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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AUA	Adventist University of Africa
BUM	Burundi Union Mission
ECD	East-Central Africa Division
ECUM	East Congo Union Mission
EKUC	East Kenya Union Conference
EEUM	Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission
GC	General Conference
GCMS	Global Church Member Survey
IWG	I Will Go
NECUM	North-East Congo Union Mission
NTUC	Northern Tanzania Union
RUM	Rwanda Union Mission
SDA	Seventh-day Adventist
SP	Strategic Plan
SSAT	South Sudan Attached Territory
STUM	Southern Tanzania Union Mission
UEAB	University of Eastern Africa, Baraton
UUM	Uganda Union Mission
WCUM	West Congo Union Mission
WKUC	West Kenya Union Conference
WEUM	Western Ethiopia Union Mission

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A total of eleven thousand nine-hundred and seventy-two (11,972) church members in the ECD territory participated in the paper survey collected in person. They come from 13 unions (BUM, ECUM, EKUC, EEUM, NECUM, NTUC, RUM, SSAT, STUM, UUM, WCUM, WKUC, and WEUM) located in 8 countries namely, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. Data were gathered using a questionnaire in 7 languages: Amharic, English, French, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Kiswahili, and Luganda.

Personal Demographics

Majority of the respondents were males (58.6%), are not employed in Seventh-day Adventist institutions (75%), have at least some secondary/high school education (80.6%), and have not attended an Adventist school in all levels of education (55.5%). Among those who have Adventist educational experiences, the average number of years spent attending Adventist schools is 7.03 with a standard deviation of 4.42. The average age of participants is 38.48, with ages ranging from 12 to 96 years. All levels of education from primary/elementary to professional/graduate school are represented. Among the 4.3% who identified as deaf and 8.5% who have some form of disability, 42.6% indicated that they sometimes or often find it more difficult to participate in church activities than other church members.

Household and Religious Demographics

Majority of the respondents are married and living with spouse (59.7%), with at least one of biological children is still a child or teenager living at home (53.4%), have children who are all still being raised in or are members of the SDA church (63%), with a household size of at most nine (82%) observing the Sabbath (85.8%), are holding church office in a local church (70.9%), and attend church that is not in close proximity to a Seventh-day Adventist institution. Church members in small, medium, and large churches in rural and urban areas are represented.

One thousand and three hundred and forty-three (11.2%) respondents identified themselves as not baptized member of the SDA church nor joined the church by profession of faith. 50.7% grew up in and have been connected to the church since birth and 40.7% belong to the first generation of Adventists in the family. On average, participants were members of the church for 19.84 years, with the longest member baptized in 1937 (85 years as church member). Fifty-three respondents (0.4%) were baptized in 2022.

Majority of the respondents grew up in a family with at least one biological or adoptive parents or other guardians (73.5%). About 43% of the respondents were given the opportunity to decide about bedtime, entertainment, and choice of friends when they were teenagers, either on their own or with parent(s), guardian(s) or other authority figure.

About 61% considered themselves as active participant (35.2%) or active leader (25.4%) before the coronavirus pandemic. There was a slight improvement in current church involvement (post-pandemic) with 68.8% who indicated that they are active participants (40.2%) or active leaders (28.6%) in their church. Close to 75% of the participants indicated that throughout the pandemic,

worship services in their church continued either as face-to-face (33.6%) or remotely for a period of time when they could not meet in-person (41.2%). On a personal level, 87% continued to worship during the pandemic, either face-to-face in church (30.7%) and with other Adventists but not in church (38.8%) or remotely (17.3%) for a period of time. Participants are members of a church which developed new ministries during or as a result of the pandemic (49%) and provided methods that enabled them to continue their usual pattern of returning tithe (72%) and giving offerings (70.5%).

Religious Behavior and Roles

The five church religious activities more frequently engaged in by the respondents in the last 12 months are: *in-person church services* and *Sabbath school attendance almost every week* and *attendance in prayer meeting at the local church, helping with a church ministry on Sabbath, and attendance in a small group meeting organized through the church once a month*.

The five religious activities less frequently engaged in by the respondents in the last 12 months are: *attendance in Pathfinders' meeting only once or twice* and *receiving a visit from a pastor, attendance in Sabbath School remotely, receiving a visit from a church elder, and attendance in church services remotely by radio, television, or internet at least once a quarter*.

The five personal and family religious activities more frequently engaged in by the respondents are: *spending time thinking about Jesus' life, having personal prayer (at times other than meals), reading the Bible, having morning or evening worship with family members and studying the Sabbath school lesson more than once a week*.

The five personal and family religious activities less frequently engaged in by the respondents are: *using the Adventist Review magazine or website, reading a magazine or newsletter from local union or conference, and reading Adventist World magazine less than once a month and watching other Adventist television channels or programming and watching Hope Channel programming once or a few times a month*.

The five most common use of social media for about **once a week** are *to study the Bible, to attend church, to pray with others, for any purpose, and to share Bible studies with family, friends, or other people in their social network*. Using social media as a distraction from doing other activities, to read or respond to posts by other Christian churches, organizations, and institutions, to learn about the life of Ellen G. White, to worship with other believers (other than for a church service), and to read and connect to the writings of Ellen G. White are done for only **less than once a month**. Moreover, social media use makes the church members *feel more connected to family and friends*.

Among the programs and initiatives developed by the General Conference, majority of the church members participated in *10 Days of Prayer* (73.7%), *Total Member Involvement* (73.2%), *Annual Week of Prayer* (70.9%) and *Revival and Reformation* (68.2%). Least participation is in *Enditnow* (22.2%). In the last 12 months, church members hear communication of information about one or more of the GC programs and initiatives to church members **once a month at**

church and by word of mouth. The least form of communication is *reading a website* in which church members get information only **once or twice** in the last 12 months.

Religious Attitudes and Experiences

The religious attitudes and experiences to which at least 75% of the respondents registered agreement are:

- *I feel proud of my church and its role and reputation in my community* (84%).
- *I apply what I learn from the Bible to my daily life* (83%).
- *I apply what I learn from Sabbath School lessons to my daily life* (82%).
- *My pastor cares about me* (79%).
- *Youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of my local church* (79%).
- *My local church offers training on nurture and discipling of church members* (78%).
- *Other people in my church care about me* (76%).
- *My local church has a program for preparing young people to become leaders* (75.5%).

Less than 50% of the church members expressed agreement to the following statements:

- *I attend a church that makes worship services available online* (33%).
- *Although I am religious, it does not affect my daily life* (48%).

10% have *no access to or have not tried to access Ellen G. White's books in a language they understand.* Majority (69%) of church members are *able to access printed Adventist publications in their local language available at major church gatherings, such as camp meetings or conferences.*

At least 70% of the respondents perceive that there is a need to **increase efforts** for their local church and for their personal involvement in *evangelistic outreach to the local community, in meeting the needs of the local community, in caring for and nurturing church members, in reclaiming former church members, and in including young people in carrying out the mission of the local church.*

59% of the respondents are **very satisfied** with their local church, with an average degree of satisfaction of 4.33 on a scale of 1 to 5. Majority (84%) indicated that it is *very likely that they will be attending a Seventh-day Adventist Church for the rest of their life* (average likelihood of 4.77 on a scale of 1 to 5).

42% have been committed to Christ since they were a young child and continue to be fully committed to Him up to the present.

At least 50% **often** *feel that their life is filled with meaning and purpose, feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world, and help others with their religious questions and struggles.* Majority are **positive** about Sabbath-keeping with 84% *cope better with the stresses of the week when they keep the Sabbath faithfully* and 89% *consider the Sabbath as part of who they are and not something that they do because they have to.*

Despite having gone through the pandemic, majority of the church members have **positive well-being**, 76% of whom more **often** *have a sense of gratitude* and 72% *have grown spiritually* over the past 12 months. 47% have **never** been bothered by *feeling down, depressed, or hopeless* over the last 2 weeks.

Beliefs

More or less 90% of the respondents are in agreement with various Seventh-day Adventist beliefs. 40% believe that *different world regions of the Adventist Church should be allowed after consultation with the worldwide church to set their own administrative policies*.

Although 87.1% believe that *when people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected*, there are 41.3% who also believe that *the soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death*. Moreover, 37.3% agreed/strongly agreed to both statements.

Regarding beliefs on Adventist Education, two-thirds of respondents believe in the uniqueness of SDA education) (74.3%) and that *every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school* (76.7%). Church members who believe that SDA education has distinct theological and worldview differences from public education tend to support the local church's operation of or contribution to an Adventist school.

Some church members still believe in other religious beliefs such as:

- *People who have died believing in Christ are in heaven right now* (19.9%).
- *People who have rejected Christ are burning in Hell right now* (18%).
- *Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for protection or healing* (17.3%).
- *The dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living* (12.1%).

On the relationship between the Adventist Church and one's cultural context, 74.5% believe that *to be a Seventh-day Adventist means to reject certain elements of the culture around them* and 67.7% perceive that *there are ideas in their culture that contradict their faith*.

Sermon topics frequently preached by pastors identified by at least 75% of the respondents are *Sabbath* (84.8%), *second coming of Jesus* (83.5%), *mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church* (80.4%), and *three angels' messages* (77.9%). Seldom preached is the *state of the dead*.

At least 70% have the understanding on the divine inspiration of the *Bible* (73.9%) and of *Ellen G. White* (71%). 14.6% understand that *Ellen G. White copied what God told her word for word, and wrote without being influenced by her own place and time*.

Generally, church members embrace the individual teachings of the SDA church wholeheartedly. Nevertheless, more than 10% either **do not accept or have major doubts/some questions** about some individual teachings of the SDA church:

- *Before Christ returns, God will decide who is to be saved and who will be eternally lost* (32.9%).
- *The investigative pre-Advent judgment began in 1844* (16.8%).

- *The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies* (13.1%).

Health

Only 30.8% of the respondents are *vegans/vegetarians*. More or less 90% of the church members have **never** used addictive drugs within the last 12 months. 69% have a correct understanding of scientific research on alcohol use (*there is no safe level of alcohol use*). 78.5% are familiar with the Adventist Health Message. 33.9% follow the Adventist Health Message a great deal. More or less 80% are positive about the Adventist Health Message. 37.3% believe that they can choose which parts of the Health Message to follow and which to ignore.

There are 61.7% who believe that following the health message ensures their salvation. The percentage of the vegans/vegetarians who believe that following the Health Message ensures their salvation is significantly higher than their non-vegetarian counterparts.

REPORT

Introduction

In 2012-2013, a research team from the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton comprising Dr. Elizabeth Role (principal investigator) together with Dr. Lameck Miyayo, Dr. Elijah Njagi, Dr. Nehemiah Nyaundi, Pastor Caesar Wamalika, Dr. Fanta Hotamo, Dr. Joseph Masinda, Dr. Yona Balyage, and Dr. Rei Kesis conducted a global church member survey (GCMS) in three (3) divisions in the African continent (East-Central Africa Division, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division, and West-Central Africa Division) on spiritual life patterns, beliefs, and attitudes of ordinary members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The data from this survey contributed to the development of the World Church's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan (SP), *Reach the World*, particularly on creation of specific objectives on the strengthening of spiritual life of church members, and their nurture, retention, as well as involvement in their local churches, mission, and evangelism.

A follow-up survey was done in 2017-2018 by Dr. Elizabeth Role and her team members composed of Dr. Rei Kesis, Dr. Lameck Miyayo, Dr. Yona Balyage, and Mrs. Dianah Rop. It measured progress of church members in the African continent in three aspects reflected in the *Reach the World* 2015-2020 SP: Reach Up to God, Reach In with God, and Reach Out with God. The research data from this survey contributed to the development of the World Church's 2020-2025 strategic focus: *I Will Go* (IWG).

This project, the 2022-2023 GCMS, measured the progress of church members in three aspects reflected in the *I Will Go* (IWG) 2020-2025: Mission, Spiritual Growth, and Leadership, laying a foundation for the development of a new SP for the global Seventh-day Adventist Church. This survey report covered the East-Central Africa Division comprising 13 unions.

