Chesapeake Conference

GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL CHURCH USAGE OF INGATHERING FUNDS

Because these funds were solicited from the public, great care and accountability must be demonstrated in their usage. The following guidelines, while not comprehensive, certainly are typical of appropriate usage of Ingathering funds:

1. Health and Community Services expenses in local centers and churches, such as rent, utilities, supplies, etc…

2. Costs associated with health classes, stop smoking classes, Frist Aid training or other programs that meet the humanitarian needs of the community.

3. Costs associated with operating a local food pantry, or soup kitchen, and the ADRA Clothing Program.

4. Costs involved in the establishment of a local Disaster Relief Unit, including training, and all costs incurred in the response to an actual disaster or emergency.

Each church is encouraged to examine their use of Ingathering funds and to ensure that it is in harmony with the NAD Working Policy:

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> Ingathering funds are to be used in harmony with the purposes for which the funds were raised. This means the funds will be used to meet humanitarian needs in the communities in which they were raised and around the world.
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> Appropriate humanitarian projects include initiatives which relieve human suffering and improve quality of life. The focus of these initiatives should be based upon the needs of the general community being served and should not target Adventists specifically nor exclude any specific group including Adventists. The key principle in the use of Ingathering funds is to ask the question, "What is the best use of these funds to meet the humanitarian needs of the community and the world?"

To receive your local funds you must complete the Intent Form for Reversion Usage application asking for the funds and specifying how you intend to use them.

Return complete application to Ministries Development/Evangelism.