

# With You on the Journey

Defined Contribution Plan &  
Financial Wellness

Adventist Retirement



# What is financial well-being?



Having control over day-to-day, month-to-month finances

---



Having the capacity to absorb a financial shock

---



Being on track to meet financial goals

---



Having the financial freedom to make choices that allow one to enjoy life



- How small changes to your personal contributions can have a big impact on your retirement

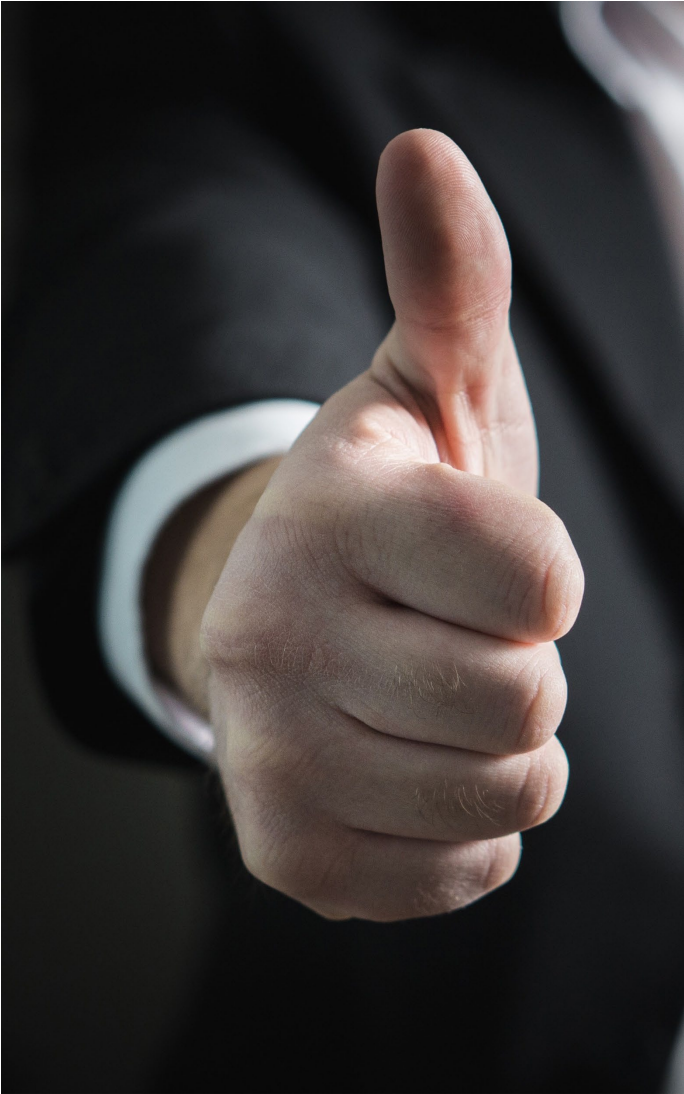
# Types of Contributions

## Employer

- Basic
- Match

## Employee

- Pre-Tax
- Roth
- After-Tax



# How Much Income Do I Need?

## Rules of Thumb

- You should have 70%-80% of your employment income in retirement.
- For the 70-80% Rule to work, housing should be free and clear.
- Vehicle(s) free and clear—newer model