Data were gathered from 11,972 church members (95% of the expected 12,540 sample). The breakdown of participation per union is as follows:

	Sample Size	Data Gathered	Percentage
Burundi Union Mission	630	634	101%
East Congo Union Mission	510	510	100%
East Kenya Union Conference	1,890	1908	101%
Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission	810	664	82%
North East Congo Union Mission	810	811	100%
Northern Tanzania Union Conference	1,440	1494	104%
Rwanda Union Mission	1,440	1441	100%
South Sudan Attached Territory	240	248	104%
Southern Tanzania Union Mission	900	853	95%
Uganda Union Mission	990	336	34%
West Congo Union Mission	510	510	100%
West Kenya Union Conference	1,980	2461	124%
Western Ethiopia Union Mission	390	102	26%

Two unions, UUM and WEUM, were under-represented in the sample. Only three fields out of six administrative units of UUM were represented in the data set. Although all four administrative units of WEUM were represented in the data set, they were not able to successfully implement the GCMS due to insurgency in the region, the on-going conflict involving ethno-regional militias, the federal government, and the Eritrean military.

Sampling Techniques

Each conference/mission/field was represented in the sample. The churches were stratified in terms of size (small, medium, and large membership) and location (urban and rural). The survey made use of stratified and convenience sampling such that church members from each stratum who were willing to participate were involved in the study.

The size of churches was classified based on membership as follows:

- Small – less than 100 members
- Medium – 100 to 500 members
- Large – more than 500 members

The conferences/missions/fields were allowed to modify the classification of churches as large or medium. If the highest church membership in the conference/mission/field does not exceed 500, then the district pastors can do the necessary re-classification.

The conference/mission/field executive secretary with the assistance of district/church pastors identified the churches involved in the survey ensuring representativeness in terms of membership and location within their territory. The number of churches (based on size and location) that participated in each conference/mission/field was determined as follows:

Total Number of Churches	Number of Churches in the Sample						Total
	Small		Medium		Large		
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	
1,000 or more	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
500 – 999	2	2	2	2	2	2	12
100 – 499	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
50 – 99		1		1	1		3
10 – 49			1	1			2
Less than 10	Church with the largest membership						1

In conferences/missions/fields with at least 10 churches, the number of church members expected to participate in the study per church category was based on the following rule:

- Large church 50 members
- Medium church 30 members
- Small church 10 members

In conferences/missions/fields with less than 10 churches, 30 members from the church with the largest membership was involved in the survey.

Details of the sample and sample frame template are shown in Appendix 1.

Methodology

In February 2021, the principal investigator communicated with Dr. Alain Coralie, ECD executive secretary, and provided detailed information about the survey and its logistics. She introduced Dr. Daniel Ganu of the Adventist University of Africa as the GCMS research coordinator for ECD.

Ethics Approval. On February 24, 2021, the principal investigator submitted an application for ethics approval of the research proposal to the Research Ethics Committee of the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton (UEAB), an accredited Ethics Review Board of the National Commission for Science, Technology, and Innovation (NACOSTI) of Kenya. The application was approved on March 6, 2021. The application and letter of approval are in Appendix 2.

Translation of Questionnaires. Between March – July 2021, the GCMS questionnaire was translated into Kiswahili, French, Luganda, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Afaan Oromoo, and Amharic. Unfortunately, the Afaan Oromoo version of the questionnaire was not used.

Dr. Alain Coralie facilitated the translation of the questionnaires. He identified individuals who have expertise in English and the language to which the questionnaire was translated. He also engaged individuals, different from the translators, to do a back translation to ensure the quality of translation in each language.

Data-gathering Procedures. In May 2021, the principal investigator obtained the email addresses of the executive secretary of each union/conference/mission/field from the secretariat of ECD. Upon receipt of the email addresses, she communicated with all executive secretaries about the GCMS and sent them the cover letter written by Dr. Ted Wilson for the questionnaire.

The data-gathering process in unions which used the English version of the questionnaire (EKUC, SSAT, and WKUC) was supposed to commence in mid-June 2021 when the principal investigator sent the questionnaire, the sample frame, and a document outlining procedures of data-gathering and reimbursement of expenses to the union/conference/mission/field executive secretaries via e-mail attachment. However, in some areas, data-gathering started only in August 2021 due to COVID-19 lockdown condition. The union executive secretaries were requested to send all filled questionnaires to the office of Dr. Ganu at AUA by November 30, 2021.

The translated versions of the questionnaire, the sample frame, and a document outlining procedures of data-gathering and reimbursement of expenses were sent to the respective union/conference/mission/field executive secretaries beginning mid-July 2021. The respective union executive secretaries were requested to send all filled questionnaires to the office of Dr. Ganu at AUA by December 15, 2021.

Using the guide in classifying churches based on membership, the executive secretaries with the assistance of pastors identified the participating churches from urban and rural areas. The photocopying of the questionnaire was done in each conference/mission/field.

Members of the selected churches who were present during the time of data collection and were willing to participate in the study filled the questionnaires. The filled questionnaires from the churches were brought by the person in-charge of data-gathering to the mission/conference/field office and eventually transmitted to the union executive secretary's office. As soon as all questionnaires from the churches of each conference/mission/field were gathered, the union executive secretary organized the delivery of these questionnaires to the office of Dr. Daniel Ganu in Adventist University of Africa in Nairobi, Kenya using the most convenient and secured method (courier or hand-delivery). Dr. Ganu monitored the data collection and regularly updated the principal investigator of the status of data collection.

The WKUC was the first union which completed data-gathering, followed by SSAT and BUM. The office of Dr. Ganu began receiving filled questionnaires by late August 2021. All the other unions have gathered data by December 31, 2021. The sending of the questionnaires to AUA was delayed in some territories due to border closures where land transportation (cheapest courier service) from one country to another was restricted.

In order for all unions to complete the required number of questionnaires in the sample, the data gathering period was extended until July 30, 2022. Data-gathering in STUM, EKUC and UUM was further extended to November 30, 2022.

Data Entry and Analysis. The entry of data in EXCEL was done under the supervision of Dr. Ganu. The principal investigator trained 5 prospective data entry clerks in September 2021 via Zoom. Two of them committed to do the job.

Data entry was done as questionnaires were received. Questionnaires which have responses only to most of the questions in the demographics sections (sections 1 and 2) were discarded. As soon as data entry was done for each conference/mission/field, the EXCEL file was sent to the principal investigator for data cleaning and analysis. Analysis of data was done by the principal investigator using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 28.

SURVEY RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Section 1: Personal Demographics

Country

	N	%
Burundi	634	5.3
Democratic Republic of Congo	1831	15.3
Ethiopia	766	6.4
Kenya	4369	36.5
Rwanda	1441	12.0
South Sudan	248	2.1
Tanzania	2347	19.6
Uganda	336	2.8
Total	11972	100.0

Language of the questionnaire

	N	%
Amharic	709	5.9
English	4844	40.5
French	1473	12.3
Kinyarwanda	1441	12.0
Kirundi	634	5.3
Kiswahili	2705	22.6
Luganda	166	1.4
Total	11972	100.0

Gender

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Male	7015	58.6	59.9
Female	4704	39.3	40.1
Total	11719	97.9	100.0
No Response	253	2.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Age range

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
up to 20 years of age	827	6.9	7.1
21-35 years of age	4542	37.9	39.1
36-54 years of age	4659	38.9	40.1
55 years of age and older	1598	13.3	13.7
Total	11626	97.1	100.0
No Response	346	2.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Age as of 2022	11626	12	96	38.48	13.683

Do you identify as a person who is Deaf?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	520	4.3	4.4
No	11218	93.7	95.6
Total	11738	98.0	100.0
No Response	234	2.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Do you have challenges or impairments in any of these areas: physical, emotional, mental, cognitive, developmental, visual (not easily corrected with glasses), or hearing?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	1023	8.5	8.7
No	10695	89.3	91.3
Total	11718	97.9	100.0
No Response	254	2.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

If you reported challenges or impairments, or identified as a person who is Deaf, have you found it more difficult to participate in church activities than other people in your church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
This rarely or never happens to me.	307	2.6	24.7
This sometimes happens to me.	370	3.1	29.7
This often happens to me.	160	1.3	12.9
This question does not apply to me.	408	3.4	32.8
Total	1245	10.4	100.0
No Response	10727	89.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

Are you currently or have you been in the past employed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes, employed in the past, but not currently.	690	5.8	5.9
Yes, employed currently by the Adventist Church.	2629	22.0	22.6
No, never employed by the Adventist Church.	8290	69.2	71.4
Total	11609	97.0	100.0
No Response	363	3.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

What is the highest level of school you have completed?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have never attended school.	141	1.2	1.2
Some elementary/primary school.	441	3.7	3.8
Completed primary school.	1325	11.1	11.5
Some high/secondary school.	1522	12.7	13.2
High/secondary school graduate.	2512	21.0	21.7
Vocational school	352	2.9	3.0
Some college or university.	1300	10.9	11.2
College or university graduate.	3259	27.2	28.2
Graduate school (including Masters, PhD, law degree, medical degree, DMin, or comparable).	713	6.0	6.2
Total	11565	96.6	100.0
No Response	407	3.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Adventist Educational Experiences

I have attended an Adventist school.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	6642	55.5	68.9
Yes	2995	25.0	31.1
Total	9637	80.5	100.0
No Response	2335	19.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

I attended Adventist elementary or primary school while living in the community.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	7162	59.8	80.6
Yes	1720	14.4	19.4
Total	8882	74.2	100.0
No Response	3090	25.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

I attended Adventist elementary or primary school while living on campus.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	8014	66.9	93.9
Yes	524	4.4	6.1
Total	8538	71.3	100.0
No Response	3434	28.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

I attended Adventist secondary school while living in the community.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	7355	61.4	83.9
Yes	1410	11.8	16.1
Total	8765	73.2	100.0
No Response	3207	26.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

I attended Adventist secondary school while living on campus.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	7716	64.5	88.1
Yes	1039	8.7	11.9
Total	8755	73.1	100.0
No Response	3217	26.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

I attended Adventist college or university while living in the community.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	7872	65.8	92.6
Yes	628	5.2	7.4
Total	8500	71.0	100.0
No Response	3472	29.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

I attended Adventist college or university while living on campus.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	7841	65.5	92.0
Yes	685	5.7	8.0
Total	8526	71.2	100.0
No Response	3446	28.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

Range of years spent in SDA schools

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-3 years	795	6.6	21.6
4-6 years	1250	10.4	34.0
7-9 years	607	5.1	16.5
10-12 years	646	5.4	17.6
13-15 years	222	1.9	6.0
16-18 years	89	.7	2.4
19 years and above	70	.6	1.9
Total	3679	30.7	100.0
No Response	8293	69.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics					
	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
What is the total number of years that you have spent attending Adventist schools?	3679	1	26	7.03	4.415

Section 2: Household and Religious Demographics

Range of number of people in immediate household

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-3	1809	15.1	15.8
4-6	5000	41.8	43.7
7-9	3000	25.1	26.2
10-12	1207	10.1	10.5
13-15	268	2.2	2.3
16-18	80	.7	.7
19 and above	84	.7	.7
Total	11448	95.6	100.0
No Response	524	4.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics					
	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
How many people live in your immediate household (including yourself)?	11448	1	25	6.32	3.166

Range of number of people in immediate household observing the Sabbath

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-3	2778	23.2	24.5
4-6	4968	41.5	43.7
7-9	2521	21.1	22.2
10-12	826	6.9	7.3
13-15	169	1.4	1.5
16-18	57	.5	.5
19 and above	42	.4	.4
Total	11361	94.9	100.0
No Response	611	5.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
How many people in your immediate household (including yourself) observe the Sabbath?	11361	1	25	5.56	3.016

Marital status

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Married and living with your spouse	7147	59.7	61.3
Married and living apart	434	3.6	3.7
Never married/single	3267	27.3	28.0
Divorced and single	125	1.0	1.1
Separated	161	1.3	1.4
Widowed	301	2.5	2.6
Living together, not married	229	1.9	2.0
Total	11664	97.4	100.0
No Response	308	2.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

At least one of my biological children is still a child or teenager living at home.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	4336	36.2	40.4
Yes	6396	53.4	59.6
Total	10732	89.6	100.0
No Response	1240	10.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

There is at least one child or teenager who is not my biological child living in my home (such as a stepchild, grandchild, adopted child, or a child or teenager from another family).

