

# PURSUIING

## HIS PROMISES



NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

2019 YEAR-END MEETING

OCT 31-NOV 5, 2019



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# Secretary's Report

North American Division  
2019 Year End Meetings

Presented by  
G. Alexander Bryant







# A Debt of Gratitude

## MY STAFF

- Carolyn Forrest
- Melissa Gottlieb
- Marialyce Fordham
- Sharri Davenport
- Valerie Robbins
- Orna Garnett
- Ross Patterson
- Gladys Guerrero
- Meredith Carter
- Kyoshin Ahn
- Ernest Hernandez
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- Ana Guerrero
- Natalie Portilla
- Deloris Bailey



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# Membership



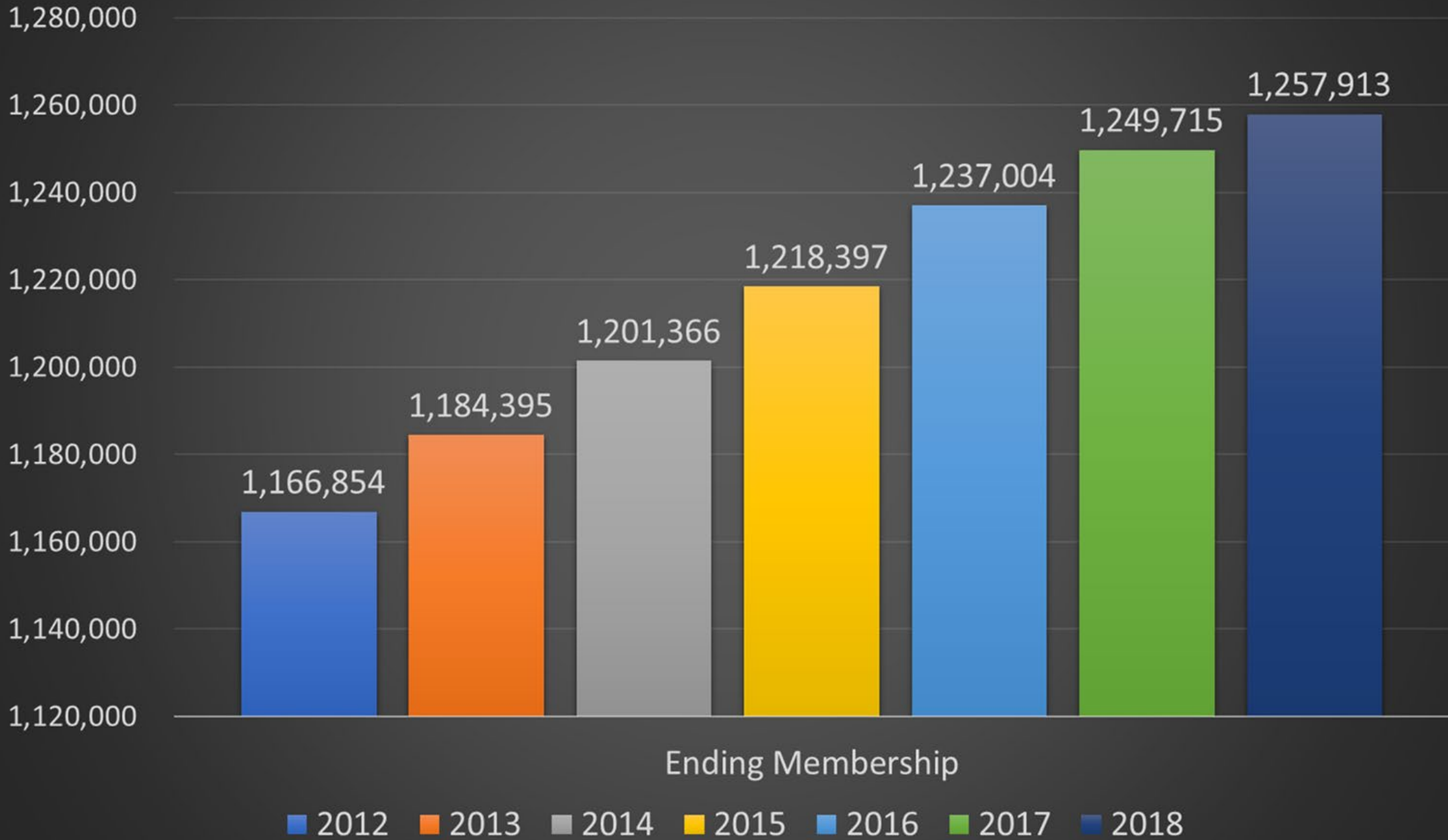




- **1,257,913 Members**
- **5,606 Churches**
- **865 Companies**

(Membership as of December 31, 2018)

# Membership





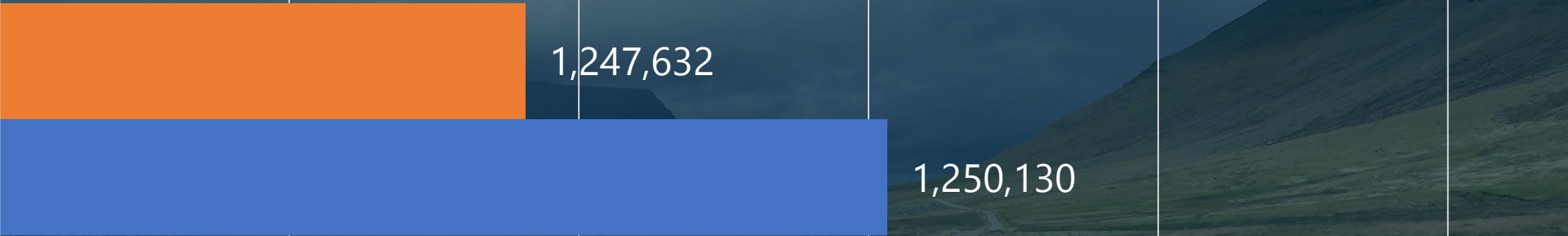


# NAD Membership Comparison 2018-2019 1st & 2nd Quarter

2nd Quarter

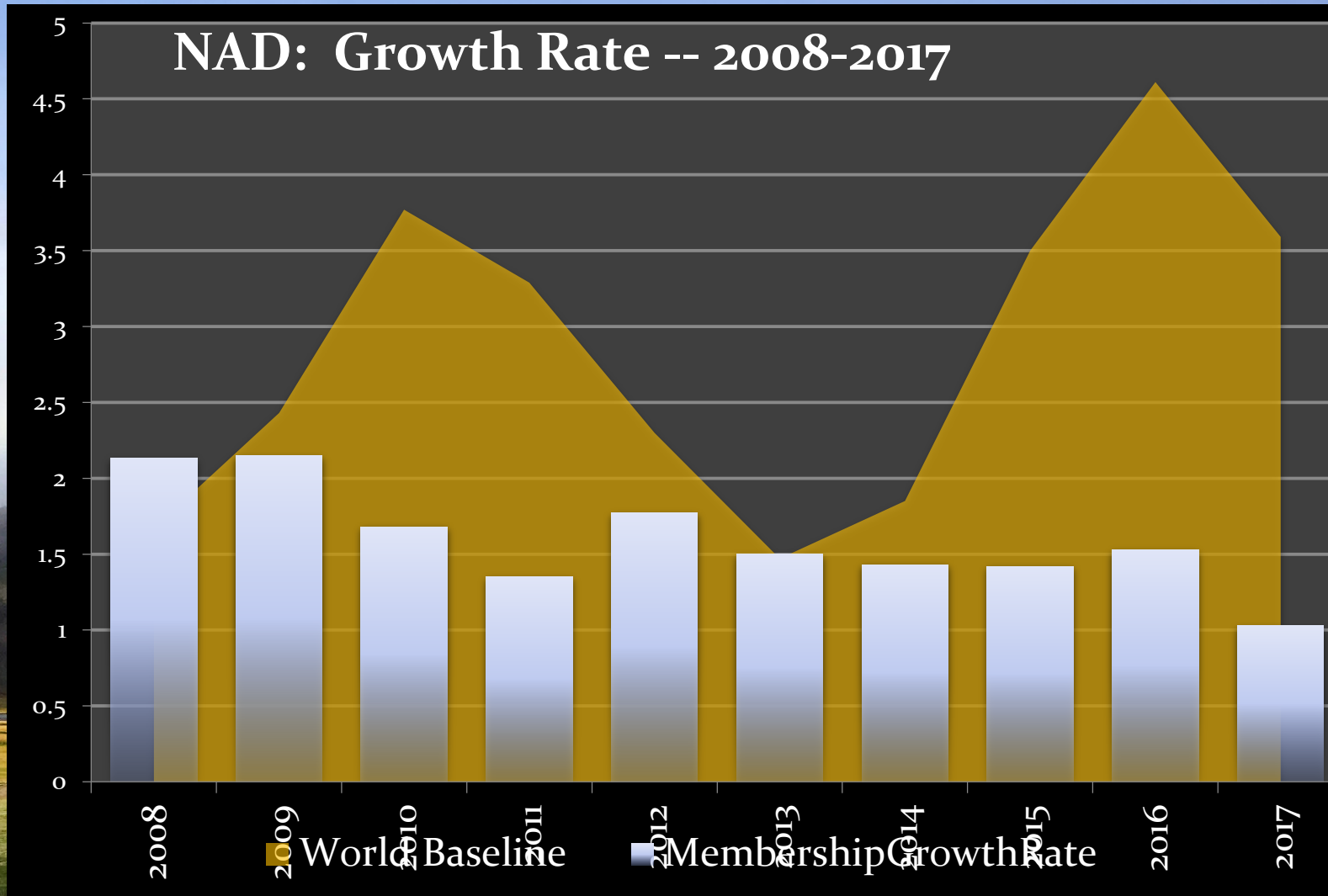


1st Quarter



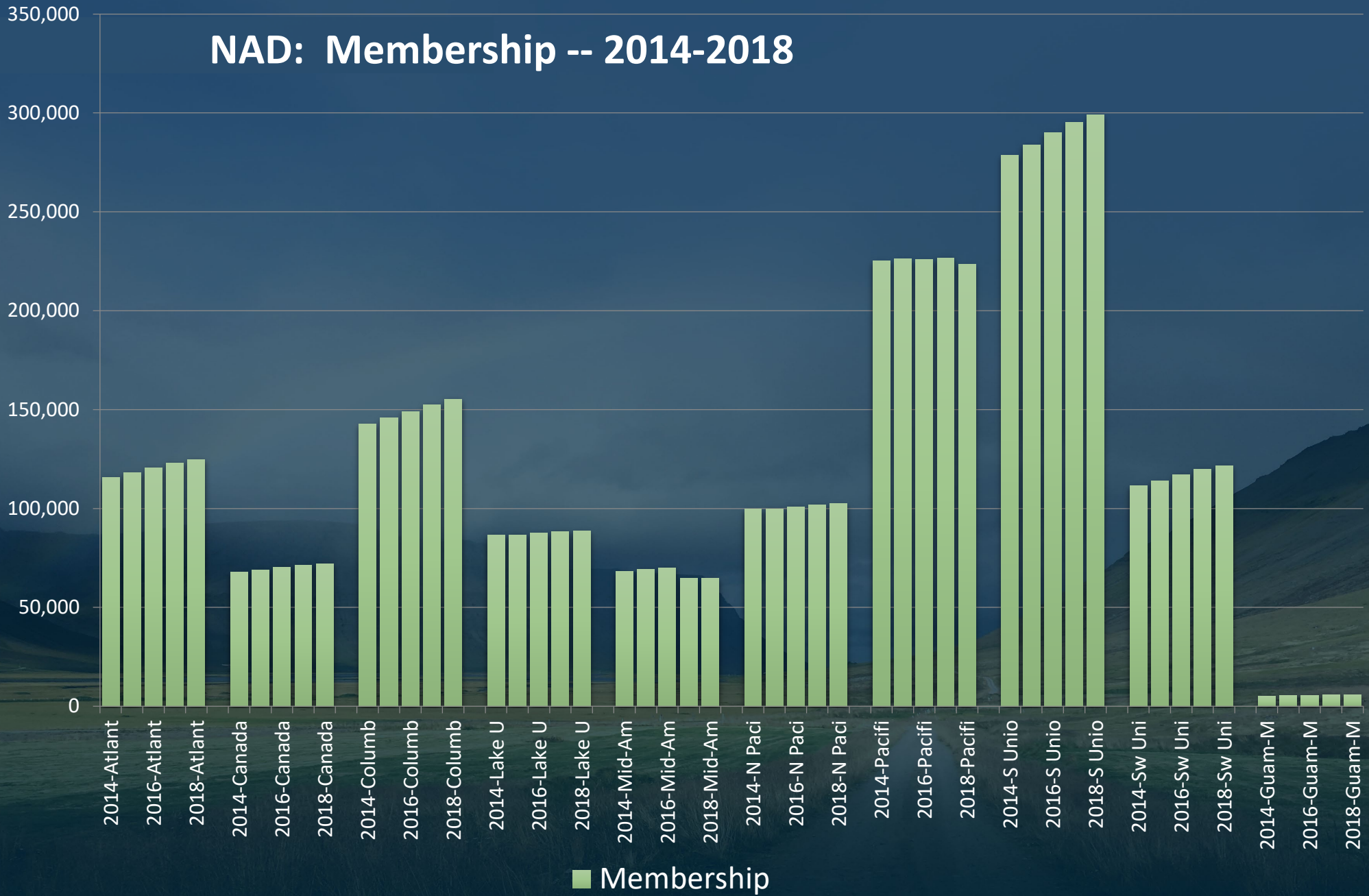
1,244,000    1,246,000    1,248,000    1,250,000    1,252,000    1,254,000

■ 2019   ■ 2018





# NAD: Membership -- 2014-2018



# Accession Rate for North American Division



<b>Additions by baptism and profession of faith for every 100 members at beginning of year</b>	2012	3.41%
	2013	3.19%
	2014	2.95%
	2015	3.07%
	2016	2.97%
	2017	2.78%
	2018	2.66%

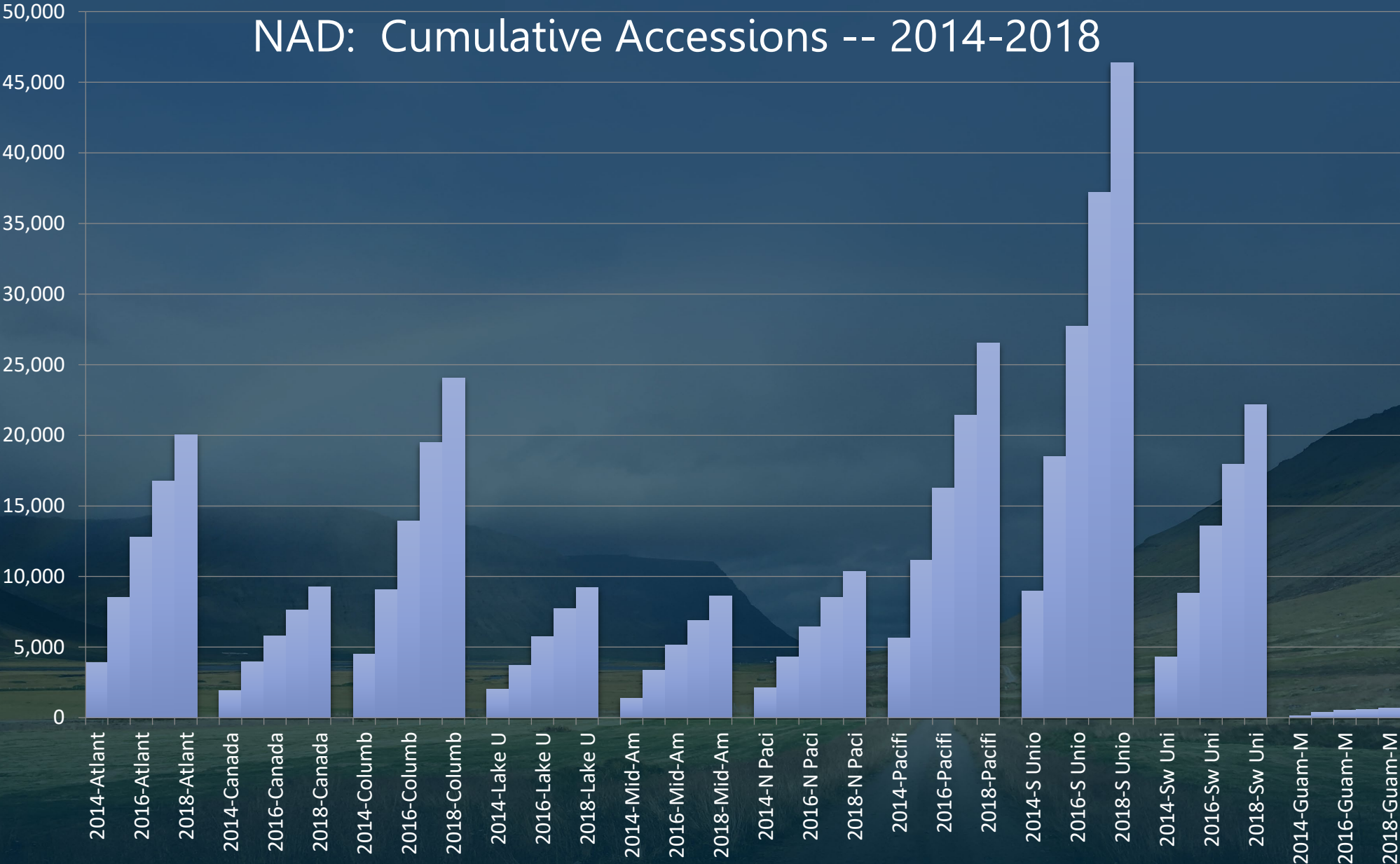




### Rate of Net Growth

▪ 2012	20,329	1.77%
▪ 2013	17,541	1.50%
▪ 2014	16,971	1.43%
▪ 2015	17,031	1.42%
▪ 2016	18,607	1.53%
▪ 2017	12,711	1.03%

