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## **Local Conference Advance**

In Malachi 3:10, God invites His people to bring the full tithe into the storehouse. Many have asked, "What or where is the storehouse?" The Bible answers in Numbers 18:21, "To the Levites I have given every tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service that they do, their service in the tent of meeting" (NIV). God further instructed the Israelites to bring their tithes and freewill offerings to a place of His choosing (Deuteronomy 12:6).

In the time of Solomon, tithe was returned to the temple, the location from which the Levites received their support. So, the Israelites understood what Malachi meant by the storehouse—a central place from which the tithe was administered.

In the same way, Seventh-day Adventists voted that the storehouse is the parent body known as the conference or conference mission. It is from the conference or mission that the salaries of pastors and other gospel workers of the church are managed. Members are encouraged to return their tithes and offerings through their local church to the conference treasury, to take care of the overall worldwide mission of the church.

Let us continue to commit to returning God's tithe and our freewill gifts to the treasury house or the storehouse (the Conference), so that His mission can advance without hindrance or concern. In so doing the Second Coming of Christ is hastened.