





Secretary's Report

North American Division 2018 Year End Meetings

Presented by G. Alexander Bryant



A Debt of Gratitude

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Membership

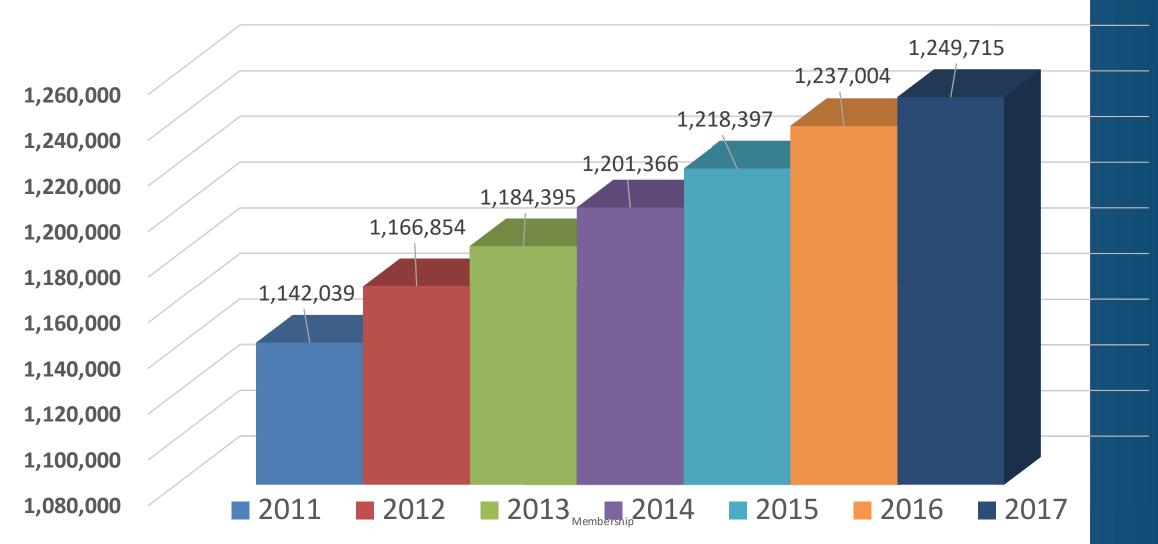


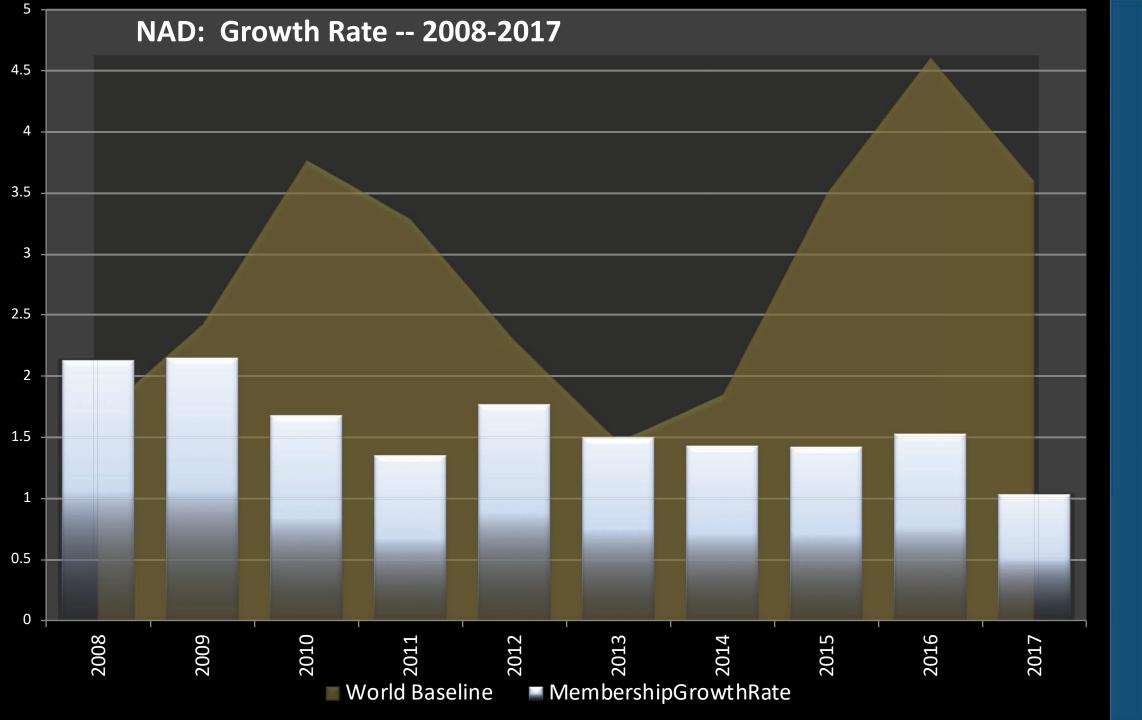
- 1,249,715 Members
- 5,561 Churches
- 852 Companies

(Membership as of December 31, 2017)

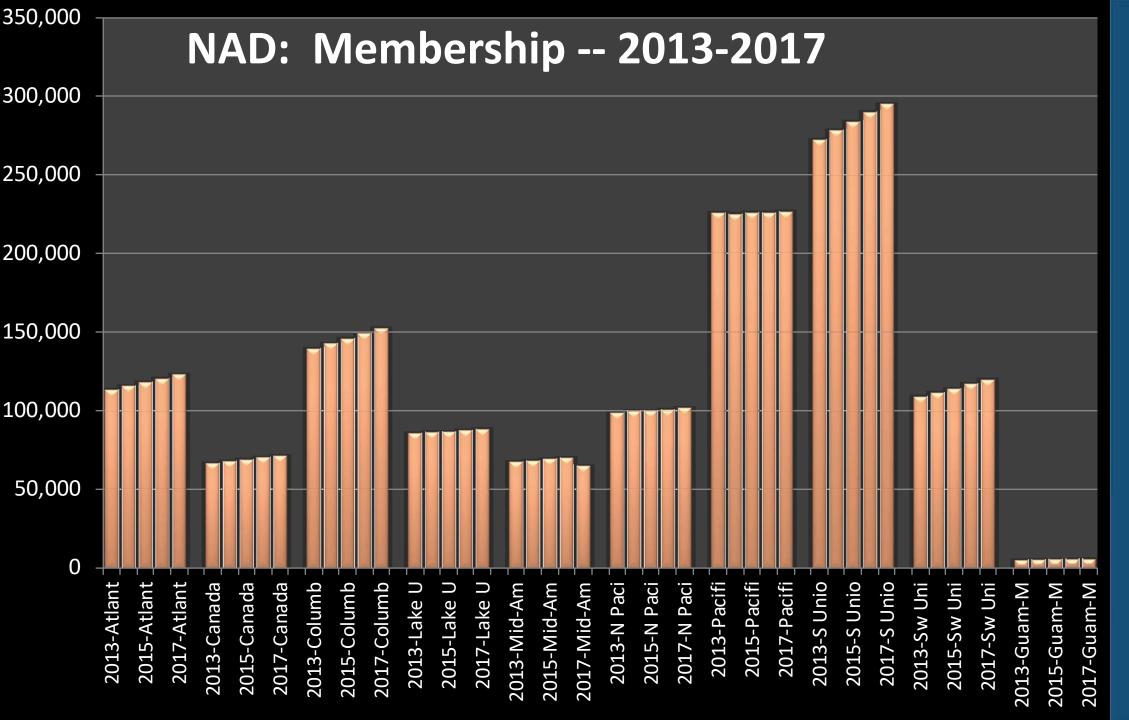
North American Division Membership 2011-2017













