

Ministry Overview

Membership Count: Christian Record Services for the Blind, located in Lincoln, Nebraska, has nearly 18,000 members throughout the United States and in countries around the world. Membership and services are free to anyone who is legally blind.

History and Leadership: Christian Record Services is an official ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America and was founded in 1899 by Austin O. Wilson, so more people who were blind like himself could learn of God's love for them. Outside the U.S. and its territories, Christian Record Services partners with Adventist Possibilities Ministries and Canada conferences through contracted service agreements to share the gospel in ways that are inclusive and accessible. The ministry is governed by a Board of Directors that includes 49% church employees and 51% lay people. The ministry is supported by individuals and businesses whose charitable gifts help ensure programs and services are free to the people we serve.

Mission and Programs: Christian Record Service's mission is to *empower* people who are blind to *engage* their communities and *embrace* the Blessed Hope.

The ministry offers an array of free services and programs within the US and its territories:

- Free Bibles in large print, Braille, and audio formats
- A correspondence Bible school, with lessons available in large print and Braille
- Anne Lowe Scholarships awarded annually to qualified undergraduate students
- Books and magazines in audio, Braille, and large print, including the *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*
- The Naomi Chapman Turner Library, which maintains more than 2,000 resources, many of which can be accessed by mail or online
- National Camps for Blind Children, operating in partnership with camp locations across the United States to provide confidence-building adventures in nature. More information at www.BlindCamps.org
- PhoneFaith, offering daily dial-in presentations available that strive to inform, encourage, and inspire the mind, body, and spirit through mental health and wellness sessions, social meet-and-greet interactions, Bible games, and prayer time. Learn more about current programs at www.PhoneFaith.org or call 209-399-9465

Become a Member:

- Visit www.Lib.Guide
- Call 402-488-0981, option 3
- Email services@christianrecord.org

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