

W.H.E.E.L.

The W.H.E.E.L (Welfare, Health, Education, Evangelism and Local Church) Fund is organized by the Central Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to help meet the high demand for welfare and other local church needs.

Over the years, the Conference and local churches have attempted to meet requests relating to welfare, education and health using an ad hoc approach. These requests usually go beyond what the Covenant Offering is able to do.

W.H.E.E.L is, therefore, established to address these needs in a more organized way by tapping into the 'gift-giving' source of income and taking advantage of the combined effort of each member of the church.



As such, besides tithe and covenant offering contributions, the Conference is asking each member to make a small, but consistent contribution towards the W.H.E.E.L fund on either a weekly or monthly basis. The idea, is that, with this united approach, the Church will be able to do more than any of its single entities (Church or Conference) towards meeting its welfare need demands.

For example, based on the scenarios presented in the table below, if 10,000 members (out of approximately 50,000 attending members) make contributions of \$500.00 per month, the church will have sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000.00) available each year to address welfare needs through WHEEL.

Scenarios	# of Members Participating	Monthly Contribution \$	Yearly Total \$
1	\$10,000	\$500	60M
2	\$15,000	\$500	90M
3	\$10,000	\$1,000	120M
4	\$15,000	\$1,000	180M



"And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Acts 2:44-47

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is WHEEL?

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2. Does WHEEL replace the need to contribute towards Covenant Offerings?

No. Members are still expected to return a faithful tithe and give a freewill offering. However, WHEEL is based on the concept of gift-giving in the Bible (Acts 4).

3. How does a member contribute to WHEEL?

You will contribute to WHEEL through the use of the tithe envelope at your local church. WHEEL is now a line item on the envelopes.

4. What percentage of WHEEL remains within the local church?

10% of WHEEL contributions remain within the local church at the time it is remitted to the Conference. However, the 90% that is sent to the Conference is not used by the Conference. All WHEEL funds are made available to the PDAC (Parish Development Action Committee) for disbursement.



5. What is the PDAC?

The PDAC is the Committee established in each of the 3 parishes of CJC which manages the orderly development of all church facilities and is an effective agent of health, education, welfare and disaster relief resources in the interest of the church and the community. The PDAC which was previously known as the PAC (Parish Action Committee), will manage the disbursement of the WHEEL fund.

6. What is the procedure for making requests to the WHEEL fund?

Requests to the WHEEL funds should be addressed to the Chairman of the PDAC.

7. What types of requests does the WHEEL fund address?

Based on its acronym, the WHEEL fund will be used to address the following types of requests:

WELFARE. Requests to address

basic needs of the poor.

These include, food, clothing, housing etc.

HEALTH.

Requests to deal with the filling of prescriptions and other medical expenses.

EDUCATION. Requests to

assist with school fees for tertiary and secondary students.

EVANGELISM. Requests to assist local churches with evangelistic

programs.

LOCAL CHURCH. Requests from local church to assist with the purchase of land, church buildings and equipment.



8. What about funeral expenses?

Funeral expense would generally fall under Welfare. However, the Conference recommends that each church/member takes advantage of the current CUNA Insurance program to deal with funeral expenses.

11. Is the WHEEL fund managed by the Conference?

The Central Jamaica Conference's Treasurer is ultimately responsible for all funds. However, the WHEEL fund is managed by the PDAC in the respective parishes.

12. What amount of money is each member expected to contribute to WHEEL?

There is no set amount. Each member is expected to contribute what they can afford. Persons can contribute as little as \$50.00, \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00. The idea is to be consistent and to give based on one's ability.

13. Are WHEEL funds exclusively for the benefit of members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

No, they are not. The WHEEL fund is established to address needs that are brought to the attention of the church.

14. How long has WHEEL been in operation?

WHEEL was launched in March 2015.

15. Do I have to be a member of the church in order to contribute to WHEEL?

No. You do not have to be a member of the church in order to contribute to the WHEEL fund.



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