Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Church Treasury Team Training 2015

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Church Treasury Team Training

Duties of the Church Treasury Team

Supplies and Information Needed

Audit Issues

Internal Control

The Role of the Treasurer

- Custodian of church funds
- Supervises
 - Counting,
 - Receipting,
 - Posting, and
 - Banking of Funds
- Member of the Church Board
- Member of the Finance Committee
- Time Commitment
 - May require 10 to 15 hours per week
 - Will need an assistant and counters

The Role of the Treasurer

- Reports through monthly financial statements
 - To the Pastor
 - To the Church Board
- Reports to the Conference Office with the Monthly Remittance Report
- Reports to the Church in Business Meetings periodically

Confidentiality

- Access to church ledger is restricted
 - Authorized to see ledger are:
 - Pastor
 - First Elder
 - Finance Committee Chairman
 - Assistant Church Treasurers
 - Conference Treasurer
 - Conference Auditor

Storage of Records

See Policy on Document Retention

- Tithes and Offerings
 - Two or More Counting
 - Safekeeping of church money until deposited
 - Date stamp and initial all envelopes

Receipting

- Encourage use of Tithe Envelopes for all donations
- Total Tithe Envelopes = Total Deposit

Personal Receipts

Issued at least once per year

 Must comply with IRS Substantiation Requirements

(see slide titled Receipts for contributions)

Banking

- Bank Account in Church's Name
 - Not any individual's name
 - At least two signors on bank account
- Use Church Tax ID #
- Deposit funds <u>weekly</u>
 Potential Loss and Insurance Issues
 Internal Control Issues
- Review and reconcile bank statement monthly

Accounts Payable

- Authorization generally given in Church Budget
 - Otherwise, the church treasurer is only authorized to pay bills to keep the church doors open (utilities, etc.)
- Special projects or non-budgeted items must be authorized by:
 - Church Board, or
 - Church Business Meeting

Accounts Payable

- Use Checks for all Disbursements
- Do not Issue Checks to Cash
- Disable Void Checks
- Two Signatures on Checks
- Secure Receipts for all Disbursements
- Do not Disclose Assistance to Members
- Do not Issue Blank Checks
- Do not Issue Cash from Offering Plate

Accounts Payable

Do not Issue Cash directly from the Offering Plate (i.e. "love offerings," "concert offerings," etc.)

 All Offerings collected at the church must be counted by the church treasury team, deposited and recorded in the church records

 Funds must not be given to anyone directly from the offering plate, checks must be issued for proper record keeping

Accounts Payable

Pastor's Discretionary Funds

• No Board Guidelines = TAXABLE INCOME

"All offerings and gifts contributed by individuals for a specific fund or purpose must be used for that purpose. Neither the Church Treasurer nor the church board has the authority to divert any funds form the objective for which they were given." Church Manual, page 82

"The funds for auxiliary Organizations... are held in trust... and they too many not be borrowed or in any way diverted by the treasurer or the church board from the objective for which they were raised." Church Manual, page 82

When working with Restricted Funds:

- The church board determines the projects for which donations are received
- A church is not obligated to accept donations if they are not to fund existing or new board approved ministries

"When an auxiliary organization is discontinued, the church in regular business session may take action indicating the disposition of any balance of funds in the account of the organization.." Church Manual, page 82

Books Should be Audited
 Potential Effect on Insurance Rates

Auditing

- Valuable feedback to increase efficiency
- Training in policies and procedures
- Helps to develop confidence in treasury work
- Review of permanent files

(See Policy on Processing Audit Reports & Findings on Local Churches)

1. Supplies or information needed

<u>(Order Form for Church Treasurers Supplies)</u> (use hardcopy or order <u>online</u>)

a. For Receipts

- i. <u>Tithe envelopes (supplied by CCC)</u>
- ii. Forms for Credit Card contributions (supplied and processed by CCC)
- iii. <u>Offering Count Worksheets</u> (format available online)
- iv. <u>Sunset Calendar to allocate weekly loose offerings (use</u> online version or cards supplied by CCC)
- v. Online giving using AdventistGiving (no fees to church)
- vi. Adding machine, date stamp, red ink pens, rubber bands, and colored paper
- vii. Seventh-day Adventist Year Book