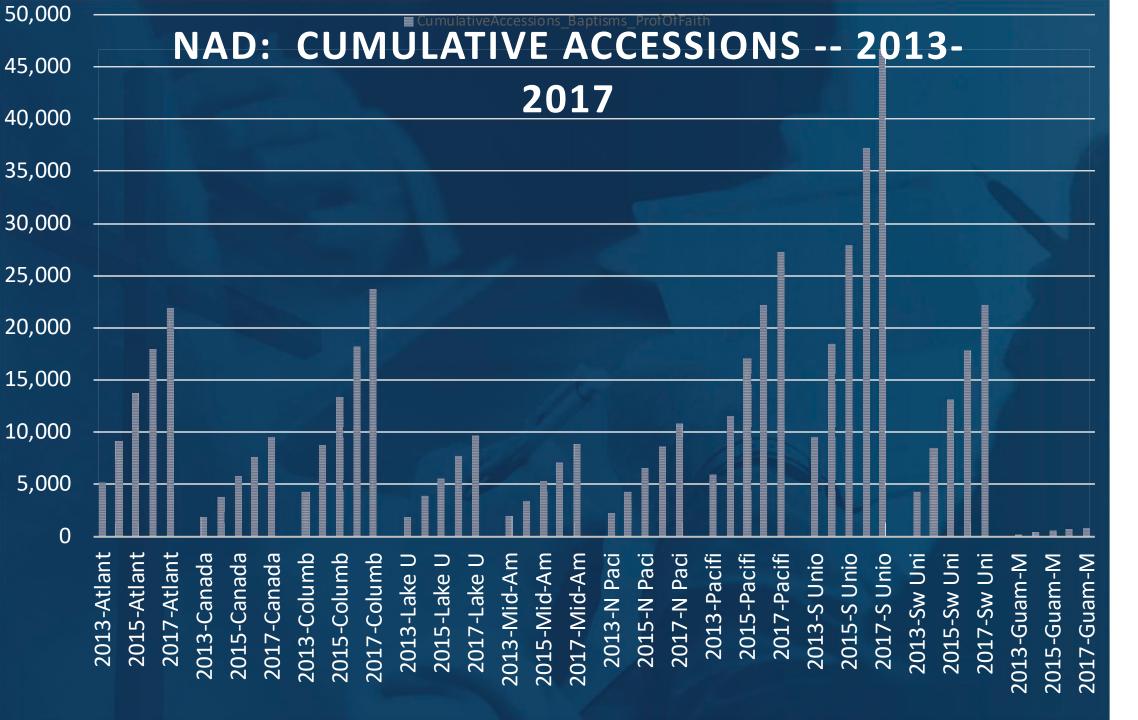
Accession Rate



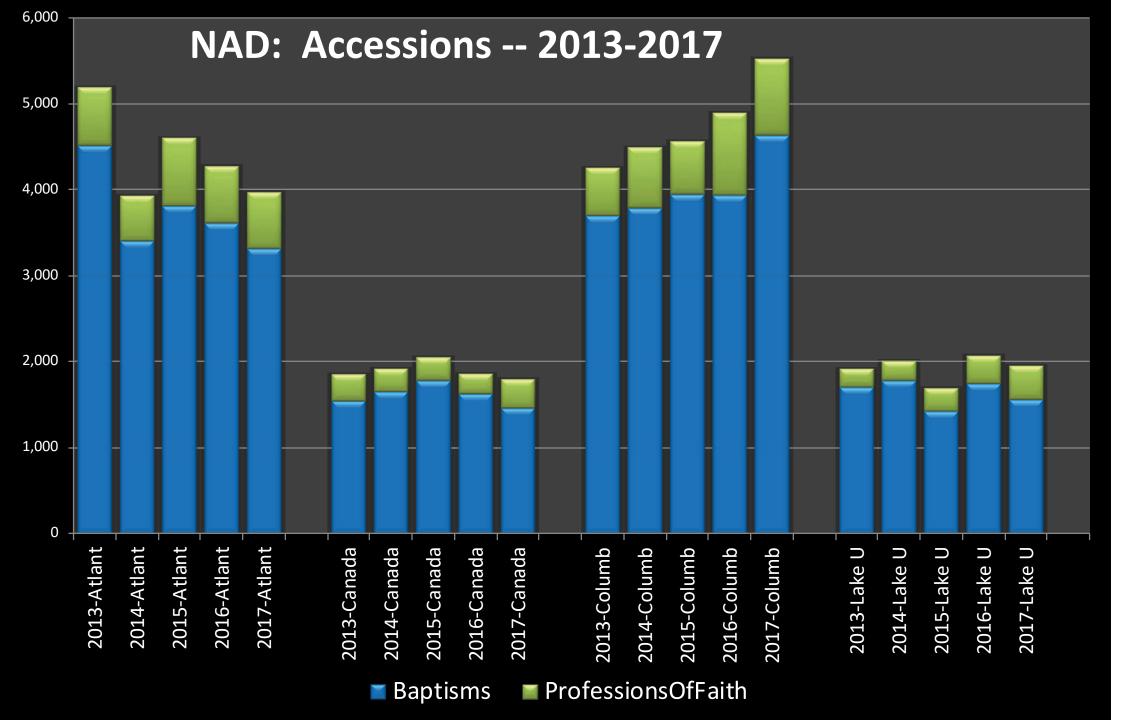
	2012	3.41%
Additions by baptism and profession of	2013	3.19%
faith for every	2014	2.95%
100 members at beginning of year	2015	3.07%
	2016	2.97%
	2017	2.92%

Rate of Net Growth

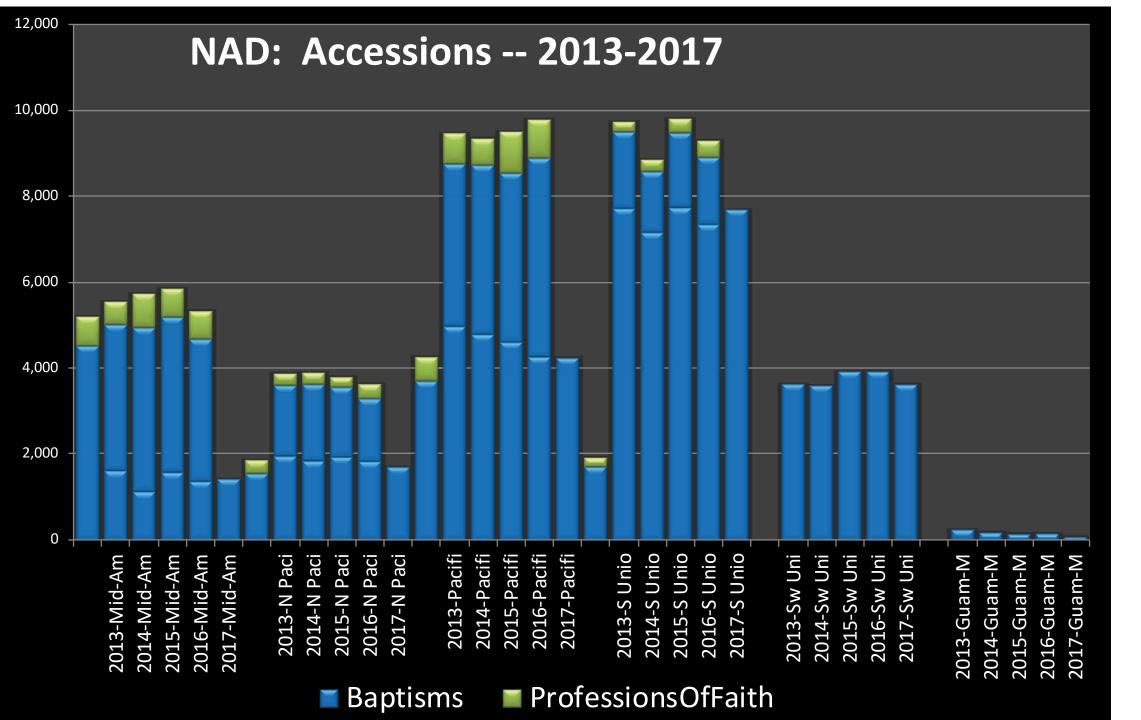
2012	20,329	1.77%



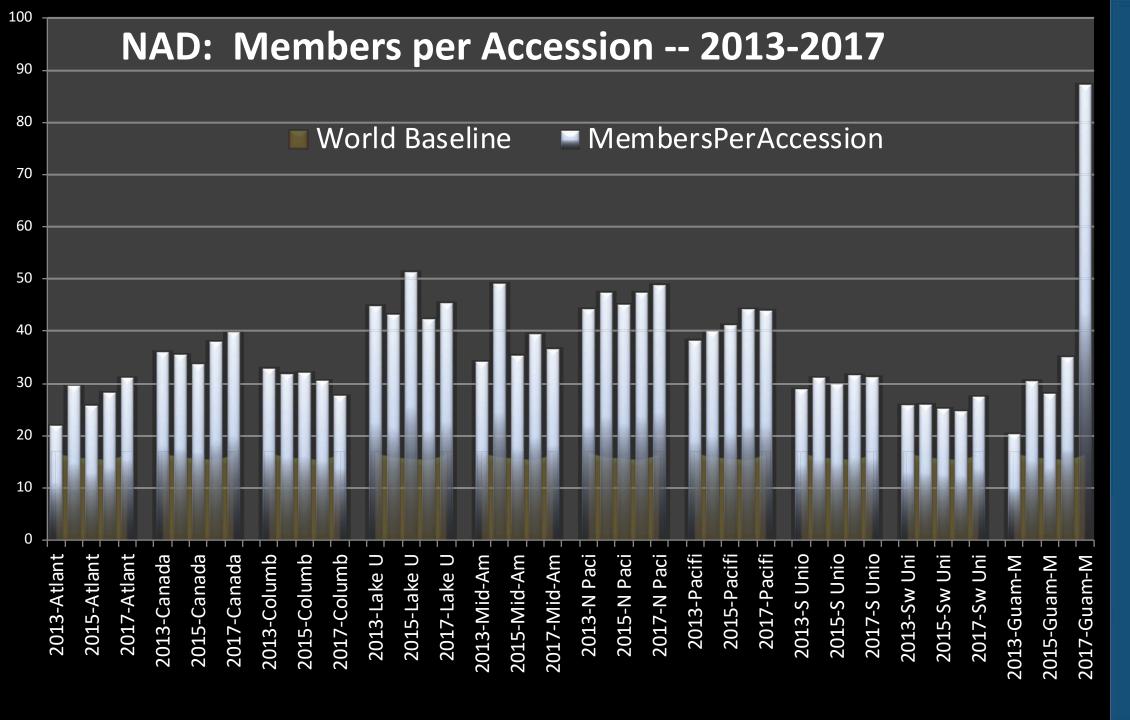
















Baptisms & Profession of Faith

39,504

39,060

37,277

34,930

36,829

36,226

36,179

■ 7 Year Total 260,005



Total Accessions after Adjustments 2012-2017

Dropped And Missing	77,190
Deaths	45,115
Total Loss	122,305
Baptisms And Professions Of Faith	184,287
Minus Total Loss	- <u>122,305</u>
Net Gain In Six (6) Years	61,982



Baptisms and Profession of Faith – Rate of Growth



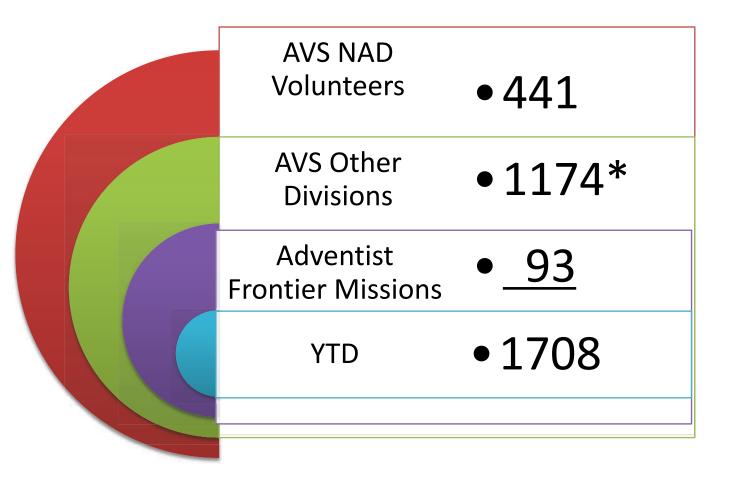
Quarter	2017	2018	Rate
1 st Quarter	6672	6,652	2%
2 nd Quarter	9,090	7,831	-14%

Adventist Missionary Volunteers Recorded Worldwide - 3rd quarter

totals

Long Term
Missionaries

(generally serving 1 to 2 years)



*SAD totals: 923. Other divisions: 251.

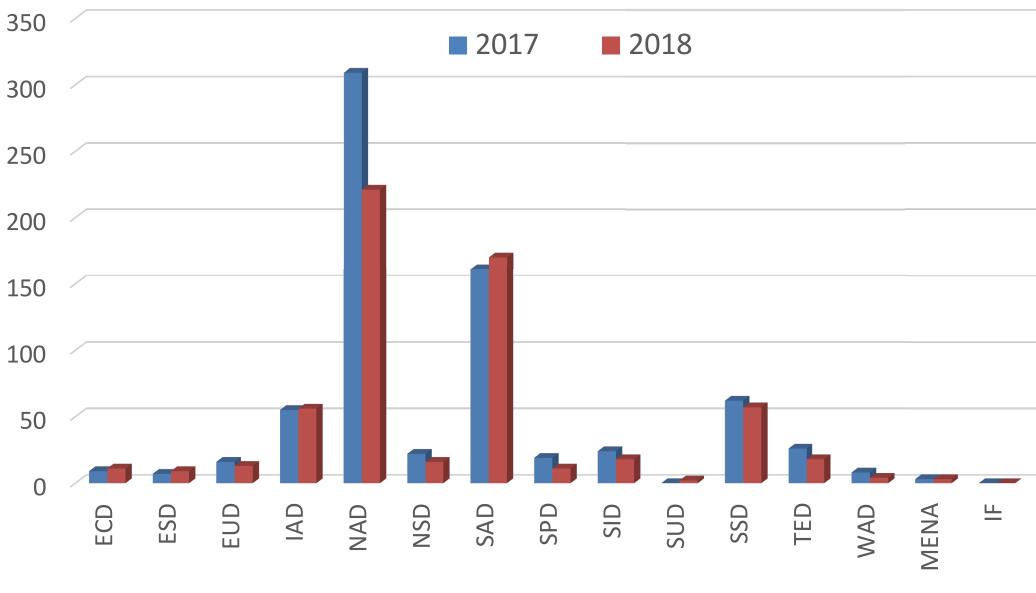




If Someone asks you "Where can I go and serve as a Missionary?"