# NAD: Cumulative Accessions -- 2014-2018

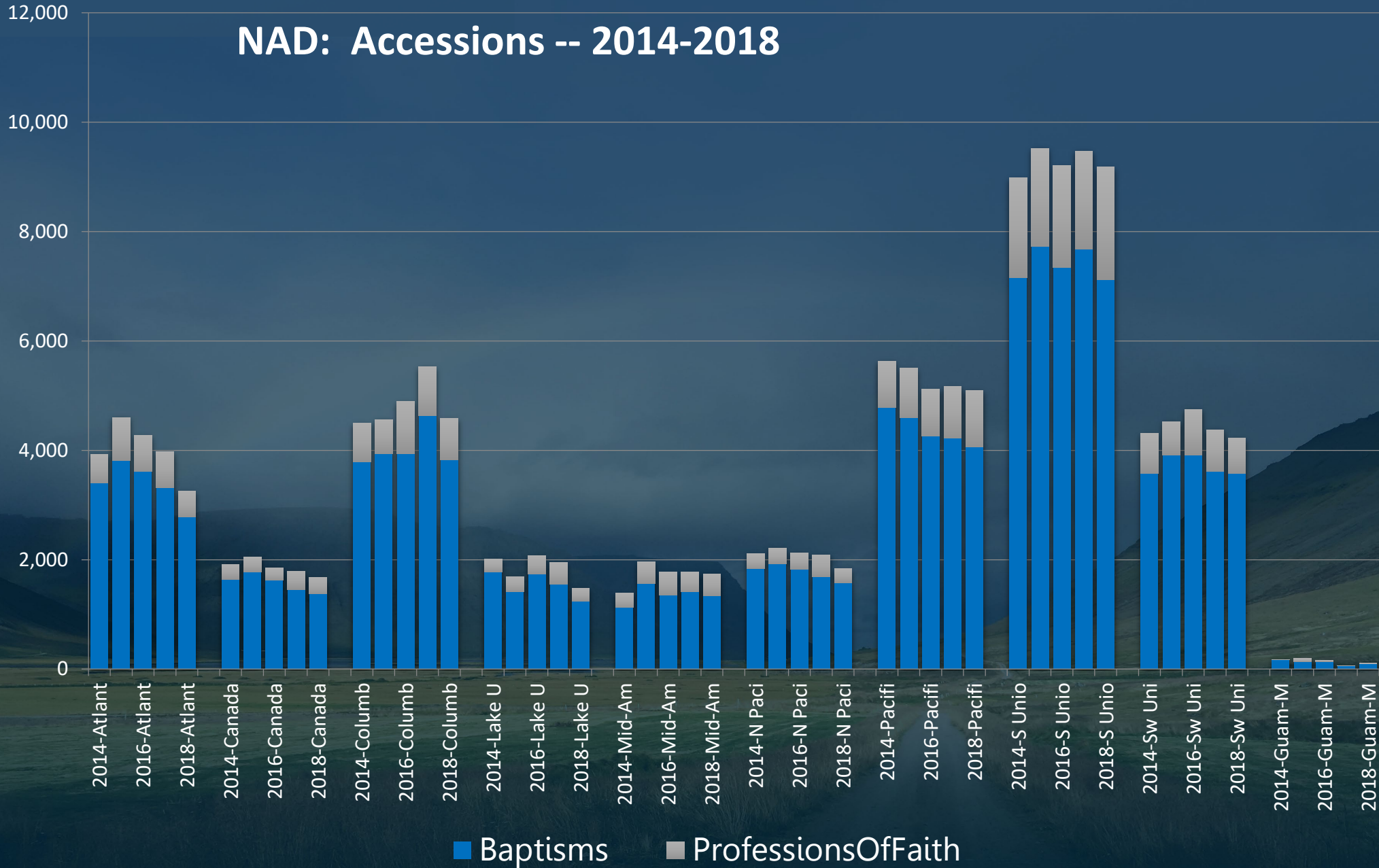


■ CumulativeAccessions\_Baptisms\_ProfOfFaith

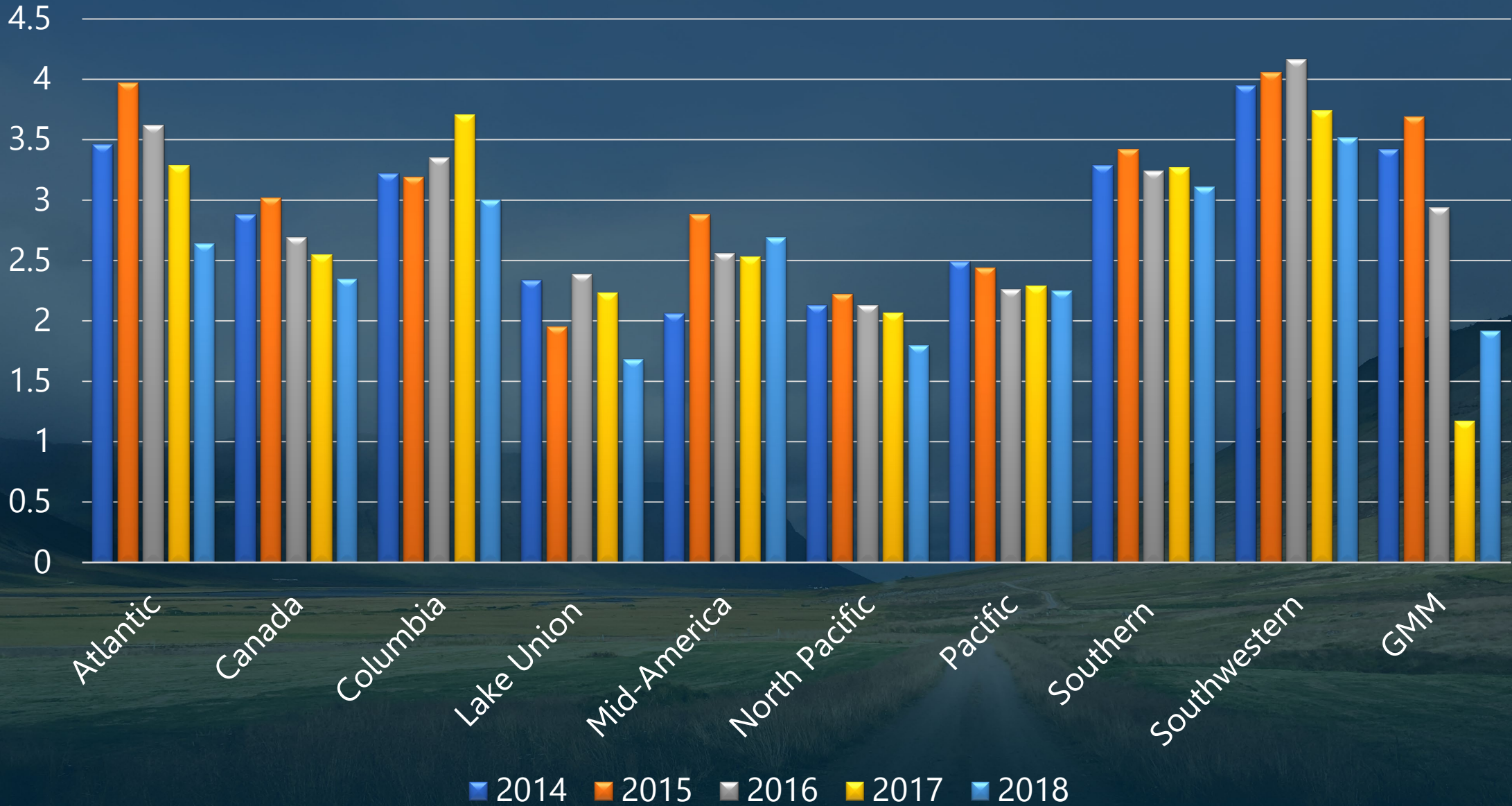




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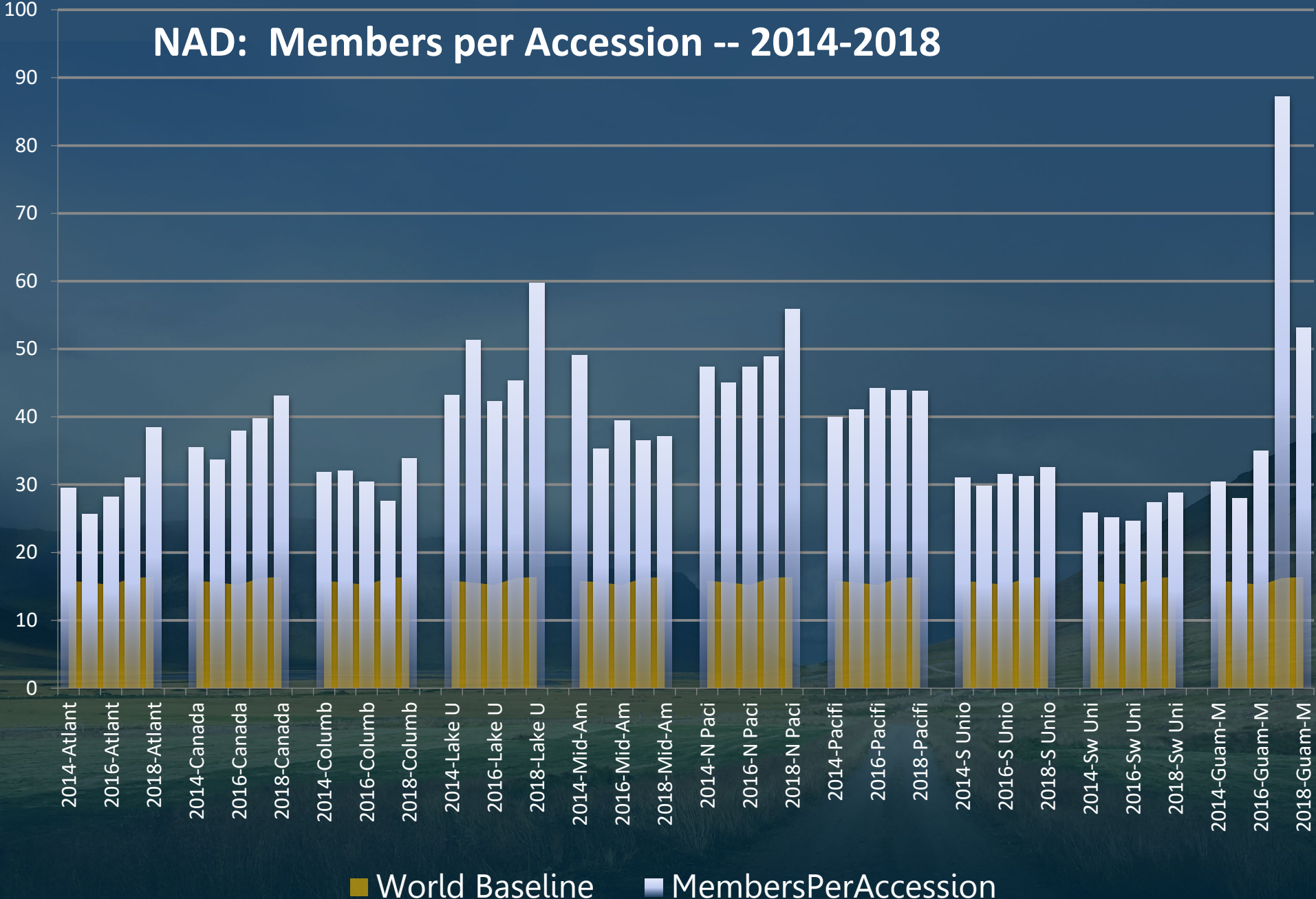
# NAD: Accession Rate (2014-2018)







# NAD: Members per Accession -- 2014-2018





# Baptisms & Profession of Faith

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<b>2015</b>	<b>36,829</b>
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<b>7 Year Total</b>	<b>253,681</b>