- a. For Receipts (Procedure for Counting Offering)
- Two or more counting at all times
- Offerings must not be taken home
- Verify information on Checks
 - Donor(s) name on tithe envelope must match the name(s) on the check
 - Amount in numbers must match written amount
 - Make sure checks are signed
 - Date

b. For Disbursements

- i. Checks (pre-printed or blank forms)
- ii. <u>Check Request Form (sample form)</u>
- iii. Paid-out Vouchers (format available online)
- iv. Benevolence Request Voucher (sample form)
- v. <u>Detail of Receipts for Reimbursement or Advanced</u> <u>Checks Form (sample form)</u>
- vi. <u>Petty Cash Authorization Form</u> (sample form to be copied on church's letterhead)
- vii. Petty Cash Replenishing Form

b. For Disbursements

Categories of Individuals Who Provide Services

- Volunteers
- Employees
- Independent Contractors

- **b.** For Disbursements
 - **Employee Forms**

(Payroll Conversion Process FAQ's Sheet)

- Conference Funded Employees
- Locally Funded Employees

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Locally Funded Employees Hiring Process

- CCC HR Department is notified of the opening
- Position is posted
- Vetting of Candidates is done by the church
- Church Board Selects Candidate
 - Documents are gathered and sent to CCC HR Department
 - Potential Employee's name is taken to CCC Locally Funded Committee
 - All documents must be completed

b. For Disbursements

Employee Forms

- Locally Funded Employees
- <u>New Hire Packet 1</u>
- <u>New Hire Packet 2</u>

b. For Disbursements

Employee Forms

- Hourly/Non-Exempt Timesheet (must be signed)
- Hourly/Non-Exempt Payroll Report
- Hourly/Non-Exempt Payroll Calendar
- Salary/Exempt Payroll Calendar
- Travel and Expense Report
- Payroll Payment Options
 - Have a credit balance on A/R Account at CCC,
 - Complete <u>ACH</u> form, or
 - Send payment two days prior to payroll processing date.

- **b. For Disbursements**
 - **Employee Forms**
 - Employee Resignation
 - Must be in writing
 - CCC HR Department must be notified immediately
 - Employee must be given final pay check on last day of employment
 - Daily Penalties will apply for non-compliance

b. For Disbursements

Employee Forms

- Employee Termination
 - CCC HR Department must be contacted before taking any action
 - All terminations must have legal review
 - Employee final pay check must be given within **72 hours** of termination
 - Daily Penalties apply for non-compliance

b. For Disbursements

Independent Contractor Forms

- ♦ <u>W-9</u>
- <u>1099MISC (prepared by CCC Auditing Department)</u>
- <u>DE-542</u>
- Travel Expense Report

c. For Financial Reporting & Auditing Process

- Bookkeeping system <u>Jewel Software</u> (CD provided by CCC)
- <u>Church Data Sheet</u>
- <u>Basic Schedule for Church Treasurers'</u> <u>Retention of Documents</u>
- File folders and file boxes

2. Monthly Process

Filing process (for Audit, and to facilitate application of <u>Document Retention Policy</u>)

- Place weekly tithe envelopes in rubber bands and group by month in rubber bands
- File <u>Paid-out Vouchers or Print-out of Checks</u> in numerical order by check number (attach **original** receipts or invoices, conference remittance receipt, copy of board action, etc.)
- File Bank Statements and <u>Bank Reconciliation</u> in a folder, in order by month (one folder per bank)
- File Weekly Trial Contribution Reports and Monthly Reports by month and not by type of report)

- **2. Monthly Process**
 - Count and Deposit Offerings weekly
 - Record Offerings
 - Pay Bills, as needed
 - Record Disbursements
 - Submit Monthly Conference Remittance due by the 10th of the month
 - Submit <u>Detailed Contribution Report for</u> <u>Conference Evangelism</u> offering, if any

3. Annual Procedure

- Place notice in bulletin regarding donations in December
- Dispose of stale checks (see sample letters)
- Review Year-End fund balances on Financial Summary Report to clear negative balances
- **<u>Detailed Receipt</u>** for Donors **due by the end of January** (get watermarked form from CCC)
- **<u>1099 forms</u>** for Independent Contractors **due by the end of January** (see attachment)
 - If prepared by CCC information due to Auditing Dept
 by January 20
- **<u>1096 form</u> due** to IRS **by the end of February** (see attachment)
- <u>W-2</u> for Employees due by the end of January (issued by CCC Payroll Dept)

- **3. Annual Procedures**
 - Property Tax Exemption Forms due to Accounting Dept by January 20
 - Business Property Statement due to Accounting Dept by February 15
 - Audit of Church Records

