

DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—3RD QTR 2024

The Art of Systematic Giving

The year 2024 is a time of celebration for Seventh-day Adventists, marking the 150th anniversary of sending missionaries from everywhere to everywhere. We rejoice and reflect on how to move forward and faster. This issue of Dynamic Steward explores how Systematic Benevolence can decisively impact the expansion of mission. As we work to finish what started in 1874, we're called to give like our early pioneers. Read the digital flipbook on <u>issuu.com</u> or in PDF below.





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STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL WEEK—2024



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Nov. 30th - Dec. 7th—My Lifestyle

The Annual Stewardship Revival Week offers a unique opportunity for local churches to invite member to reflect on some crucial aspects of their lives as God's stewards. Each day's program includes a reflection and an appeal to commit to faithfully managing what God has entrusted to us. The week culminates with the Stewardship Sabbath, during which time a commitment ceremony...



MOBILIZING PARTNERS FOR MISSION

participation embers' in giving never happens in а vacuum. Church leadership plays a critical role in influencing faithfulness and partnership. The "Mobilizing Partners for Mission" 13-lesson participative workshop assists church leaders to create the conducive atmosphere for members to put God first, to enlist as givers, and to grow in their level of support to God's mission.



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GOD IS FAITHFUL HE KEEPS HIS PROMISES

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Written by Dr. Mundia Liywalii

The 2025 Offertory Devotional Readings is a powerful blend of timeless Bible truths and relatable personal experiences, all designed to inspire and educate church members on the importance of putting God first in their lives. They guide readers to worship God through generous giving, gratitude for His blessings, and commitment to systematic benevolence.

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PODCAST: PILLARS OF THE COMBINED OFFERING PLAN

In this episode, you will learn the fundamental principles that should guide the establishment and maintenance of the Combined Offering Plan. This plan was voted in as the recommended and promoted offering plan by the General Conference in 2002.



NEW STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR—ISRAEL FIELD



Ebenezer C. Loriezo, Jr. was appointed Stewardship Ministries director of Israel Field on May 1, 2024. He also serves as Treasurer, PGTS, and Legal Ministries Director for Israel Field. Through God's providence, Eben, as he is affectionaly called, was ordained into gospel ministry on August 11, 2023 and serves as Church Pastor for four international churches of the Israel Field.



ELLEN G. WHITE'S COUNSEL AND PRACTICE ON TITHE

Seventh-day Adventists follow the Biblical injunction to return one-tenth of their income, the tithe, to the Lord. Recently tithe questions have arisen concerning Ellen Whites statements and actions with regard to the tithe. Some, charging the Church with apostasy, have even claimed Ellen White's support for diverting tithe from established channels. This paper...attempts to set out fairly and accurately Ellen White's position.



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Principles of True Worship

Author Josanan Alves uncovers 52 Principles of True Worship in the 2024 Tithe and Offerings Devotional Readings. These readings are to be presented in the local church every Sabbath before the local offering collection. Contact us below if your church entity wants to translate the manuscript or videos for distribution in your territory. The videos are now available here and others will be gradually added as they are produced.

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October 2024 Offertory Devotional Videos





October 19—How Should the Tithe be Allocated





October 26—In God's Hands, Everything is Valuable

WEEKLY OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

The offertory devotional videos, January through November 2024, are available on our <u>website</u> (+PDF and Script), <u>YouTube</u> and <u>Vimeo</u>. Watch videos of previous years: <u>2023</u>, <u>2022</u>, <u>2021</u> and <u>2020</u>. These 2024 videos are in <u>English, French, Spanish</u> and <u>Portuguese</u>.



PASTORAL LEADERSHIP AND GIVING

Pastor Chad Stuart

DS: Leaders are men and women of influence. How would you apply this assertion to pastoral leadership in the local church?

Pastoral leadership itself is influence. I can't control volunteers by threatening their pay because they don't get paid. Nor can I kick a member out of the church for not volunteering. So, all I have is the ability to influence people to get them to respond and act.



The article was written by Pastor Chad Stuart, pastor of the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church, and previously published in the *Dynamic Steward magazine*, Vol. 27 No. 2, Apr - Jun 2024, Leaders: Men and Women of Influence, pp.4-7. Read the entire magazine here: <u>https://stewardship.adventist.org/2024-27-2.pdf</u>.

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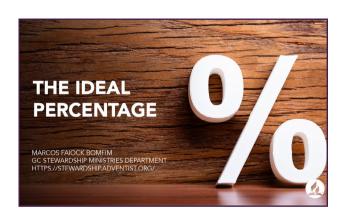
Courtesy of the Adventist Mission.

WHEN THE HMONG PEOPLE FILLED THE EMPTY CHURCH

Chee Nu recently lost his best friend and his health was poor. However, a simple conversation about tomatoes with a friend unexpectedly guided him towards discovering the Adventist faith, embracing a healthier lifestyle, and serving at a Hmong church plant.



STEWARDSHIP POWERPOINT



iving a percentage of your income Jas an offering, Promise, promotes proportional giving, ensuring consistent systematic giving regardless and of income fluctuations. It reflects gratitude, combats materialism. and supports God's work by funding God's mission. For tithe, the percentage is 10% and the offering, Promise, is a percentage of inceome vowed God. It is typically taken from the firstfruits of their income.



SERMON ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

SALVATION NEVER RUNS DRY



Illustrates Grace

remember being in a city where I noticed that the people resorted to a favorite well in one of the parks. I said to a man one day: "Does the well never run dry?"

The man was drinking of the water out of the well; and as he stopped drinking . . .

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THERE'S NO WAY YOU MADE THIS



<u>Illustrates Love</u>

Bob Russell, a preacher in Kentucky, says that when he was 11-12 he wanted to build his brother, John, a toy wheelbarrow for Christmas. He got some old broom handles, a wheel off a wagon and some old wood. Bob said he put together the most awful...

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SUGGESTED RESOURCES



Put God First—An appeal from Pastor Leon Curfs, local church pastors in Iten Greater Rift Valley Conference, Kenya. Putting God first shows gratitude for blessings received. The act of regular and systematic giving transforms the heart, increase a sense of generosity, love, and freedom from greed or selfishness.

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Kids' Booklet—I Am A Steward, Courtesy of *SPD—A* stewardship program for children ages 5-10, full of activies and stories. Kids are not too young to learn to be good stewads of all that God has given them. Teach them how to be stewards of their bodies, world, talents, time, money, and things.

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E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS





was shown that the recording angel makes a faithful record of every offering dedicated to God, and put into the treasury, and also of the final result of the means thus bestowed. The eye of God takes cognizance of every farthing devoted to His cause, and of the willingness or reluctance of the giver. The motive in giving is also chronicled.—E. G. White, *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 196



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