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Dear Colleagues,

The General Conference Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research (ASTR) is very pleased to circulate a Research Newsletter, which is intended to share with church leaders around the world, and with Adventist scholars, some of the most important findings of the research projects that have been commissioned, supervised, and facilitated by ASTR. These research projects were all commissioned by the executive officers of the General Conference or by standing committees at the World Headquarters.

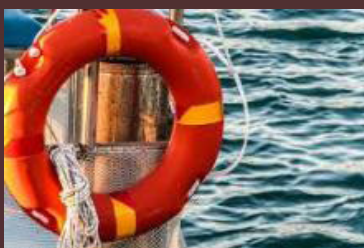
We hope this service makes available important data, with the potential to improve the mission effectiveness of Seventh-day Adventist Church administration, quickly and accessibly. We welcome your feedback and suggestions. We also kindly request you to pass this information on to colleagues, pastors, teachers, or researchers who would be interested in it.

We thank God for the opportunity to make these reports available online.

Yours in Christ,

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To the Rescue



Imagine you are at the beach and see a swimmer way out in the surf, struggling. Would you turn your back and ignore the cries for help, or would you dive into the waves to save him? Is this the way that those who are struggling within the church are treated? According to a recent study (2014) conducted by the Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, over half (56%) of former and inactive Adventists have happy memories of their time in the Church. However, only about a third (36%) of these members would be open to reconnect with the church, with an additional 19% conditionally open to reconnecting. Is there a chance to reconnect with these church dropouts, or are they lost to the Church for good?

To read further, click here: <http://www.adventistresearch.org/blog/2016/06/rescue>

Come Home: A Follow-up on Church Dropouts

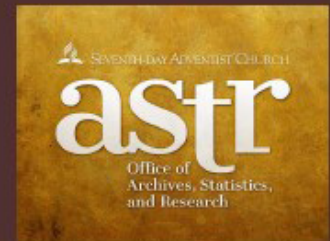


There's a well-known cliché that says, "Home is where the heart is." However, just as "family" does not simply indicate people to whom you have a blood relation, "home" does not refer simply to the place in which you dwell; home can refer to people with whom you feel comfortable, a place to belong. Have those who left the Adventist Church been able to find a new church, a place to call home? A recent study (2013) by the Center for Creative Ministry found that 50% of respondents indicated that they are not attending any church since leaving the Adventist church. What about the remaining dropouts?

To learn more, check out: <http://www.adventistresearch.org/blog/2016/06/come-home-follow-church-dropouts>

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