Angola	Chiku	Germany	Latvia	Paraguay	Taiwan
Anguilla	China	Ghana	Lebanon	Peru	Thailand
ARgentina	Colombia	Guam	Marshall Is.	Philippines	Togo
Australia	Costa Rica	Hong Kong	Mexico	Poland	Turkey
Austria	Cuba	Hungary	Micronesia, FS	Portugal	Ukraine
Belarus	Cyprus	Indonesia	Mozambique	Puerto Rico	United Kingdom
Belize	Denmark	Iraq	Netherlands	Romania	United States
Bolivia	Dominican Rep	Ireland	New Zealand	Russia	Uruguay
Bouvet Island	Ecuador	Italy	Nicaragua	Serbia	Venezuela
Brazil	Egypt	Ivory Coast	Northern Mariana Is.	Slovenia	Vietnam
Bulgaria	Ethiopia	Jamaica	Norway	South Africa	Zambia
Cameroon	Fiji	Kenya	Pakistan	Spain	
Canada	Finland	Korea, South	Palau	St. Vincent & The Granadines	
Chad	France	Kyrgystan	Papua New Guinea	Sweden	



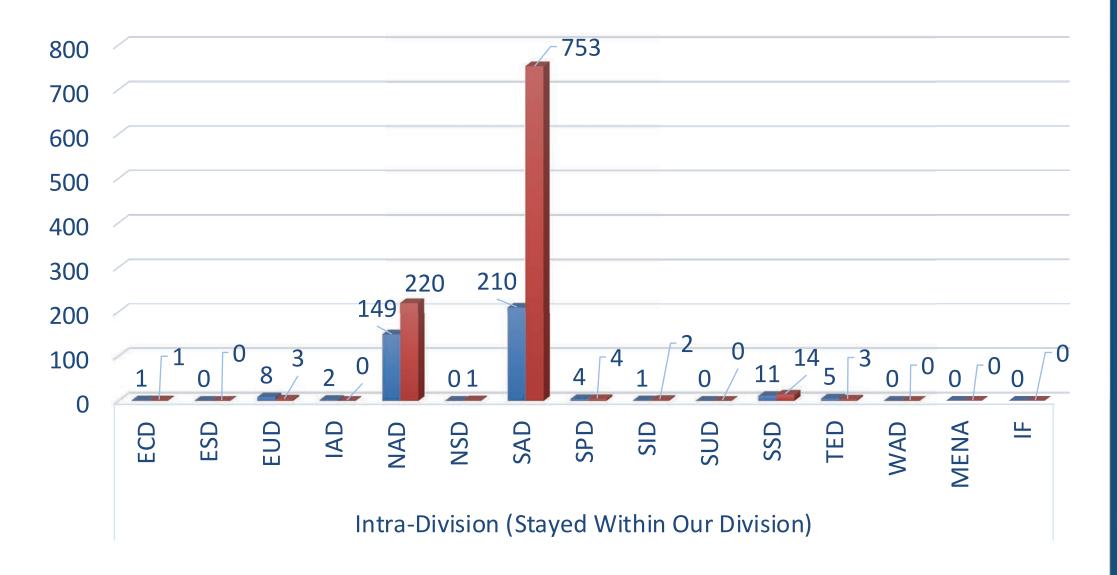
















- Immigrants
- Refugees
- Native American

44.5 million*
3 million**
6.6 million***



^{**}http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/01/30/key-facts-about-refugees-to-the-u-s/



^{***}https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2016/cb16-ff22.html





In Canada

- Immigrants
- Refugees
- Indigenous Peoples

7.8 million* 160,411** 1.67 million***

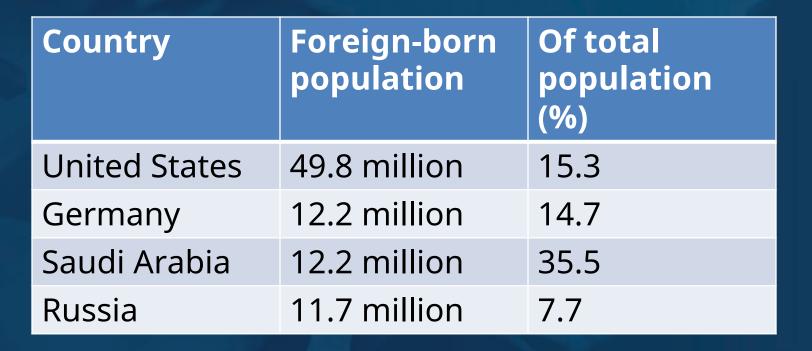
^{*} http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/data/estimates2/estimates17.shtml

^{**}http://popstats.unhcr.org/en/persons_of_concern

^{***}https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/rt-td/ap-pa-eng.cfm



Countries with the highest recorded number of Immigrants *







Year with the highest recorded percentage of Immigrants



(1910) (2016) 14.7% 13.7%

**Canada

(1921) (2016) 22.3%

21.9%



^{*}https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/charts/immigrant-population-over-time ** https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/171025/dq171025b-eng.htm





... if we were quick in discerning the opening providences of God, we should be able to see in the multiplying opportunities to reach many foreigners in America a divinely appointed means of rapidly extending the third angel's message into all the nations of earth... Review and Herald, Oct. 29, 1914. (Emphasis supplied.)





God in His providence has brought men to our very doors and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light before men of other tongues.--Review and Herald, Oct. 29, 1914. (Emphasis supplied.)





Short Term Missions Totals 2017

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ORGANIZATION'S SHORT TERM DEPLOYMENTS	
Adventist Risk Management	3823
Adventist Community Services	35000
NAD Universities (9 reported)	1985
Maranatha	2164
Office of Volunteer Ministries	1120
Quiet Hour	310





Basic Insurance Needs

- Accident & Sickness
- Life Insurance
- Repatriation
- Emergency Evacuation
- Personal Effects