Supplies and Information Needed

Other Items

Tax ID Number

(contact CCC Treasurer's Administrative Assistant)

Process to Open Bank Accounts (Get Church Board authorization, Obtain Copy of Tax Exemption Letter CCC Treasury Department)

Lease Agreements

- Property Tax Issues
 - To Non-profit or for-profit organizations

Property Liability Insurance issues

Supplies and Information Needed

Other Items

Evangelism Items

Bible Worker Application Form

Budget Request for Full-Message Reaping Campaign

Evangelism Recap Forms and Procedure

Camp Meeting Evangelism Offering Funds with Project Assessment

Lay Public Evangelism Budget Request

Supplies and Information Needed Other Items

Risk Management Issues (annual insurance payment, reporting losses or incidents)

Copyright Issues (software and music)

Tech Support for Jewel Software provided by the Auditing Department

Conference bookkeeping assistance service provided by the Auditing Department

Periodic Treasurers Training (last Sunday of every quarter, first Sunday in December and first Sunday of Camp Meeting)

Audit Issues

Audit Issues

- Major Transactions
- Loans from Church Funds
- Checks Issued to Cash
- Constructive Remuneration
 Checks Issued to the Treasurer
- Supporting Documentation for Benevolence Assistance
- Backup for Disbursements
- Expense Reimbursement or Allowance
- Reimbursements or Advanced Checks
- Missing Supporting Documentation

- Paying Rent to a Third Party for a Bible Worker or Church Plant
- Assistance to Students
- Evangelism Recap Report
- Paying Individuals for Services
- 1099MISC Forms
- Donations for Other Non-Profit Organizations
- Projects Overseas
- Mission Trips
- Contributions
- New Payroll Procedure
- Accounts Payable Analysis

Standing Church Policy or Board Action for Major Transactions

 There should be a standing church policy (copy should be provided) or a board action recorded on the minutes authorizing all major transactions, such as:
 Investment decisions
 Transfer of funds
 Major expenditures

LOANS from Church Funds

"...No loans of church funds should be made to any private party at any time for any purpose."

(GC Auditing Service - Local Church Accounting Manual, paragraph 205.04)

Checks Issued to CASH

- All checks should be issued to an individual or an organization
- If cash is required for a transaction:
 - Issue the check to an individual
 - That individual will then be responsible for providing appropriate supporting documentation for the disbursement

If cash is needed regularly for day to day transactions request board approval to implement an Petty Cash System

(see Petty Cash Authorization Form & Petty Cash Replenishing Form)

Constructive Remuneration

Payments issued to a third party on behalf of an individual as agreed, based on services performed for the church is income for that individual

Checks Issued to the Treasurer

All checks issued to the Treasurer should be approved by another board authorized officer (i.e. Pastor, First Elder, etc.)

Supporting Documentation for Benevolence Assistance

A document stating that a committee, or the church board approved the disbursement of funds for benevolence assistance, should be attached to the payment voucher

The document should be signed by someone other than the treasurer

(see sample Benevolence Request Form)

Backup for Disbursements

Require original receipts

Copies of receipts may cause duplicate reimbursement

Once funds are reimbursed to the payee the receipts belong to the church

Expense Reimbursement or Allowance

A fixed periodic allowance paid to an individual is taxable income (Non-Accountable Plan)

 A periodic expense reimbursement is non-taxable income (Accountable Plan)
 Receipts or invoices are required

Reimbursements or Advanced Checks

Please attach a calculator tape to the receipts/invoices with the total reimbursed

or

Use the

Detail of Receipts for Reimbursement or Advanced Check Form

Missing Supporting Documentation

Checks issued to individuals who do not provide proper supporting documentation will be considered income for services provided and reported to the IRS on a 1099MISC form if checks total \$600 or more

(see memo dated November 12, 2008)

Paying Rent to a Third Party (for a Bible Worker or a Church Plant)

Issue a 1099MISC form if the recipient of the payments is not a Corporation or a Church

Assistance to Students

SUMMARY OF TAXABLE ITEMS FOR STUDENTS

Payment for	Degree candidate	Not a degree candidate
Tuition	Tax free *	Taxable
Fees	Tax free *	Taxable
Books	Tax free *	Taxable
Supplies	Tax free *	Taxable
Equipment	Tax free *	Taxable
Room	Taxable	Taxable
Board	Taxable	Taxable
Travel	Taxable	Taxable
Teaching	Taxable	Taxable
Research	Taxable	Taxable
Other Services	Taxable	Taxable