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	6351	53.0	63.5
Yes	3647	30.5	36.5
Total	9998	83.5	100.0
No Response	1974	16.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Are all of your children still being raised in the Seventh-day Adventist Church or are they all members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	7545	63.0	67.3
No, I have at least one child who is still part of the church, and at least one child who has left the church.	558	4.7	5.0
No, none of my children are still part of the church.	264	2.2	2.4
I do not have any children.	2852	23.8	25.4
Total	11219	93.7	100.0
No Response	753	6.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

History with the Seventh-day Adventist Church

I am a Seventh-day Adventist.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	824	6.9	7.6
Yes	10047	83.9	92.4
Total	10871	90.8	100.0
No Response	1101	9.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

I have been baptized as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church or joined the Church by Profession of Faith.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1343	11.2	12.7
Yes	9256	77.3	87.3
Total	10599	88.5	100.0
No Response	1373	11.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

I am in the first generation of Adventists in my family.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	4868	40.7	48.3
Yes	5221	43.6	51.7
Total	10089	84.3	100.0
No Response	1883	15.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

At least one of my parents is or was a Seventh-day Adventist.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3763	31.4	37.9
Yes	6157	51.4	62.1
Total	9920	82.9	100.0
No Response	2052	17.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

At least one of my grandparents is or was a Seventh-day Adventist.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	5275	44.1	54.8
Yes	4345	36.3	45.2
Total	9620	80.4	100.0
No Response	2352	19.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

At least four continuous generations of my family (including myself, a parent, a grandparent, and a great-grandparent) have been members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	5789	48.4	58.5
Yes	4109	34.3	41.5
Total	9898	82.7	100.0
No Response	2074	17.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

I am not sure what history my family has with the Adventist Church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	6336	52.9	67.8
Yes	3013	25.2	32.2
Total	9349	78.1	100.0
No Response	2623	21.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Range of years as SDA church member

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-9 years	3013	25.2	27.2
10-19 years	2580	21.6	23.3
20-29 years	2678	22.4	24.2
30-39 years	1653	13.8	14.9
40-49 years	622	5.2	5.6
50-59 years	193	1.6	1.7
60 years and above	49	.4	.4
Not a Seventh-day Adventist Church member	239	2.0	2.2
Baptized in 2022	53	.4	.5
Total	11080	92.5	100.0
No Response	892	7.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Number of years as a Seventh-day Adventist Church member	10788	1	85	19.84	13.130

*Excluding those baptized in 2022

At what age did you join the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I grew up in the church, and have been connected to the church since birth.	6073	50.7	53.2
I grew up in the church, but left for a while before returning one or more times.	369	3.1	3.2
My immediate family and I joined the Adventist Church before I reached the age of 13.	572	4.8	5.0
I joined the Adventist Church before I reached the age of 13, although my immediate family did not.	414	3.5	3.6
I did not grow up in the church and joined while aged 13-20.	1816	15.2	15.9
I did not grow up in the church and joined after age 20.	2176	18.2	19.1
Total	11420	95.4	100.0
No Response	552	4.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

Do you hold a church office at your local church? A church office is any leadership position in a ministry in your local church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	8494	70.9	73.0
No	3139	26.2	27.0
Total	11633	97.2	100.0
No Response	339	2.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

Approximately how many people attend your church on a typical Sabbath?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
less than 25	175	1.5	1.5
25-50	643	5.4	5.6
51-100	1566	13.1	13.6
101-150	1568	13.1	13.7
151-200	1445	12.1	12.6
201-300	1778	14.9	15.5
301-400	1441	12.0	12.6
401-500	996	8.3	8.7
501-1000	1391	11.6	12.1
1001-2000	325	2.7	2.8
more than 2000	152	1.3	1.3
Total	11480	95.9	100.0
No Response	492	4.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Approximately what is the membership size of your church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
less than 25	145	1.2	1.3
25-50	561	4.7	4.9
51-100	1302	10.9	11.3
101-150	1313	11.0	11.4
151-200	1421	11.9	12.3
201-300	1755	14.7	15.2
301-400	1319	11.0	11.4
401-500	1116	9.3	9.7
501-1000	1721	14.4	14.9
1001-2000	594	5.0	5.2
more than 2000	276	2.3	2.4
Total	11523	96.2	100.0
No Response	449	3.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

What is the setting where the church is located?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Large city center (downtown)	1876	15.7	16.0
Elsewhere in a large city	1026	8.6	8.8
In a suburb of a large city	1270	10.6	10.9
A smaller city	1535	12.8	13.1
A small town or village	2918	24.4	25.0
A rural area	3068	25.6	26.2
Total	11693	97.7	100.0
No Response	279	2.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

Church is located near an educational institution, such as a school or university

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	5662	47.3	52.5
Yes	5130	42.8	47.5
Total	10792	90.1	100.0
No Response	1180	9.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Church is located near a medical institution, such as a hospital or clinic

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	7055	58.9	71.5
Yes	2819	23.5	28.5
Total	9874	82.5	100.0
No Response	2098	17.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Church is located near a church administrative office, such as a Conference, Union, or Division office

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	6588	55.0	64.4
Yes	3639	30.4	35.6
Total	10227	85.4	100.0
No Response	1745	14.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

Church is located near some other church institution, such as a publishing house or health food business

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	8150	68.1	83.5
Yes	1608	13.4	16.5
Total	9758	81.5	100.0
No Response	2214	18.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Which of the following best describes the family situation in which you grew up?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
In a family with two biological or adoptive parents, or other guardians (including grandparents or other relatives)	6611	55.2	59.1
In a family with one biological or adoptive parent, or other guardian (including a grandparent or other relative)	2195	18.3	19.6
In a foster family or in an institution	532	4.4	4.8
In some other situation	1840	15.4	16.5
Total	11178	93.4	100.0
No Response	794	6.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

When you were a teenager, before you left home, how were decisions usually made about the music that you listened to, the media (television, movies, or websites) that you viewed, the time that you went to bed, or the friends that you spent time with?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Parent(s), guardian(s), or other authority figure decided	3843	32.1	33.2
We decided together	1948	16.3	16.8
I decided for myself	3150	26.3	27.2
Not applicable	2641	22.1	22.8
Total	11582	96.7	100.0
No Response	390	3.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

The coronavirus pandemic has changed the way that some people participate with their church. Think back to a time just before the pandemic started in late 2019. How would you describe your involvement in your local church before the coronavirus pandemic?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I did not attend church or participate at all in church activities.	537	4.5	4.8
I attended church through recorded or live-streamed audio or video, but otherwise did not interact with the church.	1134	9.5	10.0
I attended church activities and services, but rarely participated or interacted with church members.	1865	15.6	16.5
I considered myself a casual participant.	506	4.2	4.5
I considered myself an active participant.	4212	35.2	37.3
I considered myself an active leader in my church.	3041	25.4	26.9
Total	11295	94.3	100.0
No Response	677	5.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

How would you currently describe your involvement in your local church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not attend church or participate at all in church activities.	196	1.6	1.7
I attend church through recorded or live-streamed audio or video, but otherwise do not interact with the church.	487	4.1	4.3
I attend church activities and services, but rarely participate or interact with church members.	1860	15.5	16.4
I consider myself a casual participant.	532	4.4	4.7
I consider myself an active participant.	4811	40.2	42.5
I consider myself an active leader in my church.	3427	28.6	30.3
Total	11313	94.5	100.0
No Response	659	5.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

During the pandemic, what happened to worship services at the church that you attended?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
My church continued to meet face-to-face throughout the pandemic.	4021	33.6	34.8
My church met remotely for a period of time when we could not meet face-to-face.	4938	41.2	42.7
My church closed for a period of time and there was no remote worship option.	2274	19.0	19.7
My church closed permanently.	321	2.7	2.8
Total	11554	96.5	100.0
No Response	418	3.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

During the pandemic, which of the following best describes your worship experience?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I continued to meet in a church face-to-face.	3679	30.7	32.0
I met face-to-face with other Adventists, but not in a church (for example, in a home church).	4649	38.8	40.4
I attended my local church remotely for a period of time.	1575	13.2	13.7
I attended an Adventist church located in a different place remotely for a period of time.	496	4.1	4.3
I stopped attending church for a period of time.	1025	8.6	8.9
I attended a non-Adventist church either face-to-face or remotely.	80	.7	.7
Total	11504	96.1	100.0
No Response	468	3.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Did your church develop any new ministries during or as a result of the pandemic?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	5879	49.1	50.5
No	4326	36.1	37.2
I do not know	1436	12.0	12.3
Total	11641	97.2	100.0
No Response	331	2.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

I was provided with one or more methods that enabled me to continue my usual pattern of returning tithe

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2363	19.7	21.5
Yes	8632	72.1	78.5
Total	10995	91.8	100.0
No Response	977	8.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

I was provided with one or more methods that enabled me to continue my usual pattern of giving offerings

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1889	15.8	18.3
Yes	8435	70.5	81.7
Total	10324	86.2	100.0
No Response	1648	13.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

Section 3: Religious Behaviors and Roles

This section is about the activities engaged in by church members which are part of their religious experience. These activities may have been done with members of the local church they attend or done alone or with family members.

Religious Activities Involving People in the Local Church

The survey results reveal that majority of church members engage in the following religious activities that typically involve other people not only with family but also with the members of the local church *at least almost every week* in the last 12 months: *attended church services in person* (78%) and *attended Sabbath School in person* (73.4%). More than one-half of church members *attended a prayer meeting at their local church* (59.7%), *attended a small group organized through their church* (53.7%), and *helped with a church ministry on Sabbath* (52.8%) at least once a month.

Home visitation is crucial to the task of a pastor and a church elder as modeled by Paul (Acts 20:20). This is wanting in the homes of ECD church members. In the last 12 months, 29% of church members *never received a visit from their church pastor* with 28.2% received a visit at least once a month, while 24.6% *never received a visit from their church elder* with 31.3% received a visit at least once a month.

*Frequency of engagement in the last 12 months***Descriptive Statistics**

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
attended church services in-person.	11101	0	6	4.35	1.575
attended Sabbath School in-person.	10891	0	6	4.07	1.683
attended a prayer meeting at my local church.	10909	0	6	3.39	2.069
helped with a church ministry on Sabbath.	10575	0	6	3.09	2.069
attended a small group organized through my church.	10732	0	6	3.00	2.175
spent time forming new friendships with non-Adventists in my community.	10977	0	6	2.75	2.092
received a visit from a church member.	10544	0	6	2.71	2.035
helped with a church ministry during the week.	10500	0	6	2.69	2.150
witnessed to non-Adventists in my community.	10739	0	6	2.61	2.075
spent time meeting the needs of non-Adventists in my community.	11030	0	6	2.53	2.054
attended church services remotely by radio, television, or internet.	10542	0	6	2.44	2.297
attended a public evangelistic meeting in my area.	10602	0	6	2.21	2.125
participated in communion service.	10510	0	6	2.11	1.759
received a visit from a church elder.	10692	0	6	2.11	1.982
attended Sabbath School remotely by radio, television, or internet.	10593	0	6	1.93	2.227
received a visit from my pastor.	10803	0	6	1.92	1.947
attended a Pathfinder meeting.	10391	0	6	1.35	1.887

*Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:

0.00 – 0.49	Never	3.50 – 4.49	Almost every week
0.50 – 1.49	Only once or twice	4.50 – 5.49	Every week
1.50 – 2.49	At least once a quarter	5.50 – 6.00	More than once a week
2.50 – 3.49	Once a month		

Attended church services in-person.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	512	4.3	4.6
only once or twice	623	5.2	5.6
at least once a quarter	392	3.3	3.5
once a month	235	2.0	2.1
almost every week	2779	23.2	25.0
every week	4315	36.0	38.9
more than once a week	2245	18.8	20.2
Total	11101	92.7	100.0
No Response	871	7.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