Greetings from NAD Missionaries around the world

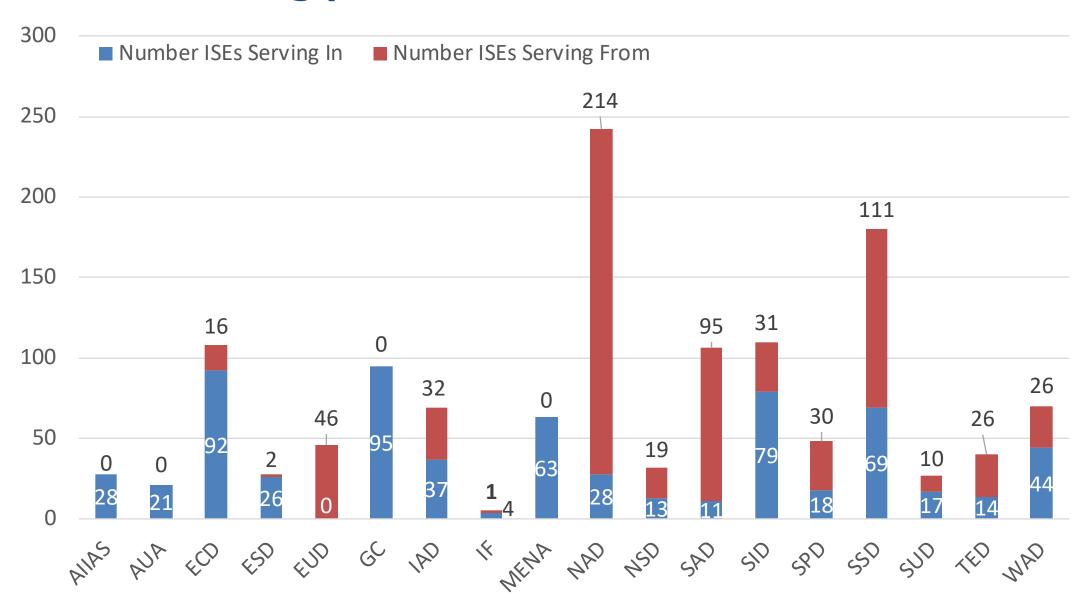




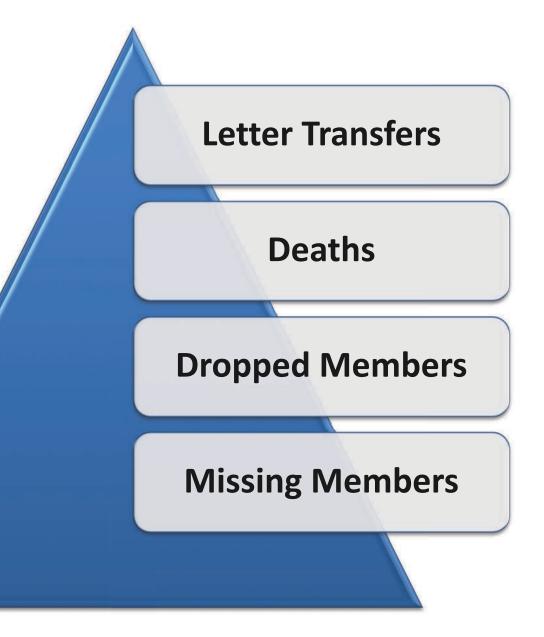




ISE's Serving per Division 2015



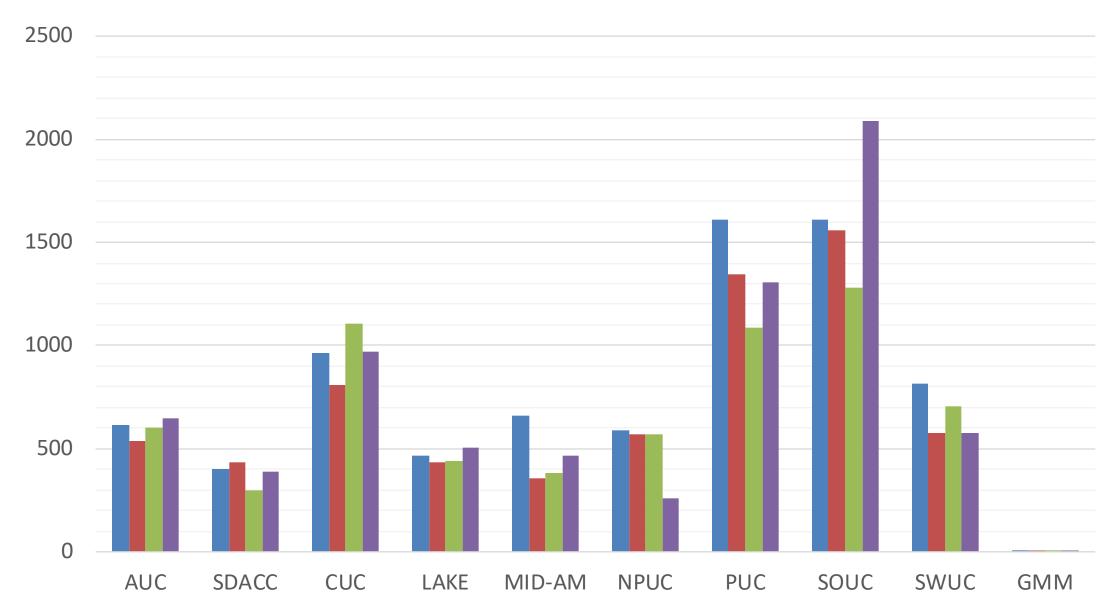






Letters of Transfer 2017







Seventh-day	Adventist World	Church Interesting	Facts and Figures
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	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u> 2005</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Accessions	719,679	1,043,843	1,057,852	1,050,785	1,139,000
Per Day	1,970.37	2,857.89	2,896.24	2,876.89	3,118.41
Per Hour	82.10	119.08	120.68	119.87	129.93
Per Minute	1.37	1.98	2.01	2.00	2.17
One Accession per	43.85	30.23	29.83	30.03	27.71 Seconds
Accession Rate (%)	8.17	9.54	7.59	6.44	6.73
New Church Organized every	4.33	3.90	3.71	4.47	4.48 Hours
Growth Rate (%)	5.49	6.84	3.32	3.77	3.29
Ratio: Population per each	621	519	450	407	400**
Seventh-day Adventist Member**					

^{*}Accessions: Those joining the Church through baptism and profession of faith

7,535,176,000

Prepared by the Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Updated April 18, 2018



^{**}Interpretation: This number means one Seventh-day Adventist for every 364 people in the world.

Population figures are taken from World Population Reference Bureau Data Sheet, Mid-2017:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
Accessions	1,114,574	1,091,222	1,167,506	1,260,880	1,356,476	1,352,931	
Per Day	3,051.54	2,987.60	3,196.46	3,452.10	3,713.83	3,704.12	
Per Hour	127.15	124.48	133.19	143.84	154.74	154.34	
Per Minute	2.12	2.07	2.22	2.4	2.58	2.57	
One Accession per	28.31	28.92	27.03	25.03	23.26	23.33	Seconds
Accession Rate (%)	6.38	6.10	6.43	6.82	7.09	6.76	
New Church Organized every							
	4.07	4.25	3.58	3.20	3.30	3.70	Hours
Growth Rate (%)	2.30	1.47	1.85	3.50	4.61	3.59	
Ratio: Population per each Seventh-day Adventist Member*	395 *	393	392	384	371	364**	

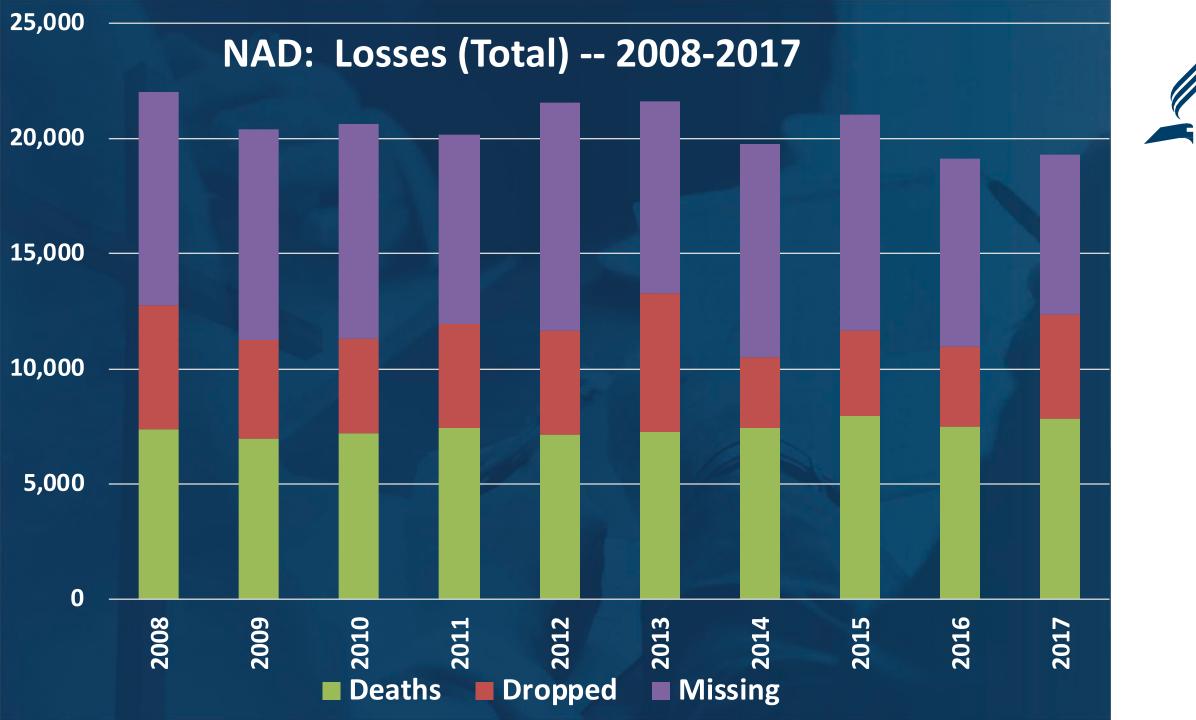
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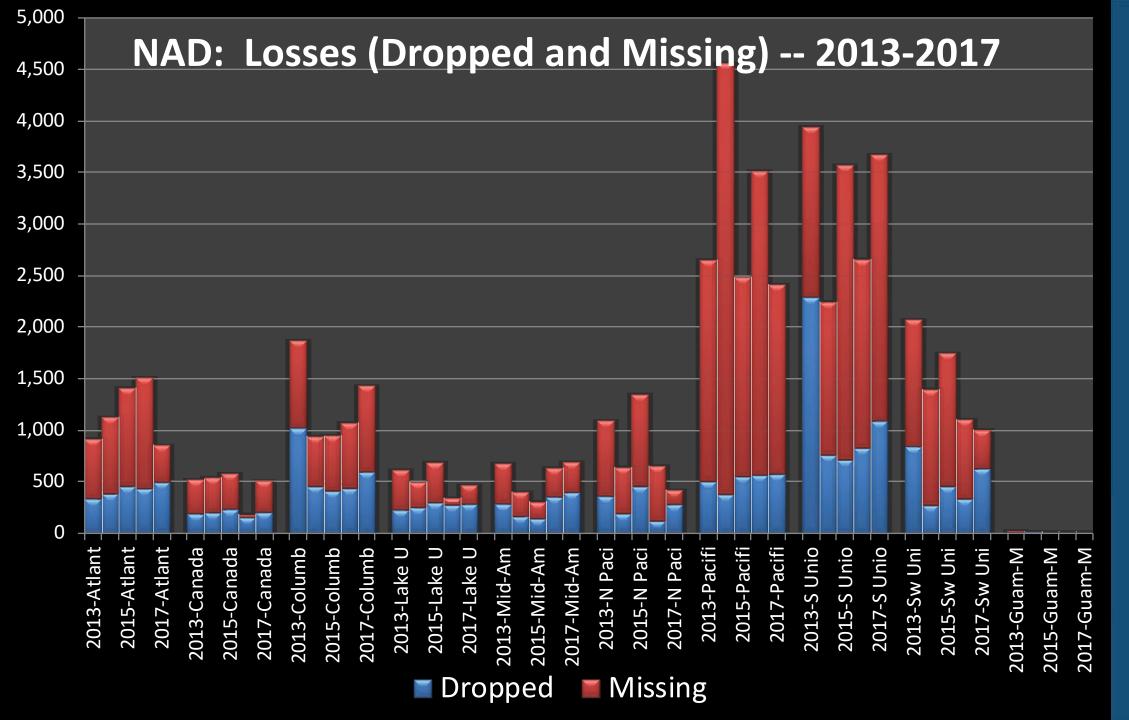
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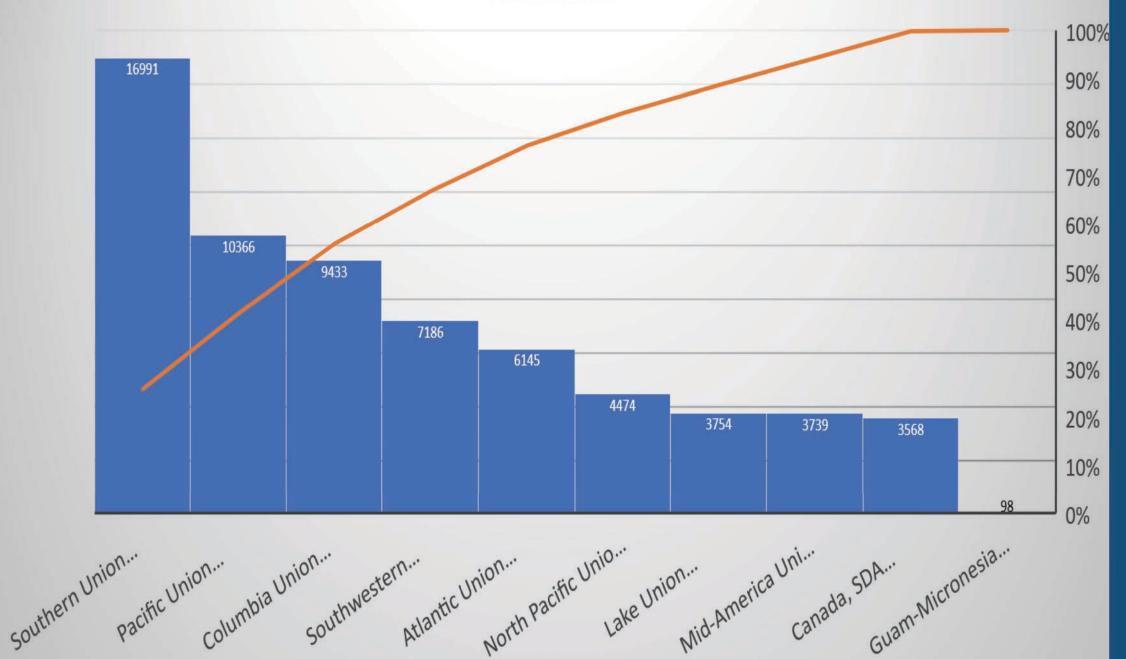
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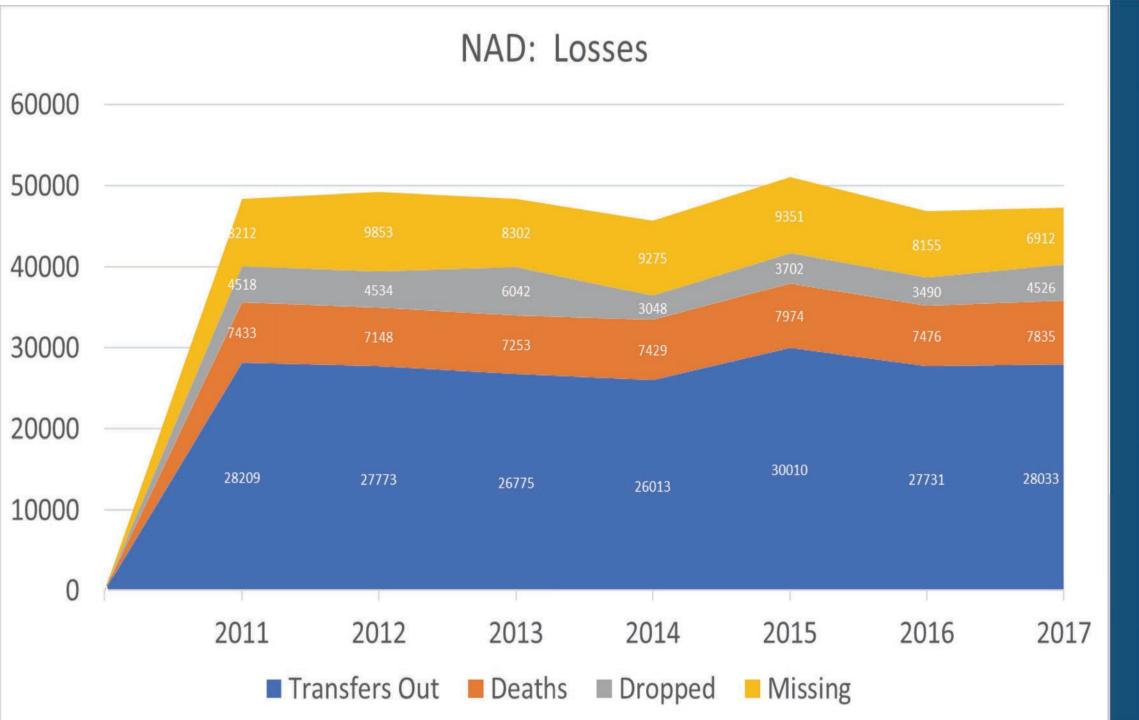




