

# Offering Announcements

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019



*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

**2 Corinthians 9:7**



## South Queensland Conference 2019 3rd Quarter Offering Calendar

### **JULY**

- 6 ..... Local Church Budget
- 13..... World Mission Budget
- 20..... Union Global Partnership Project
- 27..... Local Church Budget

### **AUGUST**

- 3 ..... Local Church Budget
- 10..... SPD Strategy – Media Evangelism
- 17..... Education
- 24..... Australian Union Conference
- 31 .....Local Church Budget

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 7 ..... Local Church Budget
- 14..... Annual Sacrifice
- 21..... Annual Convention
- 28..... Annual Convention



*"...The church of Christ, enfeebled and defective as it may be, is the only object on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard. While He extends to all the world His invitation to come to Him and be saved, He commissions His angels to render divine help to every soul that cometh to Him in repentance and contrition, and He comes personally by His Holy Spirit into the midst of His church."*

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You and I are that church Ellen White so passionately describes, that living, breathing expression of Jesus Christ in whom His Holy Spirit come personally, us, we, you and I are the church upon which Jesus bestows His supreme regard. Each and every one of us!

So how are you being the church today, how will you be the church this week do you honestly know that you and I enfeebled and defective we may be are the only object on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard? Stop and think about that for a minute!

Today you have the opportunity to support and resource the various activities and ministries we facilitate day by day, you have the privilege to give to a greater cause that is bigger than just ourselves, it is the greatest gathering on the planet, it is the church, your church, my church, our church and the incredible thing is He wants thing gathering to grow, to be a transforming influence to our friends, family and neighbours who do life around us every day. Your generosity can and will change lives right here in our local community...if you let it!

### **Appeal**

*As we return our tithes and give our offerings for our church budget today may it continue to support and resource the work of our church and allow us to continue to grow your kingdom I our community where we live.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God. Through the little that we give may you bless it to have a kingdom impact both here in our local community and in our church around the world. Thank you that we are a part a wonderful world wide movement and are able to resource your work around the world right where we live in this way. Amen*



India has become one of the global leaders in technology. With their new wealth, many of these young people are asking questions about life's purpose and meaning.

Walking through Connaught Place in the metropolis of New Delhi, India, I found myself surrounded by hundreds of thousands of young people in one of the busiest shopping areas of one of the largest cities in the world. It was an amazing experience!

India has become one of the global leaders in technology, and Connaught is a commercial paradise for upwardly mobile Indians. With their new wealth, many of these young people are asking questions about life's purpose and meaning. What an opportunity for our church!

But we also face challenges with this burgeoning middle class. How will we share Jesus with these well-heeled young people? Are we prepared to provide a caring witness in India's large cities? Do we have the resources to establish centers of influence and Global Mission pioneers where they are needed most? And what about the millions of people who haven't had an opportunity to improve their lives, who fight poverty and hunger every day, and have never met Jesus?

Already impressive, our mission challenge will only increase with India's expected population growth. Demographers have predicted that within the next 15 years, India will pass China as the most populous nation in the world. Barring any major changes, its population will reach 1.45 billion people, making it the largest country in history.

Even now you can walk in parts of India for days and never meet a Seventh-day Adventist. You wouldn't even be likely to find someone who has heard of them!

There are 56 cities with more than 1 million people in India. These vast cities demand our attention! The church is called to be a beacon of hope to those who have been left out of the technological and economic boom and to those who have been disillusioned by it.

Mission to the Cities is our church's initiative to reach out to the large cities of the world. A vital part of that initiative is establishing centers of influence, wholistic ministry centers that put Christ's method of ministry into practice.

Once people become interested in knowing Jesus, Global Mission pioneers are placed in those communities to give Bible studies and start church plants.

Your donations help support these centers of influence and the Global Mission pioneers who partner with them in ministry.

Today, millions in India are waiting for someone to tell them about Jesus. Thanks to your support, more and more people will come to know Him each day.

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# Union Global Mission Project



**“By this time it was late into the day, so his disciples came to him. ‘This is a remote place,’ they said, ‘and it’s already very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat’. But he answered, ‘You give them something to eat’.” Mark 6:35-37 (NIV)**

Jesus famously stood before a crowd and said to his disciples, “you feed them” (Mark 6:37). The disciples, understandably, didn’t know what to do! They had no money to buy food, so even if it had been available, they couldn’t! But a young boy, perhaps overhearing the disciples’ discussion, gave his lunch, just five small barley loaves and two tiny fish. His small act of faith combined with the great power of Jesus meant that no one left hungry that day. In the same way, Jesus takes all that we are able to give and uses it to do amazing things for His glory.

The Union Global Partnership Offering is a joint partnership, at the request of the General Conference, between established unions and developing mission fields. Funds raised from today’s offering will support mission trips conducted by Australian Adventist Church teams to assist with evangelistic programs, community health and wellbeing initiatives, building and service projects, children’s ministries training and much more.

**Appeal:**

Please give generously to support the work of our Union Global Partnership.

**Prayer:**

Dear God, thank You for people who are committed to supporting the work in countries that have great need. Amen.