Attended church services remotely by radio, television, or internet.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3674	30.7	34.9
only once or twice	1331	11.1	12.6
at least once a quarter	720	6.0	6.8
once a month	505	4.2	4.8
almost every week	1482	12.4	14.1
every week	1433	12.0	13.6
more than once a week	1397	11.7	13.3
Total	10542	88.1	100.0
No Response	1430	11.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Attended Sabbath School in-person.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	931	7.8	8.5
only once or twice	525	4.4	4.8
at least once a quarter	346	2.9	3.2
once a month	304	2.5	2.8
almost every week	2990	25.0	27.5
every week	4534	37.9	41.6
more than once a week	1261	10.5	11.6
Total	10891	91.0	100.0
No Response	1081	9.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Attended Sabbath School remotely by radio, television, or internet.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	4996	41.7	47.2
only once or twice	1097	9.2	10.4
at least once a quarter	636	5.3	6.0
once a month	464	3.9	4.4
almost every week	1203	10.0	11.4
every week	1279	10.7	12.1
more than once a week	918	7.7	8.7
Total	10593	88.5	100.0
No Response	1379	11.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Attended a small group organized through my church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2610	21.8	24.3
only once or twice	1001	8.4	9.3
at least once a quarter	693	5.8	6.5
once a month	731	6.1	6.8
almost every week	1999	16.7	18.6
every week	2539	21.2	23.7
more than once a week	1159	9.7	10.8
Total	10732	89.6	100.0
No Response	1240	10.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Attended a prayer meeting at my local church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1558	13.0	14.3
only once or twice	1244	10.4	11.4
at least once a quarter	972	8.1	8.9
once a month	858	7.2	7.9
almost every week	2059	17.2	18.9
every week	2330	19.5	21.4
more than once a week	1888	15.8	17.3
Total	10909	91.1	100.0
No Response	1063	8.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Attended a public evangelistic meeting in my area.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3239	27.1	30.6
only once or twice	1788	14.9	16.9
at least once a quarter	1759	14.7	16.6
once a month	764	6.4	7.2
almost every week	821	6.9	7.7
every week	879	7.3	8.3
more than once a week	1352	11.3	12.8
Total	10602	88.6	100.0
No Response	1370	11.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Attended a Pathfinder meeting.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	5646	47.2	54.3
only once or twice	1290	10.8	12.4
at least once a quarter	1164	9.7	11.2
once a month	599	5.0	5.8
almost every week	485	4.1	4.7
every week	613	5.1	5.9
more than once a week	594	5.0	5.7
Total	10391	86.8	100.0
No Response	1581	13.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

Participated in communion service.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2288	19.1	21.8
only once or twice	1395	11.7	13.3
at least once a quarter	4060	33.9	38.6
once a month	713	6.0	6.8
almost every week	536	4.5	5.1
every week	720	6.0	6.9
more than once a week	798	6.7	7.6
Total	10510	87.8	100.0
No Response	1462	12.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

Helped with a church ministry on Sabbath.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1801	15.0	17.0
only once or twice	1430	11.9	13.5
at least once a quarter	1023	8.5	9.7
once a month	896	7.5	8.5
almost every week	1911	16.0	18.1
every week	2232	18.6	21.1
more than once a week	1282	10.7	12.1
Total	10575	88.3	100.0
No Response	1397	11.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Helped with a church ministry during the week.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2404	20.1	22.9
only once or twice	1842	15.4	17.5
at least once a quarter	961	8.0	9.2
once a month	851	7.1	8.1
almost every week	1475	12.3	14.0
every week	1726	14.4	16.4
more than once a week	1241	10.4	11.8
Total	10500	87.7	100.0
No Response	1472	12.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

Received a visit from my pastor.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3473	29.0	32.1
only once or twice	2178	18.2	20.2
at least once a quarter	1771	14.8	16.4
once a month	1023	8.5	9.5
almost every week	657	5.5	6.1
every week	847	7.1	7.8
more than once a week	854	7.1	7.9
Total	10803	90.2	100.0
No Response	1169	9.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

Received a visit from a church elder.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2951	24.6	27.6
only once or twice	2279	19.0	21.3
at least once a quarter	1711	14.3	16.0
once a month	1001	8.4	9.4
almost every week	843	7.0	7.9
every week	980	8.2	9.2
more than once a week	927	7.7	8.7
Total	10692	89.3	100.0
No Response	1280	10.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Received a visit from a church member.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1635	13.7	15.5
only once or twice	2350	19.6	22.3
at least once a quarter	1457	12.2	13.8
once a month	1171	9.8	11.1
almost every week	1323	11.1	12.5
every week	1163	9.7	11.0
more than once a week	1445	12.1	13.7
Total	10544	88.1	100.0
No Response	1428	11.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Witnessed to non-Adventists in my community.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2020	16.9	18.8
only once or twice	2324	19.4	21.6
at least once a quarter	1398	11.7	13.0
once a month	1153	9.6	10.7
almost every week	1249	10.4	11.6
every week	1119	9.3	10.4
more than once a week	1476	12.3	13.7
Total	10739	89.7	100.0
No Response	1233	10.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

Spent time forming new friendships with non-Adventists in my community.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1865	15.6	17.0
only once or twice	2300	19.2	21.0
at least once a quarter	1427	11.9	13.0
once a month	1078	9.0	9.8
almost every week	1369	11.4	12.5
every week	1299	10.9	11.8
more than once a week	1639	13.7	14.9
Total	10977	91.7	100.0
No Response	995	8.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

Spent time meeting the needs of non-Adventists in my community.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2136	17.8	19.4
only once or twice	2391	20.0	21.7
at least once a quarter	1614	13.5	14.6
once a month	1270	10.6	11.5
almost every week	1066	8.9	9.7
every week	1097	9.2	9.9
more than once a week	1456	12.2	13.2
Total	11030	92.1	100.0
No Response	942	7.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Religious Activities Done Alone or With Family

Among the religious activities done either alone or with family, at least 60% of church members exhibit the following behaviors either more than once a week or daily or more than once a day: *spend time thinking about Jesus' life* (76.2%), *have personal prayer (at times other than meals)* (75.1%), *read the Bible* (71.4%), *have morning or evening worship with family members* (64.8%); and *study the Sabbath School lesson* (61.6%). On the other hand, a significant number of the survey respondents *never use the Adventist Review magazine or website* (52.6%), *read a magazine or newsletter from their local union or conference* (44.7%), and *read Adventist World magazine or website* (43.8%).

On returning tithe, 70.2% of church members *specify it as "Tithe" or someone else* (e. g. treasurer of the Adventist institution where the church member is employed) *specifies it (electronic or regular)*.

*Frequency of engagement most of the time***Descriptive Statistics**

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
spend time thinking about Jesus' life.	11351	0	5	4.18	1.303
have personal prayer (at times other than meals).	11271	0	5	4.16	1.355
read the Bible.	11202	0	5	4.01	1.221
have morning or evening worship with members of my family.	11102	0	5	3.73	1.735
study the Sabbath School lesson.	10998	0	5	3.68	1.465
read the writings of Ellen G. White.	10780	0	5	2.58	1.732
listen to an Adventist radio broadcast.	11079	0	5	2.56	1.930
watch Hope Channel programming.	11129	0	5	2.07	2.003
watch other Adventist television channels or programming.	11047	0	5	1.82	1.873
read Adventist World magazine or website.	11036	0	5	1.33	1.605
read a magazine or newsletter from my local union or conference.	10886	0	5	1.21	1.530
use the Adventist Review magazine or website.	11019	0	5	1.07	1.523

**Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:*

0.00 – 0.49	Never	2.50 – 3.49	About once a week
0.50 – 1.49	Less than once a month	3.50 – 4.49	More than once a week
1.50 – 2.49	Once or a few times a month	4.50 – 5.00	Daily or more than once a day

Read the Bible.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	203	1.7	1.8
less than once a month	391	3.3	3.5
once or a few times a month	923	7.7	8.2
about once a week	1131	9.4	10.1
more than once a week	3453	28.8	30.8
daily or more than once a day	5101	42.6	45.5
Total	11202	93.6	100.0
No Response	770	6.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Study the Sabbath School lesson.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	751	6.3	6.8
less than once a month	463	3.9	4.2
once or a few times a month	703	5.9	6.4
about once a week	1711	14.3	15.6
more than once a week	3351	28.0	30.5
daily or more than once a day	4019	33.6	36.5
Total	10998	91.9	100.0
No Response	974	8.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Read the writings of Ellen G. White.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1951	16.3	18.1
less than once a month	1285	10.7	11.9
once or a few times a month	1976	16.5	18.3
about once a week	1558	13.0	14.5
more than once a week	2156	18.0	20.0
daily or more than once a day	1854	15.5	17.2
Total	10780	90.0	100.0
No Response	1192	10.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Have morning or evening worship with members of my family.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1196	10.0	10.8
less than once a month	583	4.9	5.3
once or a few times a month	800	6.7	7.2
about once a week	769	6.4	6.9
more than once a week	1879	15.7	16.9
daily or more than once a day	5875	49.1	52.9
Total	11102	92.7	100.0
No Response	870	7.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

Have personal prayer (at times other than meals).

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	426	3.6	3.8
less than once a month	398	3.3	3.5
once or a few times a month	742	6.2	6.6
about once a week	716	6.0	6.4
more than once a week	2097	17.5	18.6
daily or more than once a day	6892	57.6	61.1
Total	11271	94.1	100.0
No Response	701	5.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Read Adventist World magazine or website.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	5249	43.8	47.6
less than once a month	1641	13.7	14.9
once or a few times a month	1652	13.8	15.0
about once a week	889	7.4	8.1
more than once a week	928	7.8	8.4
daily or more than once a day	677	5.7	6.1
Total	11036	92.2	100.0
No Response	936	7.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

Use the Adventist Review magazine or website.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	6301	52.6	57.2
less than once a month	1479	12.4	13.4
once or a few times a month	1248	10.4	11.3
about once a week	710	5.9	6.4
more than once a week	754	6.3	6.8
daily or more than once a day	527	4.4	4.8
Total	11019	92.0	100.0
No Response	953	8.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Read a magazine or newsletter from my local union or conference.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	5351	44.7	49.2
less than once a month	1844	15.4	16.9
once or a few times a month	1675	14.0	15.4
about once a week	683	5.7	6.3
more than once a week	734	6.1	6.7
daily or more than once a day	599	5.0	5.5
Total	10886	90.9	100.0
No Response	1086	9.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Listen to an Adventist radio broadcast.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2765	23.1	25.0
less than once a month	1170	9.8	10.6
once or a few times a month	1369	11.4	12.4
about once a week	1258	10.5	11.4
more than once a week	1869	15.6	16.9
daily or more than once a day	2648	22.1	23.9
Total	11079	92.5	100.0
No Response	893	7.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Watch Hope Channel programming.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	4372	36.5	39.3
less than once a month	999	8.3	9.0
once or a few times a month	1067	8.9	9.6
about once a week	966	8.1	8.7
more than once a week	1653	13.8	14.9
daily or more than once a day	2072	17.3	18.6
Total	11129	93.0	100.0
No Response	843	7.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Watch other Adventist television channels or programming.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	4521	37.8	40.9
less than once a month	1253	10.5	11.3
once or a few times a month	1257	10.5	11.4
about once a week	1123	9.4	10.2
more than once a week	1481	12.4	13.4
daily or more than once a day	1412	11.8	12.8
Total	11047	92.3	100.0
No Response	925	7.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Spend time thinking about Jesus' life.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	335	2.8	3.0
less than once a month	429	3.6	3.8
once or a few times a month	704	5.9	6.2
about once a week	762	6.4	6.7
more than once a week	2285	19.1	20.1
daily or more than once a day	6836	57.1	60.2
Total	11351	94.8	100.0
No Response	621	5.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

When you return tithe, which of the following descriptions best fits the way that you return tithe?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I specify it as “Tithe” or someone else specifies it (electronic or regular).	8399	70.2	76.3
I do not indicate it as tithe at the time of giving and simply place it in the offering plate.	904	7.6	8.2
I distribute those ten percent at my discretion.	1252	10.5	11.4
I do not return tithe.	450	3.8	4.1
Total	11005	91.9	100.0
No Response	967	8.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Social Media Use

Social media (apps and websites where communities of people post text, images, audio, video, and respond to posts) is a common way for people across the world to communicate. Church members were asked about their engagement in social media activities.

Purposes of Social Media Use

The most common purposes of social media use on which the engagement of 50% or more of the survey participants is at least about once a week are: *to study the Bible* (65.7%), *to attend church* (60.6%), *to pray with others* (51.6%), and *for any purpose* (49.4%)

Approximately 30% or more of church members never use social media *as a distraction from other activities that they should be doing* (44.8%), *to read or respond to posts by other Christian churches, organizations, and institutions* (37.5%), and *to learn about the life of Ellen G. White* (29.8%).