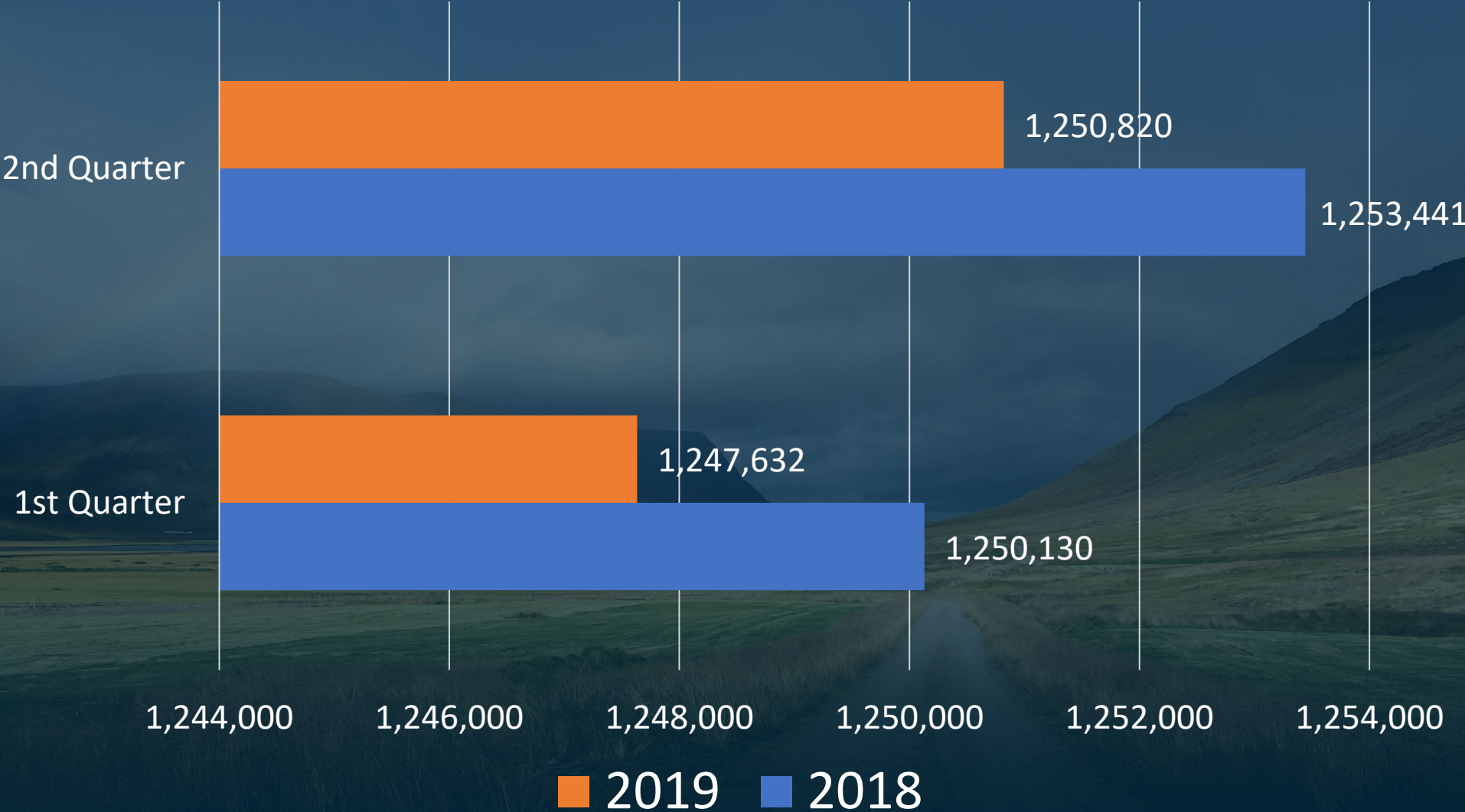


# Total Accessions after Adjustments 2013-2018



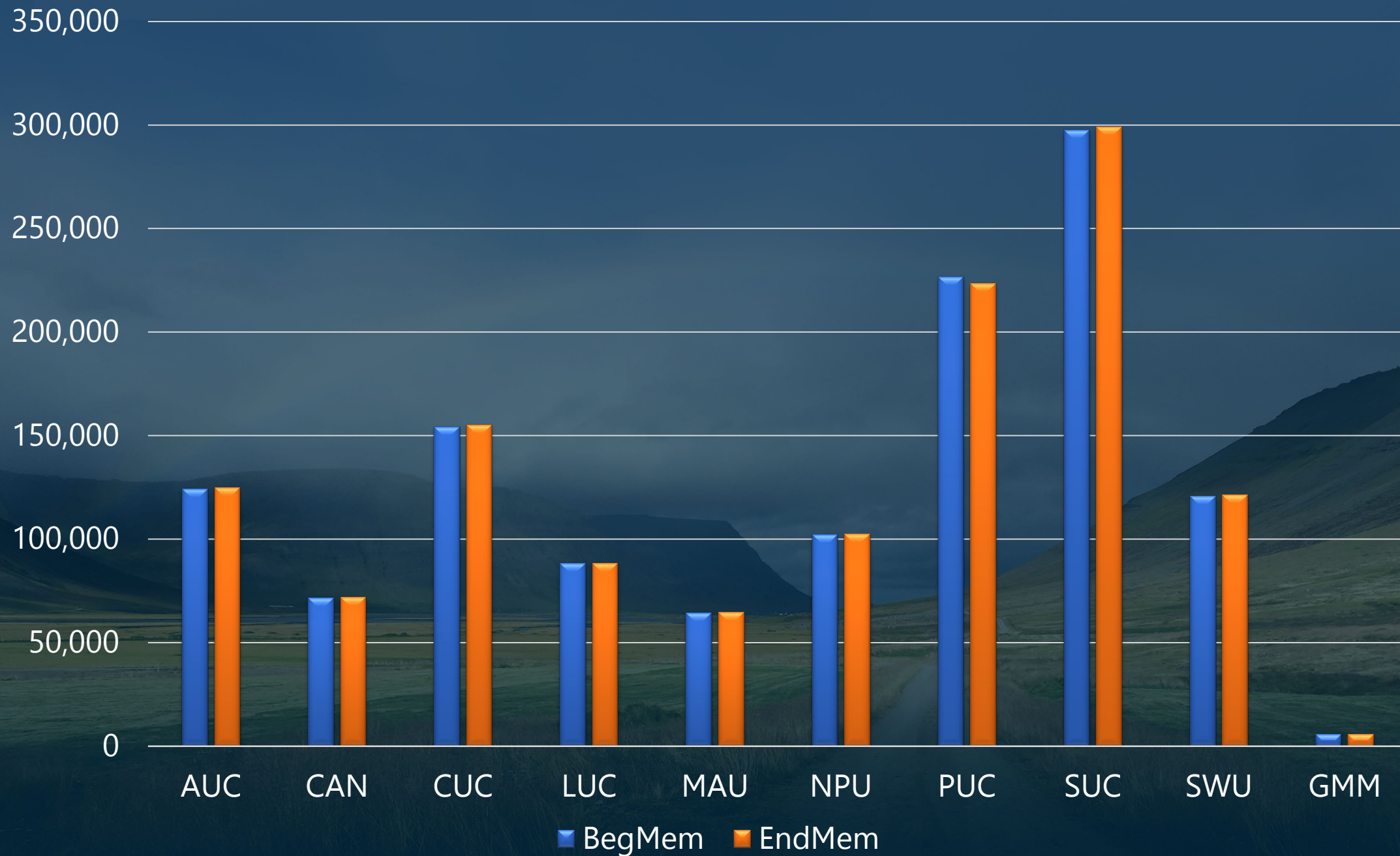
<b>Dropped And Missing</b>	<b>77,496</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>46,097</b>
<b>Total Loss</b>	<b>123,593</b>
<b>Baptisms And Professions Of Faith</b>	<b>214,621</b>
<b>Minus Total Loss</b>	<b>123,593</b>
<b>Net Gain In Six (6) Years</b>	<b>91,028</b>

# NAD Membership Comparison 2018-2019 1st & 2nd Quarter





# Rate of Net Growth 2018



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# NAD Missionary Volunteers 2018







AVS NAD (individual deployments)	•	460
AFM (individual deployments)	•	93
NAD (Group deployments)	•	10,386
ACS	•	39,900
<b>Total NAD Missionary Service</b>		<b>50,839</b>

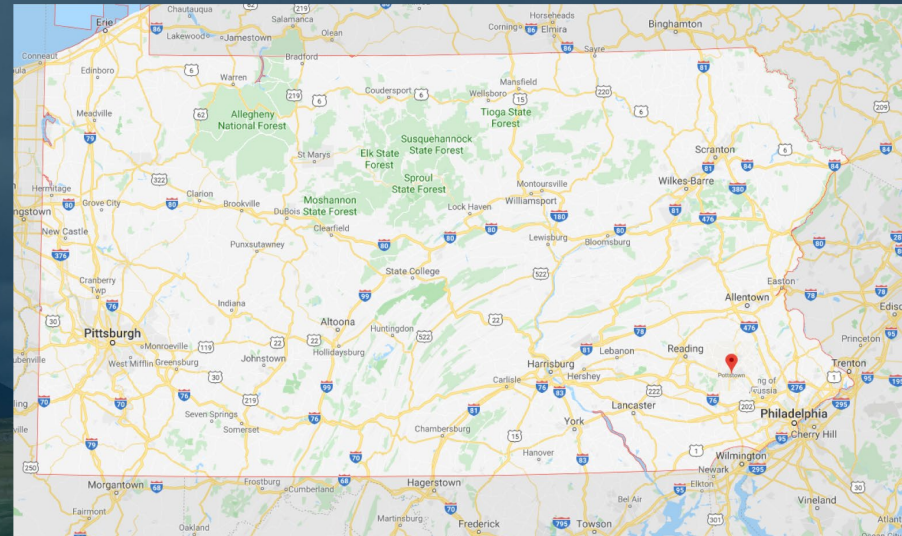
# The Power of Organized Missionaries



## CASE STUDY – Pennsylvania Conference

### Outreach:

- 2015 Southeast PA – 1,000 missionaries
- 2016 Western PA – 1,340 missionaries
- 2017 Central PA – 1,824 missionaries
- 2018 Northeast PA – 2,100 missionaries
- 2019 – Southeast PA – 2,267 missionaries





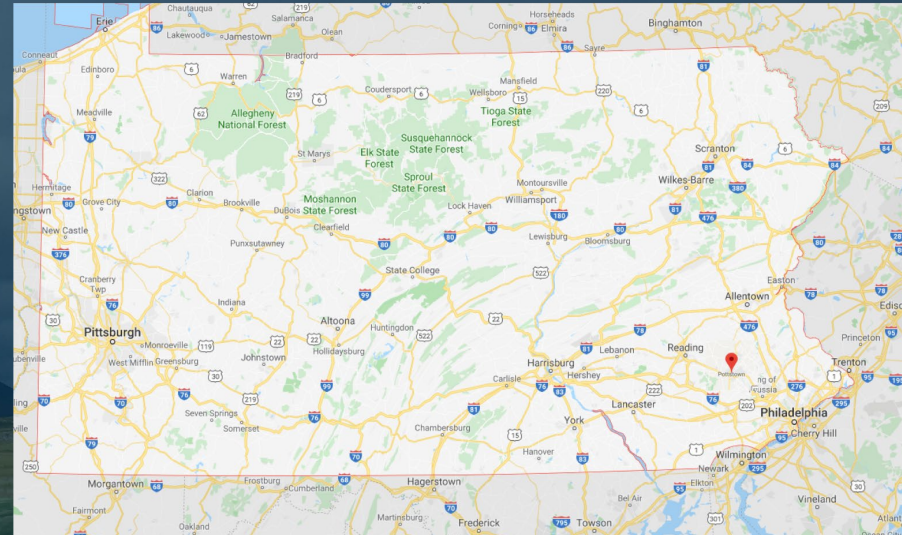
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### Results:

- Record high tithing
- Record high baptisms
- Membership growth: 6%
- Evangelism donation fund increased almost 10-fold
- Increased from 5 to 40 pastors doing evangelistic meetings
- Church members of all ages excited about evangelism (TMI)



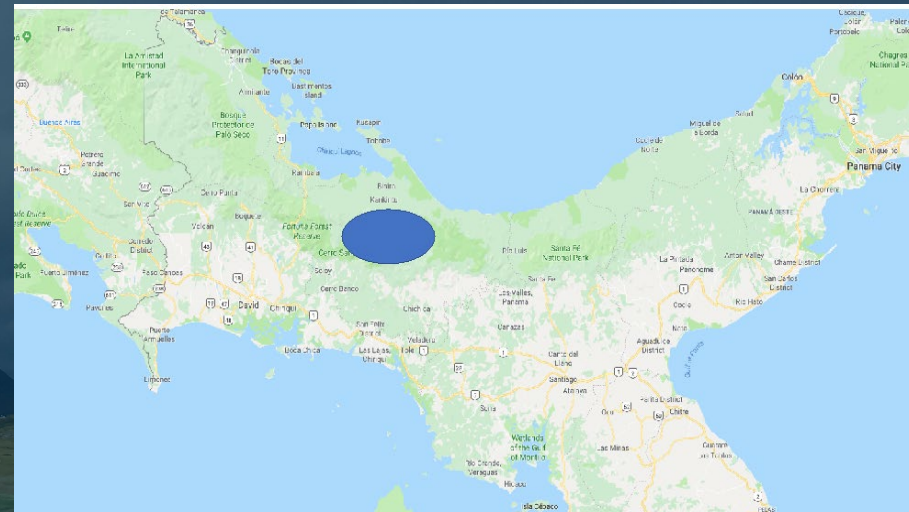
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## CASE STUDY – Chesapeake Conference

### Results:

- SDA outnumber dominant faith 5 to 1
- 35 new churches newly established: total 57
- Library built/ water reservoirs...electricity coming to area
- Established a brand new Conference





*Hundreds  
of  
Mission  
Opportunities  
Available!!*

**Mission  
Opportunities**



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## Mission Opportunities



Serving in  
**67 countries**  
around the world

**In 2018**





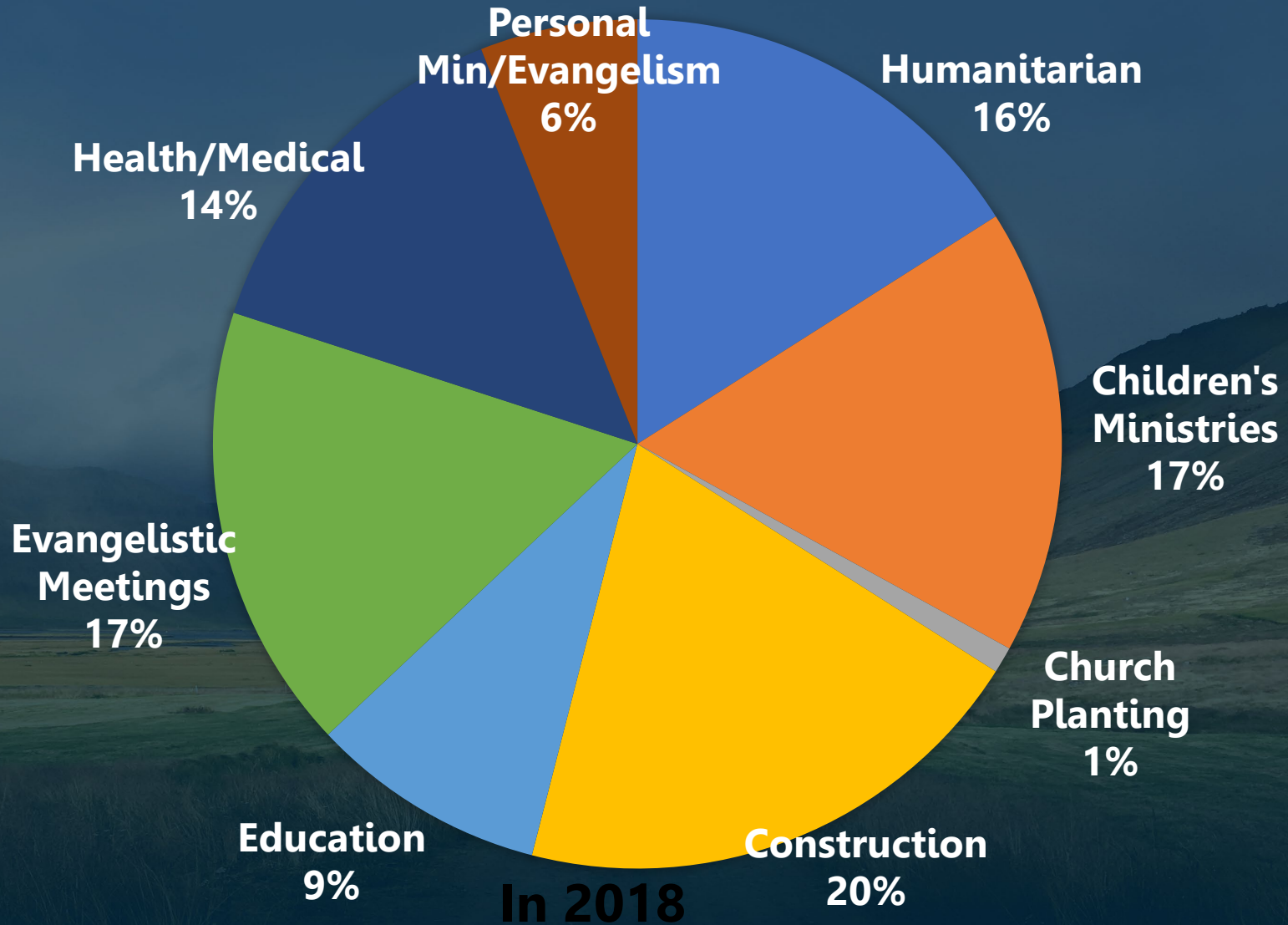


# TRIP TYPES

## Mission Opportunities



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# Initiatives for 2020 -

**Go Ambassador**

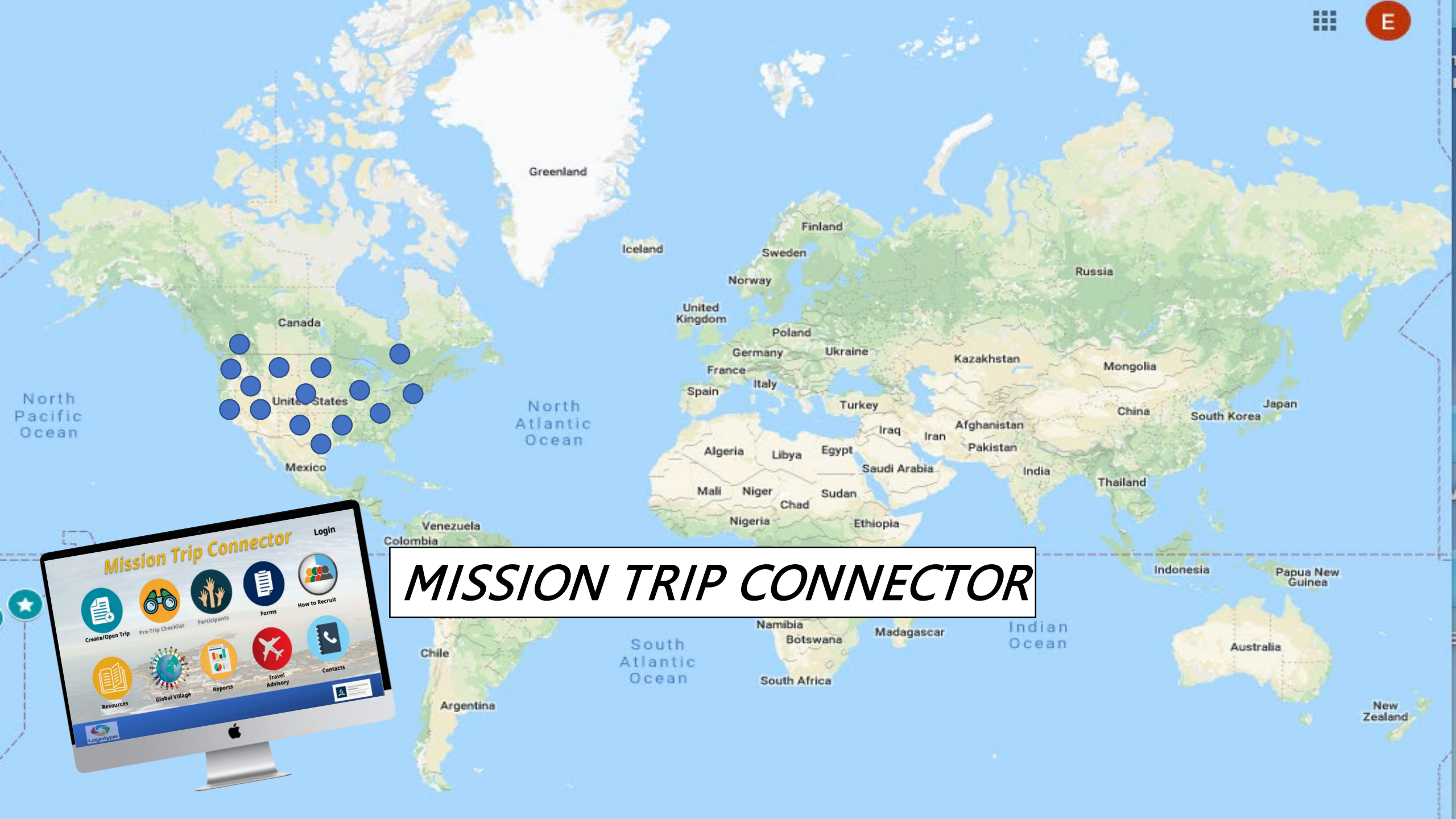
**One year in the Life of Missions Vlogging**

