

# Local Church Budget

**September 7, 2024**

Sometimes, when I am given a task to do, it can be hard for me to keep focused on it. When writing a book, sometimes I get what's called "writer's block," when the words just don't come as easily to me. When I'm writing an article or a message to share, it can be hard too. One thing that helps me immensely is leaning into my "team" of family and friends. My husband is an excellent encourager and he provides me with the support and space to complete the job. My friends hold me accountable by asking how different projects are going.

Similarly, our church functions only because of many people working together as a team to keep our ministries running. Several volunteers help with things such as Sabbath School, ministry meetings, and leading out in prayer meetings, just to name a few things. The Bible tells us in John 4:37, "Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true". Each person serves a different, yet important, role to help the church function.

Today's offering will go to support our local church budget. There are many ways to support what our church does, and giving financially is just one. Pray and consider how God can use you to continue to move forward in the mission of our church.

# World Budget (Emphasis: Radio Ministries)

**September 14, 2024**

If you've been feeling like the radio is antiquated and you are the only one who still listens to it, think again! Radio is actually alive and doing well. It turns out, more than 3 billion people in this planet tune in every week to listen to the radio! The Adventist Church supports radio ministries so that our Advent message will enter even the most remote areas of our world.

Revelation 14:15 says, "And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, 'Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe'."

Through radio ministries the Adventist Church is reaching every country on this planet and making sure that the earth is ripe for the harvest. We invite you today to partner with God and be part of the final harvest.

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September 21, 2024

We live in an age where some people may desire to be an “influencer.” An “influencer” is defined as “one who exerts influence: a person who inspires or guides the actions of others.” I can recognize that I have been influenced to buy or desire things. Years ago in high school, there was a certain brand of shoes that all of the best runners wore, so I bought that brand of shoes. We all have the capacity to be influenced.

A different way to look at the benefit of being an “influencer” is to ask, how can I influence the world around me for God? Jesus says in John 13:35, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”. Our love can be shown in many different ways. It can be displayed in asking another church member how they are doing, and offering to help with anything they are struggling with if you are able to. Love can be shown in kind words and serving one another in ministry. Today’s offering is being collected for our local church budget. As you consider how you can love and influence the world around you, also consider your giving as an extension of that.

# Combined Youth Ministries

**September 28, 2024**

In Psalm 24 David makes it very clear that God owns the earth and everything in it. Think about that , God owns everything.

We cannot declare ownership of one thing on this planet. It all belongs to Him. As owner and creator, God also designed the plans. He designed all things for a specific purpose. That purpose was to bring Him joy and glory.

Nothing has changed today. God still owns everything. He still desires that His creation bring Him joy and that His children enjoy His creation. One way we can bless Him who has blessed us so abundantly, is to give Him our praise, and to bring our tithe and offering in response of our gratitude. Please remember the Combined Youth Ministry offering today.