Frequency of social media use most of the time

Descriptive Statistics					
	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
to study my Bible.	11160	0	5	3.30	1.831
to attend church.	10920	0	5	2.91	1.872
to pray with others.	10971	0	5	2.66	1.862
for any purpose.	11023	0	5	2.65	2.124
to share Bible studies with family, friends, or other people in my social network.	11096	0	5	2.64	1.893
to help advance the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.	11151	0	5	2.59	1.838
to share about prayer requests and answered prayer.	10983	0	5	2.53	1.885
to read or respond to posts by Adventist churches, organizations, and institutions.	10986	0	5	2.29	1.963
to learn about religious topics that pastors or Sabbath School teachers have not talked about.	11172	0	5	2.22	1.867
to read and connect to the writings of Ellen G. White.	11016	0	5	2.13	1.813
to worship with other believers (other than for a church service).	10917	0	5	2.05	1.840
to learn about the life of Ellen G. White.	10861	0	5	1.96	1.795
to read or respond to posts by other Christian churches, organizations, and institutions.	10963	0	5	1.86	1.899
as a distraction from other activities that I should be doing.	10695	0	5	1.50	1.818

**Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:*

0.00 – 0.49	Never	2.50 – 3.49	About once a week
0.50 – 1.49	Less than once a month	3.50 – 4.49	More than once a week
1.50 – 2.49	Once or a few times a month	4.50 – 5.00	Daily or more than once a day

For any purpose.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3422	28.6	31.0
less than once a month	807	6.7	7.3
once or a few times a month	879	7.3	8.0
about once a week	723	6.0	6.6
more than once a week	1528	12.8	13.9
daily or more than once a day	3664	30.6	33.2
Total	11023	92.1	100.0
No Response	949	7.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

To read or respond to posts by Adventist churches, organizations, and institutions.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3578	29.9	32.6
less than once a month	979	8.2	8.9
once or a few times a month	1275	10.6	11.6
about once a week	1139	9.5	10.4
more than once a week	1867	15.6	17.0
daily or more than once a day	2148	17.9	19.6
Total	10986	91.8	100.0
No Response	986	8.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

To read or respond to posts by other Christian churches, organizations, and institutions.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	4486	37.5	40.9
less than once a month	1150	9.6	10.5
once or a few times a month	1298	10.8	11.8
about once a week	1022	8.5	9.3
more than once a week	1484	12.4	13.5
daily or more than once a day	1523	12.7	13.9
Total	10963	91.6	100.0
No Response	1009	8.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

To study my Bible.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1781	14.9	16.0
less than once a month	606	5.1	5.4
once or a few times a month	914	7.6	8.2
about once a week	1146	9.6	10.3
more than once a week	2593	21.7	23.2
daily or more than once a day	4120	34.4	36.9
Total	11160	93.2	100.0
No Response	812	6.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

To share about prayer requests and answered prayer.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2770	23.1	25.2
less than once a month	982	8.2	8.9
once or a few times a month	1473	12.3	13.4
about once a week	1340	11.2	12.2
more than once a week	2204	18.4	20.1
daily or more than once a day	2214	18.5	20.2
Total	10983	91.7	100.0
No Response	989	8.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

To pray with others.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2498	20.9	22.8
less than once a month	932	7.8	8.5
once or a few times a month	1361	11.4	12.4
about once a week	1523	12.7	13.9
more than once a week	2309	19.3	21.0
daily or more than once a day	2348	19.6	21.4
Total	10971	91.6	100.0
No Response	1001	8.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

To learn about the life of Ellen G. White.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3572	29.8	32.9
less than once a month	1503	12.6	13.8
once or a few times a month	1704	14.2	15.7
about once a week	1199	10.0	11.0
more than once a week	1587	13.3	14.6
daily or more than once a day	1296	10.8	11.9
Total	10861	90.7	100.0
No Response	1111	9.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

To read and connect to the writings of Ellen G. White.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3252	27.2	29.5
less than once a month	1436	12.0	13.0
once or a few times a month	1770	14.8	16.1
about once a week	1272	10.6	11.5
more than once a week	1781	14.9	16.2
daily or more than once a day	1505	12.6	13.7
Total	11016	92.0	100.0
No Response	956	8.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

To help advance the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2376	19.8	21.3
less than once a month	1244	10.4	11.2
once or a few times a month	1677	14.0	15.0
about once a week	1426	11.9	12.8
more than once a week	2082	17.4	18.7
daily or more than once a day	2346	19.6	21.0
Total	11151	93.1	100.0
No Response	821	6.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

To learn about religious topics that pastors or Sabbath School teachers have not talked about.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3404	28.4	30.5
less than once a month	1205	10.1	10.8
once or a few times a month	1503	12.6	13.5
about once a week	1417	11.8	12.7
more than once a week	1911	16.0	17.1
daily or more than once a day	1732	14.5	15.5
Total	11172	93.3	100.0
No Response	800	6.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

To share Bible studies with family, friends, or other people in my social network.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2578	21.5	23.2
less than once a month	1037	8.7	9.3
once or a few times a month	1469	12.3	13.2
about once a week	1310	10.9	11.8
more than once a week	2141	17.9	19.3
daily or more than once a day	2561	21.4	23.1
Total	11096	92.7	100.0
No Response	876	7.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

To attend church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2453	20.5	22.5
less than once a month	541	4.5	5.0
once or a few times a month	665	5.6	6.1
about once a week	1785	14.9	16.3
more than once a week	2817	23.5	25.8
daily or more than once a day	2659	22.2	24.3
Total	10920	91.2	100.0
No Response	1052	8.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

To worship with other believers (other than for a church service).

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3723	31.1	34.1
less than once a month	1112	9.3	10.2
once or a few times a month	1479	12.4	13.5
about once a week	1442	12.0	13.2
more than once a week	1778	14.9	16.3
daily or more than once a day	1383	11.6	12.7
Total	10917	91.2	100.0
No Response	1055	8.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

As a distraction from other activities that I should be doing.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	5367	44.8	50.2
less than once a month	1087	9.1	10.2
once or a few times a month	1121	9.4	10.5
about once a week	863	7.2	8.1
more than once a week	1146	9.6	10.7
daily or more than once a day	1111	9.3	10.4
Total	10695	89.3	100.0
No Response	1277	10.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Effects of Social Media Use

On average, 74% of the survey respondents use social media. Among those who use social media, majority find social media use as *making them feel more connected to friends and family* (79.4%), as *good for their spiritual well-being* (58.8%), and as *good for their mental health* (51.4%). Approximately sixty-one percent (61.2%) *feel like they are missing out on what is happening when they cannot use social media*.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
When I use social media, I feel more connected to friends and family.	9061	1	5	3.90	1.077
When I cannot use social media, I feel like I am missing out on what is happening	8937	1	5	3.41	1.317
When I use social media, it is good for my spiritual well-being.	9107	1	5	3.39	1.263
When I use social media, it is good for my mental health.	8630	1	5	3.18	1.298
When I use social media, I have been hurt by other people's words.	8633	1	5	3.00	1.279
When I use social media, I find it hard to stop when I need to.	8859	1	5	2.96	1.335

*Scale of Interpretation of the Mean (excluding those who do not use social media):

1.00 – 1.49	Strongly disagree	3.50 – 4.49	Agree
1.50 – 2.49	Disagree	4.50 – 5.00	Strongly agree
2.50 – 3.49	I am not sure		

When I use social media, it is good for my mental health.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not use social media	2385	19.9	21.7
Strongly disagree	1355	11.3	12.3
Disagree	1366	11.4	12.4
I am not sure	1480	12.4	13.4
Agree	3225	26.9	29.3
Strongly agree	1204	10.1	10.9
Total	11015	92.0	100.0
No Response	957	8.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

When I use social media, it is good for my spiritual well-being.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not use social media	1766	14.8	16.2
Strongly disagree	1028	8.6	9.5
Disagree	1439	12.0	13.2
I am not sure	1291	10.8	11.9
Agree	3684	30.8	33.9
Strongly agree	1665	13.9	15.3
Total	10873	90.8	100.0
No Response	1099	9.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

When I use social media, I feel more connected to friends and family.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not use social media	1697	14.2	15.8
Strongly disagree	492	4.1	4.6
Disagree	703	5.9	6.5
I am not sure	669	5.6	6.2
Agree	4515	37.7	42.0
Strongly agree	2682	22.4	24.9
Total	10758	89.9	100.0
No Response	1214	10.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

When I use social media, I often respond in anger to people online.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not use social media	2519	21.0	23.5
Strongly disagree	2119	17.7	19.8
Disagree	3562	29.8	33.3
I am not sure	995	8.3	9.3
Agree	1048	8.8	9.8
Strongly agree	460	3.8	4.3
Total	10703	89.4	100.0
No Response	1269	10.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

When I use social media, I have been hurt by other people's words.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not use social media	2119	17.7	19.7
Strongly disagree	1316	11.0	12.2
Disagree	2247	18.8	20.9
I am not sure	1113	9.3	10.4
Agree	3071	25.7	28.6
Strongly agree	886	7.4	8.2
Total	10752	89.8	100.0
No Response	1220	10.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

When I use social media, I find it hard to stop when I need to.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not use social media	2020	16.9	18.6
Strongly disagree	1394	11.6	12.8
Disagree	2623	21.9	24.1
I am not sure	1021	8.5	9.4
Agree	2560	21.4	23.5
Strongly agree	1261	10.5	11.6
Total	10879	90.9	100.0
No Response	1093	9.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

When I cannot use social media, I feel like I am missing out on what is happening

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not use social media	1886	15.8	17.4
Strongly disagree	1084	9.1	10.0
Disagree	1520	12.7	14.0
I am not sure	865	7.2	8.0
Agree	3575	29.9	33.0
Strongly agree	1893	15.8	17.5
Total	10823	90.4	100.0
No Response	1149	9.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

Programs and Initiatives of the General Conference of the SDA Church

The General Conference developed several specific programs and initiatives for churches all across the world. Are the church members aware of, or have they participated in, these programs and initiatives?

Awareness and Participation

Among these programs and initiatives where majority of the survey participants have participated in are *10 Days of Prayer* (73.7%), *Total Member Involvement* (73.2%), *Annual Week of Prayer* (70.9%), *Revival and Reformation* (68.2%), and *I Will Go Strategic Focus 2020-2025* (59.4%). About one-third of church members have heard about *Comprehensive Health Ministry* and *Mission to the Cities* but have not participated. Moreover, 49.5% of the survey participants have not heard of the *Enditnow* program.

I Will Go Strategic Focus 2020-2025

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1592	13.3	14.1
I have heard about this program, but not participated	2549	21.3	22.7
I have participated in the program	7112	59.4	63.2
Total	11253	94.0	100.0
No Response	719	6.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Total Member Involvement

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	712	5.9	6.4
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1705	14.2	15.2
I have participated in the program	8768	73.2	78.4
Total	11185	93.4	100.0
No Response	787	6.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

Revival and Reformation

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	784	6.5	7.0
I have heard about this program, but not participated	2217	18.5	19.9
I have participated in the program	8163	68.2	73.1
Total	11164	93.3	100.0
No Response	808	6.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Mission to the Cities

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	2553	21.3	23.2
I have heard about this program, but not participated	3942	32.9	35.8
I have participated in the program	4507	37.6	41.0
Total	11002	91.9	100.0
No Response	970	8.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Comprehensive Health Ministry

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	2635	22.0	23.9
I have heard about this program, but not participated	3671	30.7	33.3
I have participated in the program	4723	39.5	42.8
Total	11029	92.1	100.0
No Response	943	7.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Believe His Prophets

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	3495	29.2	32.1
I have heard about this program, but not participated	2782	23.2	25.6
I have participated in the program	4595	38.4	42.3
Total	10872	90.8	100.0
No Response	1100	9.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

10 Days of Prayer

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	722	6.0	6.5
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1641	13.7	14.7
I have participated in the program	8820	73.7	78.9
Total	11183	93.4	100.0
No Response	789	6.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

Adventist Possibility Ministries

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	3401	28.4	30.9
I have heard about this program, but not participated	3058	25.5	27.8
I have participated in the program	4546	38.0	41.3
Total	11005	91.9	100.0
No Response	967	8.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Annual Week of Prayer

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	928	7.8	8.3
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1796	15.0	16.0
I have participated in the program	8487	70.9	75.7
Total	11211	93.6	100.0
No Response	761	6.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Global Mission

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1741	14.5	15.7
I have heard about this program, but not participated	3470	29.0	31.2
I have participated in the program	5896	49.2	53.1
Total	11107	92.8	100.0
No Response	865	7.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

Enditnow

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	5921	49.5	53.8
I have heard about this program, but not participated	2419	20.2	22.0
I have participated in the program	2656	22.2	24.2
Total	10996	91.8	100.0
No Response	976	8.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

Methods of Communicating GC Programs and Initiatives to Church Members

There had been different methods of communicating the GC programs and initiatives to church members. The method that is most frequently used by church leaders in ECD is through announcements in church and by word of mouth and this is done *once a month* in the last 12 months, on average. At least 30% of the respondents have *never* received information about these programs and initiatives *by reading a website* (48.2%), *on social media* (34.1%), and *on the television or radio* (30.8%).