**Video Gallery (testimony)**

**MTC**







# ***MISSION TRIP CONNECTOR***



- Standardization
- Synergy (\$)
- Safety

# ***MISSION TRIP CONNECTOR***







*When North America  
reaches out to the  
World...*

*What does it look  
Like?*

*(Show video or show numbers below)*



***381 GROUP TRIPS  
50,839 PARTICIPANTS  
1900+ UNIVERSITY STUDENTS***



# RECENT SURVEY

- Out of 59 Conferences/Missions
- 50 Respondents
- Involved in Foreign Missions – Offline
- 75% of Their work does not report through traditional channels



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# • Human Relations Report



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# • E- ADVENTIST REPORT





**Letter Transfers**

**Deaths**

**Dropped Members**

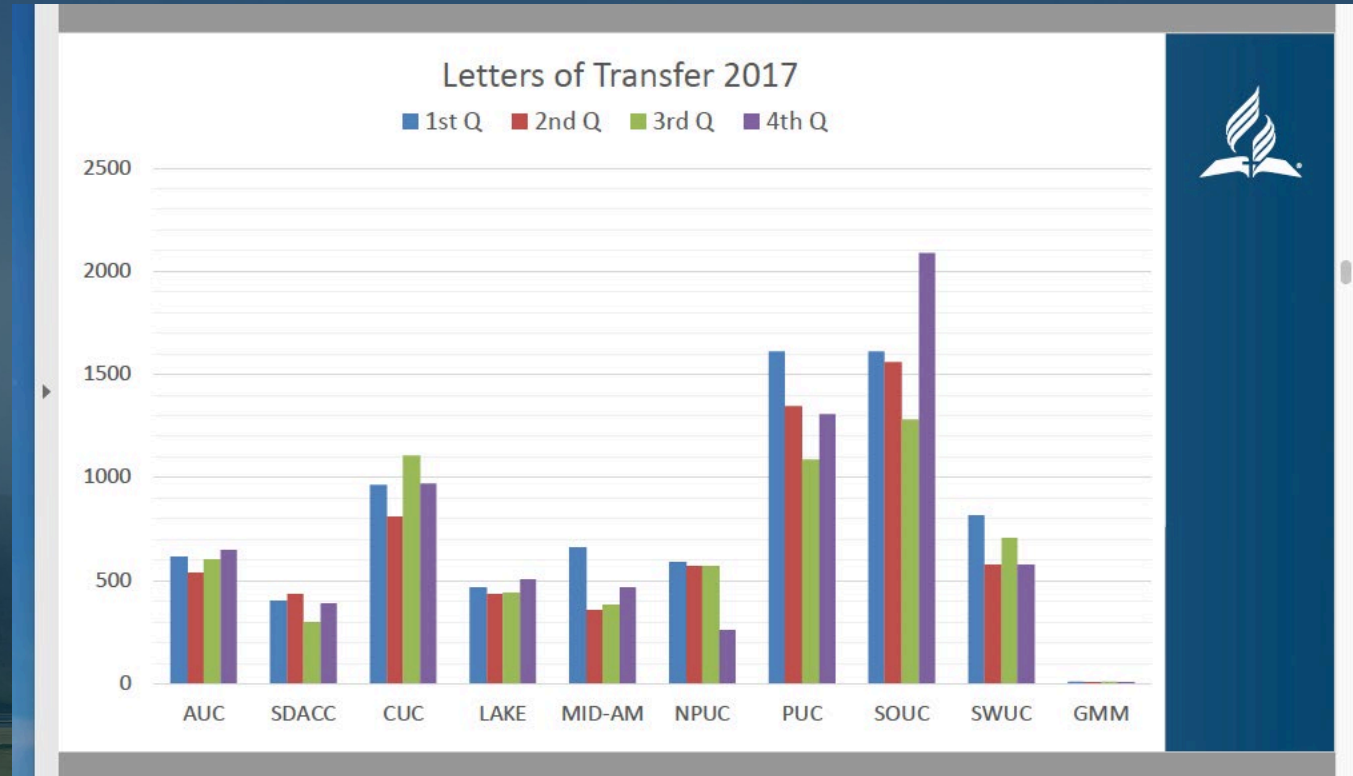
**Missing Members**



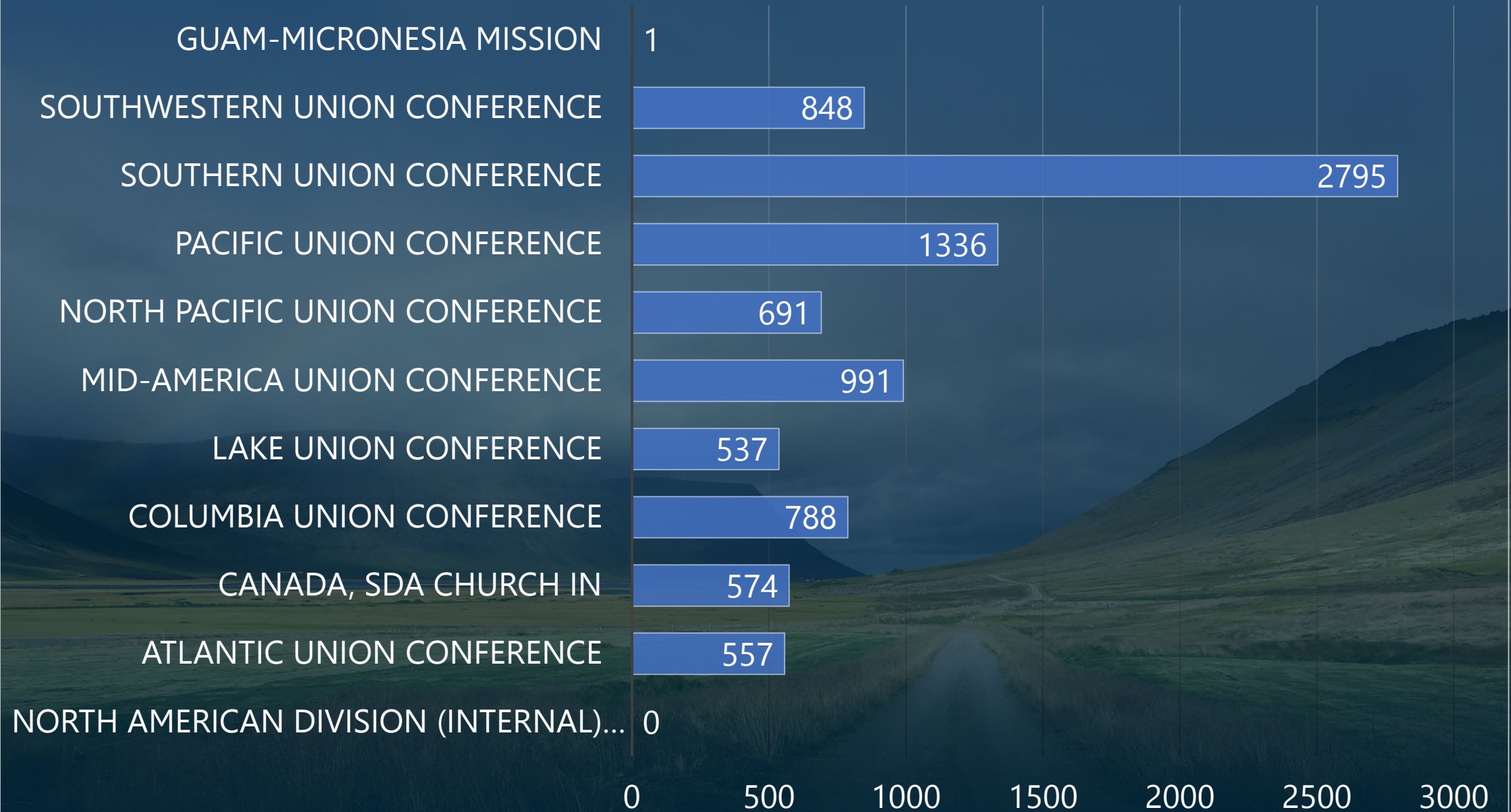
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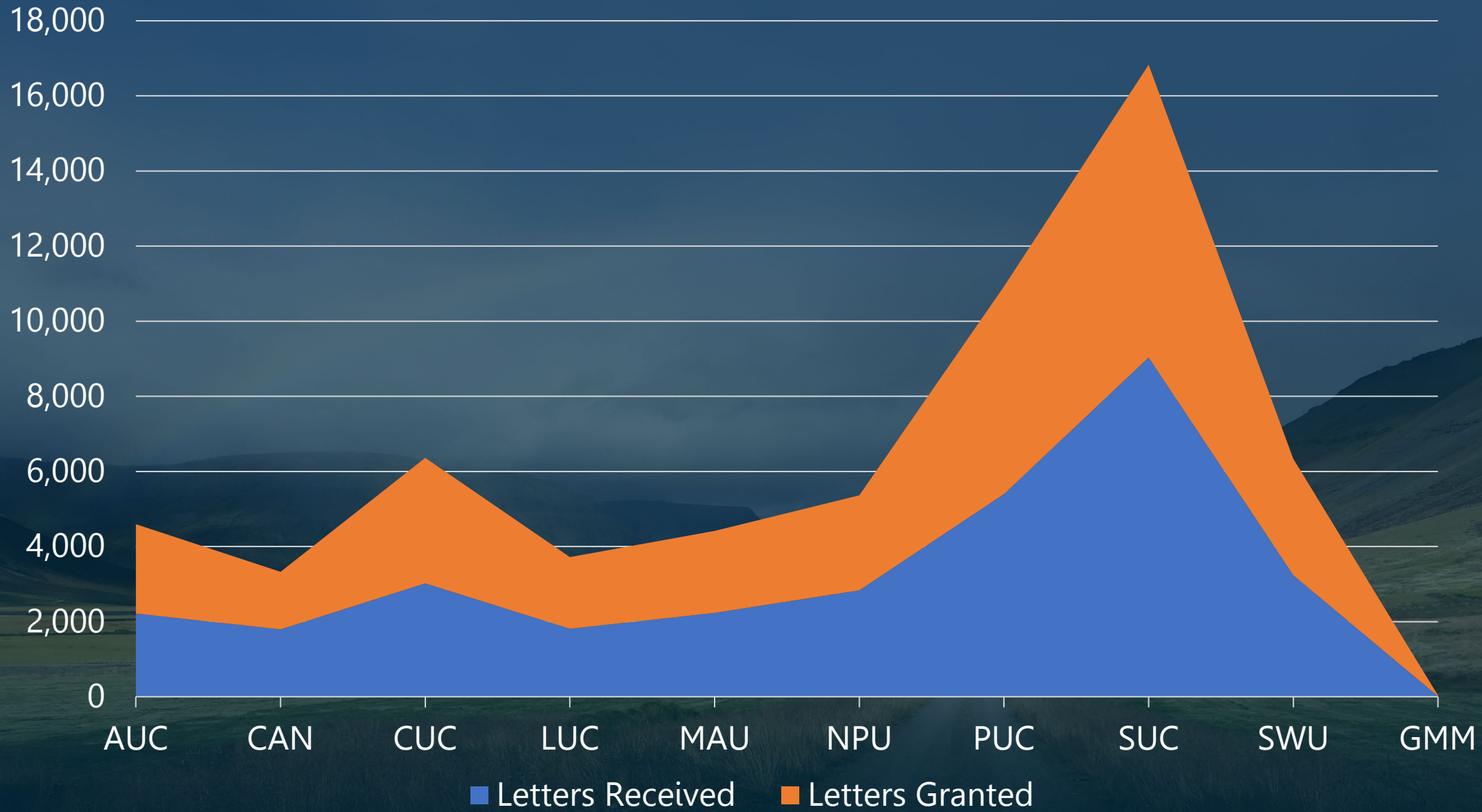


