



Answers:

What is tithe?

Tithe is 10 percent of what God has blessed us with. (Hebrews 7:2, Genesis 28:22)

What are offerings?

Offerings are expressions of gratitude, beyond tithe, that we choose to give. (Deuteronomy 16:17)

Why should I return tithes and give offerings?

We return tithe and give offerings because God asks us to and it is our acknowledgement that everything is God's and that we are His stewards. God also says He will bless abundantly when we give out of thankfulness and love for Him. (Malachi 3:10-12, Psalm 24:1, Psalm 8:6, Deuteronomy 26:10,11)

What happens to the tithe I return?

All tithe is sent by the local church to the Upper Columbia Conference where it is distributed according to the "UCC Tithe Usage" graph.

What happens to "Local Church" offering?

Your local church board decides how to use your offering in the ministry of your church. Most churches use offering for expenses such as: utilities, Sabbath School supplies, church school subsidy, student aid, church ministries, community services, evangelism and local projects.

What happens to "UCC Share" offering?

One hundred percent of your offering for the "UCC Share" fund benefits you and your church by providing monies for items such as: church and school building projects (36%), education (34%), evangelism (26%) and *Gleaner* and *Review* subscriptions (4%). See the "UCC Share Fund" graph at right. (The "UCC Share Fund" was formerly known as the "Conference Budget.")

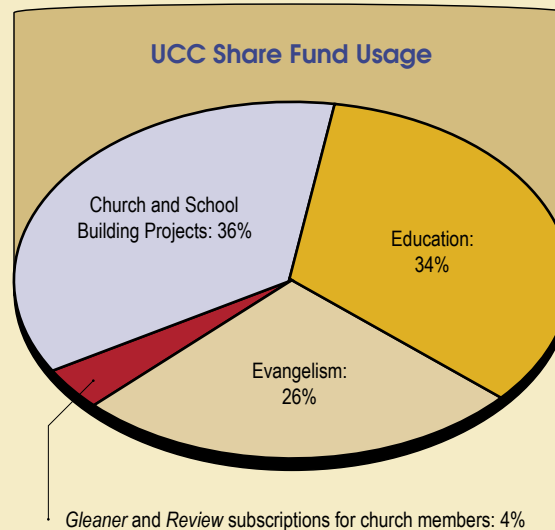
What happens to "World Church" offering?

World Church offerings are sent to the General Conference office for use in areas such as: Sabbath School missions, Adventist higher education, North American missions, inner city ministries, disaster and famine relief, servicemen's literature, services for the blind and broadcast ministries.

Tithe and Offering Usage Charts

The graphs to the lower right show how tithe and offerings are used in the Conference. The list below gives examples of uses in the tithe categories.

- **Church Programs** includes pastor's salaries and benefits, and expenses for Conference departmental leadership such as children's and family life ministries, church planting, pathfinders, evangelism, personal ministries, stewardship and youth activities.
- **Education** includes elementary schools, senior academies and Walla Walla College.
- **Special Services** include communications, health education, community services and radio and television ministries.
- **Other Services** include medical and retirement benefits, mediation and legal services.
- **Supporting Services** includes technology, plant services, administration and trust services.
- **Literature Evangelism** includes subsidies to support literature sales efforts in our Conference.



What if I have more questions?

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