Frequency of hearing one or more of the GC initiatives in the last 12 months

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	*Mean	Std. Deviation
At church	10950	0	5	3.23	1.674
By word of mouth	10845	0	5	2.52	1.827
At a seminar or meeting	10697	0	5	2.25	1.597
By reading a church publication	10648	0	5	2.09	1.815
On the television or radio	10689	0	5	2.04	1.913
On social media	10836	0	5	2.01	1.957
By reading a website	10722	0	5	1.37	1.787

**Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:*

0.00 – 0.49	Never	2.50 – 3.49	Once a month
0.50 – 1.49	Only once or twice	3.50 – 4.49	Almost every week
1.50 – 2.49	At least once a quarter	4.50 – 5.00	Every week

By word of mouth

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2263	18.9	20.9
only once or twice	1400	11.7	12.9
at least once a quarter	1969	16.4	18.2
once a month	1018	8.5	9.4
almost every week	2018	16.9	18.6
every week	2177	18.2	20.1
Total	10845	90.6	100.0
No Response	1127	9.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

At church

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	945	7.9	8.6
only once or twice	1138	9.5	10.4
at least once a quarter	1767	14.8	16.1
once a month	1165	9.7	10.6
almost every week	2425	20.3	22.1
every week	3510	29.3	32.1
Total	10950	91.5	100.0
No Response	1022	8.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

At a seminar or meeting

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2044	17.1	19.1
only once or twice	1445	12.1	13.5
at least once a quarter	2748	23.0	25.7
once a month	1961	16.4	18.3
almost every week	1221	10.2	11.4
every week	1278	10.7	11.9
Total	10697	89.4	100.0
No Response	1275	10.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

By reading a church publication

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3158	26.4	29.7
only once or twice	1463	12.2	13.7
at least once a quarter	1844	15.4	17.3
once a month	1233	10.3	11.6
almost every week	1346	11.2	12.6
every week	1604	13.4	15.1
Total	10648	88.9	100.0
No Response	1324	11.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

On the television or radio

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3685	30.8	34.5
only once or twice	1496	12.5	14.0
at least once a quarter	1216	10.2	11.4
once a month	966	8.1	9.0
almost every week	1604	13.4	15.0
every week	1722	14.4	16.1
Total	10689	89.3	100.0
No Response	1283	10.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

By reading a website

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	5771	48.2	53.8
only once or twice	1163	9.7	10.8
at least once a quarter	891	7.4	8.3
once a month	835	7.0	7.8
almost every week	1041	8.7	9.7
every week	1021	8.5	9.5
Total	10722	89.6	100.0
No Response	1250	10.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

On social media

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	4084	34.1	37.7
only once or twice	1362	11.4	12.6
at least once a quarter	1049	8.8	9.7
once a month	934	7.8	8.6
almost every week	1560	13.0	14.4
every week	1847	15.4	17.0
Total	10836	90.5	100.0
No Response	1136	9.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Section 4: Religious Attitudes and Experiences

To have a better understanding of the different types of experiences of members in the SDA church, the survey asked about church members' religious attitudes and experiences with their face-to-face or virtual interactions not only in the local church but also in the Adventist community. More than three-fourths of church member participants *feel proud of their local church and its role and reputation in their community* (84.3%), *apply what they learn from the Bible to their daily lives* (82.8%), *apply what they learn from Sabbath School lessons to their daily lives* (81.8%), *feel that their pastor cares about them* (79.1%) and that *other people* (75.8%) and *their Sabbath School teachers or leaders care about them* 76.5%), agree that *youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of their local church* (79.1%), and perceive that their *local church offers training on nurture and discipling of church members* (77.7%) and *has a program for preparing young people to become leaders* (76.5%). Less than 50% of church members are in agreement to the following statements: *Although I am religious, it does not affect my daily life* (47.8%) and *I attend a church that makes worship services available online* (33.2%).

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Deviation
I feel proud of my local church and its role and reputation in my community.	11355	1	5	4.26	.909
I apply what I learn from the Bible to my daily life.	11359	1	5	4.14	.856
I apply what I learn from Sabbath School lessons to my daily life.	11379	1	5	4.10	.870
My pastor cares about me.	11414	1	5	4.08	.981
Youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of my local church.	11365	1	5	4.03	.981
My local church offers training on nurture and discipling of church members.	11475	1	5	4.01	1.032
Other people in my church care about me.	11226	1	5	4.00	.903
My local church has a program for preparing young people to become leaders.	11418	1	5	3.99	1.031
My Sabbath School teachers or leaders care about me.	11439	1	5	3.95	1.009
My conference/mission has a program for preparing young people to become leaders.	11361	1	5	3.92	1.034
I apply what I learn from Ellen White's writings to my daily life.	11323	1	5	3.81	1.058
My local church has a program for preparing new members to become leaders.	11362	1	5	3.78	1.072
My local church has the ability to communicate across cultures, clans, tribes, and religion.	11310	1	5	3.76	1.126
Youth and young adults play an important role in decision-making in my local church.	11371	1	5	3.74	1.146
My local church offers training on conflict resolution and reconciliation.	11400	1	5	3.67	1.180
I attend a church that plans activities for everyone in my family.	11256	1	5	3.55	1.264
I currently provide financial support for children (mine or others) to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school.	11212	1	5	3.28	1.350
Although I am religious, it does not affect my daily life.	11095	1	5	3.15	1.422
I attend a church that makes worship services available online.	11188	1	5	2.70	1.405

**Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:*

1.00 – 1.49	Strongly disagree	3.50 – 4.49	Agree
1.50 – 2.49	Disagree	4.50 – 5.00	Strongly agree
2.50 – 3.49	I am not sure		

My Sabbath School teachers or leaders care about me.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	605	5.1	5.3
Disagree	415	3.5	3.6
I am not sure	1267	10.6	11.1
Agree	5851	48.9	51.1
Strongly agree	3301	27.6	28.9
Total	11439	95.5	100.0
No Response	533	4.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

My pastor cares about me.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	480	4.0	4.2
Disagree	369	3.1	3.2
I am not sure	1090	9.1	9.5
Agree	5303	44.3	46.5
Strongly agree	4172	34.8	36.6
Total	11414	95.3	100.0
No Response	558	4.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Other people in my church care about me.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	345	2.9	3.1
Disagree	350	2.9	3.1
I am not sure	1453	12.1	12.9
Agree	5893	49.2	52.5
Strongly agree	3185	26.6	28.4
Total	11226	93.8	100.0
No Response	746	6.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

I feel proud of my local church and its role and reputation in my community.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	332	2.8	2.9
Disagree	329	2.7	2.9
I am not sure	605	5.1	5.3
Agree	4823	40.3	42.5
Strongly agree	5266	44.0	46.4
Total	11355	94.8	100.0
No Response	617	5.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

I attend a church that plans activities for everyone in my family.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1055	8.8	9.4
Disagree	1629	13.6	14.5
I am not sure	1415	11.8	12.6
Agree	4344	36.3	38.6
Strongly agree	2813	23.5	25.0
Total	11256	94.0	100.0
No Response	716	6.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

I attend a church that makes worship services available online.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	2883	24.1	25.8
Disagree	3098	25.9	27.7
I am not sure	1232	10.3	11.0
Agree	2472	20.6	22.1
Strongly agree	1503	12.6	13.4
Total	11188	93.5	100.0
No Response	784	6.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Youth and young adults play an important role in decision-making in my local church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	765	6.4	6.7
Disagree	1109	9.3	9.8
I am not sure	1419	11.9	12.5
Agree	5119	42.8	45.0
Strongly agree	2959	24.7	26.0
Total	11371	95.0	100.0
No Response	601	5.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of my local church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	441	3.7	3.9
Disagree	606	5.1	5.3
I am not sure	856	7.2	7.5
Agree	5766	48.2	50.7
Strongly agree	3696	30.9	32.5
Total	11365	94.9	100.0
No Response	607	5.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

My local church has a program for preparing young people to become leaders.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	516	4.3	4.5
Disagree	642	5.4	5.6
I am not sure	1106	9.2	9.7
Agree	5335	44.6	46.7
Strongly agree	3819	31.9	33.4
Total	11418	95.4	100.0
No Response	554	4.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

My conference/mission has a program for preparing young people to become leaders.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	553	4.6	4.9
Disagree	520	4.3	4.6
I am not sure	1669	13.9	14.7
Agree	5136	42.9	45.2
Strongly agree	3483	29.1	30.7
Total	11361	94.9	100.0
No Response	611	5.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

My local church has a program for preparing new members to become leaders.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	609	5.1	5.4
Disagree	871	7.3	7.7
I am not sure	1778	14.9	15.6
Agree	5251	43.9	46.2
Strongly agree	2853	23.8	25.1
Total	11362	94.9	100.0
No Response	610	5.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

I currently provide financial support for children (mine or others) to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1626	13.6	14.5
Disagree	2060	17.2	18.4
I am not sure	1220	10.2	10.9
Agree	4157	34.7	37.1
Strongly agree	2149	18.0	19.2
Total	11212	93.7	100.0
No Response	760	6.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

I apply what I learn from the Bible to my daily life.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	299	2.5	2.6
Disagree	266	2.2	2.3
I am not sure	886	7.4	7.8
Agree	6017	50.3	53.0
Strongly agree	3891	32.5	34.3
Total	11359	94.9	100.0
No Response	613	5.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

I apply what I learn from Sabbath School lessons to my daily life.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	335	2.8	2.9
Disagree	272	2.3	2.4
I am not sure	981	8.2	8.6
Agree	6165	51.5	54.2
Strongly agree	3626	30.3	31.9
Total	11379	95.0	100.0
No Response	593	5.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

I apply what I learn from Ellen White's writings to my daily life.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	699	5.8	6.2
Disagree	633	5.3	5.6
I am not sure	1534	12.8	13.5
Agree	5720	47.8	50.5
Strongly agree	2737	22.9	24.2
Total	11323	94.6	100.0
No Response	649	5.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Although I am religious, it does not affect my daily life.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	2045	17.1	18.4
Disagree	2140	17.9	19.3
I am not sure	1188	9.9	10.7
Agree	3505	29.3	31.6
Strongly agree	2217	18.5	20.0
Total	11095	92.7	100.0
No Response	877	7.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

My local church has the ability to communicate across cultures, clans, tribes, and religion.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	743	6.2	6.6
Disagree	926	7.7	8.2
I am not sure	1639	13.7	14.5
Agree	5025	42.0	44.4
Strongly agree	2977	24.9	26.3
Total	11310	94.5	100.0
No Response	662	5.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

My local church offers training on conflict resolution and reconciliation.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	925	7.7	8.1
Disagree	1083	9.0	9.5
I am not sure	1658	13.8	14.5
Agree	4923	41.1	43.2
Strongly agree	2811	23.5	24.7
Total	11400	95.2	100.0
No Response	572	4.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

My local church offers training on nurture and discipling of church members.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	535	4.5	4.7
Disagree	619	5.2	5.4
I am not sure	1015	8.5	8.8
Agree	5388	45.0	47.0
Strongly agree	3918	32.7	34.1
Total	11475	95.8	100.0
No Response	497	4.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

Access to White's Books and Adventist Publications in a Language that is Understood

Only 40.5% of church members are able to *always access books by Ellen G. White* in a language that they understand. More than half of the respondents are able to access printed Adventist publications in their language which are available *at major church gatherings, such as camp meetings or conferences* (69%) or *at an Adventist Book Center Store* (61.3%) or *at local church book center* (51.3%).

