Conference Big Camp program.

All funds raised will go towards the smooth running of the week-long convention. This includes the cost of obtaining guest speakers, security, resources for the Sabbath School divisions, and much more. Please give generously to this offering to assist the Northern Australian Conference with the large amount of expenses that go into running such a program. We pray that those who attend will be Spiritually blessed.

Our tithes and offerings will now be collected by those appointed. Thank you.
Today’s offering supports our Conference Big Camp program. Today is the last day of this annual convention.

There are a large amount of expenses that go into running this week-long program, from quest speakers expenses to resources for the children’s divisions, also equipment hire and many, many more insidentals. This program runs at a loss every year and this offering helps to reduce that loss. Please give generously as you consider the benefits of this Spiritual program and the blessings received by those who attend.

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This offering is managed by the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the support of the World Mission work. Your offerings today will help carry a message of hope in Jesus to an unreached area of the world. Thank you for your generosity to help build God’s Kingdom and hasten His coming.

Those appointed will now come forward to collect our tithes and offerings.
Approximately every decade, the General Conference invites established Unions to partner in supporting the mission work in developing mission fields. The Australian Union Conference is partnering to support the mission work in Laos and Timor-Leste (East Timor).

Timor-Leste is a country adjoining Indonesia with just over 1.2 million people facing significant issues in the areas of health, sanitation, education and human trafficking. While religious freedom is upheld in the constitution, the country is 97% catholic with reports of religious freedom issues and harassment against the 3% mainly protestant minorities.

Laos, sandwiched between Thailand and Vietnam and with just over 7 million, is a communist country facing similar issues of health, sanitation, clean drinking water in rural areas and human trafficking. Freedom of association is limited as people are only allowed to worship in official government registered worship facilities.

The Union Global Partnership offering will provide funds for outreach initiatives and events in partnership with the local missions of these countries. Teams of volunteers from Australia will travel to Laos and Timor-Leste and provide much needed support, training and community services to further the Gospel Mission in these largely unworked territories.
Today’s main church offering goes towards our local church budget.

These funds provide for the maintenance and repair of our church buildings, equipment, gardens and grounds, and the purchase of supplies for the efficient running of our local church departments.

We are also able to reach out to those in the community around us by sharing our message of hope, and caring for those who need a helping hand.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings today. Those appointed will now collect them.
The main church offering today is for our local church budget.

We have many commitments to meet as a local church. Our church ministries, our special projects, our outreach plans, the costs of insurance and operating expenses are all met by our local church budget.

Let us give generously today as those appointed take up our tithes and offerings. Thank you.
Today’s offering supports the Adventist Media Network in the South Pacific Division.

Bible correspondence courses, Dial-A-Prayer, Signs Ministry, Beyond the Search TV ads, music ministry, public relations, marketing and communications are but a few of the major outreach projects provided by the network.

All projects aim at assisting the Adventist Church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel.

Today’s offering will be specifically applied to media evangelism. May God bless all of you as you return your tithes and offerings.
Today’s offering supports the work of Adventist Education.

Adventist schools provide caring, learning communities that spiritually and academically equip, challenge and inspire students to make a difference. Adventist schools promote excellence, nurture growth and inspire a life of service.

Have you ever thought about getting involved with your local Adventist School? There are many options available to you allowing you to support the work of Adventist schools.

100 per cent of your offering today goes directly to supporting the work of Adventist Education in the Northern Australian Conference.

Our deacons will now collect our tithes and offerings.
Today’s offering goes toward Mamarapha College in Western Australia.

Mamarapha College is located a short distance south east of Perth, and is a Seventh-day Adventist tertiary-level Bible college. Mamarapha aims to help Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women to grow and develop in all dimensions of life — mind, body, spirit and emotions. This involves enhancing knowledge, attitudes and relationships with God, with family and with others, while gaining skills in Bible study, service, leadership, people skills, self-control, time management, personal finances, music and computers.