# North American Division: Letters Received

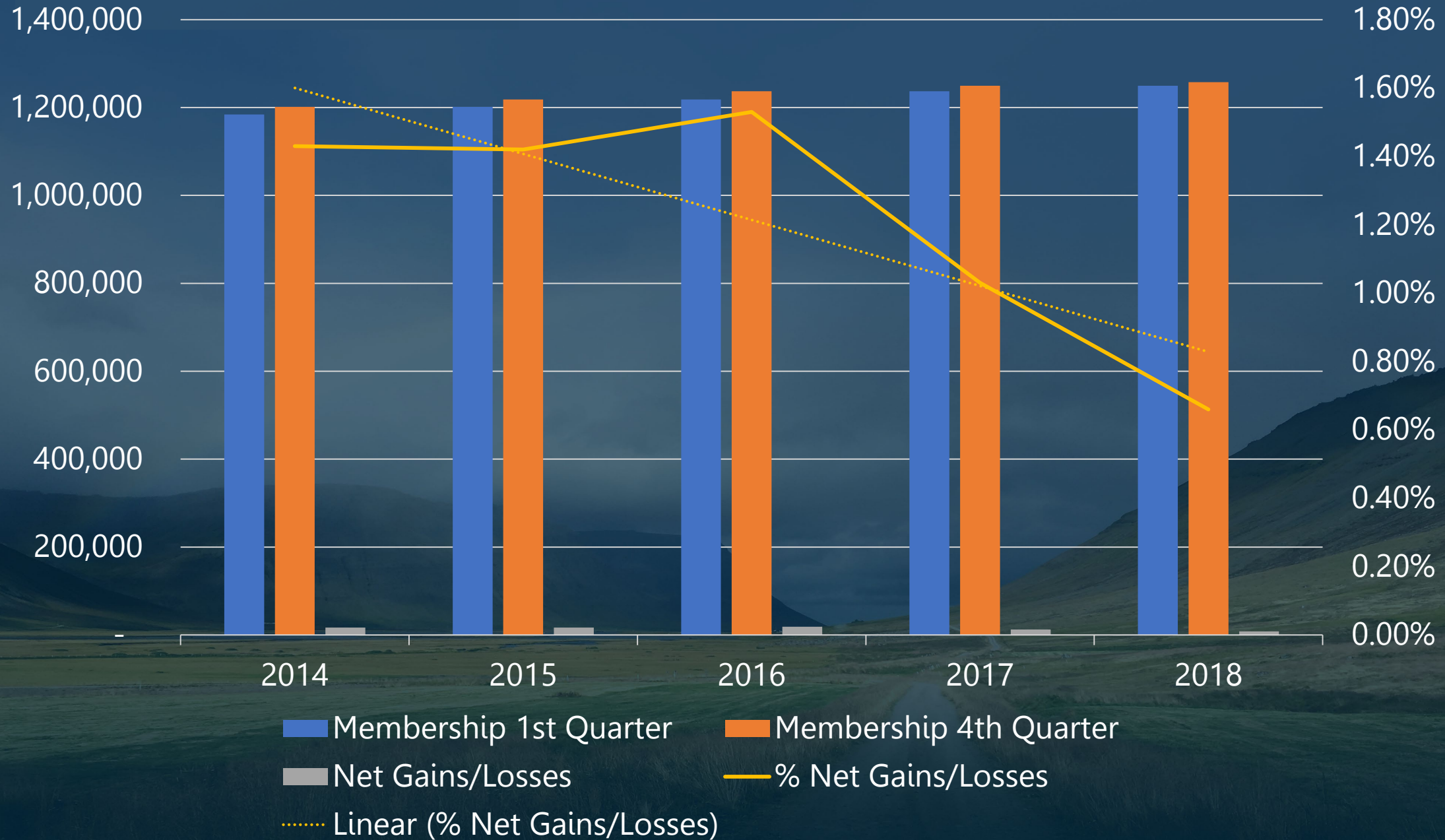




# Letters Received/Granted 2018

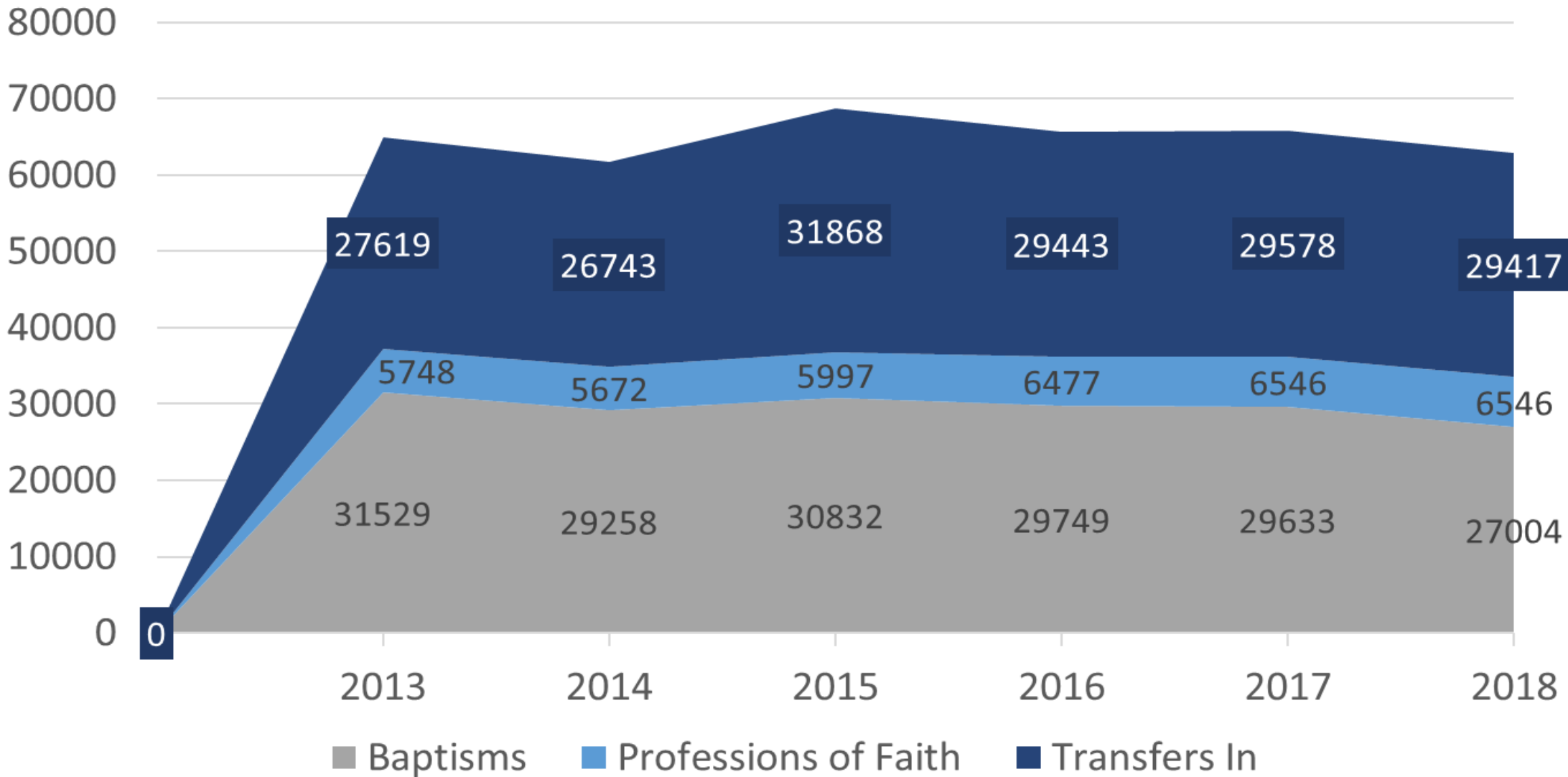


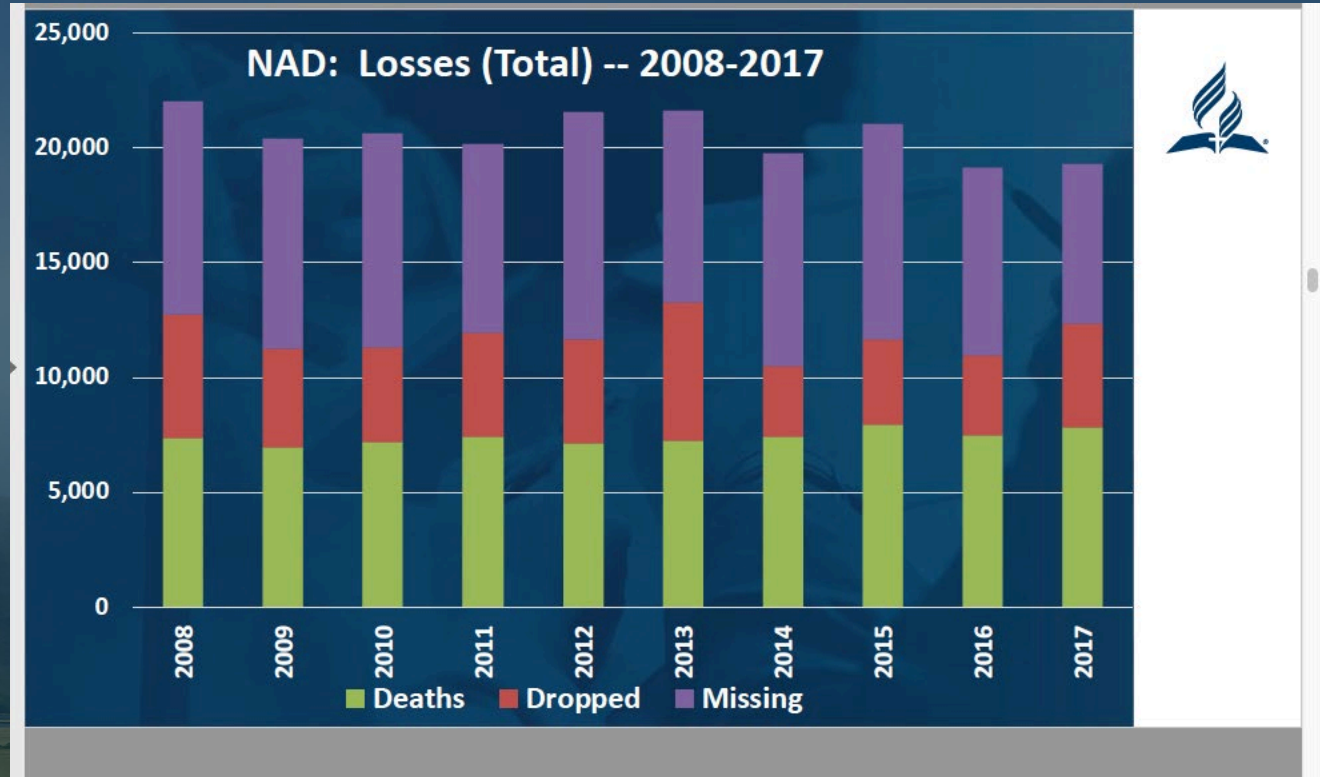
# North American Division 2018 Net Gains/Losses



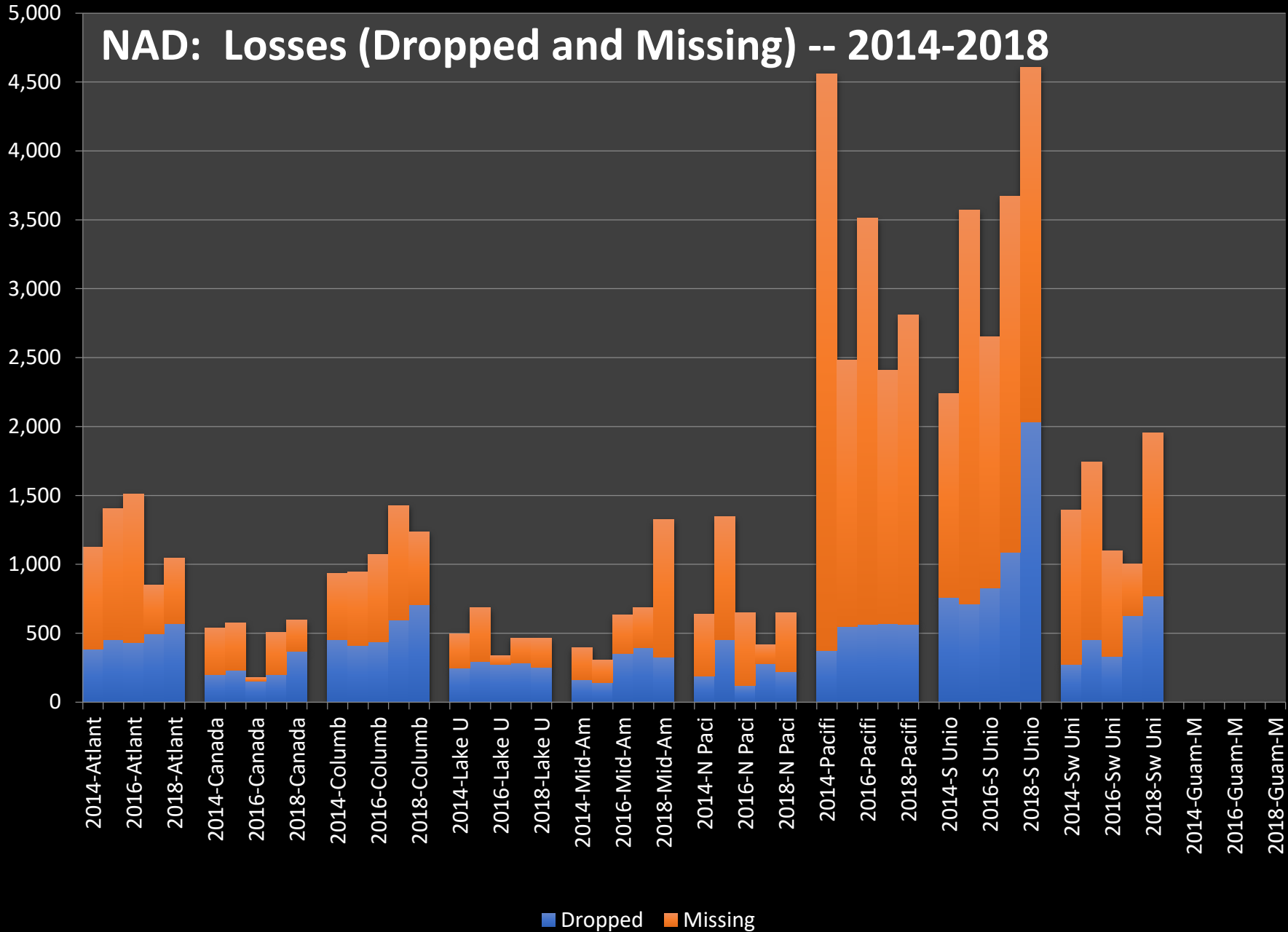


# North American Division: Baptisms/Profession of Faith/Transfers In

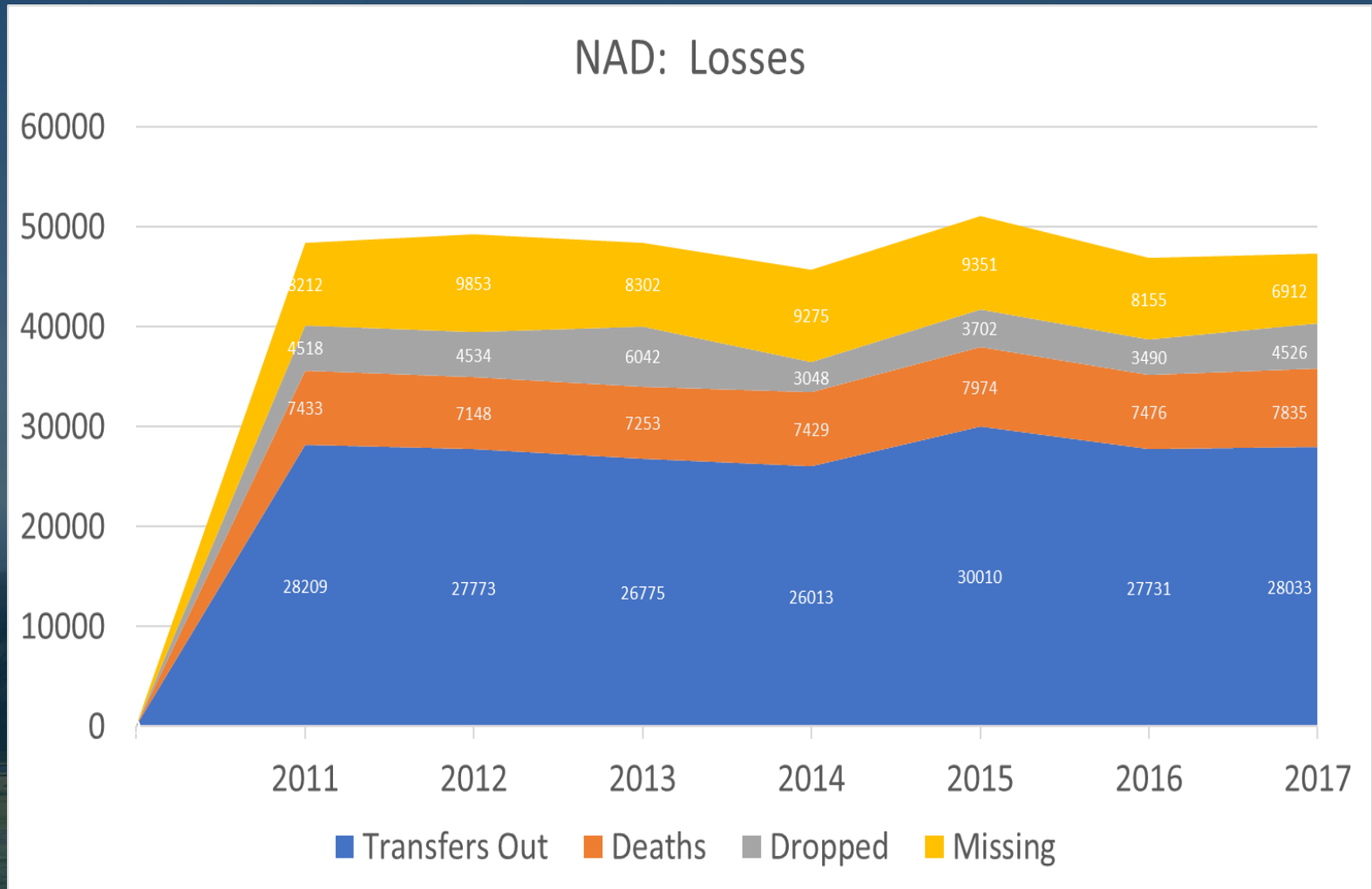








■ Dropped ■ Missing





# Deaths

2013	7,253
2014	7,429
2015	7,974
2016	7,476
2017	7,835
2018	8,130
Total	46,097



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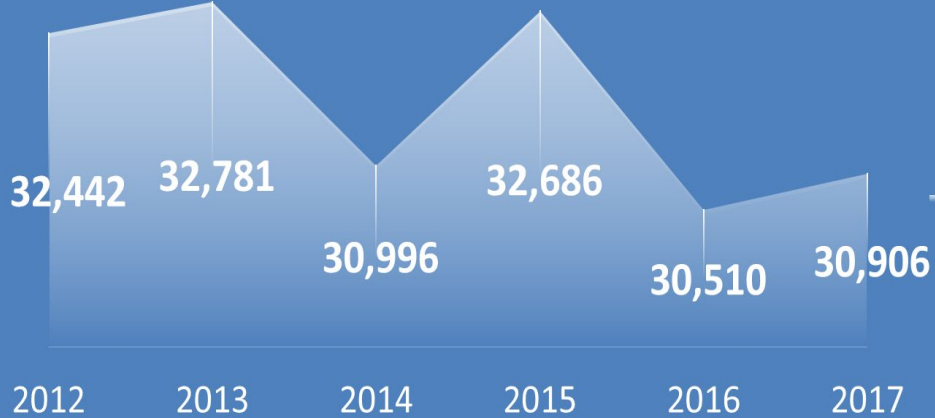