Have you been able to access books by Ellen G. White in a language that you understand?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes, always.	4846	40.5	46.6
Yes, for one or more of Patriarchs and Prophets, ... but not always for others.	2779	23.2	26.7
Only sometimes.	1430	11.9	13.7
No, not at all.	675	5.6	6.5
I have not tried to access books by Ellen G. White.	577	4.8	5.5
I do not know who Ellen G. White is.	98	.8	.9
Total	10405	86.9	100.0
No Response	1567	13.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Access to electronic books and/or other digital publications available for free

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	6382	53.3	59.5
Yes	4338	36.2	40.5
Total	10720	89.5	100.0
No Response	1252	10.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Access to electronic books and/or other digital publications available to be purchased

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	5964	49.8	57.1
Yes	4483	37.4	42.9
Total	10447	87.3	100.0
No Response	1525	12.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Access to printed publications available at local church book center

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	4482	37.4	42.2
Yes	6137	51.3	57.8
Total	10619	88.7	100.0
No Response	1353	11.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

Access to printed publications available at an Adventist Book Center Store

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3371	28.2	31.5
Yes	7343	61.3	68.5
Total	10714	89.5	100.0
No Response	1258	10.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Access to printed publications available at major church gatherings, such as camp meetings or conferences

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2537	21.2	23.5
Yes	8258	69.0	76.5
Total	10795	90.2	100.0
No Response	1177	9.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

Nurturing and Reaching Out Activities of the Local Church

Church members were asked about how their local church nurture people attending the church and reach out to the community and former members as well as about their involvement in nurturing (taking care of and helping other church members spiritually, emotionally, and physically) and reaching out (spreading the Gospel and conducting evangelistic outreach, serving people in the community around your church to meet their material, social, or health needs, or reclaiming former members) activities.

More or less 3% responded that the nurturing and reaching out activities do not apply to their church. On average, survey participants think that the nurturing and reaching out activities of their local church as well as their involvement in these activities need to increase as signified by at least 70% of the church members.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Deviation
Overall reclaiming of former members by my church...	10705	1	5	4.22	.921
My involvement in reclaiming of former church members...	10853	1	5	4.21	.899
My involvement in including young people in carrying out the mission of my local church...	10967	1	5	4.18	.888
My involvement in caring for and nurturing local church members...	10931	1	5	4.16	.870
Overall caring for and nurturing members by my church...	10913	1	5	4.16	.904
Overall inclusion of young people in carrying out the mission of my local church...	10769	1	5	4.14	.926
Overall evangelistic outreach by my church in the local community...	10938	1	5	4.14	.903
My involvement in evangelistic outreach by my church to the local community...	10999	1	5	4.12	.886
My involvement in efforts to meet the needs of my local community through my church...	10880	1	5	4.12	.882
Overall efforts by my church to meet the needs of my local community...	10798	1	5	4.12	.926

**Scale of Interpretation of the Mean (excluding the response does not apply to my church):*

1.00 – 1.49	Needs to decrease greatly	3.50 – 4.49	Needs to increase
1.50 – 2.49	Needs to decrease	4.50 – 5.00	Needs to increase greatly
2.50 – 3.49	Is at the right level		

Overall evangelistic outreach by my church in the local community...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	390	3.3	3.4
Needs to decrease greatly	212	1.8	1.9
Needs to decrease somewhat	230	1.9	2.0
Is at the right level	1820	15.2	16.1
Needs to increase somewhat	4184	34.9	36.9
Needs to increase greatly	4492	37.5	39.7
Total	11328	94.6	100.0
No Response	644	5.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

My involvement in evangelistic outreach by my church to the local community...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	284	2.4	2.5
Needs to decrease greatly	196	1.6	1.7
Needs to decrease somewhat	261	2.2	2.3
Is at the right level	1776	14.8	15.7
Needs to increase somewhat	4546	38.0	40.3
Needs to increase greatly	4220	35.2	37.4
Total	11283	94.2	100.0
No Response	689	5.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

Overall efforts by my church to meet the needs of my local community...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	433	3.6	3.9
Needs to decrease greatly	245	2.0	2.2
Needs to decrease somewhat	323	2.7	2.9
Is at the right level	1637	13.7	14.6
Needs to increase somewhat	4316	36.1	38.4
Needs to increase greatly	4277	35.7	38.1
Total	11231	93.8	100.0
No Response	741	6.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

My involvement in efforts to meet the needs of my local community through my church...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	364	3.0	3.2
Needs to decrease greatly	182	1.5	1.6
Needs to decrease somewhat	261	2.2	2.3
Is at the right level	1787	14.9	15.9
Needs to increase somewhat	4500	37.6	40.0
Needs to increase greatly	4150	34.7	36.9
Total	11244	93.9	100.0
No Response	728	6.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Overall caring for and nurturing members by my church...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	317	2.6	2.8
Needs to decrease greatly	206	1.7	1.8
Needs to decrease somewhat	256	2.1	2.3
Is at the right level	1728	14.4	15.4
Needs to increase somewhat	4151	34.7	37.0
Needs to increase greatly	4572	38.2	40.7
Total	11230	93.8	100.0
No Response	742	6.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

My involvement in caring for and nurturing local church members...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	254	2.1	2.3
Needs to decrease greatly	159	1.3	1.4
Needs to decrease somewhat	245	2.0	2.2
Is at the right level	1710	14.3	15.3
Needs to increase somewhat	4394	36.7	39.3
Needs to increase greatly	4423	36.9	39.5
Total	11185	93.4	100.0
No Response	787	6.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

Overall reclaiming of former members by my church...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	477	4.0	4.3
Needs to decrease greatly	239	2.0	2.1
Needs to decrease somewhat	293	2.4	2.6
Is at the right level	1323	11.1	11.8
Needs to increase somewhat	3910	32.7	35.0
Needs to increase greatly	4940	41.3	44.2
Total	11182	93.4	100.0
No Response	790	6.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

My involvement in reclaiming of former church members...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	333	2.8	3.0
Needs to decrease greatly	177	1.5	1.6
Needs to decrease somewhat	318	2.7	2.8
Is at the right level	1477	12.3	13.2
Needs to increase somewhat	3996	33.4	35.7
Needs to increase greatly	4885	40.8	43.7
Total	11186	93.4	100.0
No Response	786	6.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

Overall inclusion of young people in carrying out the mission of my local church...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	424	3.5	3.8
Needs to decrease greatly	221	1.8	2.0
Needs to decrease somewhat	289	2.4	2.6
Is at the right level	1755	14.7	15.7
Needs to increase somewhat	3952	33.0	35.3
Needs to increase greatly	4552	38.0	40.7
Total	11193	93.5	100.0
No Response	779	6.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

My involvement in including young people in carrying out the mission of my local church...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	255	2.1	2.3
Needs to decrease greatly	167	1.4	1.5
Needs to decrease somewhat	250	2.1	2.2
Is at the right level	1751	14.6	15.6
Needs to increase somewhat	4031	33.7	35.9
Needs to increase greatly	4768	39.8	42.5
Total	11222	93.7	100.0
No Response	750	6.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

Overall Satisfaction with and Commitment to the Church and to Jesus Christ

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being very dissatisfied and 5 being very satisfied), the mean degree of satisfaction is 4.33 with a standard deviation of 1.082. Fifty-nine percent are very satisfied with their local church. The mean likelihood of attending the SDA church for the rest of the member's life is 4.77 with a standard deviation of .733. More than 80% (83.5%) of the church members responded that it is very likely that they will attend the SDA church for the rest of their life. Moreover, 85.4% indicated that they are currently fully committed Jesus Christ, whether their commitment to Christ has developed gradually over a period of time (33.2%) or came suddenly and was changed (10.2%), or they have been committed to Christ since they were young (42%).

How satisfied are you with your local church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Very dissatisfied	618	5.2	5.4
2	225	1.9	2.0
3	1016	8.5	8.9
4	2431	20.3	21.4
Very satisfied	7089	59.2	62.3
Total	11379	95.0	100.0
No Response	593	5.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Degree of satisfaction of members with local SDA church	11379	1	5	4.33	1.082

How likely is it that you will be attending a Seventh-day Adventist Church for the rest of your life?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Very unlikely	267	2.2	2.3
2	74	.6	.7
3	236	2.0	2.1
4	800	6.7	7.0
Very likely	9998	83.5	87.9
Total	11375	95.0	100.0
No Response	597	5.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Likelihood of attending a Seventh-day Adventist Church for the rest of the member's life	11375	1	5	4.77	.733

Which of the following best describes your commitment to Jesus Christ?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I am not committed to Christ.	97	.8	.9
I am not sure if I am committed to Christ.	314	2.6	2.8
I committed my life to Christ at a specific moment in my life, but it didn't last.	401	3.3	3.6
My commitment to Christ has developed gradually over a period of time and I am fully committed to Christ now.	3970	33.2	36.0
My commitment to Christ came suddenly and I was changed; I am fully committed to Christ now.	1224	10.2	11.1
I have been committed to Christ since I was a young child and continue to be fully committed to Him now.	5025	42.0	45.6
Total	11031	92.1	100.0
No Response	941	7.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Attitudes that May Not Always Relate to Religion

More than half of the survey participants indicated that they often *feel their life is filled with meaning and purpose* (64.3%), *feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world* (54.5%), and *help others with their religious questions and struggles* (58.3%). More than a third of the respondents (34.1%) never *apply their faith to political and social issues*.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min <i>Never</i>	Max <i>Often</i>	Mean	Std. Deviation
I feel my life is filled with meaning and purpose.	10570	1	5	4.55	.909
I help others with their religious questions and struggles.	11329	1	5	4.25	1.168
I feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world.	11152	1	5	4.20	1.202
I give a significant amount of time to help other people.	11155	1	5	4.04	1.212
I show that I care a great deal about reducing poverty in society.	11078	1	5	3.76	1.385
I give a significant amount of money to help other people.	11108	1	5	3.57	1.416
I apply my faith to political and social issues.	11010	1	5	2.94	1.705

I help others with their religious questions and struggles.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	712	5.9	6.3
2	363	3.0	3.2
3	1310	10.9	11.6
4	1967	16.4	17.4
Often	6977	58.3	61.6
Total	11329	94.6	100.0
No Response	643	5.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

I feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	822	6.9	7.4
2	375	3.1	3.4
3	1118	9.3	10.0
4	2312	19.3	20.7
Often	6525	54.5	58.5
Total	11152	93.2	100.0
No Response	820	6.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

I give a significant amount of time to help other people.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	715	6.0	6.4
2	662	5.5	5.9
3	1696	14.2	15.2
4	2451	20.5	22.0
Often	5631	47.0	50.5
Total	11155	93.2	100.0
No Response	817	6.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

I give a significant amount of money to help other people.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1424	11.9	12.8
2	1317	11.0	11.9
3	2099	17.5	18.9
4	2093	17.5	18.8
Often	4175	34.9	37.6
Total	11108	92.8	100.0
No Response	864	7.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

I show that I care a great deal about reducing poverty in society.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1285	10.7	11.6
2	920	7.7	8.3
3	1794	15.0	16.2
4	2235	18.7	20.2
Often	4844	40.5	43.7
Total	11078	92.5	100.0
No Response	894	7.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

I apply my faith to political and social issues.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4082	34.1	37.1
2	792	6.6	7.2
3	1123	9.4	10.2
4	1710	14.3	15.5
Often	3303	27.6	30.0
Total	11010	92.0	100.0
No Response	962	8.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

I feel my life is filled with meaning and purpose.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	330	2.8	3.1
2	189	1.6	1.8
3	508	4.2	4.8
4	1846	15.4	17.5
Often	7697	64.3	72.8
Total	10570	88.3	100.0
No Response	1402	11.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Sabbath-Keeping Experience

More or less 85% of the church members *cope better with the stresses of the week when they keep the Sabbath faithfully* (84.1%) and signified that *keeping the Sabbath is part of who they are and not something that they do because they have to* (89%).

When I keep the Sabbath faithfully, I cope better with the stresses of the week.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	499	4.2	4.4
Disagree	321	2.7	2.8
I am not sure	492	4.1	4.3
Agree	3550	29.7	31.2
Strongly agree	6516	54.4	57.3
Total	11378	95.0	100.0
No Response	594	5.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Keeping the Sabbath is part of who I am, not something that I do because I have to.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	194	1.6	1.7
Disagree	204	1.7	1.8
I am not sure	343	2.9	3.0
Agree	2893	24.2	25.4
Strongly agree	7755	64.8	68.1
Total	11389	95.1	100.0
No Response	583	4.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Church Members' Well-Being

In general, the descriptions of positive well-being are mostly true for the church members over the past 12 months. They indicated that they *more often have a sense of gratitude* and *have grown spiritually* leading to *spending more time thinking about spiritual questions* and *changing their priorities*. Despite the pandemic, 64.9% signified that *their faith has **not** been shaken* and *they are **sure** what they believe* and 56.2% never felt to *have lost some spiritual meaning that they had before*. On average, 45% have never been bothered by feelings of discouragement, depression, or hopelessness over the last two weeks. It should be noted, though, that there were few who *have had suicidal thoughts* (6.5%), *have attempted suicide* (2.9%), and *have harmed themselves* (7.7%) during the past 12 months.