Total Gains

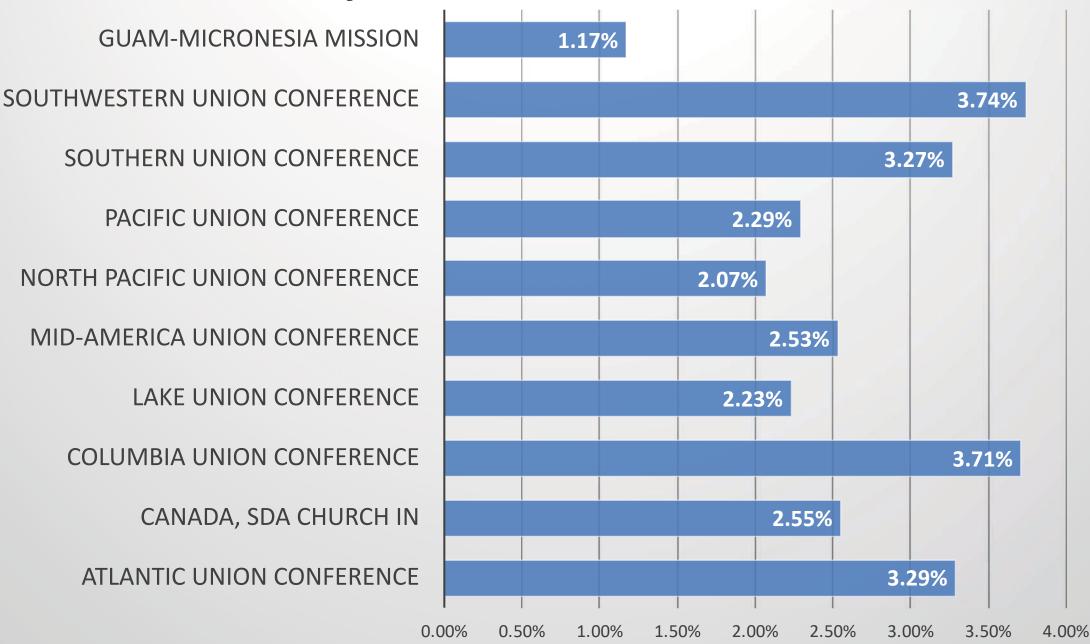








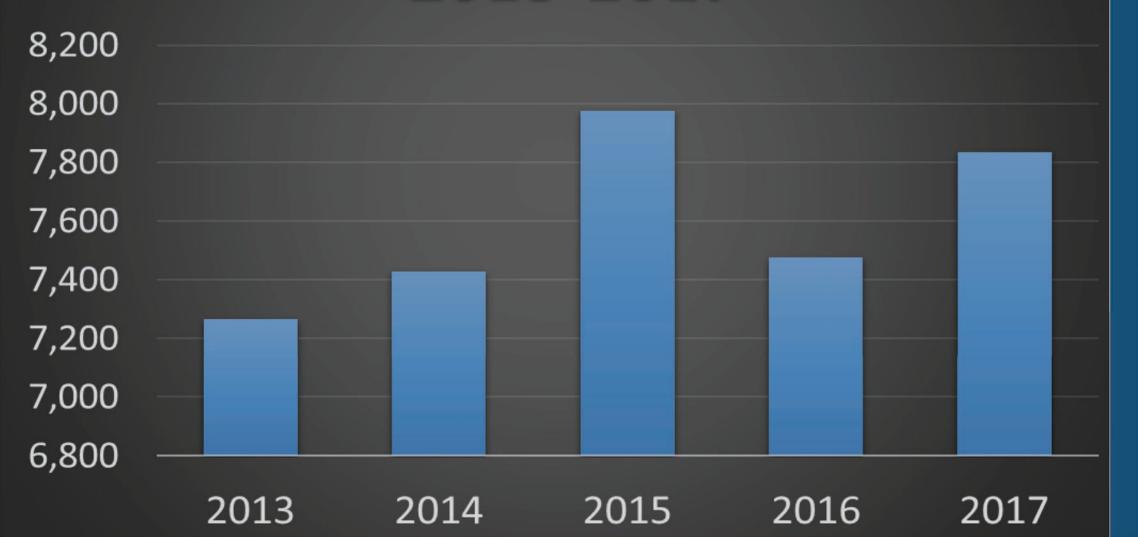
By Union - Accession Rate



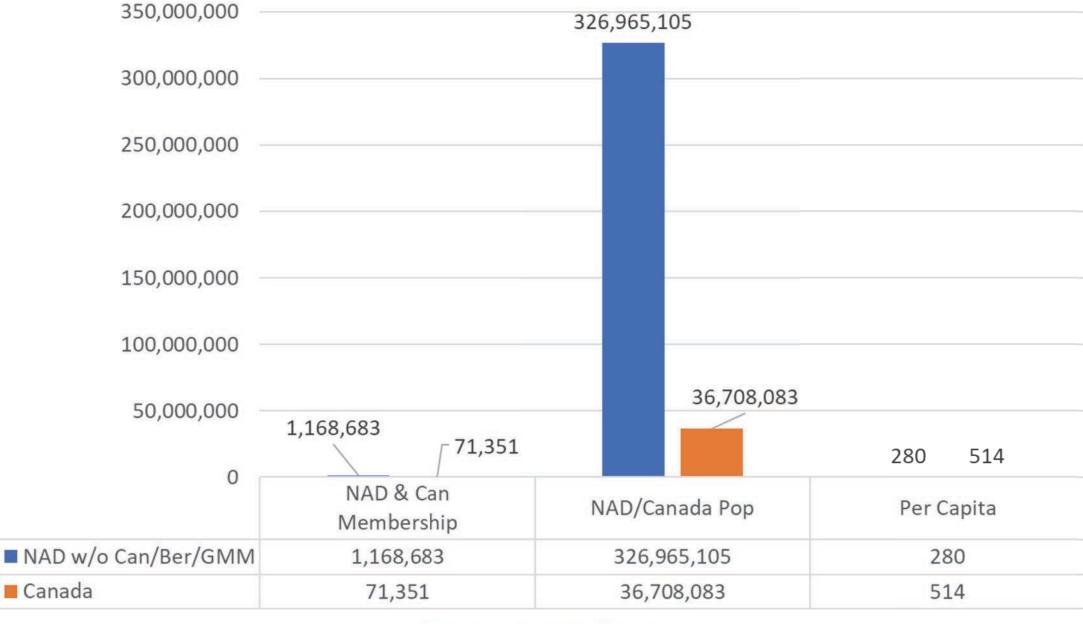


Average Deaths from 2013-2017





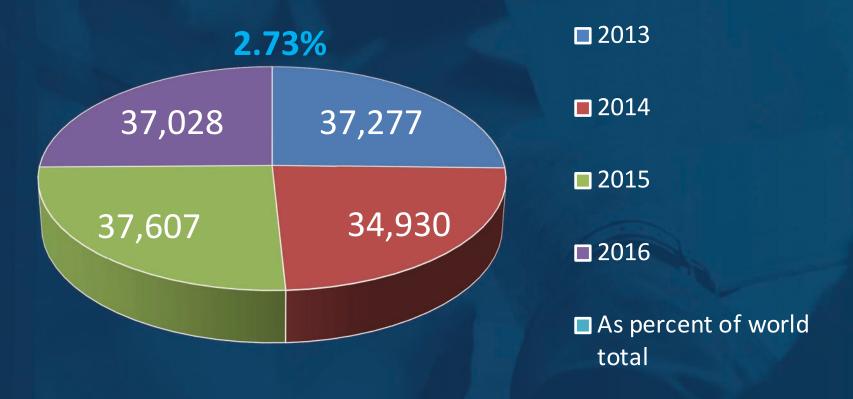
Membership/NAD/Canada Population as of 12/31/2017



