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Local Conference Advance

The Seventh-day Adventist Church operates many educational institutions, at the kindergarten, middle, secondary, and tertiary levels in the conferences of the North America Division territory. These schools are supported financially by a number of sources. For example, generous donors, organizations, subsidies from local conferences, union conferences, and—importantly—local church members, who believe in the educational philosophy of our church. The philosophy says true education is redemptive in nature, and does not only focus on academic learning, but also on helping students to develop faith in God and a commitment to serve others.

Ellen G. White supports this view when she says, “In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one” (*Education*, p. 30). That is to say, both the effort to share Christ with students and the mission to present Jesus to the world have the same purpose of rebuilding the image of God in His children. The wise man Solomon states it best, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Proverbs 9:10, ESV).

Dear brothers and sisters, our children, and future generations will call us blessed because we faithfully support our education system, giving them an opportunity to learn about Christ at their most impressionable age. Let us give to support our conference advance today.