* If required of all students in the course

Evangelism Recap Report

Make copies of invoices/receipts to submit with recap

Retain originals in church files

Attach Account Journal to Recap Report

Paying Individuals for Services

Before asking someone to provide a service for the church please review this document

<u>Categories of Individuals who</u> <u>Provide Services</u>

Paying Individuals for Services

- When paying speakers please remember to separate:
 - Reimbursed expenses:
 - Travel (mileage, airfare, fuel, etc.),
 - Lodging
 - Meals (per diem)
 - Materials

(receipts or invoices must be provided or payment will be taxable income)

from

Honorarium for services

1099MISC Forms

Any individual paid \$600 or more to provide services for the church must be issued a 1099MISC form

There are other payments for which a form 1099MISC will be required (awards, prizes, rental payments, etc.)

Donations for Other Non-Profit Organizations

The Church Treasurer has no authority to state that the funds donated "<u>through</u>" the church to be sent to other organizations will be used for the intended purpose

The Church Treasurer is only authorized to issue receipts for organizations listed in "The Seventh-day Adventist Year Book"

Projects Overseas

- "When an American church spends money outside the United States, the IRS requires it to
 - (1) retain control and discretion over the use of the funds,
 - (2) maintain records establishing that the recipient used the funds exclusively for exempt purposes, and
 - (3) limit spending to specific projects that exclusively further the church's exempt purposes.

http://www.churchexecutive.com/2003/11/Tax_Issues.asp

Donations for Projects Overseas

- [An individual] can deduct contributions to a U.S. organization that transfers funds to a charitable foreign organization

- *if the U.S. organization controls the use of the funds by the foreign organization, or*

- *if the foreign organization is just an administrative arm of the U.S. organization.*

Donations for Projects Overseas -Funds may be sent to CCC, or - To the General Conference Donations should be a minimum of \$100 Attention: **Overseas Projects** 12501 Old Columbia Pike Silver Spring, MD 20204

MISSION TRIPS

Proper supporting documentation must be secured for all expenses related to a Mission Trip, whether in the U.S. or abroad

 Individuals who are given funds for expenditures during the trip, must account for all monies spent. Unsupported expenses will be reported as taxable income to that individual.

Contributions

Online Donations through Adventist Giving

Recording Loose Offerings

- Morning Offering
 - Denomination's Calendar of Offerings
- Sabbath School Offering
 - Mission
 - Expense
- Other Loose Offerings
 - Record per Church Board decisions

Contributions you Cannot Deduct

A contribution to a specific individual A contribution to a nonqualified organization The part of a contribution from which you receive or expect to receive a benefit The value of your time or services Your personal expenses Appraisal fees Certain contributions of partial interests in property

IRS Publication 526 – Charitable Contributions (page 6)

Contributions you cannot deduct:
 Contributions for specific individuals
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 Funds donated to a non-profit organization are not tax-deductible if the recipient is specified by the donor

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Contributions you cannot deduct:

Contributions from which you benefit:

• **Tuition,** or amounts you pay instead of tuition, even if you pay them for children to attend parochial schools or qualifying nonprofit day-care centers. You also cannot deduct any fixed amount you may be required to pay in addition to the tuition fee to enroll in a private school, even if it is designated as a "donation." IRS Publication 526 – Charitable Contributions (page 6)

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Receipts for Contributions

The IRS requires that a receipt be issued for each contribution of \$250 or more

Annual receipts issued to members should be a detailed receipt and not a summary

Use official form with watermark provided by CCC

Quid-Pro-Quo Contributions

IRS requires that a disclosure report be issued for donations of this nature if the amount received is \$75 or more

Receipts for Non-Cash Contributions

- Obtain Church Board Approval for donation
- Issue a letter to the donor on the church's letterhead acknowledging receipt of the item donated
- Do not state a dollar amount in the letter, unless there were actual receipts or invoices submitted by donor
- No transaction is required in the books
- File a copy of the letter with church records

Issue a form 8283 for donations of more than \$500 How to Handle Donations of Vehicles to the Church

- The Board must approve the receipt of the donation
- A form 8283 must be provided to the donor
- If the vehicle is sold within 2 years, the sale of the vehicle must be reported both to the donor and to the IRS (use form 8282)
- The donor must adjust his/her tax return to report the actual sale value of the vehicle

New Payroll Procedure

Each employee timesheet must be in the files and must be signed:

by the Employee and

by the Supervisor

Accounts Payable Analysis

Churches are expected to operate on a cash basis, spending only what is received on a monthly or annual basis

