Dear (Contact First Name),

We don't do it often, but from time to time we need your input as an active person in your congregation. Your opinions on three important ministries across North America are needed now.

Click this link and take a few minutes to give your answers and ideas.

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The Center for Creative Ministry, with 25 years of research experience, has been commissioned to conduct this survey and your responses are entirely anonymous.

If you have questions or would like to request a copy of the survey report, call (800) 272-4664.

Thank you,
Grace to you!
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Compassion Ministries Survey

1. In your opinion, should the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America do more to meet the needs of the homeless, the unemployed and the inner-city neighborhoods?

   Yes  No  I don't know

2. What do you know about each of the following ministries? Check as many things as are true for you under each of the three columns.

   I have never heard of this
   I have heard of it, but I know little about it
   We have a local program affiliated with this
   I have volunteered time for this ministry
   I have made an in-kind donation (food, clothing, etc.)
   I have given money to this ministry
   I serve on a local board for this ministry
   I am a local leader for this ministry
   I am a church employee with responsibility in this ministry

3. What do you understand to be the organizational relationship between these three ministries? [ACS, ADRA and Hope for Humanity]

   They are separate organizations.
   They are aspects of the same organization.
   They are departments of the Adventist Church.
   Other (describe below)

   If you checked "Other," please describe:

4. What does your local church do to meet the non-religious needs of the people in the community who are not church members?
5. Are any of the activities you checked above affiliated with one or more of the denomination’s humanitarian agencies? If so, please check the one or more below.

No

Adventist Community Services (ACS)

Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA)

Hope for Humanity

Other (please specify)

6. What are the principal sources of funding for each of these three ministries? Check the one or more under each column that you are aware of.

Offerings at church

Donations by Adventists

Local conference appropriations

Annual Appeal

Tithe

World Budget

Adventist Community Services (ACS)

Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA)

Hope for Humanity (used to be Ingathering)
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7. What types of people are served by each of these three ministries? Please check as many as you know of under each of the three columns.

I don't know.

Disaster survivors

Areas hit by famine

The homeless

The poor

Refugees

Inner city neighborhoods

Appalachia

Native Americans ("Indians")

Immigrants

Developing nations

Others not on list

8. Have you heard of or been involved with any of these independent Adventist compassion ministries? Please check as many responses as are true for each ministry listed. If you have never heard of all of these, go on to the next question.
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If you checked "Other," please identify the group:

[Input field for identifying other group]

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9. Does your local church go door to door to raise money each year for "Ingathering" or Hope for Humanity or ACS or ADRA or a similar program?
   Yes
   No
   We have not done so for a number of years
   I am not sure

10. Does someone from your local church make personal contacts on businesses each year to raise money for Hope for Humanity or "Ingathering" or ADRA or ACS a similar program?
    Yes   No   I don't know

11. Hope for Humanity encourages churches to send someone to pray with businesses in the community before they go back to ask for a donation. Has someone from your church done this?
    No   Yes   I don't know
    If so, what has been the response?

12. Please tell us what you think about each of the following statements.

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The government is spending too much money on programs to help the poor.

The government has a basic responsibility to take care of people who can't take care of themselves.

We all have the right to focus on our own goals first and foremost, rather than the problems of others.

It is within my power to do things that improve the welfare of others.
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13. What would you recommend regarding how these three ministries should be organized? -- Adventist Community Services (ACS), Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA), Hope for Humanity
   
   They should remain as three separate ministries.
   They should be merged into one organization in North America.
   Merge ACS and Hope for Humanity, leave ADRA separate.
   Merge ACS and ADRA, leave Hope for Humanity separate.
   Merge ADRA and Hope for Humanity, leave ACS separate.
   I do not know.

14. Does your local conference have a staff member who has professional education and experience in social work, community organizing or nonprofit management who can help develop these ministries in your area?
   
   Yes  No  I am not sure

15. Is there a need for such a specialist in your conference?
   
   Yes  We have one
   It would be better at a metropolitan level  We don't need this at all
   Put it at the union conference level

16. What year were you born?
   
   Before 1946  1946 through 1964  1965 through 1979  1980 or later

17. How long have you been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church?
   
   I am not a member  Less than five years  Five to ten years  11 to 20 years  More than 20 years

18. What is your role in the church?
   
   Pastor  Educator  Other denominational employee  Local elder  Church board member  Other

19. What is the highest level of education you have completed?
20. What is your primary ethnic background?

- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino/a
- White not Hispanic
- Other

21. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

22. Do you have any suggestions for the North American Division leadership regarding the best way to organize compassion ministries, especially ACS, ADRA and Hope for Humanity?