How are you shaping for mission? How is your church shaping for mission? What are the plans your church has for reaching your community this year?

If we stop and think about what our church does it is through our intentional efforts, dedication and desire to share Jesus that they even exist. From the usual Sabbath morning Sabbath School to the worship service, lunches, Pathfinders and adventurers, care and community support ministries, socials and more. We are blessed to be a blessing and it is through being a part of an intergenerational church community that nurtures, supports and loves one another that Jesus is revealed.

Your generosity of your time, talent and treasure supports your church in achieving its God given mission and vision in your town and community and we know we were are generous with what we have and who we are then we really are blessed as Malacai says

10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Malacai 3:10

## **Appeal**

As we return our tithes and give our offerings for our church budget today may it continue to support and resource the work of our church and allow us to continue to grow the kingdom in our community where we live.

## **Prayer**

Dear God. Through the little that we give may you bless it to have a kingdom impact both here in our local community and in our church around the world. Thank you that we are a part a wonderful world wide movement and are able to resource your work around the world right where we live in this way. Amen

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August

## Local Church Budget



We have the opportunity to worship God through the giving of our tithes and offerings. Today our offering is for our church right here, it's to resource you and I to be the church in our community and to strengthen our ability to 'Shape for Mission'. Through your giving today you will assist our church in resourcing the various ministries both on Sabbath and throughout the week. From children's ministries to various kinds of evangelism, small groups to communication and the production of the bulletin even the bills that need to be paid or assist in purchasing boxes of Bibles, your generosity today assists in supporting your church and our mission right here in our community. .

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May we give in order that we can continue to grow and build the church in order that we can have a greater impact in sharing the love of Jesus.

### Appeal

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### Prayer

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A Hope Channel Viewer in a difficult to reach region sent a message to Hope Channel website saying "Hope Channel has comforted me during my time of morning, I especially appreciated one program that led me to Jesus. I also learned about the Holy Spirit. I didn't know there was a Holy Spirit before. Now I know that He is the one that comforts me. He is with me wherever I go. I live among people who don't believe in Jesus. If they learn that I have accepted Jesus as my Saviour they may kill me. In spite of all that I feel happiness and peace. I have found a treasure that I will never give up. I used to be afraid but now I am not afraid of anything"

## **Appeal**

The offering today will support the mission work of our media ministry throughout the South Pacific Division from publications to video, tv programs and more. This ministry is becoming more and more important every day in reaching our communities with the love of Jesus and it's through your generosity that our church is able to effectively reach our communities throughout the pacific.

## **Prayer**

Lord as we give our offerings today we pray you will use them to support your ministry and mission of media throughout the South Pacific Division. May lives be reaching and transformed as the encounter you through the various forms of media. Amen



We are blessed in the South Queensland Conference to have excellent schools that are sharing Jesus with our students every day. Our schools not only exist to equip, empower and educate our own children but did you realise that our schools are one of the greatest mission fields with a very large percentage of parents from the surrounding community trusting us as a church with their children 5 days a week?

Thank God for our wonderful principals, teachers, chaplains, and staff who tirelessly go way above and beyond what is expected in order to show our children Jesus each day. From early mornings to late evenings of praying, planning, marking, meetings, camps, after school events and more. Each day our wonderful education ministry team here in South Queensland seek to make a difference in the lives of our children and their friends in order that they may see and experience Jesus.

Today this is your opportunity to support this wonderful work as your generosity assists in the day to day operation of our schools. Thank you for sharing in the bigger picture of being a church community here in South Queensland that stands united with our schools and their wonderful team to bring JESUS to our community each day.

### **Appeal**

*As we return our tithes and offerings for education today may we stand united together with our education ministry team supporting and resourcing the ministry of our schools and allow us to continue to grow your kingdom in our community each day.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God. We ask that as we give today, may our offerings empower the schools to continue to transform the lives as they experience you day by day. Fill our schools with the Holy Spirit without measure. Amen*



## DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP

We exist to create, inspire, encourage and resource disciples of Jesus Christ to share His love through their creativity and innovation in the digital space.

## OUR MISSION

We aim to build a creative space for photographers, videographers, graphic designers, social media enthusiasts, writers, bloggers, on-camera personalities, web designers, church communication secretaries, SEO & digital marketing specialists and sound, production and lighting specialists.

We also aim to provide a safe and encouraging environment for those curious about the digital space, as well as church members who have a social media presence and wonder how it can be used for ministry.

Our goal is to engage institutions at the Conference, Union and Division level, as well as churches and other entities in the digital discipleship process.

## OUR VISION

Members, churches and institutions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church realising the full potential of the digital space for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**The Union Offering for 2019 will be used to support the work of AUC Digital Media. This new initiative works to broaden the social media platform for our membership family and their friends**



## “How can I help you?”

What if every church in South Queensland asked this question to both those within our church and to those in our surrounding community what difference would it make? Essentially this is what Jesus did as he ministered while on this early seeking and saving the lost and asking ‘How can I help You?’ From the woman at the well to the Rich Young Ruler, the paralytic to the woman caught in adultery, time after time Jesus was present in the community ready and willing to serve and share His love.