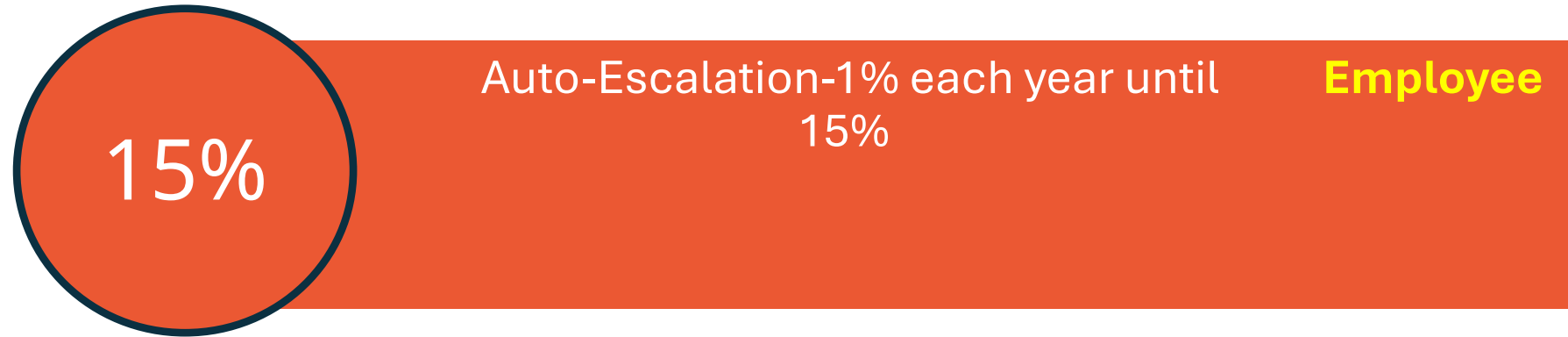
# Contributions

- What percentage should I contribute to retire comfortably?

# Enrollment

- Eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan for basic employer contributions (5%).
- In addition, you will be automatically enrolled in the plan at a 3% employee contribution rate.
- Your employee contribution rate will increase 1% annually each July until you reach 15%.

# Contributions





NET WORTH



\$121,927

Assets	\$121,927
Liabilities	\$0

Empower accounts \$115,924.20

Adventist Retirement Plan \$115,924.20  
Adventist Retiremen... a few seconds ago

Investment \$6,003.10

Charles Schwab \$6,003.10  
Contributory - Ending in 401 4 hours ago

Link another account

Your financial path

47%

Setup Link accounts More insights

Understand your net worth:  
Link bank accounts for a complete picture of savings and spending.

Next tip

Link your accounts

Quick view:

Adventist Retirement Plan

Annualized  
rate of return  
9/29/2019 - 9/29/2022  
0.11%

Beneficiaries  
3

Year-To-Date  
contributions  
\$14,820.84

Last Transaction  
Payroll Contribution

In retirement starting 2038

Estimated monthly income

\$3,765



My savings  
\$1,343

Employer contributions  
\$744

Social Security  
\$1,658

Other assets  
\$20

Income gap  
\$1,944

I want to...

- Update personal information
- Update my communication preferences
- Upload a document
- View/edit beneficiary information
- View statements and documents
- More...

Insights

My savings <b>\$1,343</b>	Employer contributions <b>\$744</b>	Social Security <b>\$1,658</b>	Other assets <b>\$20</b>	Income gap <b>\$1,944</b>
------------------------------	--	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------	------------------------------

Retirement income   Healthcare costs   How do I compare

Contributions: [25%](#)

[+] Add a new contribution



Retirement Age: [59](#)



Investment Style: [Aggressive 85/15](#)



Conservative

Aggressive

403(b) - Employer Contribution

✓ \$7,084.72 Annually  
(Estimated)

# What is the difference between saving and investing?



## Saving

Putting money aside in a safe place  
(bank account or a money market fund)  
for short-term needs



