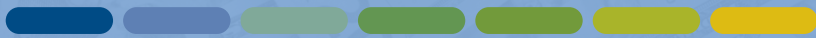


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# USE OF TITHE



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**Rationale** All Tithe is forwarded to the conference/mission/field/union of churches with none being retained for use by the local church. Eph. 4:1,11-12; Gal. 6:6; Phil. 1:3-5; Mk. 6:8-13; Lk. 9:1-6



**Pastors, evangelists, ministers** "The tithe should be used for one purpose – to sustain the ministers whom the Lord has appointed to do His work. It is to be used to support those who speak words of life to the people, and carry the burden of the flock of God." EGW Ms 82, 1904.



**Soul Winning Support**



**Literature evangelists to assist with contribution to their benefit fund.**

**Evangelistic activities and equipment**



**Auditing Service and Auditing Costs for tithe-funded organizations**



**Bible / Religion Teachers and Spiritual Support Personnel (typically chaplains) in schools**

**Retirement costs of those supported by the tithe**



**Housing for personnel for those supported by the tithe**



**Church Buildings**

Only in extraordinary circumstances, and only with division committee approval after consultation with General Conference officers.

## General Principles



“Light has been plainly given that those who minister in our schools, teaching the word of God, explaining the Scriptures, educating the students in the things of God, should be supported by the tithe money.” 6 T 215

## Use of tithe in schools:



**a)** Primary /Elementary Schools—up to 30% of remuneration and benefits of teachers and principals from tithe.



**b)** Secondary Schools—up to the total cost of remuneration and benefits of Bible teachers, residence hall deans, and principals, and up to 20% of institutional staff, excludes contract employees.



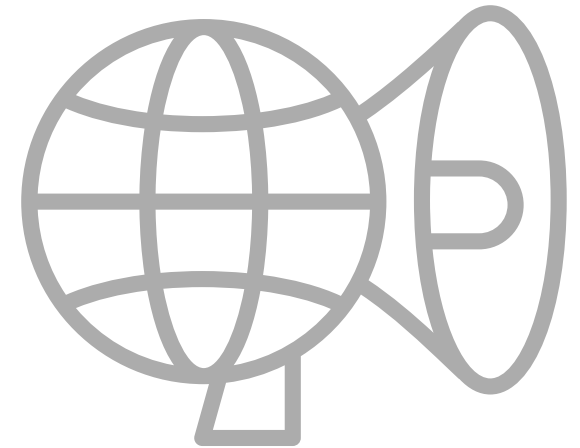
**c)** Colleges & Universities

Tithe may be used to cover the Bible/Theology department, chaplain, student’s support office.

**d)** Schools for Evangelistic Outreach - Schools which are opened for the unique purpose of opening up work in unentered areas or people groups.



The same principles apply. Missionaries who primarily proclaim the gospel are covered by tithe. Medical and other professionals are not normally supported from tithe. They can be supported from tithe if their missionary assignment is for the purpose of opening up work in unentered areas or people groups.





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## **General Principles**

For personnel and operating expenses of certain church-owned and operated outreach focused organizations

## **Media Programs**

That are soul winning in nature or for the spiritual nurturing of members.



**Adventist Development & Relief Agency ADRA** Directors if no other funding available, as they give spiritual oversight to the work that ADRA does.

# ITEMS NOT FUNDED FROM TITHE



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ADVANTAGES TOWARDS BY MINISTRIES



**Buildings & Facilities**



**Equipment**

Other than evangelistic equipments



**Local Church  
Operating Expense**



**School Operating  
Expense**