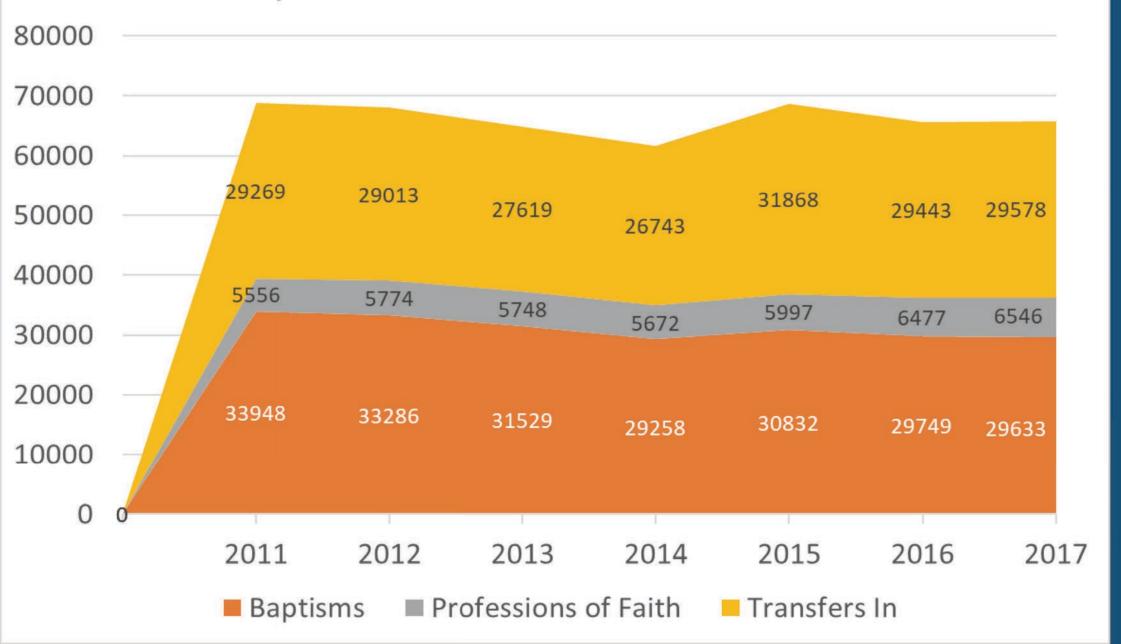


Acccessions as per World Total





Baptisms & Profession of Faith

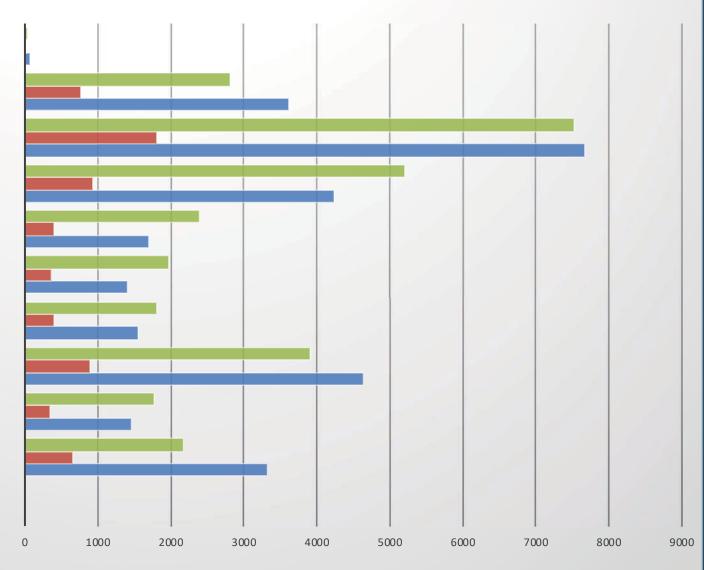




Baptisms/Professions of Faith/Transfers - in

■ Transfers In
■ Professions of Faith

GUAM-MICRONESIA MISSION SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE MID-AMERICA UNION CONFERENCE LAKE UNION CONFERENCE COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE CANADA, SDA CHURCH IN ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE



Baptisms

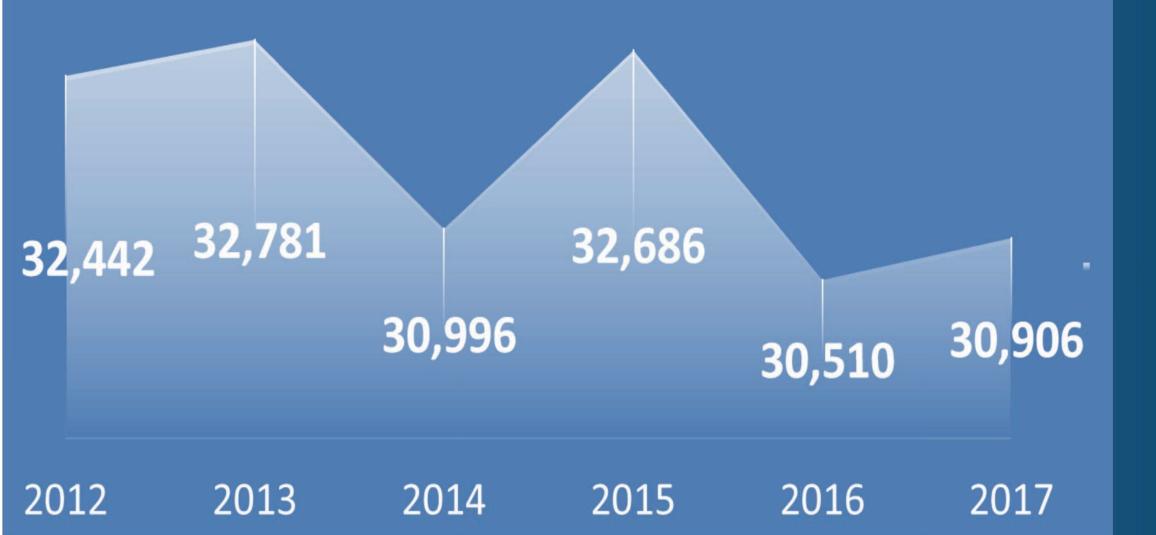


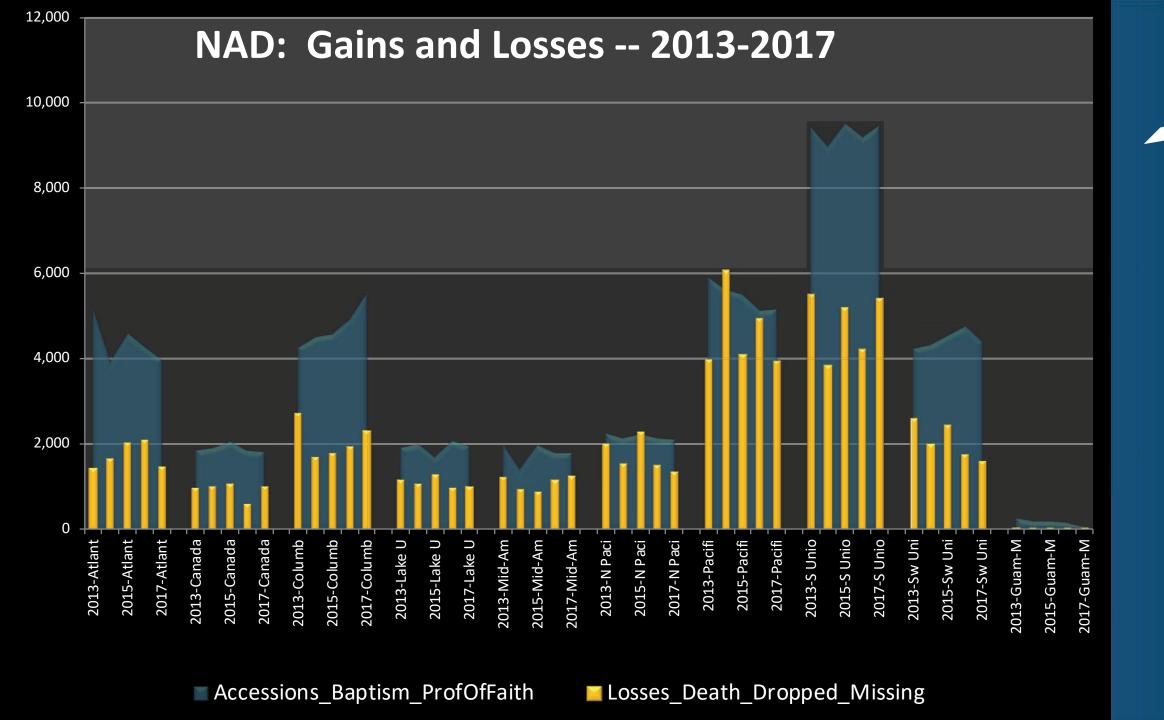




NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION TOTAL LOSSES FROM 2012-2017