## Investing

Putting money aside in an effort  
to realize higher returns

## Investment basics



Cash Equivalents



Bonds



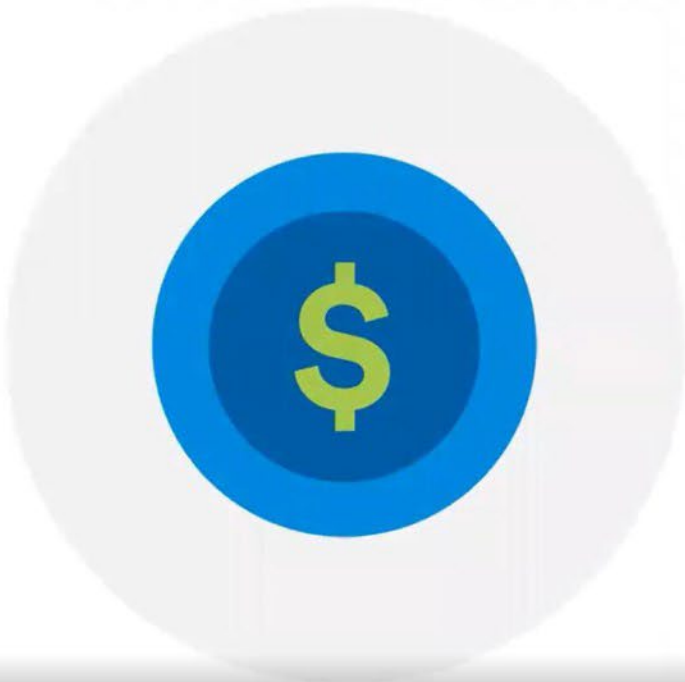
Stocks

# How asset allocation helps investors



- ✓ Reduce risks
- ✓ Achieve more consistent returns
- ✓ Decrease volatility

# Cash equivalents



## Easy access to your money

- ▶ Investment that typically earns a fixed interest rate
  - Savings accounts
  - Certificates of Deposit (CDs)
  - Treasury bills
- ▶ Preservation of principal
- ▶ Subject to inflation risk

Investment products are not...			
• Not FDIC / NCUSIF insured	• Not a deposit product	• May lose value	• No bank / credit union / affiliate guarantee
• Not a condition of any bank / credit union service		• No guarantee of insurance underwriter performance	

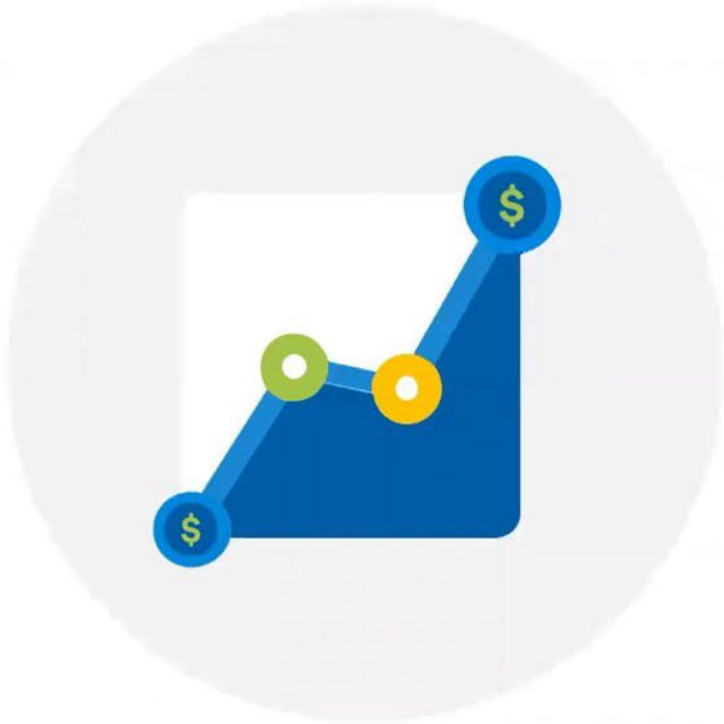
# Bonds



## **Investor loans money in exchange for principal plus interest**

- ▶ Income is fixed, value is not
- ▶ Prices usually decrease as interest rates rise
- ▶ Prices usually increase as interest rates decline
- ▶ Lower volatility than stocks
- ▶ Moderate income opportunities

# Stocks



- ▶ Represent ownership in a company
- ▶ Small-cap, mid-cap or large-cap and international stocks
- ▶ Subject to market risk
- ▶ Growth potential





**Stock prices** mostly reflect expectations for the **future**, and not so much what's happening now or what's happened in the past.