“Mamarapha” is a combination of words from the languages of western desert Aboriginals and ancient Hebrew. It means “God makes whole.” Here, students find a centre where they can learn, heal and grow closer to God in a culturally sensitive way.

Let us worship God in our generous giving today as the deacons take up our tithes and offerings.
BELGIUM—Paul loves Adventurers, but his father refused to enter any church, so Paul’s uncle took him. Paul’s mother began taking Paul to see what he was learning. She praised the leaders for the values they were teaching her son.

When Paul’s mother couldn’t attend Paul’s investiture program, she asked her husband to take him. In spite of his promise to never enter a church, Paul’s father attended the investiture program. He was impressed with what the children were learning and began taking Paul to Adventurers. And when his wife asked to take Bible studies, he didn’t object.

Paul’s father told the Adventurers leader, “I still don’t believe, but what you’re teaching these children is a good thing.”

Appeal

*God works in the hearts of parents through the lives of their children and programs such as Pathfinders and Adventurers. Our offerings are helping to make this possible. Today’s offering is for Local Church Budget.*

Prayer

Father, thank You for showing us how You can reach people through our children. Bless this offering and those who will benefit from it.
The main offering for today is to support the world-wide Global Mission Outreach Programme through the General Conference known as the Annual Sacrifice Offering. It targets any “Unusual Opportunities” as they occur during the year, generally in those heavily-populated areas of the world where the Adventist message of hope has never been heard.

Worship groups and church plants in un-entered territories are the main focus for these offerings today.

The financial aim of the offering is the sacrifice of the equivalent of one week’s income per member in order to provide a greater financial support base for the world mission programme of the church.

Thank you for your generosity as we worship God through giving. These funds will further the news of the Gospel story in far away and sometimes isolated places.

Ourdeacons will now take up our tithes and offerings.
CAMEROON—Salomé believes in returning God’s tithe and giving offerings to Him as well. She planted 11 rows of lettuce—one row for tithe, a half-row for offerings, and the rest to use or sell. She watered and weeded and prayed over her garden.

At harvest time, God’s lettuce was larger and healthier than hers. And she sold God’s lettuce for far more than her own. Salomé sensed the devil tempting her to refigure her tithe based on total sales instead of His designated rows. But she determined to give all the money from God’s lettuce to Him.

The next season she again planted her garden exactly as she had done before. But this time God’s lettuce was smaller than hers. Salomé realized that God was blessing her for her faithfulness to Him. She gave God His portion—plus a big thank-you offering from her portion of the harvest.

Appeal

_God blesses us when we’re faithful to Him. Let’s never cut short our blessings by shortchanging God. Today’s offering is for the local church budget._

Prayer

_God, You bless us in so many ways. Thank You for allowing us to return Your blessings through Your tithes and our offerings._
Today's main church offering goes toward our local church budget.

These funds provide for the maintenance and repair of our church buildings, equipment, gardens and grounds, and the purchase of supplies for the efficient running of our local church departments.

We are also able to reach out to those in the community around us by sharing our message of hope, and caring for those who need a helping hand.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings today. Those appointed will now collect them.
Our main offering for today is for Conference Evangelism.

The monies raised will be distributed by the Conference back to the local churches for approved Evangelism Programs. This includes outreach programs run by the local churches where the church pastor has applied for Conference subsidy.

This offering in turn supports the local churches evangelistic efforts by helping to cover the expenses incurred in the coordination of approved mission outreach projects.

Please give generously today.
Our main offering for today is for ADRA Appeal Expenses. ADRA Australia is the humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, demonstrating the compassion of Jesus in the lives of people all around the world every day.

In Australia, ADRA helps those experiencing hardship. Whether they are struggling because of a lack of education, suffering abuse or they have been impacted by a natural disaster, ADRA Australia is there to help provide their needs.

Internationally, ADRA Australia implements projects that promote economic development, strengthen civil society, and improve food security, health and education.

This offering maximises the impact of the funds raised during the Appeal by helping to cover the expenses incurred in the promotion and coordination of the ADRA Appeal.

