

# Offering Announcements

## 4<sup>th</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 4th Quarter Offering Calendar

### **OCTOBER**

- 12..... Local Church Budget
- 19..... Education
- 26..... Local Church Budget

### **NOVEMBER**

- 2 ..... Education
- 9 ..... World Mission Budget
- 16..... Local Church Budget
- 23..... Local Church Budget
- 30 .....Local Church Budget

### **DECEMBER**

- 7 ..... SPD Strategy – Mission to the Cities
- 14..... C.W.O – Monto Church
- 21..... Education
- 28..... 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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

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

*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 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*

# 19

October

# Education



We are blessed in the South Queensland Conference to have excellent schools that are sharing Jesus with our students and their families 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 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*



How are you shaping for mission? How is your church shaping for mission? What are the plans your church has for reaching your community in the HARVEST 2020 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 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 allows your church to not only be a building but a life changing transformational community of disciples that share Jesus love in real and relevant ways.

How is our church planning to reap the harvest in 2020?

## **Appeal**

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## **Prayer**

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Further to this we have thousands of parents, grandparents and family who are also connected to our schools through their children who also may not yet know Jesus. What a fantastic opportunity to witness to these families in being the Christ Centred Church community every day!

Today you have the opportunity to support our schools here in South Queensland through the giving of your offerings. Further still why not think about how you could support our schools with your time, effort or skills. Maybe you could send a simple card of encouragement to the principal and staff, maybe you could support a family you know to attend one of our schools or maybe it is intentionally offering up the school in prayer knowing through your support, your schools are changing lives every day!

### **Appeal**

*May we realise that we are stewards of one of the greatest mission fields in our care, our schools and through your support together we are able to empower our schools to be the living and breathing expression of Jesus every day!*

### **Prayer**

*Lord today we offer up our schools throughout our conference to you, we pray that you may bless and empower our principals, teachers, staff and students as they meet together each day and that you may continue to be lifted up through our schools to our friends, family and community amen.*



*2 Corinthians 9:2: "For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action."*

Since 1990, the Annual Sacrifice Offering has made it possible for Global Mission pioneers to establish more than 13,000 new congregations in previously unreached areas of the world.

Global Mission, the frontline mission arm of the church, uses a wholistic approach to reach people. Global Mission pioneers work within their own culture, where they understand the community and speak the local language. They help with people's basic needs, such as food, water and shelter, or healthcare and education. They share lessons from the Bible whenever they can.

Your financial support makes it possible for Adventist workers on the "frontlines" to offer hope and assurance to those who live in fear and despair. Every bit will make a big difference to someone who is still waiting to hear about Jesus

## **Appeal**

*Give as generously as you can to the Annual Sacrifice Offering, and you will become a partner in the frontline mission work of God's church.*

## **Prayer**

*Dear Lord, may we follow the example of the early church Christians and give sacrificially to support the gospel mission. 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.*



## “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 earth 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 it’s 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.*



*"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.*

*"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:13 – 16*

Today you are being a change agent, as you give you are empowering your church community to permeate the world by leaving the shaker behind and being Jesus hands and feet to the community. Your resources are the fuel to equip the church to shine on the stand, reflecting His love and grace to your city. Through your generosity you are enabling your church where you belong to bring love, life, meaning, hope and purpose to those who are not a part of your church family yet.

### **Appeal**

*Lord, may we be salt and light with all we have to our friends, family, neighbours and community.*

### **Prayer**

*Lord, please give us a heart for those who are not here yet. Amen*



## THE CHALLENGE

The world's cities present a formidable challenge for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. More than half of the world's population lives in cities with approximately 200,000 people moving from rural communities to urban communities every day, globally. This is around 70 million per year, or 130 every minute.

"In 2008, for the first time, the world's population was evenly split between urban and rural areas." "Fewer than 30% of the world's 2.5 billion people lived in cities in 1950. By 2050 almost 70% of the world's estimated 10 billion people will do so according to the United Nations." (Christianity Today, Urban Urgency, August, 2010)

For decades faithful Seventh-day Adventists have been living in and effectively sharing their faith in many of the world's great cities. This "Mission to the Cities" initiative strongly affirms the work that these consecrated administrators, pastors, and lay people have done and are doing for Christ in urban areas.

Mission to the Cities is the Seventh-day Adventist Church's five-year emphasis on sharing Jesus' love and the hope of His soon return with people in some of world's largest cities. Outreach activities will be as varied as the characters of each city with everything from Life Hope Centers, community events, seminars, small groups, and reaping campaigns.

The South Pacific Division is seeking to support mission to the cities in the major capital cities of Australia and the South Pacific, your generosity will go to support this mission right here in our very own city of Brisbane. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to support the mission of our church in Brisbane, Australia and the South Pacific Division.

**Please keep an eye out in the Record, Focus, Facebook, Conference website and church mail and e-mail for more specific information closer to the offering date regarding the use of this offering.**

### Appeal

May we know the offering we give today will make a big difference in the cities of the South Pacific

### Prayer

Lord may mission to the cities change lives and transform cities with the love of Jesus. Amen

Monto church is a growing church and while only a small country church it has experienced some wonderful growth as a result of the faithfulness of a few Spirit-filled, hardworking members. As a result of the growth is allow the church to begin to meet the needs within this community and beyond. Many are now looking at healthy eating and looking at the vegetarian meal options. The current request by community members who do not currently attend is; “can we run some cooking classes teaching healthy eating?” Monto has a unique resource in Donna Yeo a Dietitian with 12 years’ experience cooking for Avondale College who is happy to lead out in these cooking demonstrations.

Monto is an exciting space in which to do ministry where the people of Monto are requesting cooking and healthy eating courses. In a space where diabetes is on the rise and many of our members suffer with this condition, the synergy to connect where the need is greatest, and the message of hope can easily be communicated.

But they have had a problem, they need to upgrade their facilities to cater for the demand of the community and meet council requirements. This is where your offering today will make a difference and allow for further kingdom growth. Monto has had the challenge of their bathrooms not being up to standard both for members, guests and council requirements and so your generosity today will support the ongoing upgrade of these toilets to enhance the future mission of the church.

#### Appeal

Please give generously to support our sister church in Monto and its ongoing ministry to the Monto community.

#### Prayer

Today we pray for Monto church, that your Spirit will continue to move in and through our church allowing it to continue to impact the Monto community with your love in real and relevant ways.



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**Note: Be sure to read the South Queensland Conference Focus magazine, our website and join our conference Facebook site where you will find the latest news and stories of education throughout our conference to share with your church when announcing the offering.**

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## Local Church Budget



*"...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."*

#### Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers Pg 15

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!

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