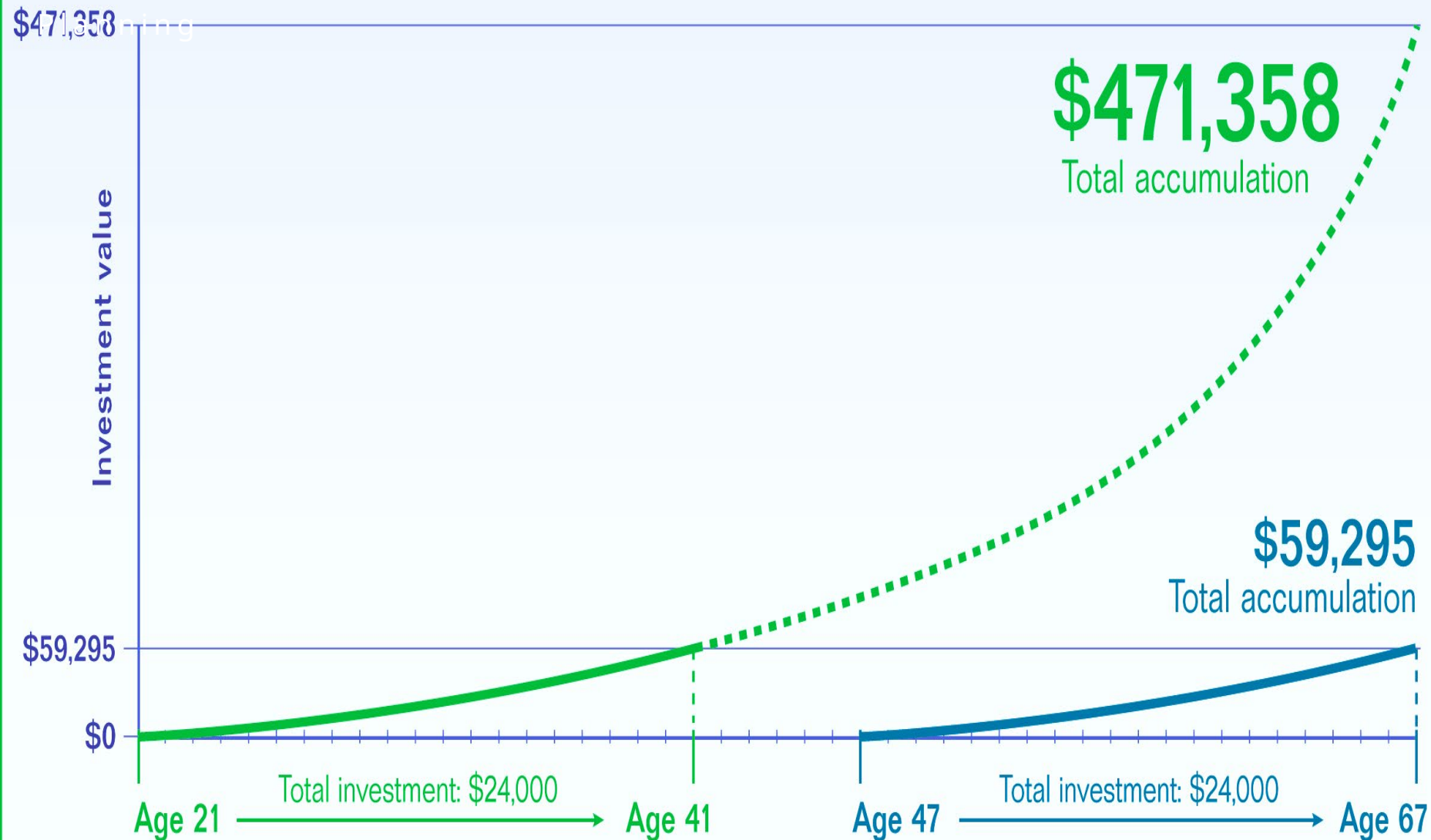
# The Truth Two Best Friends

---

Investments

- TIME
- COMPOUND INTEREST

# COMPOUND IT: Why it doesn't pay to wait.



Assuming an 8% annual return, compounded monthly. Results are hypothetical and do not represent the performance of any actual investment. They do not take into account fees, expenses or taxes.





# Invest Properly

Rule of 72:

$72 / \text{annual rate of return} = \# \text{ of years } \$ \text{ doubles}$

Example:

$72 / 9 = 8 \text{ years}$

On average, every 8 years your invested \$ doubles.

# Inflation in action

What will today's \$1 be worth in 10 years?

