



Seventh Day Adventist Church
Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria
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An Appeal

We are God's sons and daughters, we love God, the people in the world and would like to serve them.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church in the city of Veliko Tarnovo has been called upon by God and equipped with the power of The Holy Spirit to share the gospel and to spread the gift of discipleship of Christ among all the people.

Following the model example of our Lord Jesus Christ, we endeavor to mingle with people wherever they are. We would like to reach them because we want the best for them. We would like to understand their needs and problems – everyday, spiritual, emotional – and to meet them by working devotedly with the help of God.

We try to be trustworthy in the eyes of the people in our society. Only in this way we can share the greatest treasure we possess – Christ's message for salvation.

In order to fulfil these purposes we need a place, which can be used as a basis and center of our ministry in the city. Such a place should be the building of our church.

Taking into consideration the attitudes of our fellow citizens and inevitably following the traditions of our nation in this respect, we clearly understand that the church building should be situated in the center of the city at an easily distinguishable place, legitimizing the church and being the center of the spiritual life of the congregation. The church building should not be associated with any other institutions or persons except for the church itself, which leads us to the conclusion that the church should be housed in a separate building.

Following the usual church practices of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, we hold weekly Sabbath day services in the church building along with Sabbath school for all ages. In view of the fact that we desire the salvation of all the people for eternity, the church halls should be big enough in order to house all the comers.

We would not like our service to society to be confined to one-day ministry. That is why we plan to have an everyday consulting office for spiritual needs, where everyone can seek help and assistance for answering a difficult question or for any spiritual needs.

Our bookshop for spiritual literature will also be working every day, thus we hope to bring the message of salvation to the people.

The different groups in society have varied interests and demands. We would like to organize clubs for sharing and mutual assistance such as youth clubs, educational meetings, exploratory groups in different spheres and groups on practical lines.

Our church follows the teachings of our Lord for a healthy lifestyle. We would like to acquaint our fellow citizens with the principles of healthy living by opening a restaurant for healthy eating. We also plan to hold health seminars regularly and to establish a doctor's office for check-ups and examinations.

Being a church committed to family ministry and family values, we will be happy to organize a family consulting office and also groups for helping people in raising and upbringing their children.

Our church is eager to cooperate with state and civil institutions on issues, contributing to the welfare of our society and is ready to share its premises while working on such projects.

Using the central location of our city, we will be glad to host national and regional church gatherings and initiatives.

In order to implement all these projects the church building should fit certain architectural requirements. It should be evident from the exterior of the building that it is a God's edifice. The

church halls should be separated and allotted as special places for serving God and should not be used for other purposes. In the church building there should be enough premises for implementing the abovementioned activities.

As it is stated above, most of the abovementioned activities are in future tense. This is because the present church building is not suitable for implementing them.

At present the Seventh Day Adventist Church holds its worship services in a flat, owned by the church. It is on the ground floor of a 12-storey block of flats. Although in the city plan the place is in the vicinity of the center, it practically is at the one end of the city. It is also on a small street, which until recently was not covered with asphalt. The church shares the ground floor with two individual persons.

Because of the location of the church we suffer certain negative consequences. In the first place the church building is not considered to be a “church” in the sense the Bulgarians (the people we want to reach) assume it. This fact predisposes many of them to regard us as an out-of-the-law sect, which makes our work harder.

Another negative consequence is that because of its location the church is rather inconvenient to visit and practically “invisible” for the citizens of Veliko Tarnovo.

The property we use at present is *functionally* not suitable for the needs of our church ministries. It consists of a main hall with an irregular shape and an additional small premise and cannot adequately be used for all the worship services and activities we perform. The size of the premises is also too small and insufficient for our needs.

Led by our willingness to work for God and for the welfare of our society and pressed by the inoperative property we use, we, the Seventh Day Adventist Church in the city of Veliko Tarnovo, presented our problem to God in our prayers.

In His infinite mercy He heard our prayers and we saw His fast intervention. For a short period of time we were led through a dynamic and instructive way as a result of which God showed us one building at the very center of the city, which would perfectly suit us in all our plans and would serve our needs as a church.

The problem which stops us from implementing our plans is that we do not have the financial means to buy this building. But we also know that there is nothing impossible for God and that the whole Universe is His. If we have in some way involved you in our dream and the Holy Spirit has put in your heart a desire to help, you can pray for its realization and support us financially, so that we would be able to buy this property.

“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and on earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name.”

1 Chronicles 29:11-13

“For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever.Amen.”

Matthew 6:13

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