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Local Conference Advance

During the early days of the Seventh-day Adventist movement, church buildings were few. In Battle Creek, Michigan, they needed to build a larger church to house the rapid growth. Battle Creek had become the center for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They needed a place large enough to hold their camp meetings and General Conference sessions.

Elder James White, one of the founders of the church, thought of a plan. He suggested, "If each month, each member would donate one dime, within one year we could raise enough money to build a new church structure." At that time, the average price of a home was around \$2,000.

The members adopted the project. On April 20, 1879, they dedicated the new church, debt-free. The "Dime Tabernacle" became the fourth church structure of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. This building could seat 4,000 people.

Fund raising was simple. Give a dime per month. A dime then would be equivalent to \$2.25 US, or \$2.00 Euro today. Even at today's rate of exchange, that's not very much money!

Widespread participation brought success. When the members took this as their Conference Advance project, the Lord blessed. What Conference Advance project needs your support today?

When God's people come together, like they did with the Dime Tabernacle, God will move hearts to accomplish His will through His children. "And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." Luke 18:27