Purchasing power diminishes

Two views of the same effect

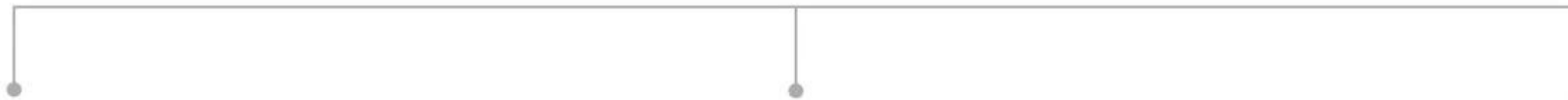
Prices rise

A \$1 expense today may look like in 10 years



Note: These illustrations assume 4% inflation and monthly compounding from beginning of period.

# Types of market downturns



## Correction

Sudden drop of 10%



## Speculative bubble

Prices at unsustainable high levels



## Crash

Sudden drop of 20% or more

# Investing Mistake

- Confusing risk tolerance for risk capacity
  - Investors focus too much on the latest market moves or other developments, when market conditions get tough.
  - What matters more to investing success is how your decisions align with your "risk capacity" – the amount of risk you can take given your investing time horizon and overall financial situation and resources.
  - By cashing out or otherwise trying to time the market, people introduce the risk that they'll miss some or all of the market's recovery, as well as the compounded interest from those gains.



# Stay invested

“Time in” the market, not “timing” the market



S&P 500® Composite Index. 1/1/2001-12/31/2021

This example is hypothetical and for illustrative purposes only. It does not represent the past, present or future performance of any actual investment nor is it a guarantee of any kind.

Source: ChartSource®, DST Retirement Solutions, LLC, an SS&C company. For the period from January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2021. Based on total returns of the S&P 500 index, an unmanaged index that is generally considered representative of the U.S. 20x1080. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Index performance does not reflect the effects of investing costs and taxes. Actual results would vary from benchmarks and would likely have been lower. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. © 2022 SS&C. Reproduction in whole or in part prohibited, except by permission. All rights reserved. Not responsible for any errors or omissions.



# What should you do if the stock market drops?



## Tips for responding to stock market volatility

- ✓ Don't panic
- ✓ Carefully consider choices before shifting investments because moving at a low point can lock in losses
- ✓ Remember that saving for retirement is long-term, designed to weather the market's ups and downs

# How to stay focused when your stock drops



## 11 years or more until retirement

- Maintain focus on long-term growth
- Consider adding more conservative fixed income investments to your portfolio
- Supplement retirement accounts with IRAs

## 10 years or less until retirement

- Adjust your strategy to provide a larger degree of stability
- Estimate retirement income needs
- Analyze retirement distribution options

# Your Options at Retirement

- Monthly installments
- Occasional withdrawals
- Lump-sum distribution
- Rollover
- Leave it alone until RMD



*Just for you*



AdventistRetirement

Seventh-day Adventist Church  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



**2 full-time Certified Financial Planners (CFP's)  
at no additional cost to participants**

Let a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional create a plan for your future

There is not cost and no minimum balance for this service. The service is CONFIDENTIAL!

- Identifying and prioritizing your financial goals
- Organizing your finances
- Retirement savings and income strategies
- Insurance and estate planning
- Saving for education
- Debt management



Make an appointment

By phone: 833-301-9355

Online: [seventhdayadventist.empowermytime.com](https://seventhdayadventist.empowermytime.com)



Empower Financial Planners

Wendy Knott, CFP®  
and Diana Law, CFP®



[seventhdayadventist.empowermytime.com](https://seventhdayadventist.empowermytime.com)



[sdaspanish.empowermytime.com](https://sdaspanish.empowermytime.com)