The Audit report will contain an Accounts Payable Analysis as a note to the Financial Statements, to disclose the outstanding unreported liabilities

INTERNAL CONTROL

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 Internal Control is the process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in: The effectiveness and efficiency of operation

- Compliance with applicable laws, regulations and policies
- Financial reporting reliability

Guidelines for Internal Control

Rotate Count "Teams" Assign various Deacons to collect offerings Make immediate deposits Reconcile bank account monthly More than one signature for large disbursements Encourage donors to use tithe envelopes Require initials on tithe envelopes

Guidelines for Internal Control

Loose offerings counted by two or more individuals Issue periodic contribution receipts Encourage member/donors to review receipts Disbursements must be authorized and supported Pay expenses by check Monthly financial reporting to church board Periodic Audits

Risk Control for Treasurers

OPPORTUNITY + MOTIVATION = CRIME

OPPORTUNITY

Too much trust
Key individuals
Too few people
No controls
Infrequent audits

MOTIVATION

No organizational standards Personal financial challenges of members The church "owes me" I am only "borrowing" Belief that crimes will not be prosecuted by the church

CRIME

Unauthorized borrowing Reallocation of funds Embezzlement Creative receipting Unexplained decreases in revenue Inflated expenses

NAD Policy

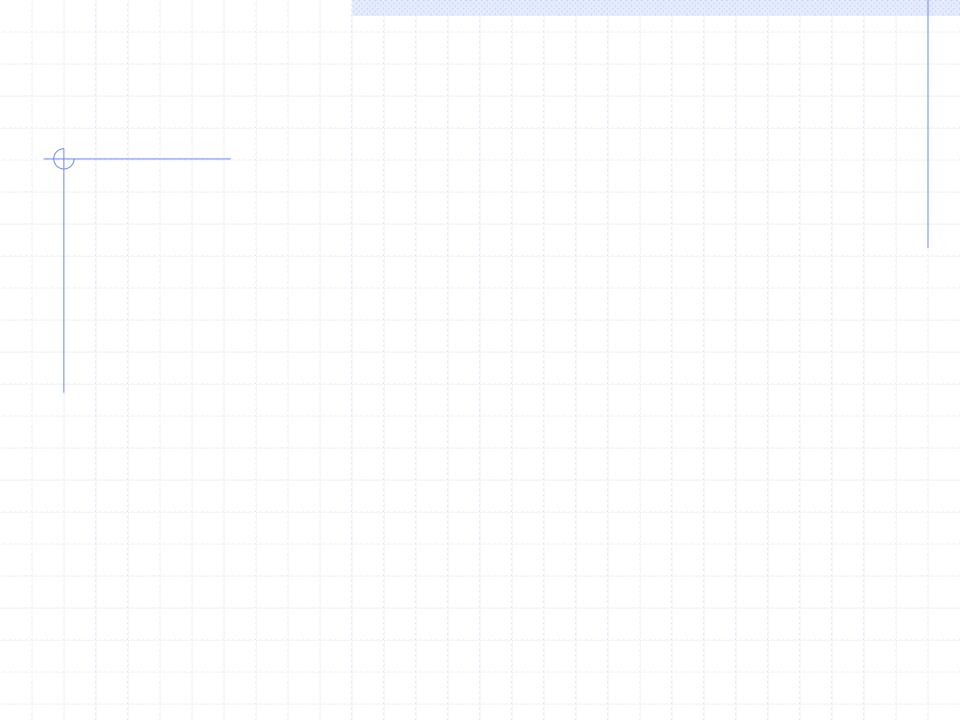
S 04 48 Dealing With Offenders

When a volunteer or an employee of a Seventh-day Adventist organization performs an act in violation of the laws of the country and of the financial trust or responsibility reposed in him/her, discipline shall be administered and the organization will report all violation(s) to appropriate law enforcement officials.

