

**GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SDA** February 2024



## **ONLINE GOD FIRST CONGRESS**

#### May 8, 2024

he upcoming Online "God First" Congress, scheduled for May 8, 2024, is tailored for Stewardship Directors and Treasurers of local fields, Unions, and Divisions. The focal points of this event are Mission Offerings and Commitment Invitations. Be sure to disseminate this information among your counterparts and ensure their registration, as only registered participants will have access ...



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# **STEWARDSHIP LEADERSHIP VISITATION—SPD**

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#### February 15, 2024

n February 15, 2024, Julian Archer, Stewardship Ministries Director of the South Pacific Division (SPD) was the third Division Stewardship director to hosta Stewardship Leadership Visitation (SLV). He was visited by Marcos Faiock Bomfim, GC Stewardship Ministries Director at Fulton Adventist University, Nadi, Fiji, during the 2024 "Set Apart"...

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## **DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—1ST QUARTER**

### Self-Reliance in Him

esearch suggests that increased income does not always translate to a higher percentage of congregational giving. Thus, there is a need for increased financial education among believers. Local churches are encouraged to serve as educational hubs to teach about managing resources and systematic giving. It will significantly impact God's mission. Read the latest issue of the Dynamic Steward magazine on issuu.com.



Dynamic Steward magazine, Vol. 27, No. 1, January - March 2024, Self-Reliance in Him. Read in PDF on our website: https://stewardship.adventist.org/2024-27-1feb.pdf

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# **HOW TO RAISE A** FAMILY FOR GOD?

**PODCAST**: Spiritual disciplines for families committed to bring their children with them to Heaven. Presented to a Haitian Adventist Church in Boston, USA, in July 25, 2020.



# **A "TASTE OF HEAVEN"**

### Stewardship and Treasury Meeting

nce a year, we gather all local church Stewardship directors, treasurers, and pastors to provide training, continuous Stewardship, education in spiritual growth, and motivation for their work," says Fridolino May, Stewardship director of the Central Paranaense Conference, located in Curitiba, Brazil. This year, on February 3, 2024, the participants never imagined what was in store for them.



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# **RY DEVOTIONAL READINGS/VIDEOS**



### **Principles of True Worship**

uthor 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.



# WEEKLY OFFERTORY **DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS**

offertory devotional videos he January through April 2024 are available on our website (+PDF and Script), YouTube and Vimeo. Watch videos of previous years: 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020. These 2024 videos are in English, French, Spanishand Portuguese.





### April 2024 Offertory Devotional Videos





April 20, 2024—Which Offerings Cause More mpact





April 27—How Much Should My Offering Be

# THE TRUE GIVING SPIRIT

salm 51:5 tells us that all people are born in this world sinful, and Romans 6:23 teaches that the wages of sin is death. Therefore, all human beings dieas a consequence of sin. As long as the sinful person stays within the jurisdiction of sin, he has no hope of eternal life. Jesus succinctly explained to his nightvisitor, Nicodemus, that the born-again experience is a condition of man's salvation. "No one can see the kingdom...



The article was written by Dr. Jairyong Lee, former President, Northern Asia-Pacific Division, and previously published in the Dynamic Steward, vol. 18, no. 2, April-June, p. 10. Read the entire magazine here: <u>https://stewardship.adventist.org/2014</u>-18-2.pdf.

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# WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



Courtesy of the Adventist Mission.

### PASSED OUT IN CHURCH

owry Adventist College in south India \_faces challenges due to overcrowding and deteriorating conditions in its old auditorium, where students and churchgoers gather for worship. Despite these challenges, the college and church community are dedicated to wholistic education, spiritual growth, and inclusivity. They are seeking support to build a new campus church through the 13th Sabbath Offering.



### STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES ITINERARY



**GODFIRST STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL PROGRAM** FEBRUARY 9 - 18, 2024

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# DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



The article was written by John and Delivon Francis of the North England Conference, and was previously published in *Dynamic Steward*, vol. 26, no. 2, April - June 2023, pp. 22-23, (https://ssuu.com/dynamicstewards/docs/2023-26-2). Read the article here: https://stewardship.adventist.org/seven-debt-busters

### SEVEN DEBT BUSTERS

oday, in these uncertain times, when our energy bills are constantly rising, food prices are skyrocketing, and living costs seem out of control, many are worried about debt more than ever before. More and more people are using their credit cards to pay for food and basic needs. A UK survey in April 2023 showed that 700,000 households missed their rent, ...



# SERMON ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

### PLAY WITH THE BOX OF GOD'S GIFT



#### Illustrates Grace

gave birth to a son who just doesn't understand gifts. My wife and I would go out when he was a little guy to buy what we thought was the [perfect] gift. He would tear open the gift, and he'd end up playing with the box. It drove us crazy.

### THE MAN WHO HAD EVERYTHING



### Illustrates Materialism

hristopher Winans, in his book, Malcolm Forbes: The Man Who Had Everything, tells of a motorcycle tour that Forbes took through Egypt in 1984 with his Capitalist Tool motorcycle team. After viewing the staggering burial. . .

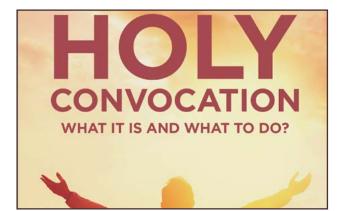
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### SUGGESTED RESOURCES



Brochure and Presentation in PDF-Regular Offerings, courtesy of Christina Hawkins, SPD Discipleship, based on the GC Working Policy, 2017-2018. Learn more about the philosophy & nature, purpose of offerings, the principles guiding our giving, and our responsibility.



Training—Holy Convocation, an annual one-week TMI/Revival & Reformation training and spiritual renewal program held within a region that brings together all the pastors, stewardship leaders and church members in that area. Click below.

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## **E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS**



he Lord has made the diffusion of light and truth in the earth dependent on the voluntary efforts and offerings of those who have been partakers of the heavenly gifts. Comparatively few are called to travel as ministers or missionaries, but multitudes are to co-operate in spreading the truth with their means. The history of Ananias and Sapphira is given us that we may understand  $\ldots$  – True Wealth, pp. 30-33.



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