Age Ratio

Tithes/Offerings

Membership Ratios

World Statistics

Population Growths



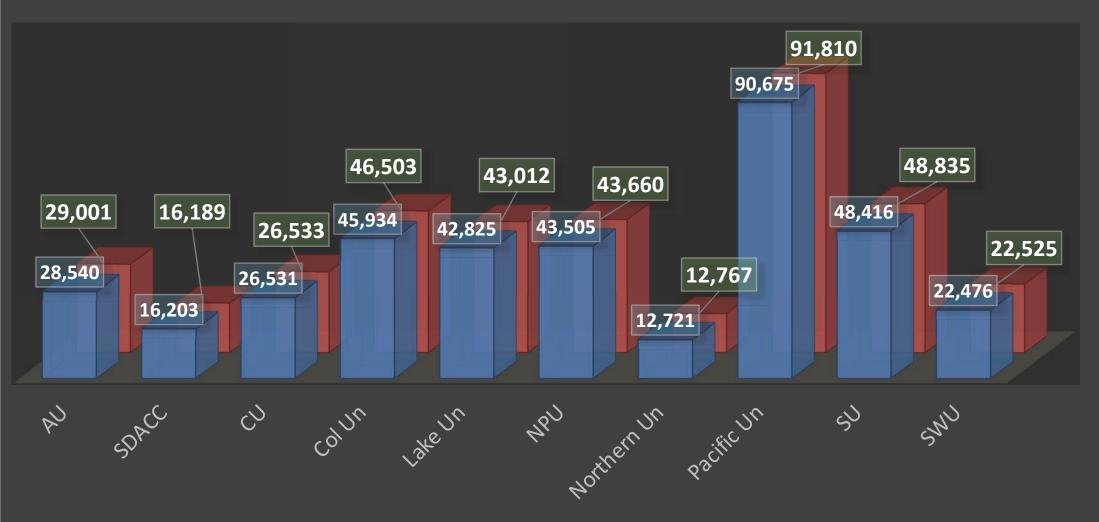
Gender Ratio



Approximate
Percentage of
Female Members
52.8%

1965 MEMBERSHIP

Beginning Membership
Ending Membership





Total Membership 1965 vs. Total Membership 2017

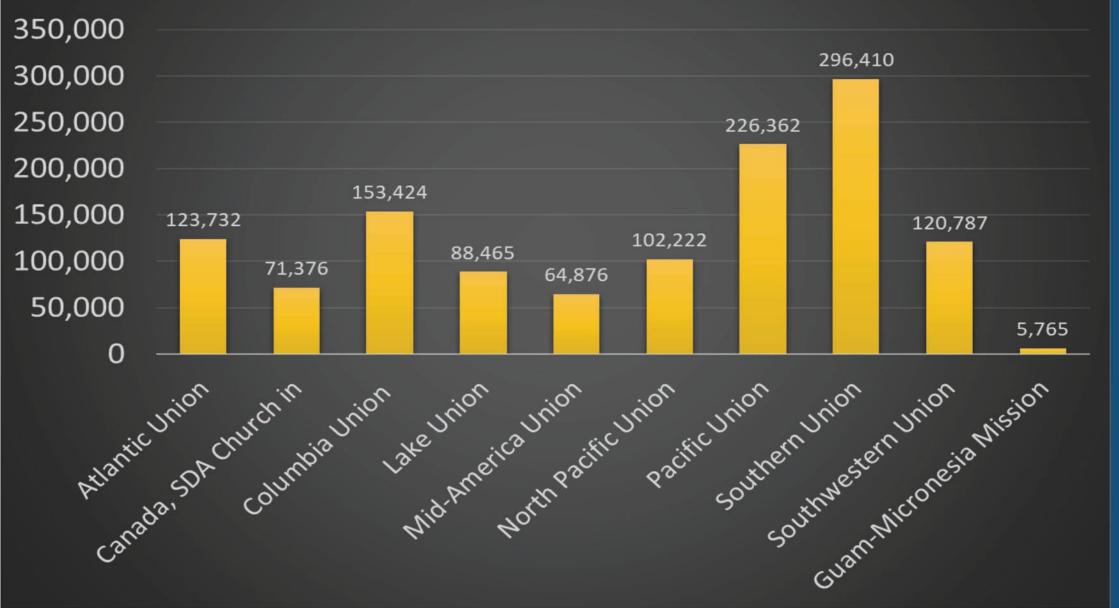


1965 380,835

2017 1,249,715

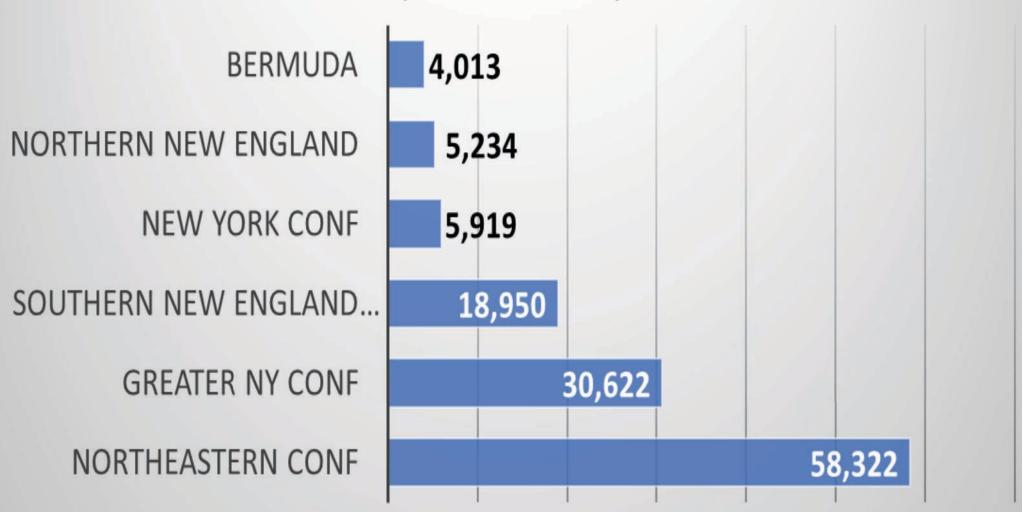
North American Division 2nd Quarter 2018 Ending Membership





Atlantic Union Membership

(December 2017)





Membership Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (December 2017)





Columbia Union Membership (December 2017)

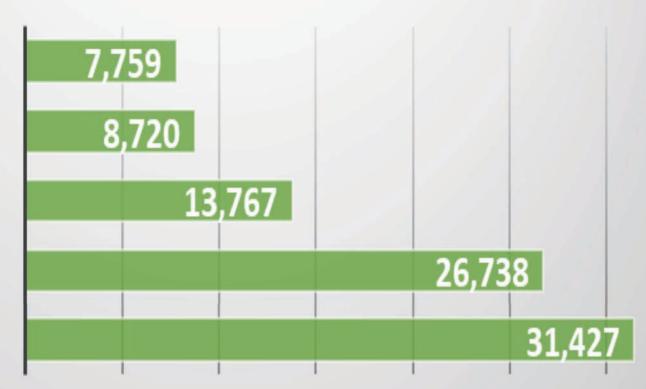




Lake Union Membership (December 2017)







Mid-American Union Membership (December 2017)

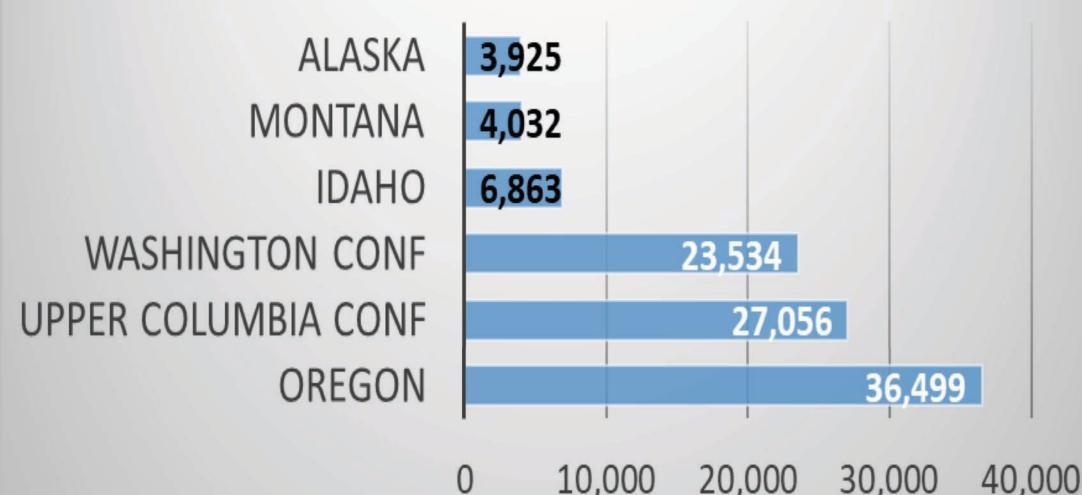


DAKOTA CONF CENTRAL STATES CONF MINNESOTA CONF KANSAS-NEBRASKA... **IOWA-MISSOURI CONF ROCKY MOUNTAIN...**



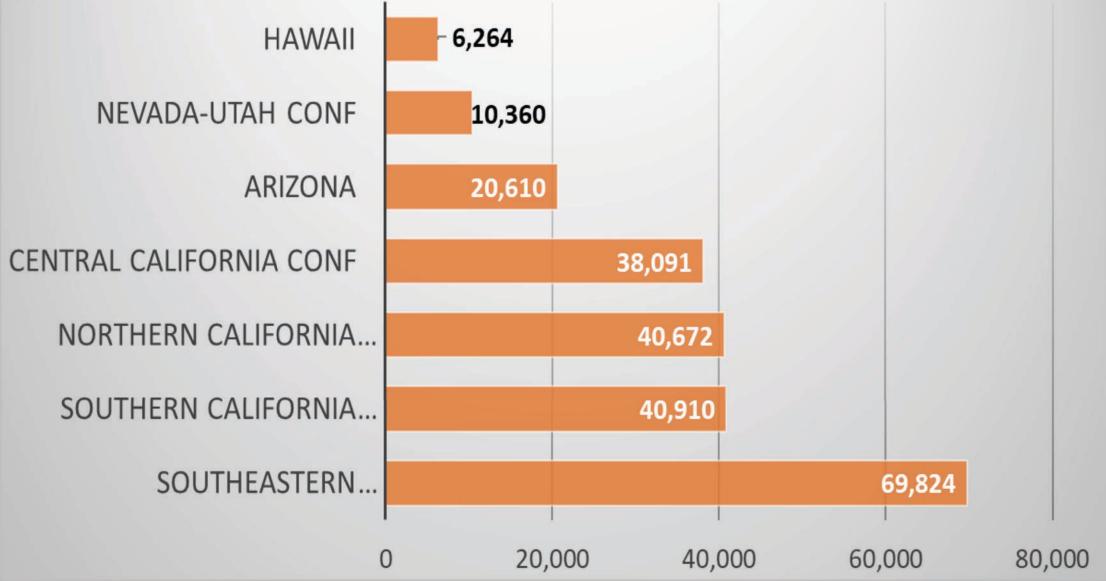
North Pacific Union Membership (December 2017)





Pacific Union Membership (December 2017)

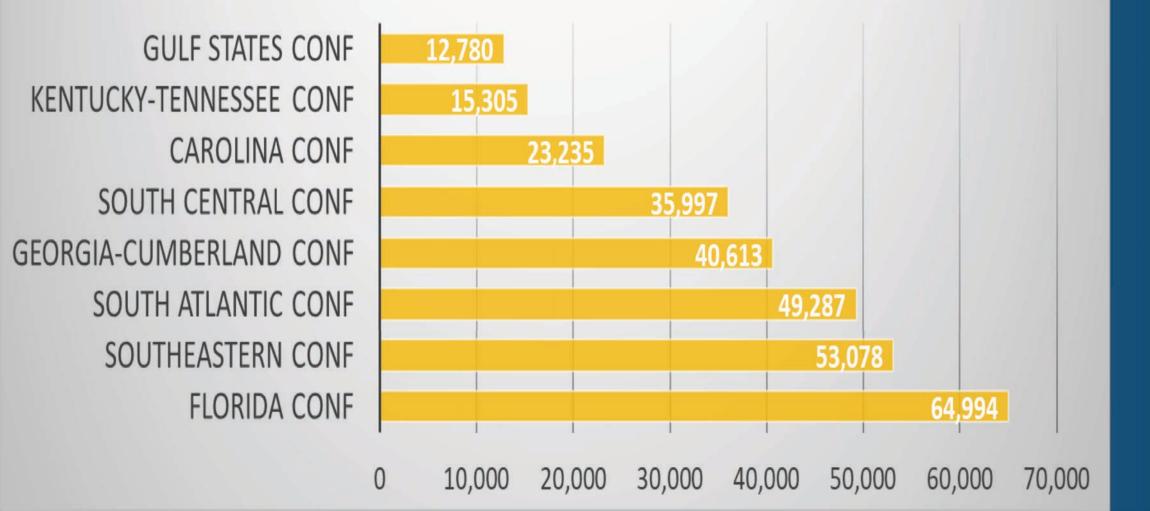




Southern Union Membership

(December 2017)