SAFEGUARDS Careful Selection of Counters Two or More Verify Cash Received Monthly Bank Statement Review Safeguard Checks Timely Financial Reports Authorization for new bank accounts Investigate questionable transactions Financial Audits

Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists





Date	Rec. No
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City	Zip
Home Church	

The Personal Giving Plan

	Tithe 10% of Income	80.	\$		
	Local Church Budget		\$	1.2.1	
	Conference Advance 1-2%	82.60	\$		
	World Missions 2-3%	81.14	\$		
	Building Fund		\$		
	ADRA Annual Appeal	81.15	\$		
			\$	1244	
			\$		
	Total Enclosed		\$		
Please charge the above amount to:					
			A		
	Card No				
1	Expiration Date				
	Signature				
-	Phone Number				

 Forms must be handed by donor directly to the church treasurer or place in a tithe envelope before placing in the offering plate

- Cards are mailed to the conference for processing
- CCC sends a check to the church
- The church enters the donor's Contribution
 - For Tithe contributions the conference absorbs the fee
 For Local Church contributions the church is charged the fee

<u>(back)</u>

FEES



The checks may be ordered Blank or pre-printed Jewel can be programed To print on either one

MR SAMPLE CUSTOMER

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1099MISC Forms

CCC Auditing Service will prepare these forms if the church provides the following information:

Name, address, and SS or TIN of recipient

Amount paid by the church in the year



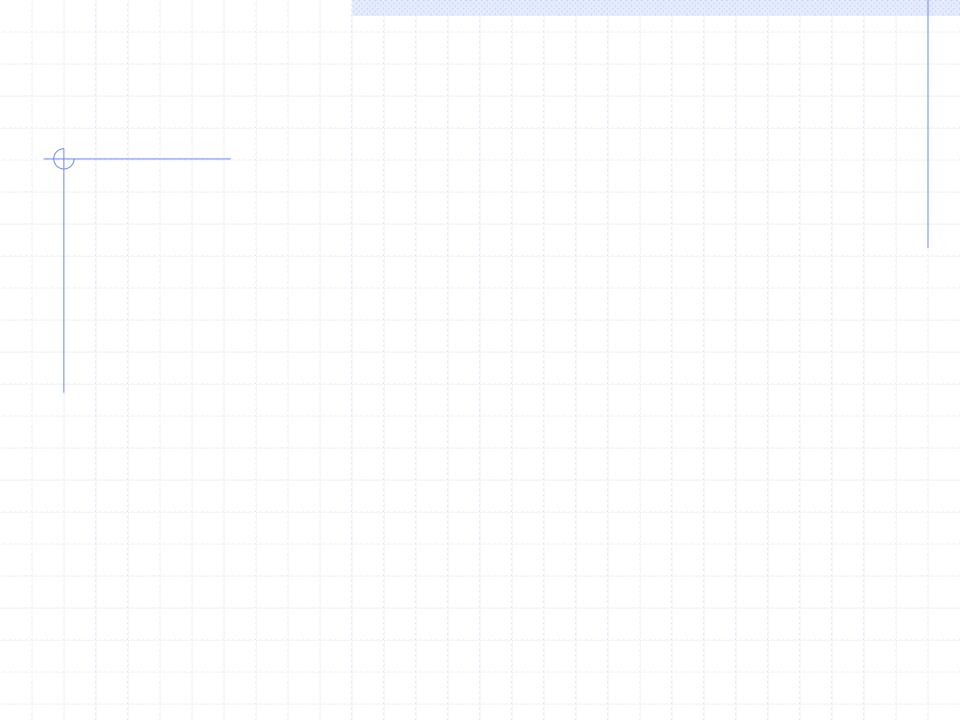
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Tithe Distribution **Budgeting Process Departments Managed** Tithe performance Late Remittance Report Stewardship, Planned Giving **Property Leases** Accounts Receivable PUC Loan Church School Subsidy

New Payroll Procedure Retirement Eligibility

(Conference Executive Committee Action 04-05 & 05-05, 2005)

- Require local churches and K-8 schools to have all employee payroll processed through the conference payroll system
- Provide exception to NAD retirement contribution for employees who are employed less than half-time or for those who are temporarily employed for one year or less subject to confirmation with the NAD Retirement Office

New Policy Provision

NAD WP P30 15

- Dealing with Offenders
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- Pacific Union Income Fund
- Sales Tax
- Insurance coverage for churches

- 1. All church accounts must have two or more signors, one of them should always be the church treasurer. The church can vote to set up a Petty Cash account for any church officer or the Pastor with strict guidelines for the use of the funds. If the use of the funds is left up to the discretion of the church officer or the Pastor it becomes taxable income to that individual. The amount of the fund will be determined based on the use of the fund. Petty Cash funds are never to be used to pay any individual for services provided to the church or for benevolence assistance. All Petty Cash disbursements must be for the purchase or reimbursement of supplies, and third party receipts must always be provided as supporting documentation. Petty Cash Accounts are reported on the church financial reports.