So where are we as a church? What is our priority? Are we shaping for mission and being Jesus hands and feet in our community? Are we present the lives of our friends, family and neighbours lives?

Today’s offering goes to support the mission of our church right where we are. Your offerings will assist our church to cover its ongoing expenses and continue our ministry into our community. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our church.

## Appeal

*May we give generously to support the mission of our church in our community and may we be the church that has a transformational impact on our friends, family and neighbours as seek to shape for mission and impact our community with His love.*

## Prayer

*Dear God. We give today knowing that our offering supports your church to be in our community and as we shape for mission may we be compelled to love our local community like never before and may they see you through not just our words but also our actions. Amen.*



Matthew 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

As we continue to shape for mission in 2019 how will you fulfil the words of Matthew 24:14 by not only giving of your tithes and offerings but your time and talents? Church we are here on this planet and live right here in our community to preach the gospel of the Kingdom, we are to be the living gospel to our friends, family, neighbours and those we do life with. It is only through being a part of your local church that the greatest impact for His kingdom will ever be accomplished, In fact it only ever has been through the local church!

We must rise up and be a loving community of Christians that through our actions, our life and our testimony of how Jesus Christ has transformed us that our friends, family, neighbours and where we live will experience the love of Jesus through us and ask how they can get to know the same Jesus we do.

When we return tithe and give our generous offerings and gifts, we do so in acknowledgment of God's ownership of all things while allowing ourselves to know that the Lord is able to further build His kingdom through our resources. As you generously give your offering, your treasure this Sabbath know that all you give will support the work you and your church is doing right where you are in building up the kingdom and preaching the gospel to your community.

## **Appeal**

*Let us be your hands and feet that those we come in contact with each day.*

## **Prayer**

*Thank You, Lord, for entrusting us with your resources. Help us to be faithful in using them for your glory and for sharing the gospel of your kingdom right here where we live. Amen.*



The Adventist Church is built on mission. Our commission comes from Christ, who told us to “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” Mark 16:15 NIV. Sharing God’s love around the world is like a vehicle. It needs fuel to propel it. Our mission offerings are the fuel that propels almost every aspect of outreach. Without that fuel, our best efforts are hampered. The church is united by its call to support mission. But few of us know exactly what the mission offering does, where it comes from, or where it goes. Our offerings support frontline evangelism in unentered countries as well as in teeming cities. They help build and sustain schools, establish churches, and help produce literature for distribution in hundreds of languages. In short, our mission offerings do everything our tithes can’t do.

## **Appeal**

Unusual opportunities require a rapid response from God’s people. Will you do your part to speed up the work of the Gospel by giving generously?

## **Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father, we know You love a cheerful giver. Move us, we pray to respond with speed to your call to give generously to further your work. Amen



After months of planning, countless meetings and practices, hundreds of tents set up and days of prayer seeking the Lords leading, the first Friday night of Big Camp is always filled with excitement as we finish setting up our personal camps and the leaders from beginners to Adults finalise their division programs. There is always something about the feeling on opening Sabbath on Friday evening and we come together, unite as one church and worship, share, serve, grow and connect with one another.

Unity, diversity, city, country, inspiration, fellowship, Intergenerational, Holy Spirit, presence, prayer, praise, friendships, together, love, patience, pies, dust, rain, buggies the list could go on of the various things that make up Big Camp each year. An event that is loved by our church family across South Queensland but more than that it is for all this and more that we come to know and experience Jesus throughout the course of the week together.

Your generosity today will go to assist in covering the camp expenses, from resourcing the tiny tots as they learn about Jesus to help running a workshop, to assist in facilitating a memory event for the teens, Your resources really do make an eternal difference in leading others to know Jesus.

So when you give today give out of a heart for the kingdom and to see His church, your church shape for mission as we head back at the end of next weekend inspired to make a difference in our church, neighborhood and community.

## **Appeal**

*We can make a difference in the lives of our friends, family and those who are attending Big Camp as they come to know and experience Jesus by supporting this annual ministry of our church in South Queensland.*

## **Prayer**

*Dear Lord, thank you for the privilege of helping create such a wonderful Big Camp experience, may our offerings resource our church here in South Queensland as we share this time together and shape for mission into the future. Amen.*

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# Annual Convention

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When we return tithes and give our generous offerings and gifts, we do so in acknowledgment of God's ownership of all things while allowing ourselves to know that the Lord is able to further build His kingdom through our resources.

Today as you give, you are supporting the overall expenses of Big Camp as through your resources lives will be changed, decisions to follow Jesus and to be baptized made, friendships will be created and unforgettable memories will be shared into the future as together we the church unite for this wonderful time. As we return blessed to our local church it is now up to us to take the Big Camp experience home and bless our communities with the love of Jesus as we continue to shape for mission.

## Appeal

*We can make a difference in the lives of our friends, family and those who are attending Big Camp as they come to know and experience Jesus.*

## Prayer

*Dear Lord, thank you for the privilege of helping create such a wonderful Big Camp experience, may our offerings resource our church here in South Queensland as we share this time together and shape for mission into the future. Amen.*