## NAD 2012 - 2017 LOSS/GAIN RATIO





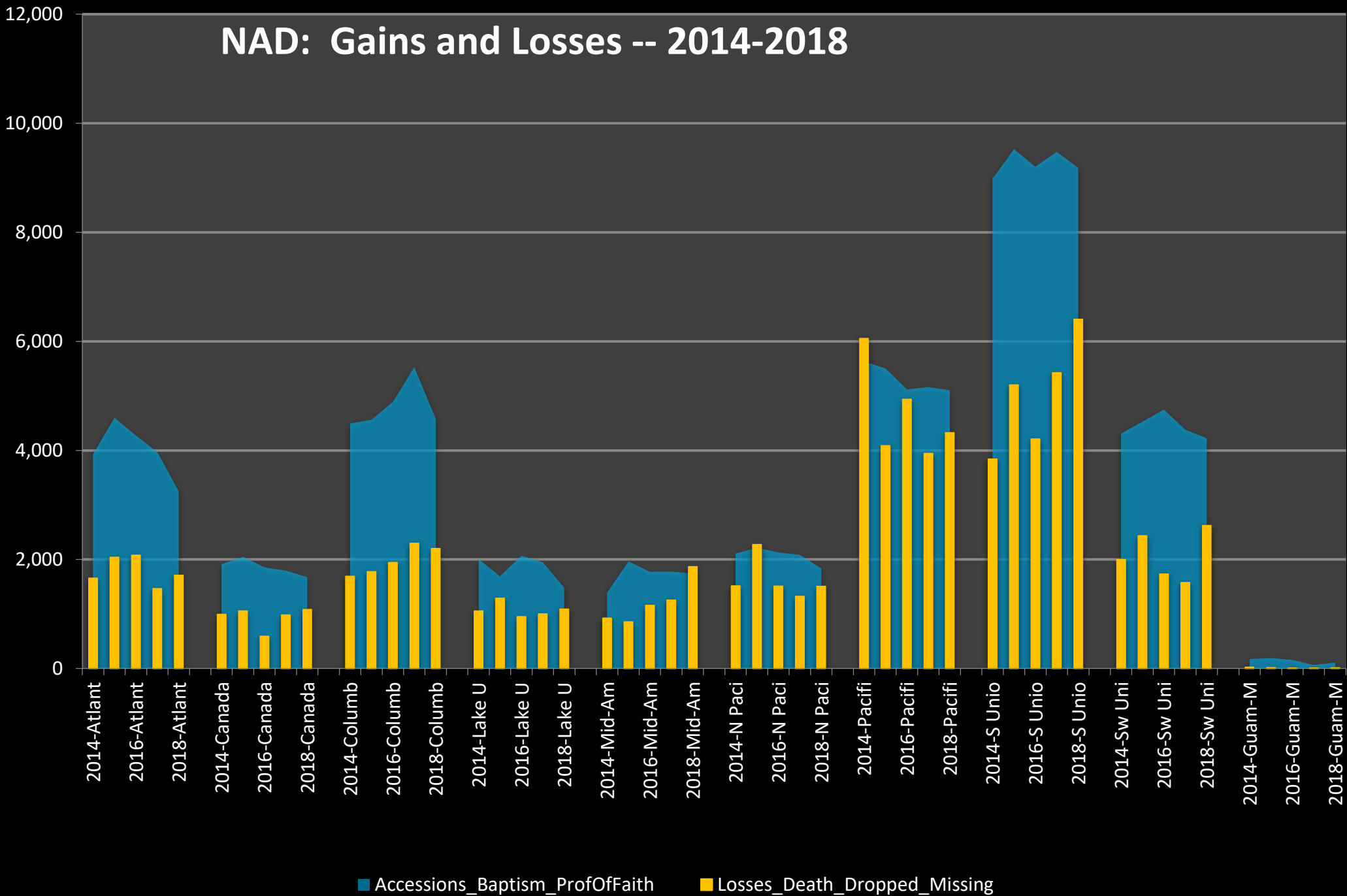
### NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION TOTAL LOSSES FROM 2012-2017



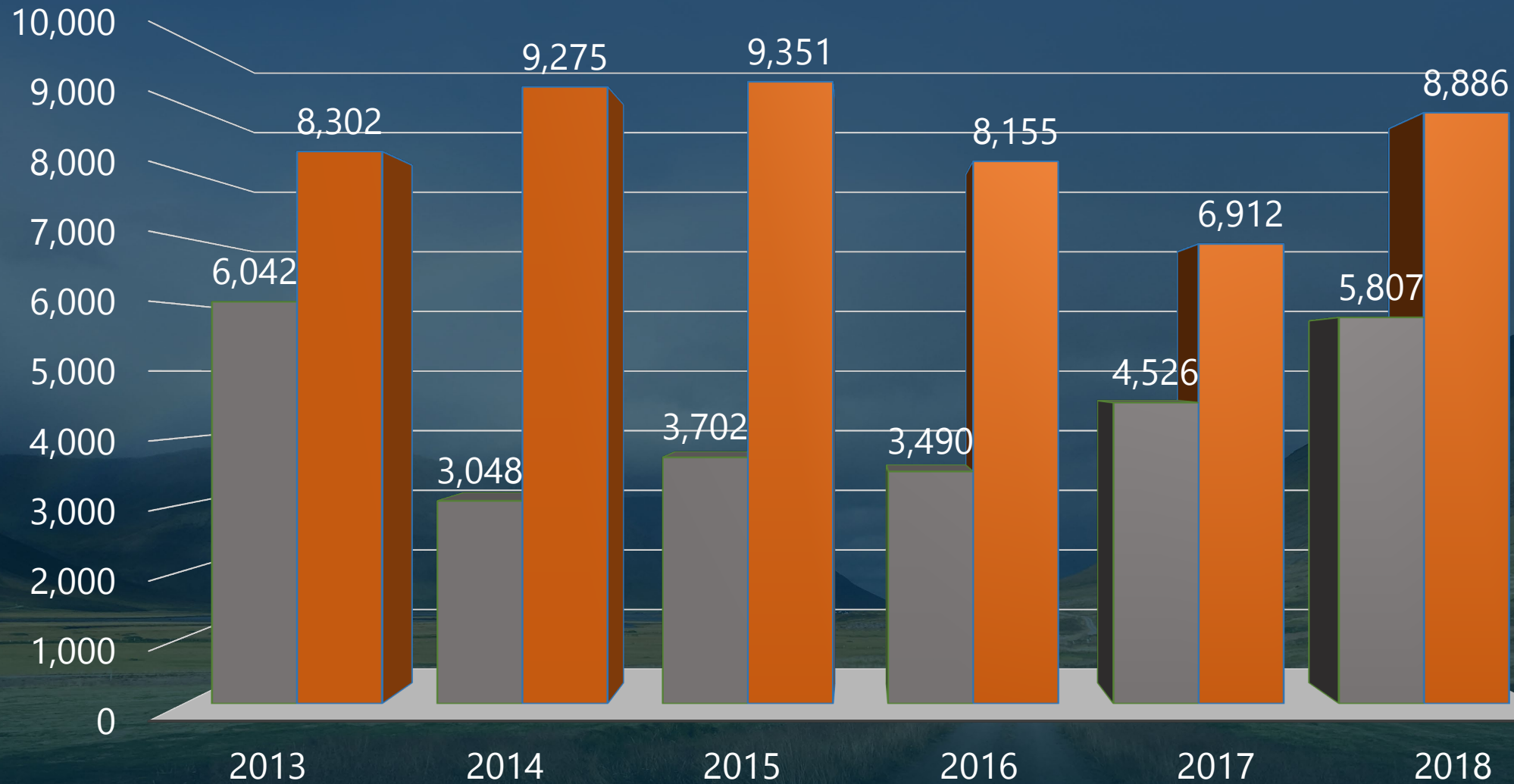




# NAD: Gains and Losses -- 2014-2018



## Dropped & Missing 2013-2018



■ Dropped ■ Missing





**Tithes/Offerings**

**Membership Ratios**

**World Statistics**

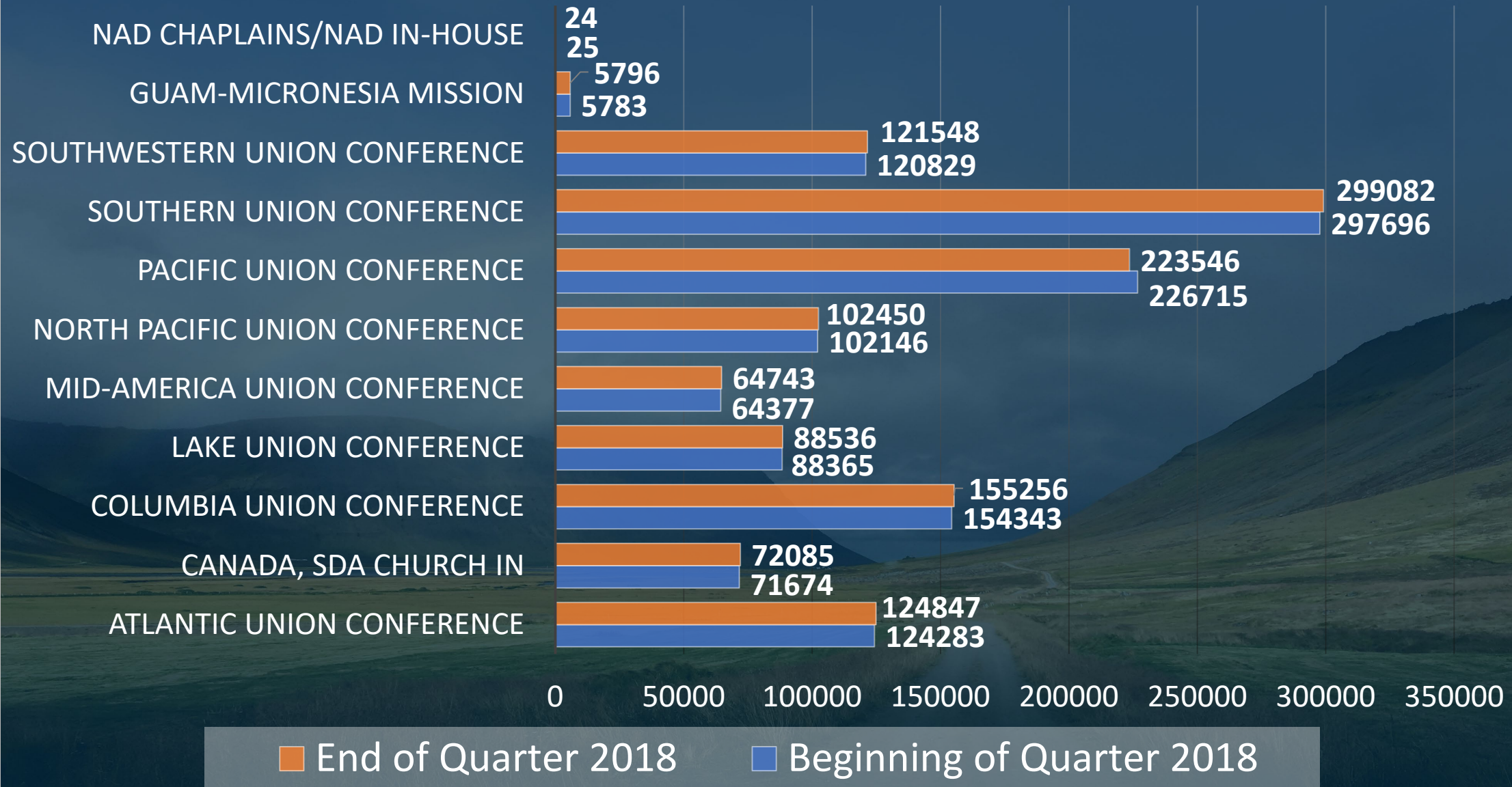
**Population Growths**

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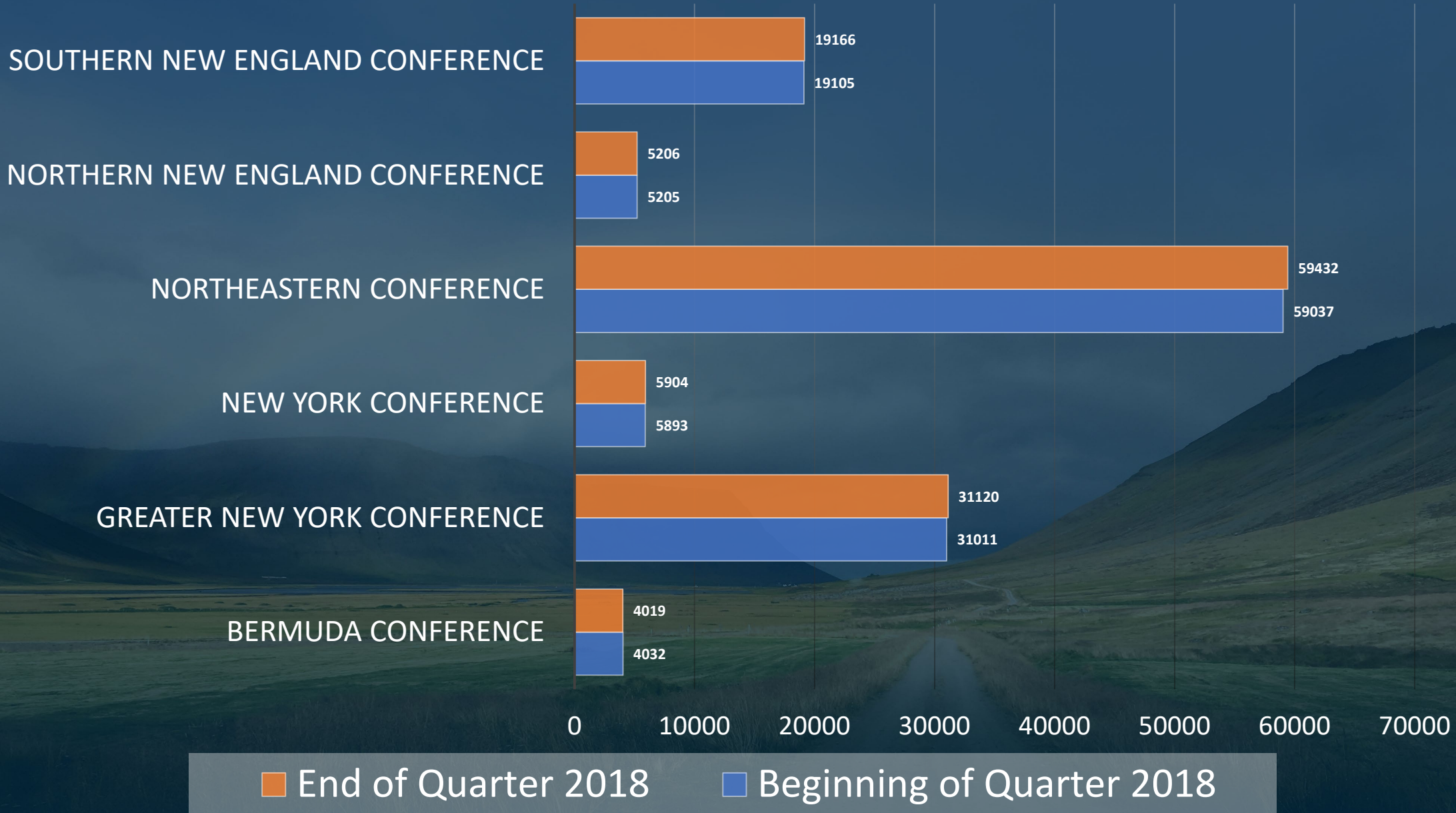
- UNION --MEMBERSHIP COMPARISONS 2018
- (End of Quarter vs. Beginning of Quarter)

# North American Division 2018





# Atlantic Union 2018 Membership



# Canada, SDA Church in 2018 Membership



SDA CHURCH IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

QUEBEC CONFERENCE

ONTARIO CONFERENCE

MARITIME CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH-DAY  
ADVENTIST CHURCH, INC.