Please give.
Today's offering supports our local church budget.

All departments of our local church depend on these offerings for their ministries and outreach work. Our Sabbath School needs material and equipment for the children and adult departments. Resources for outreach and services to the local community are supplied from these funds.

Our tithes and offerings will now be collected by those appointed.

Thank you.
Our offering today supports local church congregations in our conference in building new churches and worship facilities.

This building fund has provided significant help and assistance to church construction projects throughout the conference over the years. The most recent being the new church building at Tennant Creek.

It is especially appreciated by new church plants building worship facilities, and all local churches contemplating renovations and extensions, or even relocation of existing church buildings.

Those appointed will now collect our tithes and offerings for our Northern Australian Conference church buildings.

Thank you.
GAMBIA—Peter was a Global Mission pioneer planting a church in a remote community. He and his wife lived among the people, ate with them, helped the young men herd their cows and milk them.

Peter taught the villagers to read, write, and do basic mathematics. Then he bought Bibles to use as textbooks. The villagers were thrilled.

One day the religious leader of that community told Peter, “No one has helped our village as you have. I have two sons. The son on my right hand will become the next religious leader. The son on my left is for you; make him a Christian.”

Today most of the villagers are Adventist Christians. And one of the leader’s sons became an Adventist pastor. Peter used Jesus’ methods: He mingled with the people, loved them, and helped them. As friendships developed, the people accepted the message of the Bible. The methods used by Jesus still work today.

Appeal

*Our regular offerings help strengthen the church around the world. Today’s offering is for Outreach and Local Church Budget.*

Prayer

Father, make us sensitive to the needs of those around us and generous with our time and our material blessings so that many others will meet You.
The main church offering today is for our local church budget.

We have many commitments to meet as a local church. Our church ministries, our special projects, our outreach plans, the costs of insurance and operating expenses are all met by our local church budget.

Let us give generously today as those appointed take up our tithes and offerings.

Thank you.
NIGERIA—Onifade (O-ni-FAH-deh) and three of his friends are Global Mission pioneers in a city in southwestern Nigeria. Each day they work in different parts of the city where they meet people, share food when they can, and help those who are ill or injured to get medical care. And then they tell the people that Jesus has sent them to love and serve them in His name. They face challenges that make their work difficult and wish that they had more Bibles and literature, as well as basic medical and agricultural skills to help the people.

God is blessing their efforts to make friends for Jesus. When they arrived in this city, only a handful of Seventh-day Adventists worshipped there. But by following Christ’s method of ministry, they’ve raised up a strong group of believers. Not everyone is happy to see Christians in their midst. Pray that God will bless these pioneers’ efforts and that people will see God’s love through them. Today’s offering is for World Mission Budget

Appeal
Your gifts today will supply Global Mission pioneers like Onifade with much-needed support to reach the communities in which they work.

Prayer
Father, our Global Mission pioneers continue to make great sacrifices to be laborers in Your field. Their needs are great. Please bless our sacrificial offerings to help equip pioneers such as these to reach even more people with Your love.
Our main offering today supports the work of Adventist Education in the Northern Australian Conference.

As we come to the end of another school year, we can be sure that lives have changed for Christ because students have experienced Adventist Education. Students have connected with their local church, and together, the church and the school, teachers and other, have worked to lead students into a closer relationship with Jesus.

It is the partnering of the school and the church that enables God to work in a very powerful way.

Adventist Education acknowledges and thanks you for your commitment, your support and your generosity.

Those appointed will now take up our tithes and offerings.
Our main church offering today supports our local church budget.

These funds go towards our local church ministries, Sabbath School operations, resources, insurance and outreach — just to mention a few.

All of the church and worship facilities we enjoy and use each Sabbath are provided and maintained from these funds. Please support our local church today.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings as our deacons come forward to collect them.
CHILE—René and José traveled to an isolated area in Chile to share God’s love with the people there, and they hoped to plant a church. One day the men stopped to rest beside the road. René pulled out his guitar, and the men started singing.

