

Ingathering Reversion Funds Explanation and Usage List

Sometime during the year, usually in January or February, **some of you** (not all of you) have received/will receive checks in the mail labeled as **"Hope for Humanity Reversion."**

Hope for Humanity used to be called "Ingathering." If that still doesn't ring a bell, that's ok. You just need to know that it is an offering that has been around for decades, that is collected for ACS (Adventist Community Services). It is collected specifically for **Community Development, Disaster Relief, Urban Ministries such as Food Pantries, Domestic Violence Services, Homeless Shelters, Literacy Programs, etc.**

If your church had \$200 or more of Hope for Humanity offerings in a year, 25% of whatever was donated "reverts" back to your local church. Thus the term "Reversion".

Because they have been donated for Community Service, your church cannot use them for the budget, or for expenses like Evangelism or Mortgage. Take a copy of these guidelines to your board meeting, to aid in the discussion of how to use the money. The "Reversion" funds are to be used within 12 months, for a "Qualifying Project" that benefits your local community. If your church does not have something appropriate going on currently, a donation can be made to a local group or non-profit that does.

If your church board has not discussed what to do with these funds, you can create a temporary "Reversion Local Fund" and post the check to it. Then when the board has decided, based on the list on page 2, what to do with the funds, (don't let them forget to do this) you can make a transfer to the correct Local Fund, or you can post an expense or a donation directly to the "Reversion Local Fund."

Do not mix this check with an offering. Deposit it separately, and enter it in Jewel using a General Journal Entry. (Tutorial #7160)

Instructions for entering this deposit into Jewel. Go to Jewel home page, top bar and click on Accounting / Make General Journal Entry.

Date: the date the check was deposited

Memo: should read "(202x - current year) Hope for Humanity Reversion."

The **Amount** of the check should show up in the "Income" box of your checking account line.

Account(s) line should be a local Community Service type account and the amount will be in the "Income" box. Click OK to leave.

General Journal Entry			
Date	Memo		
02/01/25	2024 Hope for Humanity Reversion		
		☒ Deposits and Interest Earned	
		☐ Checks Written and Bank Fees	
Bank Account			
8001	Checking - One Bank	+	724.00
Balance			31,385.27
Account(s)		Running Total	724.00
9010	Local Food Pantry	+	724.00

NOTE: Make sure you don't post this donation to the Conference Fund "Hope for Humanity" or it will go right back to the Conference with your next remittance check! Post it to a separate "Reversion - Hope for Humanity" account, or to a local relief fund that your board has authorized.

Ingathering – Hope for Humanity Campaign Reversion Funds Usage

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. The reversion (money refunded) is intended to develop/broaden a vision of Community Services.
- B. The project should be humanitarian in nature and keep faith with the people who gave the money.
- C. The project should be tangible and visible.
- D. The reversion should be used in the territory where the money was raised.
- E. The funds should be used within 12 months of receiving the check.
- F. A statement is requested showing how the money was used.

PARTIAL LIST OF QUALIFYING PROJECTS

Alcohol Prevention/Recovery	Family Finance Seminar
Baby Care Class	Family Life Workshop
Clothing/Bedding Program	First Aid Class
Cooking School	Food Pantry
Counseling Services (non-member)	Food Distribution
Day Camp	Grief Recovery
Dental Clinic	Handicap Services (non-member)
Disaster Response	Health Appraisals
Divorce Recovery	Seminar Health Screening
Domestic Violence Program	Home Nursing Class
Drug Abuse Detox	Homeless Shelter
Drug Abuse Prevention	Immigration Assistance
Drug Abuse Rehabilitation	Job Training Program
Families of Prisoners	Literacy Program
Marriage Seminar (non-member)	Refugee Resettlement
Meals on Wheels	Soup Kitchen
Medical Clinic	Stop-Smoking Program
Parenting Seminar (non-member)	Stress Seminar
Parish Nurse	Tutoring Program
Preparing for Baby Class	Vision Clinic
Prison Dress-out Program	Weight Control Program
Prison Ministry	

For more tutorials on GCC-DENOMINATIONAL POLICIES-GUIDELINES, see section 6000 on the gccsda.org auditor webpage.

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