

## Evangelism Allocation Usage Guidelines 2024

The Evangelism allocation to the local church is intended to resource, empower, and support each church to continue shaping its mission within its own context. In 2024, we are encouraging every church to make it the year of evangelism. As a conference, we will be leading the way in making every event we host missional and evangelistic. We want to encourage your church to follow Christ's method of evangelism (*Ellen White, Ministry of Healing P143, 144*) and work through how you will make disciples in your city or town. It is understood that not every church will undertake the same form of evangelism each year, but depending on their evangelistic cycle and strategy, they may choose to use the funds at different times for various initiatives.

While we aim to minimise administration and paperwork, there are guidelines that each church needs to consider when planning the use of your allocation:

These are:

- Evangelistic funds can include all possible methods that are part of the harvest cycle of Sow, Prepare, Cultivate, Harvest, and Multiply. (Each church should actively work through such a cycle yearly.)
- Funds may be used for Servant, Needs-oriented, and Friendship Evangelism Initiatives. This may encompass service projects such as Storm-co's, yard blitzes, community BBQ's, Community haircuts, Sabbath School missional projects, Pathfinders and Adventurers service/missional honors, giveaway bottles of water, fruit, food parcels to those in need, and usually, any personal ministry initiative is an excellent idea!
- Community Interest Initiatives may involve interest groups such as photography, walking, riding/cycling, gardening, and outreach-focused gatherings. Art exhibitions, Market/street stalls and stands, Family fun-days, Dinners with..., Signs of the Times outreaches, Faith FM Radio, just to name a few.
- Health Outreach/Evangelism initiatives such as Elia Wellness, Live More Projects, Recipe Clubs, Cooking demonstrations, Depression Recovery programs, Health talks, Health weekends, Chip programs, etc.
- Community Prayer outreach initiatives include neighborhood prayer walks, door knocks offering prayer, community prayer chains, community prayer walls, Community "Can I pray with you" campaigns.
- Literature Ministry: If a church wishes to engage in literature ministry, these funds may also be used to support such initiatives. Each year the SPD Literature Committee produces a "missional book of the year" which we encourage every church to purchase and use. Other Adventist missional books can be purchased from the ABC or CLR.
- Evangelism events can include public meetings of various kinds such as Revelation, Prophecy, or Apologetics seminars, Youth Revivals, Inviting a Conference approved guest presenter to run a series of missional meetings, Kids holiday clubs/VBS, and more.



- Bible Workers: If a church wishes to support a missional Bible worker, this evangelism allocation can be used for such a purpose. Due to recent Federal Government Employment law changes, please speak with Scott or Greg for further information regarding the possible implications to the church.

The above is not prescriptive but rather offers some ideas to assist you as you work together with your Church Board in planning outreach and evangelism for your church in the coming year(s). We encourage you to think intergenerationally and plan to ensure Total Member/attender Involvement - the whole church should be encouraged to engage in mission together.

Please also keep in mind when planning that parameters are placed around the use of tithe by the General Conference to ensure the integrity of its use, and as such, funds cannot be used for capital, building expenses, and the like. They must be used for evangelistic purposes.

Other guidelines to note include:

- No funding applications will need to be made up to the amount allocated to your church, but funds will be released when needed. If you wish to apply for more than your allocated 2.5%, you can apply for further support from the 1% pool by emailing Pr Greg Pratt with such a request. Funds in this pool are limited and used very quickly.
- The funds may be accessed when/as needed throughout the year. For the funds to be released, an Evangelism Allocation Release Form must be submitted to Pr Greg Pratt, ([gregpratt@adventist.org.au](mailto:gregpratt@adventist.org.au)) and Amy Nugter ([Amylugter@adventist.org.au](mailto:Amylugter@adventist.org.au)). Funds will not be released without this form being completed and submitted.
- Each church is intentionally working towards becoming a healthy church community and is part of an evaluative process in consultation with the Church Support and Development team, preferably (but not limited to) NCD.
- Reporting of progress and outcomes of the outreach will also be given in the Pastor's regular MD report. We are also happy for you to share a report with us.
- Each church is given 2 years from the funds being released to use the funds. This means any unused allocation from 2023 must be claimed and finalised, including all receipts submitted to Amy Nugter by the 31st of December 2024. If funds have been released and have not been accounted for with receipts, the church will promptly return these funds to the conference to avoid further action.
- To avoid any disappointment, we request all receipts to be sent to Amy Nugter promptly upon the completion of the outreach or purchase of items. Failure to submit these receipts will result in further action being taken, including future allocations being withheld upon request for release until these receipts have been received.