

**History** – Harvest Ingathering began in 1908 in North America. In that year \$96,964 was raised. Annual Ingathering campaigns were held in North America exclusively until 1919. In 1920 the Ingathering campaign was introduced to other divisions, and it grew steadily over the years as a major humanitarian outreach program of the world Church. In the first 80 years of its existence, the Ingathering campaign raised over half a billion US dollars to help meet human need around the world.

**Program** – Ingathering is the worldwide name for the church's humanitarian fund-raising program. In North America, other names may be used in conjunction with or in place of Ingathering, as approved by the Division Executive Committee.

**Objectives** – The Ingathering program is an outreach ministry sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The objectives are:

1. To involve church members as active participants and to increase the sense of community among members.
2. To visit the homes and businesses of people, sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ, assessing and helping them to meet their physical and spiritual needs, praying with them, sharing literature, and making friends.
3. To share with the public the humanitarian work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and to invite a response in financial support, donations in kind, or contributions of volunteer labor.
4. To report on the humanitarian work of the church that has been previously promoted.
5. To provide funding that helps to engage Adventist members in humanitarian initiatives locally and around the world.

**Disbursing Funds in USA** – Fifty percent (50%) of the funds raised shall be used in international and national humanitarian work and fifty (50%) percent of the funds raised shall be used to support local programs in the conferences where the funds were raised. The funds raised shall be allocated as follows:

- a. Each conference will determine how local conference funds are to be allocated among the various implementing entities. Local conference funds will support such entities as church-based humanitarian programs, Adventist Community Service Centers, ADRA affiliate agencies, inner city programs, and disaster response programs.
- b. The North American Division will determine how national and international funds are to be allocated.
- c. An appropriate committee will make decisions about specific allocations at both the conference and Division levels.

**Potomac Conference Policy** – The Potomac Conference policy regarding funds raised, solicited, or donated by Potomac Conference churches for *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* is as follows:

1. Each Potomac Conference church shall determine its own monetary goal to raise/solicit/donate for *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity*.
2. One hundred percent (100%) of the funds raised/solicited/donated by the Potomac Conference churches for *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* shall be sent to the Potomac Conference.
3. Fifty percent (50%) of the funds received by the Potomac Conference churches or members for *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* shall be sent to the North American Division.
4. Fifty percent (50%) of the funds received by the Potomac Conference from Potomac Conference churches or members for *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* shall be allocated as follows:
  - a) Thirty-five percent (35%) of the funds that a Potomac Conference church has forwarded to the Potomac Conference, which the church raised, solicited, or donated for *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity*, shall be allocated by the Potomac Conference to that church, or its ACS center, when the church or its ACS center submits to the Potomac Conference *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* Project Review Committee a written report for approval of their humanitarian project(s), listing the humanitarian service(s) or project(s) for the community, and the dollar amount(s) to be used for each service or project.
  - b) Fifteen percent (15%) of the funds that a Potomac Conference church has forwarded to the Potomac Conference, which the church raised, solicited, or donated for *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* shall be allocated to the Potomac Conference's ACS or Disaster Response programs.