

General Conference Stewardship Advisory Committee
22 & 23 September 2021

Briefing from Trans European Division

In the past eighteen months, Stewardship Ministries experienced peaks and troughs as Directors and their teams strived to keep the members informed of new methods of giving while away from the church buildings. Change of personnel in many regions within the Division has also led to a promotional pause of new ideas and approaches under the banner of stewardship as we all come to terms with our responsibilities.

One specific area where assistance is needed related to additional funding for appointees in the role of Stewardship Director, thus easing our Treasurers workload.

However, churches across the TED are now reopening resulting in a positive outlook in giving and overall Stewardship Ministries activities.

- We give thanks for the faithfulness demonstrated by our members as they have continued to return their tithes via monthly bank transfer.
- We welcome the devotion shown, in promoting the ministry, by our dedicated pastors who are undertaking Stewardship Ministries on a part-time basis as they travel around their Union territory.
- Our Union Stewardship Directors have continued to keep members updated regarding tithe income which helped to motivate our members towards giving.
- The overall tithe income across the TED had continued to show a steady upward trend even during the height of the pandemic.
- We continued to expand the translation of Tithe and Offerings Devotional Readings in local languages for church distribution.

More importantly, we give thanks to God for His generosity towards us and we continue to strive to encourage our members to embrace giving as a way of life in acknowledgement of what we have already received.

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(Appointed 1 September 2021)