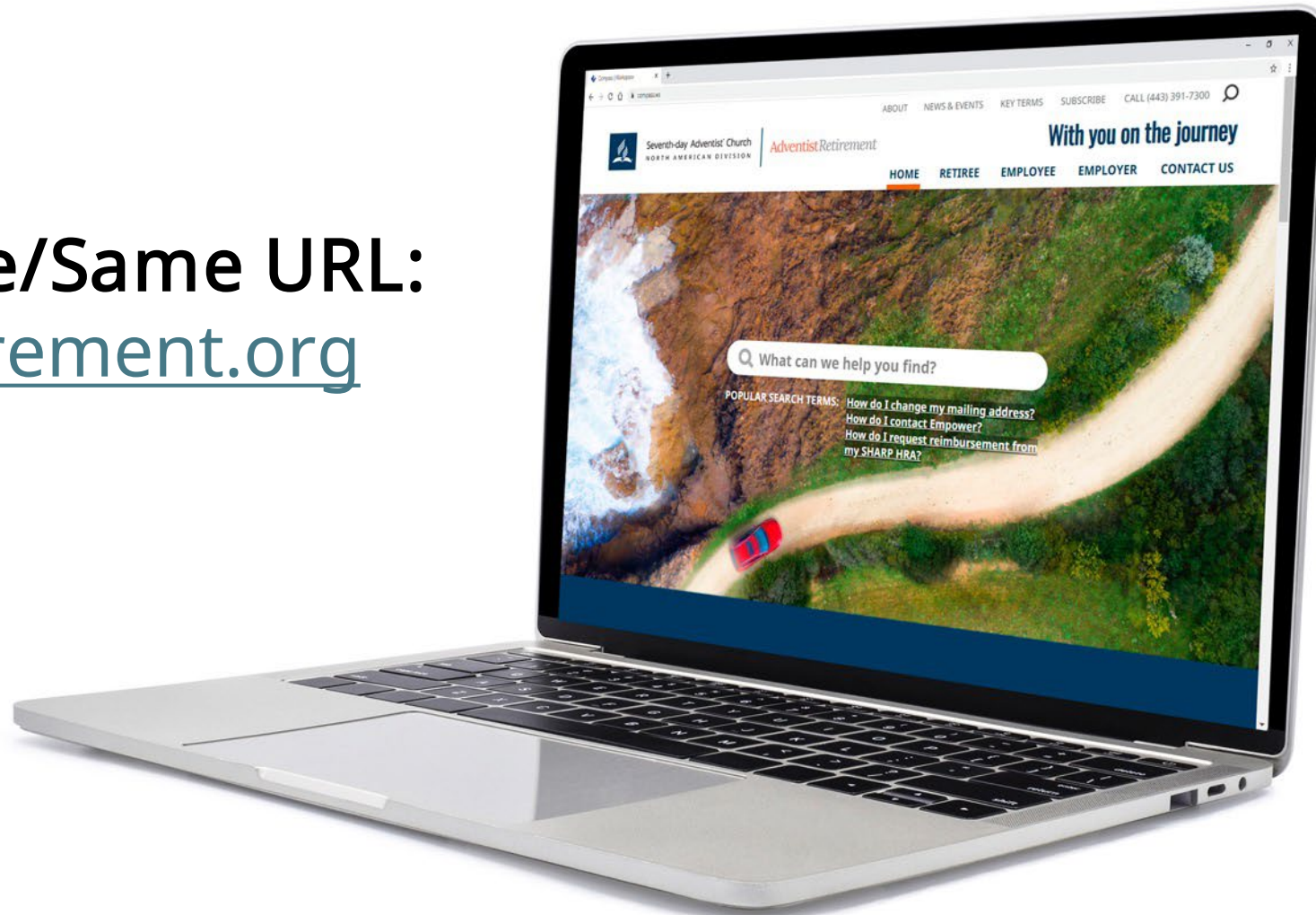
# Helpful Reminders

- Need to connect with Empower? Call **(866) 467-7756**
  - Register your account – Multifactor ID
  - Beneficiary updates
  - Increase your contributions
  - Certified Financial Planners direct line **(833) 301-9355**
    - First-time plans
    - Ongoing updates





New Website/Same URL:  
[adventistretirement.org](http://adventistretirement.org)





# Have a question?

**Wirmin Alcantara**

Associate Administrator, Adventist Retirement Plan

[wirminalcantara@nadadventist.org](mailto:wirminalcantara@nadadventist.org)

443.391.7309

**Adventist**Retirement

[adventistretirement.org](http://adventistretirement.org)