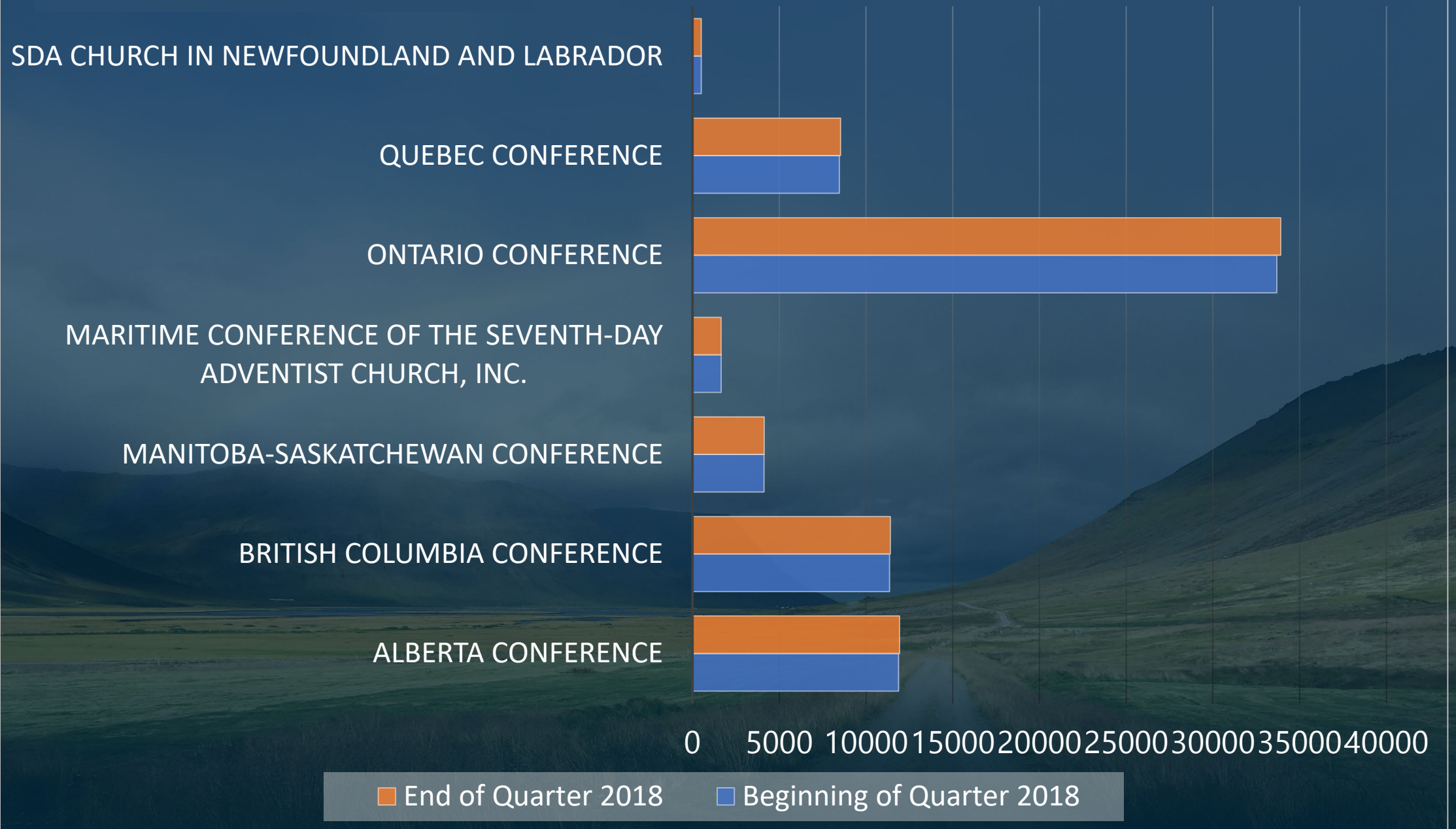
MANITOBA-SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

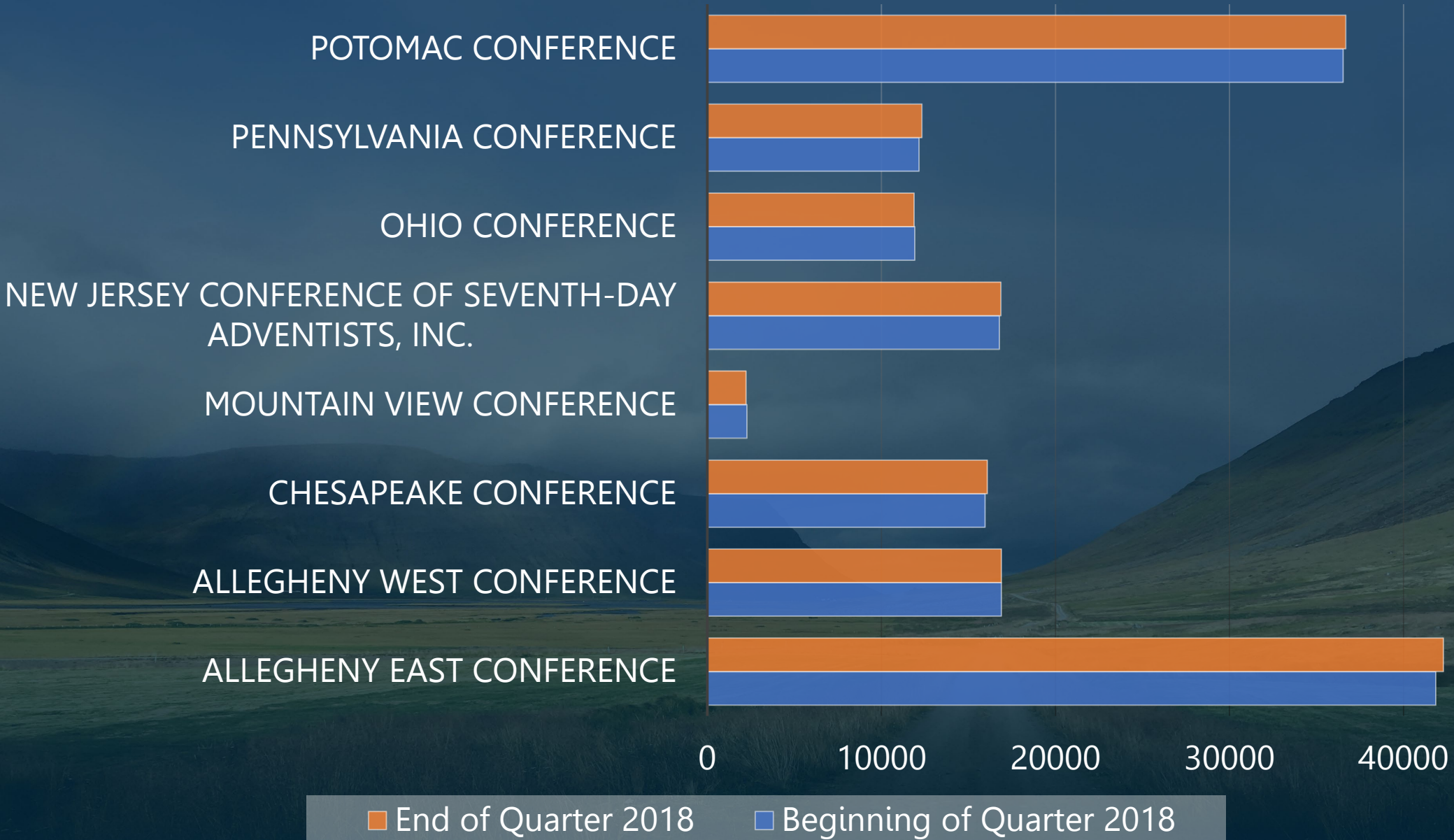
ALBERTA CONFERENCE

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■ End of Quarter 2018    ■ Beginning of Quarter 2018



