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Local Church Budget

Did you know that there are two countries in the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists that celebrate their nationhood in the first week of the month of July? You guessed it right. They are Canada, on July 1, and the United States of America, on July 4. So, happy Canada Day to Canada and happy Independence Day to the United States of America! Nationhood in the history of a country is a milestone of separation from another country's rulership. This means that the country is free to lead and rule itself by its own government and laws.

Although these holidays are not like Easter or Christmas, for many citizens, they are a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a people. As members of the Judeo- Christian faith, we are called to "Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants" (Leviticus 25:10, NIV) and to celebrate the gift of freedom from the bondage of sin.

While we express gratitude to be able to live in a land of freedom, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit our lives to God and His will. May we bring our gifts in worship to the true God, who declares, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, ESV).

And may the coffers of our local church never be empty.