



ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES

OF THE



SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST



WELCOME TO ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES (ACS)



South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Serving Communities in Christ's Name

A Message of Welcome

Welcome to **Adventist Community Services (ACS)**!

Whether you are newly elected or continuing your service, thank you for answering the call to lead your church in Christ-centered community ministry.

Each local church within the South Atlantic Conference is expected to appoint an **ACS Leader**.

Because church elections occur every **two years**, this packet is designed to help leaders quickly understand:

- Who ACS is
- How ACS is structured
- What resources and departments are available
- What is expected of you as an ACS Leader
- How the Conference supports you

You are not serving alone—we are here to support you every step of the way.

Who We Are

Adventist Community Services is the official community outreach ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Our Mission:

Serving communities in Christ's name by meeting practical needs and sharing hope.

ACS equips local churches to respond to real community needs through compassion, disaster response, development, and spiritual care.

Learn more: <https://www.communityservices.org/acs/about-us/>

Your Role as an ACS Leader

As an **ACS Leader**, you are the primary coordinator of community service ministries in your local church. You help your congregation become **the face of the church in the community**.

Core Expectations

- Be officially elected by your local church board or during ACS Federation elections
 - Serve as the point person between your church and the ACS Federation
 - Encourage your church to engage in **at least one community outreach initiative**
 - Submit required reports and forms
 - Promote ACS trainings, events, and volunteer opportunities
 - Maintain alignment with Conference and ACS Federation guidelines
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ACS Structure & Federations

All ACS Leaders belong to an **ACS Federation** based on geography:

- Georgia
- South Carolina
- North Carolina
 - Eastern North Carolina
 - Western North Carolina

Federations provide leadership, training, coordination, and accountability. Federation officers are elected **biennially (every two years)** during Federation programs

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ACS Departments & Ministry Areas

ACS work is organized into **six primary departments**, giving churches multiple ways to serve:

1. Disaster Response

- Emergency response & recovery
- **Be Ready Summit**
- National VOAD (NVOAD) partnerships
- Disaster warehouses
- Restroom/Shower/Laundry Trailer (SALT partnership)
- Annual disaster trainings
- **Deployment requires approval, training, and credentials**

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2. Community Development & Urban Ministries

- Food pantries
- Thrift stores
- Resource centers
- Referral platforms:
 - www.findhelp.org
 - www.careportal.org
 - www.uniteus.org
 - <https://www.handsonatlanta.org/>

Wellness Center Model

Life Space Hope & Wellness Center

- Vegan Life Festival
 - Life Space Marketplace
 - Integrated health, wellness, and community engagement initiatives
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3. Emotional & Spiritual Care

- Pastoral and lay training required
 - Crisis care, chaplaincy, and spiritual support during disasters and community needs
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4. Older Adult Ministry

- Intentional planning and programming for aging adults
 - Health, connection, dignity, and spiritual care
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5. Tutoring, Mentoring & Young Adult Engagement

- Tutoring and mentoring programs
- NAD offers training

6. Young Adults in Service (YAS)

- Partner with AYP
 - Engage youth and young adults
 - Connect ACS with **Pathfinder & Adventurer Clubs**
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Uniforms & Official ACS Apparel

To maintain unity and proper protocol, the Conference recognizes **three ACS uniforms**. All uniform items are the responsibility of the individual volunteer.

A. Dress Uniform

Who: Active or former ACS Leaders or officially elected ACS volunteers

Use: Official ACS business, ceremonies, special programs

- Navy ACS dress uniform (male or female)
- ACS pins, patches, and name tag
- Burgundy tie (female tuxedo tie or male standard)
- White long-sleeve shirt

- Black dress shoes
 - White cord: Federation officers only
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B. Service / Combat Uniform

Who: Approved, trained disaster response volunteers

Use: Disaster deployment only

- Yellow Conference-issued polo, t-shirt, sweatshirt, or windbreaker
 - ACS-issued burgundy hat (optional)
 - Requires official ACS credentials
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C. Field Uniform

Who: Local volunteers

Use: Food pantries, distributions, community service

- Local ACS blue t-shirt or Conference-issued blue shirt
 - Least regulated uniform
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Ordering & Purchasing

- **ACS pins, patches, name tags, ties, cords, field shirts:**

SAC ACS Director's Secretary Office – 404-792-0535

- **Disaster response apparel:**

Same office (approval required)

- **Dress uniform clothing:**

Local Army/Navy or military surplus stores

- **Personal items:**

White shirts, socks, shoes, male ties purchased independently

Order shirts & merch:

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Training Opportunities (Annual)

- Disaster Response Trainings
 - ACS Convention
 - Camp Meeting Trainings
 - CCDA Convention
 - NVOAD participation
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Reporting & Required Forms

ACS Leaders are responsible for submitting:

- **Quarterly ACS Report** - [Quarterly Report](#)
- **ACS Connect Card** – [ACS Connect Card](#)

These help track impact, funding eligibility, and Conference support.

Yearly Dues

Each church is asked to **contribute \$125** to the conference ACS by December 31 of each year.

These dues are for general operations and disaster response for the respective state federation to utilize. Each community service department can be supplied with a letter and invoice for their church treasurer and board.

Funding & Grants

Available funding opportunities include:

- **ACS Grants Program**
- **Endowment Grant Applications**

Churches are encouraged to participate and apply.

[ACS Grants Program - Adventist Community Services](#)
[Endowment Grant Application](#)

ACS Awards & Recognition

ACS honors faithful service through:

- **5-Year Service Pin**
- **10-Year Service Pin**
- **Lifetime Achievement Pin**

Recipients are recommended by local ACS Leaders and presented by the Conference Director or Federation leadership.

Additional Support

Need help getting started or strengthening your ministry?

- Schedule **in-person or Zoom consultations**
- Request training or church visitations
- Ask for help building programs, teams, or partnerships

You are part of a Conference-wide movement serving communities in Christ's name.

Final Encouragement

“The work of ACS is the face of the church in the community.”

Thank you for stepping into leadership. Your service matters—to your church, your community, and the Kingdom of God.