# Columbia Union Membership 2018

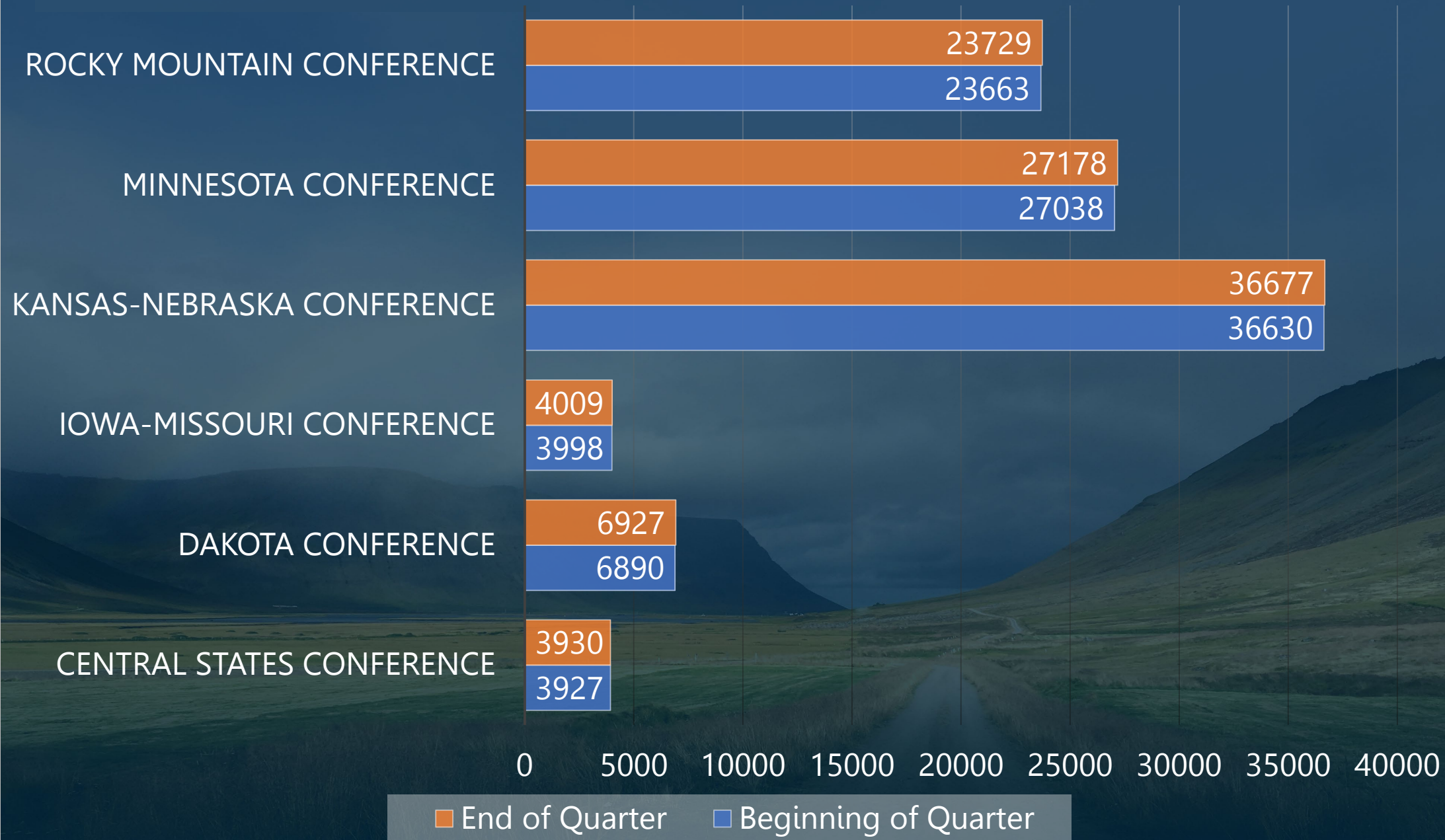




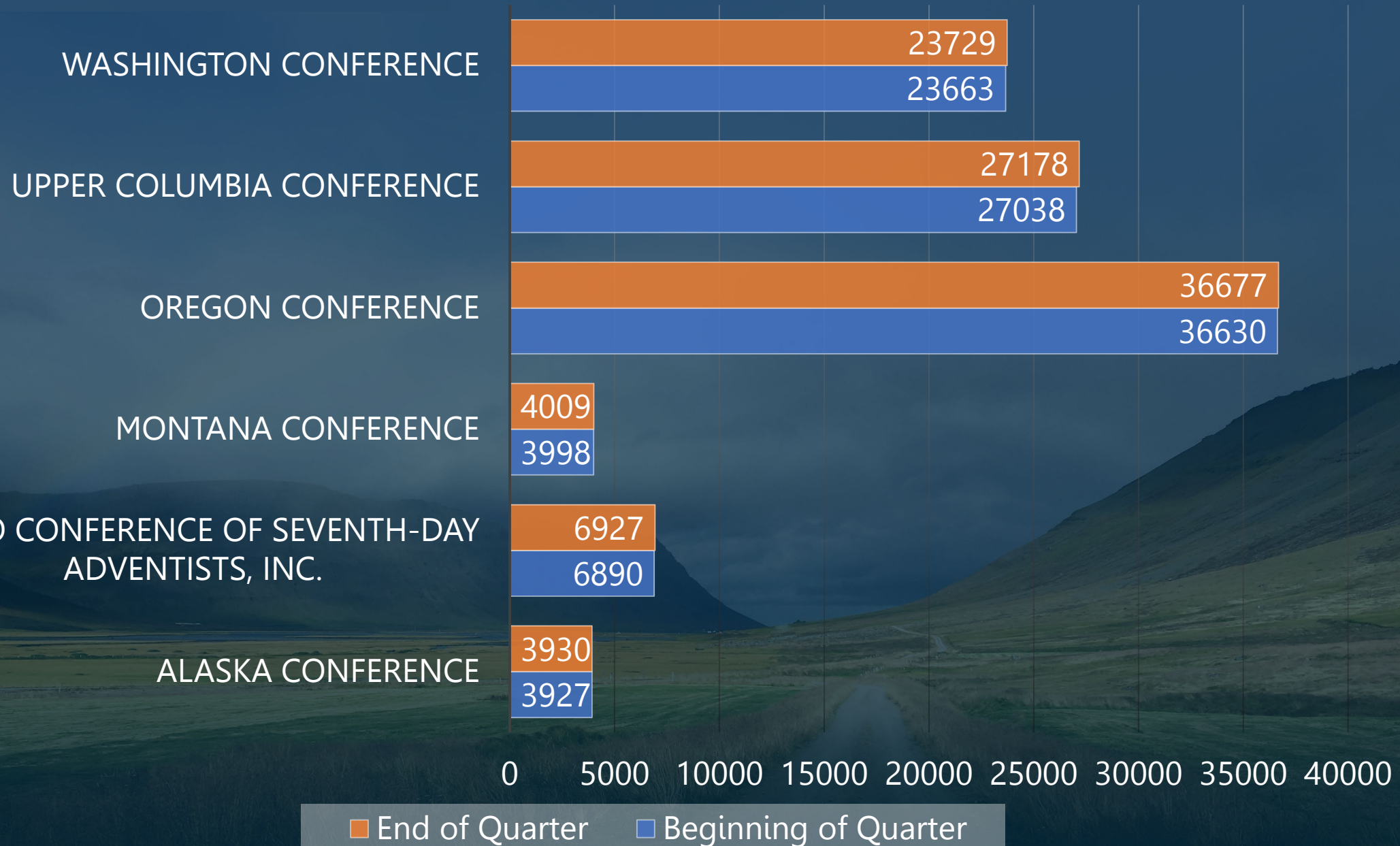
# Lake Union 2018



# Mid-American Union 2018



# North Pacific Union

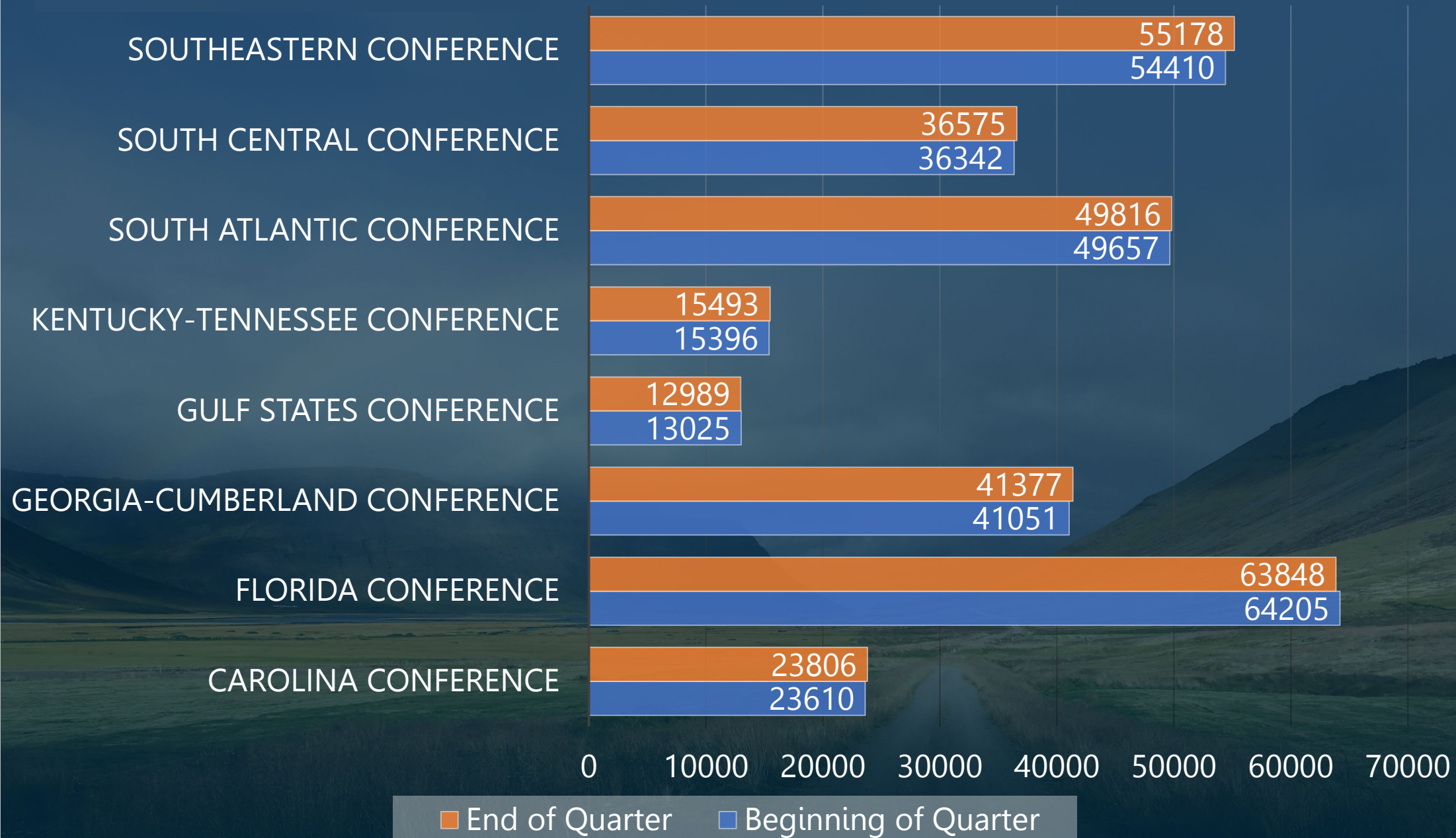




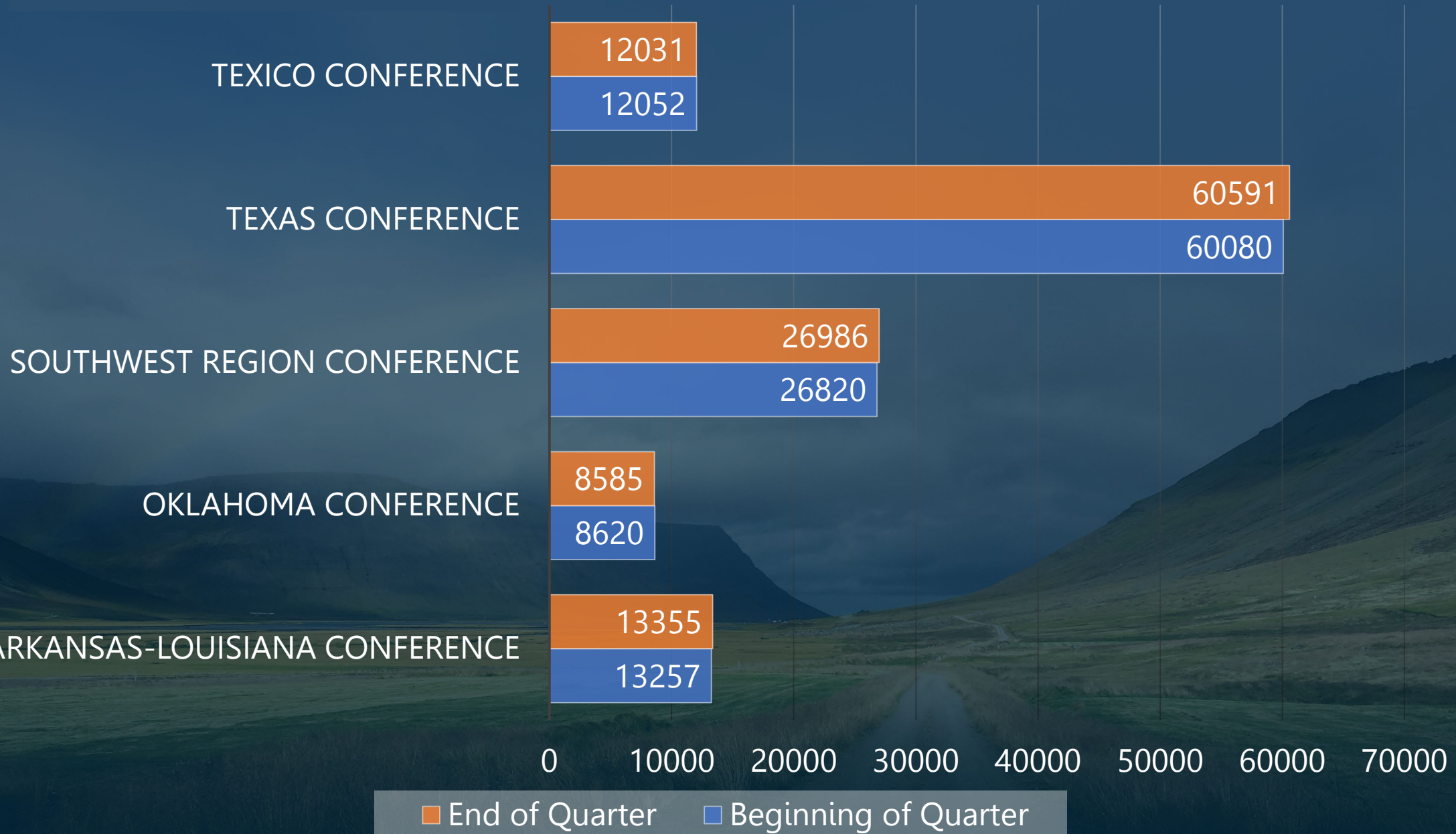
# Pacific Union 2018



# Southern Union 2018



# Southwestern Union 2018





# Guam-Micronesia Mission 2018 Membership



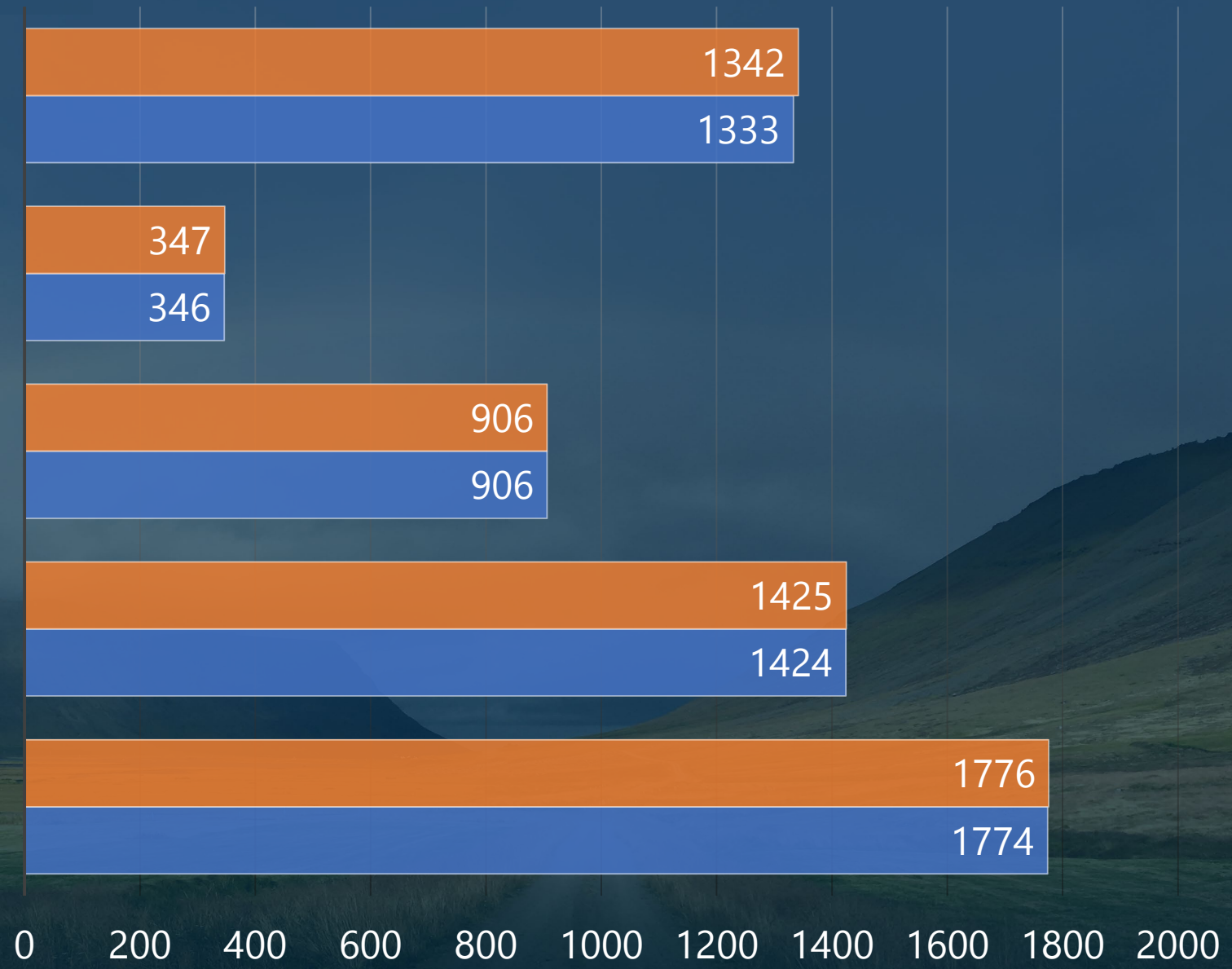
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

PALAU

MARSHALL ISLANDS

GUAM

MICRONESIA



End of Quarter    Beginning of Quarter

## Seventh-day Adventist World Church Interesting Facts and Figures



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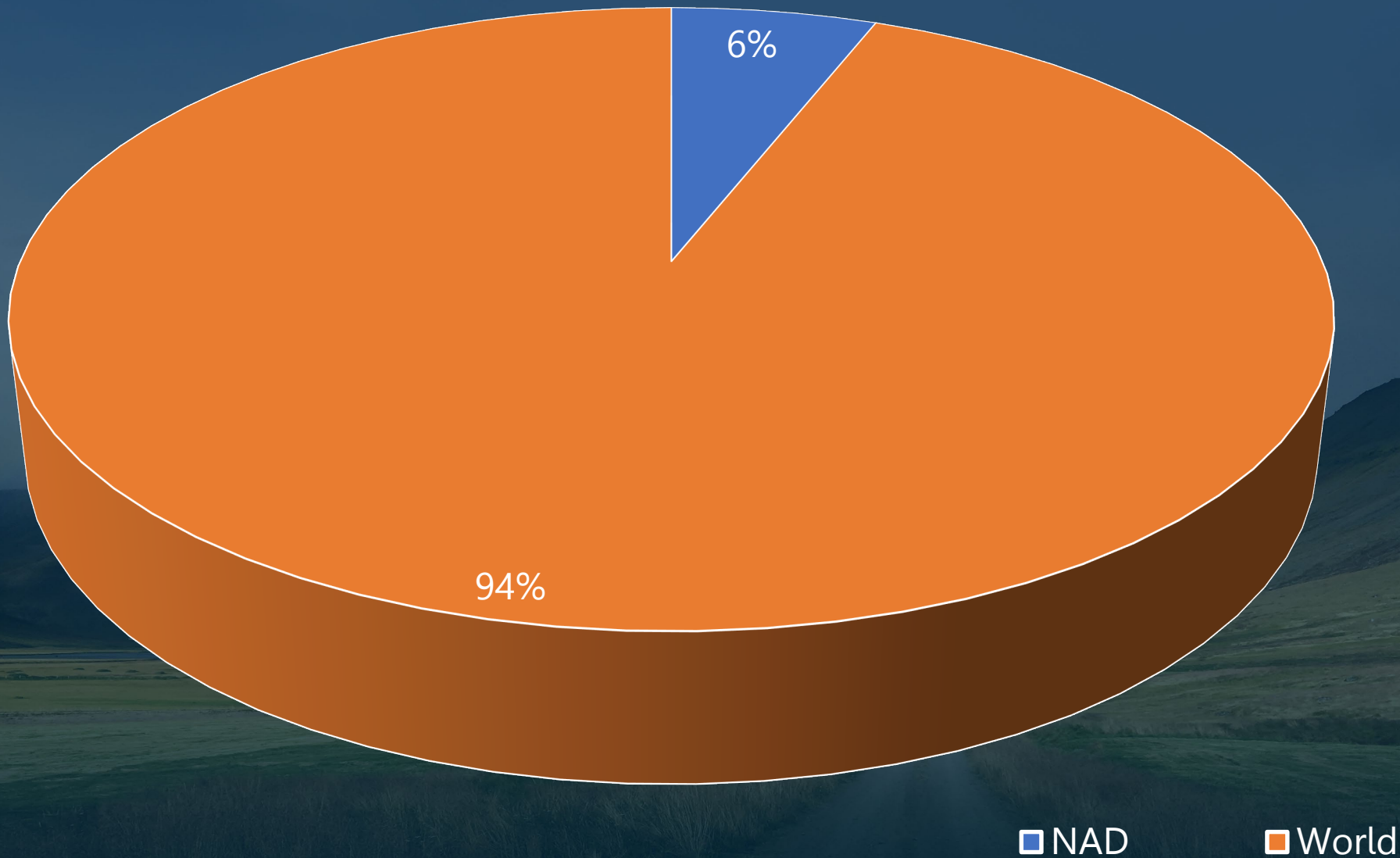
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# NAD Membership vs. World Membership 2018



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# Christ's Method Alone

“There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice.

Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, **this work will not, cannot, be without fruit.**”



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Christ's Method Alone

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people.

The Savior mingled with men  
As one who desired their good.  
He showed His sympathy for them,  
Ministered to their needs, and  
Won their confidence.  
Then He bade them, "Follow Me."

Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, 143:3





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# MESSAGE FROM GOD

- TO: NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION
- YOUR LATTER YEARS WILL BE GREATER THAN YOUR FORMER YEARS
- OUR BEST DAYS ARE STILL AHEAD OF US!!





## THE PROMISE

- Joel 2:28      And it shall come to pass afterward, [that] I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your **sons** and your **daughters** shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
- 2:29      And also upon **the servants** and upon **the handmaids** in those days will I pour out my spirit.

## THE PROMISE

- Acts 1:9 And You **SHALL** receive **Power** after the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.







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