

MISSION TO THE CITIES

SUPPORTED BY

PLANNED GIVING & TRUST SERVICES

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1912

- **City**
- As a people we need to hasten the work in the cities, which has been hindered for lack of workers and means and a spirit of consecration. At this time, the people of God need to turn their hearts fully to Him; for the end of all things is at hand. They need to humble their minds, and to **be attentive to the will of the Lord, working with earnest desire to do that which God has shown must be done to warn the cities of their impending doom.**--*Review and Herald*, Jan. 25, 1912. {Ev 30.1}

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

- 80% of Adventist Churches in the USA are located where only 20% of the population lives
- This reflects the historical Seventh-day Adventist trend to locate in rural areas

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AGE of SDA MEMBERS

- Average age of NAD Adventists is **51**
(2008 study, Ministry Magazine 2010-12)
- Average age of NAD Adventists is **61**
(2018 NAD Demographic Study)
- If trend continues in 2028 average age will be **71**

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LARGE GROUP AVAILABLE

- The point here is not to bash NAD but to point out that there is a very large group of older individuals who do not have children who could be available to work in the cities.

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MARRIAGE

- Median age of first marriage:
- Brazil men 33 woman 30 (2014)
- Hong Kong men 31 women 29 (2011)
- India men 26 women 22 (2011)
- Russia men 27 women 25 (2011)
- South Africa men 32 women 29 (2008)
- USA men 29 woman 27 (2015)

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F.I.R.E. MOVEMENT

- Millennial Generation
- F Financial
- I Independence
- R Retire
- E Early

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MIGHTY ARMY

- **Available to reach the cities for Jesus**
- 1. Older members with no children at home
- 2. Young waiting longer to have children
- 3. Young available for ministry



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PLANNED GIVING & TRUST SERVICES

- How is it done in a world-wide church?



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CUSTOMS AND CULTURE



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PLANNED GIVING & TRUST SERVICES

- The Goal of Planned Giving & Trust Services (PGTS) is to encourage Seventh-day Adventist members to seek God's plan as revealed in Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy for their families.
- The task is to assist those who choose, to accomplish what God has already moved upon their hearts to do in support of the mission to **Reach the World** for Jesus Christ.

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PLANNED GIVING

- PROTECTING GOD'S ASSETS
- PROVIDING FOR THE NEEDS OF FAMILY

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PLANNED GIVING

- “Many manifest a needless delicacy on this point. They feel that they are stepping upon forbidden ground when they introduce the subject of property to the aged or to invalids in order to learn what disposition they design to make of it. **But this duty is just as sacred as the duty to preach the word to save souls**”. (emphasis is mine)

White, E. G. (1940). [*Counsels on Stewardship*](#) (pp. 323–324). Review and Herald Publishing Association.

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TRUST SERVICE

- Trust Services is the process of receiving gifts from Seventh-day Adventist members or other non-member friends of the church to support the mission of reaching the world for Jesus.

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TRUST SERVICES

- “Just as long as we are in this world, and the Spirit of God is striving with the world, we are to receive as well as to impart favors. We are to give to the world the light of truth as presented in the Sacred Scriptures, and **we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to do in behalf of His cause.** The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in behalf of His people, and it becomes those... .. not to cut off any favors, or withdraw themselves from the help that God has moved men to give, for the advancement of His cause.” (emphasis is mine)

White, E. G. (1940). [*Counsels on Stewardship*](#) (p. 183). Review and Herald Publishing Association.

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IS TRUST SERVICES IMPORTANT?

- God’s work is now to advance rapidly, and **if His people will respond to His call**, He will make the possessors of property willing to donate of their means, and thus make it possible for His work to be accomplished in the earth. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1. Faith in the word of God will place His people in the possession of property which will enable them to work the **large cities that are waiting for the message of truth.**—Testimonies for the Church 9:272, 273.

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REPORT FOR 2021

PLANNED GIVING & TRUST SERVICES Maturities Report 2021

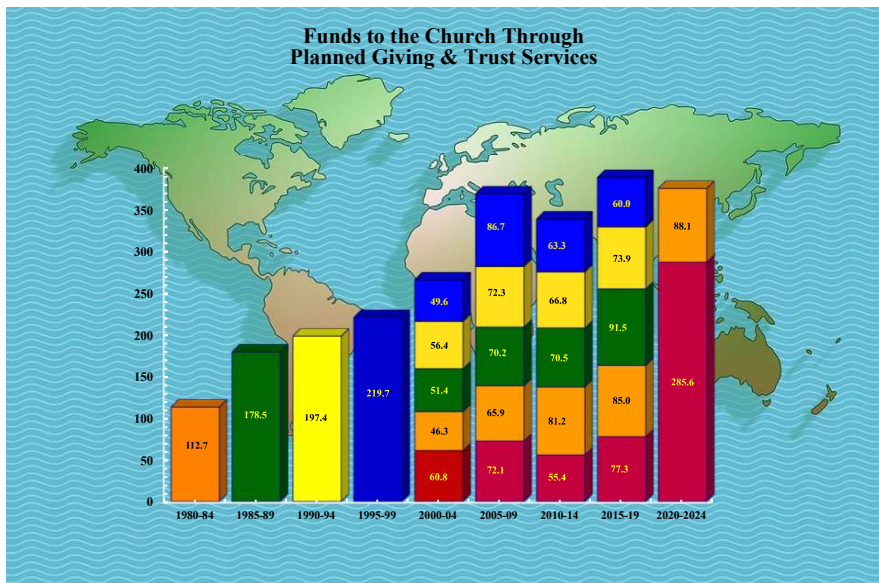
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Euro-Asia Division	\$
Inter-American Division	\$23,032.06
Inter-European Division	\$216,628.00
North American Division	\$78,798,639.14
Northern Asia-Pacific Division	\$4,641,478.00
South American Division	\$
South Pacific Division	\$1,887,585.50
Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division	\$62,292.11
Southern Asia Division	\$
Southern Asia-Pacific Division	\$
Trans-European Division	\$
West-Central Africa Division	\$1,145,723.86



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Funds to the Church Through
Planned Giving & Trust Services



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Contributions to the advancement of the work of God through the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Planned Giving & Trust Services Ministry since 1968 = over \$2.4 Billion.



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