Southwestern Union Membership (December 2017)



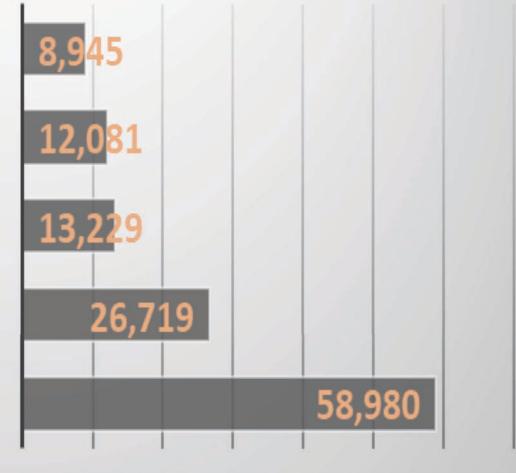


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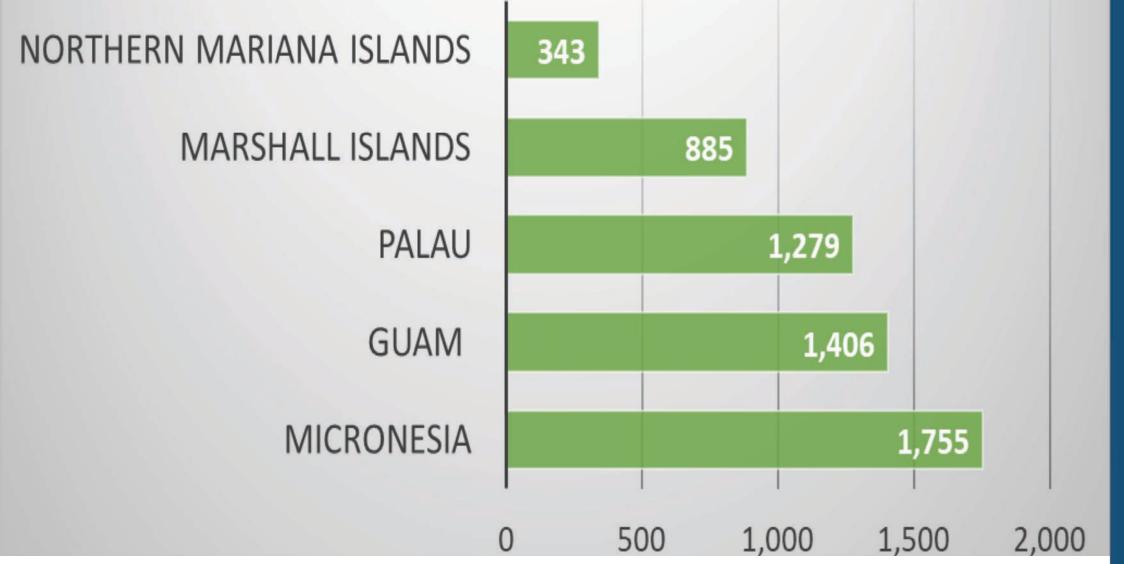
SOUTHWEST REGION CONF

TEXAS CONF



Guam-Micronesia Mission Membership (December 2017)





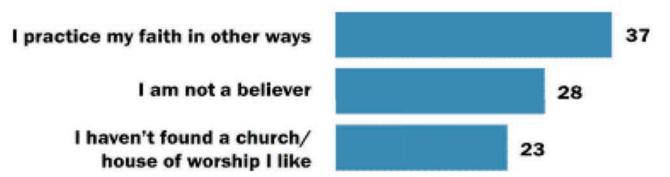
Top reasons U.S. adults give for choosing to attend or not attend religious services

Among U.S. adults who attend religious services at least once or twice a month, % who say _____ is a "very important" reason they ATTEND religious services





Among U.S. adults who attend religious services a few times a year or less often, % who say _____ is a "very important" reason they DO NOT attend more often



Source: Survey conducted Dec. 4-18, 2017, among U.S. adults. "Why Americans Go (and Don't Go) to Religious Services"

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Six-in-ten attenders go to religious services primarily to get closer to God

Among those who attend religious services at least once or twice a month, % who say _____ is the **most** important reason why



Note: Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding. Each category includes those who named only the corresponding item as a "very important" reason for regularly attending religious services, as well as those who named more than one reason as "very important" and then indicated, in a follow-up question, that the corresponding item is the most important reason they attend religious services.

Source: Survey conducted Dec. 4-18, 2017, among U.S. adults.

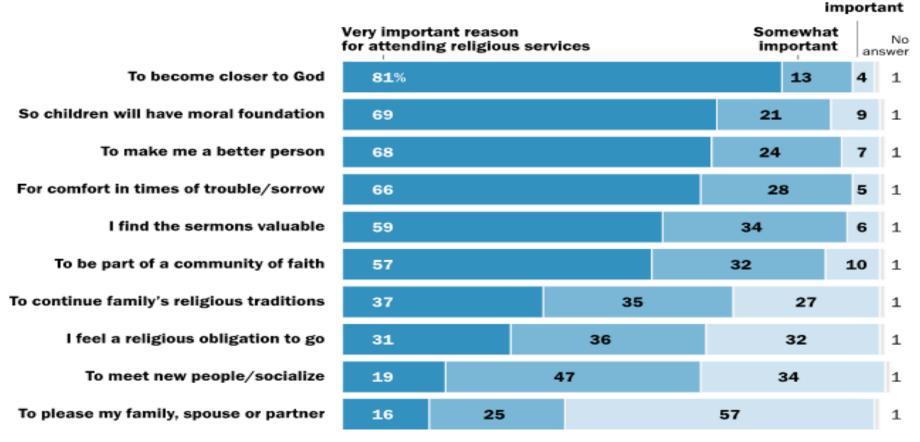
"Why Americans Go (and Don't Go) to Religious Services"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER



Relationship with God, moral foundation for children, self-improvement and comfort in tough times are among key reasons people go to religious services

Reasons for attending religious services among U.S. adults who say they attend at least once or twice a month



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Not

Historical Quiz



Which Divisions were first organized?



- 1.) Asiatic Division (1909)
- 2.) North American Division(1913)
- 3.) European Division (1913)





- 1.) Euro- Asia Division (23 million sq. km)
- 2.) North American Division (20 mil sq. km)
- 3.) South American Division (15 mil sq. km)

Which Divisions have the most time zones?



- 1.) North American Division (12)
- 2.) Euro Asia Division (10)
- 3.) South Pacific Division (8)





1.) North American Division (\$1,002,275,749) 2.) South American Division (\$472,723, 528) 3.) Inter American Division (\$226,176,423)

Which Divisions have the highest world mission offerings?

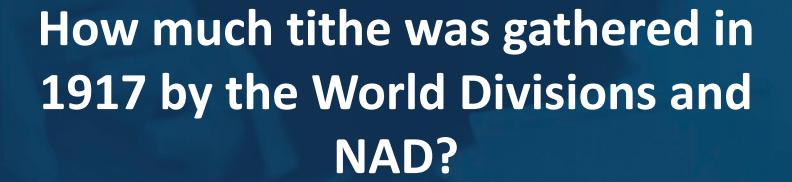
- 1.) North American Division (\$20,665,390)
- 2.) North American Division (\$19,786,432)
- 3.) Inter American Division (\$12,413,067)



What was Membership in 1917 of the World Divisions and NAD?

78,988 World 46%
91,251 NAD 54%
170,239 -Total
100%





\$779,825.02 World – 26%

\$2,167,082.47 NAD -- 74%

\$2,946,907.49 Total --100%





- 1.) Northern Asia-Pacific Division (143)
- 2.) North American Division (59)
- 3.) Southern Asia Division (56)



What was membership in 1967 of the World Divisions and NAD?

1,345,644 World Members - 77%

401,970 NAD Members -- 23%

1,747,614 Total Members -- 100%



How much Tithe was given in 1967 by the World Divisions and the NAD?



\$72,710,953.04 NAD --- 74% \$97,738,695.33 Total -- 100%



What was membership of the World Divisions and NAD in 1977?



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2,297,874 World - 81% 551,884 NAD ---- 19% 2,849,758 Total --- 100%
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How much tithe was given in 1977 by the World Divisions Church and NAD?



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$284,373,265 World - 60%
$189,473,813 NAD - 40%
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473,847,078 Total ---- 100%



What was membership of the World Divisions and NAD in 1997?

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8,827,023 World ---
91%
875,811 NAD --
9%
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9,701,834 Total -----

What was membership by the World Divisions and NAD in 2007?



14,589,158 World --- 93% 1,062,189 NAD --- 7% 15,651,189 Total ---100%



How much tithe was given in 2007 by the world divisions and NAD?

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$1,101,333,341 World -- 55%01,316,575 NAD -- 45% $2,002,649,916 Total -- 100%
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What was membership of the World Divisions and NAD in 2017?

19,477,632 World -- 94%

1,249,715 NAD -- 6%

20,727,347 Total ---

How much tithe was given in 2016 by the World Divisions and NAD



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$1,289,834,577 World -- 56%
$1,002,275,749 NAD -- 44%
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\$2,292,110,236 Total --- 100%



- 1.) Northern Asia-Pacific Division (143)
- 2.) North American Division (59)
- 3.) Southern Asia Division (56)





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: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Christ's Method Alone



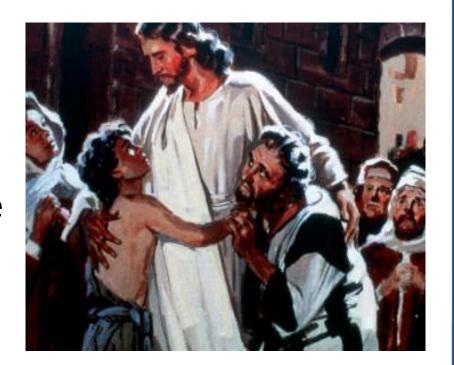
Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people.

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

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







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END PRESENTATION