A woman approached them. “You are an answer to my prayer!” she said, tears in her eyes. “This morning I prayed that God would send someone to tell me about Jesus, and He sent you.” A few minutes later another woman joined the group. “Pray for me too,” she said.

The men made many friends in the area. They began meeting in an orchard to teach and pray. So many came that they needed more benches. More people joined the group for worship. As winter approached, a woman opened her little house for meetings. Today some 25 people worship together in that village. Of these, 12 have been baptised. And it all started with a vision and a song.

Appeal
God has thousands of ways to reach those who are searching for Him. He asks us to partner with Him through prayer and by faithfully returning God’s tithe and our offerings. Today’s offering is for Local Church Budget.

Prayer
Father, give us a vision of what You can do with our offerings and Your tithe.
The offering today is going towards a global strategy called Mission to the Cities. In the South Pacific Division this will concentrate on the six cities that have more than one million people. Those cities have about 50% of the SPD population, but just 10% of Seventh-day Adventist Church members are in those cities.

The goal is to plant 50 new churches in the 6 cities by 2019 and increase by 20% the number of front line pastors in each of those cities.

Please give generously today as we work together with the SPD to spread God’s word deeper into the heavily populated areas of Australia and New Zealand.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings.
Our main church offering today supports our local church budget.

These funds go towards our local church ministries, Sabbath School operations, resources, utilities, insurance and outreach — just to mention a few.

All of the church and worship facilities we enjoy and use each Sabbath are provided and maintained from these funds. Please support our local church today.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings as our deacons come forward to collect them.
INDIA—Singh and his wife had worked for days planting 2,500 cabbage plants in their garden. The ground was so dry that almost immediately the cabbage plants began to wither. Without rain there would be no harvest.

The couple wondered which gods would answer their prayers for rain to save their cabbages. Then Singh heard someone say that the Christians’ God is all-powerful. So the couple prayed to this unseen God for rain.

That night it rained. The next day they discovered that the rain had fallen only on their cabbage patch and nowhere else in the village. Singh determined to follow the Christians’ God, but he didn’t know how to worship Him. When Singh met an Adventist pastor, he asked him, “What must I do to be a Christian?” The pastor showed the couple what it means to follow Christ, and both were baptised.

Other villagers noted the miraculous rain, and some have asked to know more about the God who listens and answers prayers.

**Appeal**

*God invites us to test His faithfulness as we return His tithe and our offerings of love. Today’s offering goes to the Local Church Budget.*

**Prayer**

Make us ever faithful, Father, in returning to You what is Yours and expressing our gratitude with our offerings.
Our main church offering today supports our local church budget.

These funds go towards our local church ministries, Sabbath School operations, resources, insurance and outreach — just to mention a few.

All of the church and worship facilities we enjoy and use each Sabbath are provided and maintained from these funds. Please support our local church today.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings as our deacons come forward to collect them.
The e-Giving Option for Tithes and Offerings

For six years now eGiving has been utilised in the South Pacific Division giving church members an easy payment option for their tithes and offerings. More and more members are taking up this option of giving. The e-Giving site (egiving.org.au) has a number of positive features that make the process very user-friendly, with simple steps to making a payment. One-off donations can be made without logging on in the site — but if you wish, you can also log on securely to create an account where you can manage, edit, change your donation details, or set up a regular donation.

BPAY functionality is also available on the e-Giving site so that you can then do your own internet funds transfer from your own bank account. There is also a link to the e-Giving site on the Northern Australian Conference’s home page — <na.adventist.org.au>. Step-by-step instructions are available from the Conference Office by emailing jennywhite@adventist.org.au.

e-Giving is an extension of the Tithes & Offerings Online Reporting System (TOORS), and treasurers who use this program enjoy automatic recording of all tithes and offerings coming through e-Giving. A new feature added in 2017 was the option to choose “Weekly Church Offering” to enable givers to donate to the offering of the day. This is linked to the offering schedule for the Northern Australian Conference if you choose a church within this Conference.
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