Extent to which statements are true over the past 12 months

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
I more often have a sense of gratitude.	11194	1	5	4.18	.961
I have grown spiritually.	11376	1	5	4.04	1.055
I spend more time thinking about spiritual questions.	11037	1	5	3.90	1.084
Because of spiritual changes I have been through I have changed my priorities.	11186	1	5	3.88	1.149
In some ways I think I am spiritually lost.	11004	1	5	2.24	1.464
I feel I have lost some important spiritual meaning that I had before.	11256	1	5	1.99	1.405
My faith has been shaken and I am not sure what I believe.	11099	1	5	1.74	1.289

**Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:*

1.00 – 1.49	Not true at all for me	3.50 – 4.49	Mostly true
1.50 – 2.49	A little true for me	4.50 – 5.00	True for me a great deal
2.50 – 3.49	Somewhat true		

I have grown spiritually.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	307	2.6	2.7
A little true for me	934	7.8	8.2
Somewhat true	1489	12.4	13.1
Mostly true	3960	33.1	34.8
True for me a great deal	4686	39.1	41.2
Total	11376	95.0	100.0
No Response	596	5.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Because of spiritual changes I have been through I have changed my priorities.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	721	6.0	6.4
A little true for me	729	6.1	6.5
Somewhat true	1642	13.7	14.7
Mostly true	4206	35.1	37.6
True for me a great deal	3888	32.5	34.8
Total	11186	93.4	100.0
No Response	786	6.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

I more often have a sense of gratitude.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	235	2.0	2.1
A little true for me	569	4.8	5.1
Somewhat true	1208	10.1	10.8
Mostly true	4063	33.9	36.3
True for me a great deal	5119	42.8	45.7
Total	11194	93.5	100.0
No Response	778	6.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

I spend more time thinking about spiritual questions.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	405	3.4	3.7
A little true for me	949	7.9	8.6
Somewhat true	1785	14.9	16.2
Mostly true	4054	33.9	36.7
True for me a great deal	3844	32.1	34.8
Total	11037	92.2	100.0
No Response	935	7.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

In some ways I think I am spiritually lost.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	5519	46.1	50.2
A little true for me	1312	11.0	11.9
Somewhat true	1387	11.6	12.6
Mostly true	1550	12.9	14.1
True for me a great deal	1236	10.3	11.2
Total	11004	91.9	100.0
No Response	968	8.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

My faith has been shaken and I am not sure what I believe.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	7772	64.9	70.0
A little true for me	893	7.5	8.0
Somewhat true	715	6.0	6.4
Mostly true	957	8.0	8.6
True for me a great deal	762	6.4	6.9
Total	11099	92.7	100.0
No Response	873	7.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

I feel I have lost some important spiritual meaning that I had before.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	6723	56.2	59.7
A little true for me	1234	10.3	11.0
Somewhat true	1008	8.4	9.0
Mostly true	1225	10.2	10.9
True for me a great deal	1066	8.9	9.5
Total	11256	94.0	100.0
No Response	716	6.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Frequency over the last 2 weeks

Little interest or pleasure in doing things

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not at all	5057	42.2	44.9
Several days	3641	30.4	32.3
More than 7 days	839	7.0	7.5
Nearly every day	1721	14.4	15.3
Total	11258	94.0	100.0
No Response	714	6.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not at all	5656	47.2	50.9
Several days	3297	27.5	29.7
More than 7 days	802	6.7	7.2
Nearly every day	1359	11.4	12.2
Total	11114	92.8	100.0
No Response	858	7.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

*Experience during the past 12 months***I have had suicidal thoughts.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	10680	89.2	93.2
Yes	779	6.5	6.8
Total	11459	95.7	100.0
No Response	513	4.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

I have attempted suicide.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	10972	91.6	97.0
Yes	345	2.9	3.0
Total	11317	94.5	100.0
No Response	655	5.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

I have harmed myself.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	10425	87.1	91.9
Yes	923	7.7	8.1
Total	11348	94.8	100.0
No Response	624	5.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

Section 6: Beliefs

In general, survey participants are in agreement with most SDA belief statements. At least 70% **strongly agreed** to the following statements:

- The head of the Church is Christ (78.6%)
- The true Sabbath is the seventh-day (Saturday) (78.4%)
- The Seventh-day Adventist Church is God's true last-day church with a message to prepare the world for the Second Coming of Christ by proclaiming the Three Angels' Message (75.7%)
- I believe God created the universe (75.1%)
- Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone (75%)
- God wants me to take care of my body by avoiding alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs (73.9%)
- My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (73.4%)
- The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs are the teaching of Holy Scripture (70%)

Salvation and God's Grace

On beliefs about salvation and God's grace, majority agreed/strongly agreed to the following statements: *Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone* (91%), *I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me* (89.3%), *The reason that I do good works is because I have been saved by grace* (80.5%), *I will not get to heaven unless I obey God's law perfectly* (79%), and *In order to receive God's grace, I must first live by His rules* (67.5%).

However, there seems to have a mix-up on these beliefs as 6,071 (50.7%) participants believe all statements. Moreover, 59.2% believe that *the more that they follow health and lifestyle standards, the more likely they will be saved*.

State of the Dead

Although 87.1% believe that *when people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected*, there are 41.3% who believe that *the soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death*. In addition, 19.9% believe that *people who died believing in Christ are in heaven right now* and 18% believe that *people who have rejected Christ are burning in hell right now*.

What is thought-provoking is the fact that even though a great majority of the survey participants are in agreement with the biblical view on the state of the dead, which is held by the SDA Church, the traditional belief still creeps in the worldview of a good number of the church members. Four-thousand four hundred and sixty-four (37.3%) agreed/strongly agreed to both of these statements: *When people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected* and *The soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death*. Furthermore, 9.5% of the respondents who believe in the biblical (SDA) view of the state of the dead also believe that *people who died believing in Christ are in heaven right now* and *people who have rejected Christ are burning in hell right now*.

Adventist Education

Regarding beliefs on Adventist Education, more or less three-fourths of respondents believe that *there are very distinct theological and worldview differences between what is being taught in a public or government school and what is being taught in a Seventh-day* (uniqueness of SDA education) (74.3%) and that *every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school* (76.7%). Correlation analysis revealed that there is a significant positive correlation between belief on the uniqueness of SDA education and belief on local church's operation of/contribution to SDA schools, $\rho(11081) = .432, p < .001$. This implies that church

members who believe that SDA education has distinct theological and worldview differences from public education tend to support the local church's operation of or contribution to an Adventist school.

Correlation

		Belief on local church's operation of/ contribution to SDA schools
Belief on the uniqueness of SDA education	Spearman's	
	Correlation Coefficient	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	
	N	
		.432**
		.000
		11081

**, Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Other Beliefs

Belief in witchcraft and communicating with the dead is still alive among church members in ECD. There are 17.3% of the survey participants who believe that *Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for spiritual healing* and 12.1% believe that *the dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living*.

Regarding beliefs related to church unity in diversity, 39.9% believe that *different world regions of the Adventist Church should be allowed after consultation with the worldwide church to set their own administrative policies*. Additionally, two-thirds of church members believe that *church unity means uniformity in more than doctrinal belief*.

More or less 90% of survey participants are in agreement with the Biblical teaching that *sexual intercourse should be exclusively reserved for marriage* (89.3%) and that *marriage is a union between an adult man and an adult woman* (91.1%).

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
The true Sabbath is the seventh day (Saturday).	11272	1	5	4.79	.558
The head of the Church is Christ.	11426	1	5	4.78	.552
The Seventh-day Adventist Church is God's true last-day church with a message to prepare the world for the Second Coming of Christ by proclaiming the Three Angels' Message.	11343	1	5	4.74	.618
I believe God created the universe.	11288	1	5	4.73	.652
Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone.	11298	1	5	4.72	.658
My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.	11355	1	5	4.71	.637
God wants me to take care of my body by avoiding alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs.	11430	1	5	4.70	.693
The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs are the teaching of Holy Scripture.	11405	1	5	4.67	.670
Fulfillment of prophecy and events in the world indicate that Christ's coming is very near.	11320	1	5	4.66	.686
Ellen White's writings are the result of the spiritual gift of prophecy.	11374	1	5	4.64	.665
I believe in a personal God who seeks a relationship with human beings.	11299	1	5	4.63	.739
Tithing is still required of all people by God.	11324	1	5	4.62	.663
The Bible teaches that marriage is a union between an adult man and an adult woman.	11409	1	5	4.61	.722
Prayer in the name of Jesus is the only way to defeat evil powers and demonic spirits.	11322	1	5	4.60	.777
The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs as a whole reflect the loving and gracious character of God.	11330	1	5	4.59	.673
All believers are called by God to serve each other without distinction of race, culture, education, nationality, gender, or wealth.	11390	1	5	4.59	.770
The Bible teaches that sexual intercourse should be exclusively reserved for marriage.	11355	1	5	4.58	.778

*Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:

1.00 – 1.49 Strongly disagree
 1.50 – 2.49 Disagree
 2.50 – 3.49 I am not sure

3.50 – 4.49 Agree
 4.50 – 5.00 Strongly agree

Descriptive Statistics (continuation)

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me.	11392	1	5	4.57	.796
When people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected.	11323	1	5	4.53	.894
The most effective method for reaching people for Christ is to mingle with them, meet their needs, win their confidence, and then bid them to follow Christ.	11231	1	5	4.52	.804
Only people who accept Jesus as their personal Savior can go to Heaven.	11316	1	5	4.46	.915
I believe God created the world in six literal days in the relatively recent past.	10987	1	5	4.43	1.030
The sanctuary doctrine is vital to Adventist theology.	11277	1	5	4.43	.810
In order to reach people for Christ, we need to get to know them and their needs before we preach the Gospel to them.	11312	1	5	4.33	.941
The reason that I do good works is because I have been saved by grace.	11112	1	5	4.28	.985
I will not get to Heaven unless I obey God's law perfectly.	11244	1	5	4.27	1.133
Because Jesus was able to live without sinning, it is possible for believers to grow in Christian maturity so that in the final days of Earth's history we will reach a state of sinless perfection.	11223	1	5	4.25	1.000
I am loved by God even when I sin.	11234	1	5	4.19	1.121
Every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school.	11266	1	5	4.08	.943

*Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:

1.00 – 1.49 Strongly disagree
 1.50 – 2.49 Disagree
 2.50 – 3.49 I am not sure

3.50 – 4.49 Agree
 4.50 – 5.00 Strongly agree

Descriptive Statistics (continuation)

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
There are very distinct theological and worldview differences between what is being taught in a public or government school and what is being taught in a Seventh-day Adventist school.	11242	1	5	4.08	1.016
Church unity means uniformity in more than doctrinal belief.	11011	1	5	3.87	1.289
The Holy Spirit is God's power in the world, not a Person.	11195	1	5	3.81	1.452
In order to receive God's grace, I must first live by His rules.	11281	1	5	3.76	1.435
The more that I follow Adventist health and lifestyle standards, the more likely I will be saved.	11157	1	5	3.56	1.396
Jesus Christ will return in my lifetime.	11147	1	5	3.33	1.041
Different world regions of the Adventist Church should be allowed after consultation with the worldwide church to set their own administrative policies.	11098	1	5	3.03	1.459
People have a certain amount of faith and they really cannot do much to change it.	11109	1	5	2.92	1.366
The soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death.	11055	1	5	2.92	1.662
People who have died believing in Christ are in Heaven right now.	11138	1	5	2.10	1.459
People who have rejected Christ are burning in Hell right now.	11121	1	5	2.05	1.398
Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for protection or healing.	11185	1	5	1.89	1.396
The dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living.	11245	1	5	1.74	1.244

*Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:

1.00 – 1.49 Strongly disagree
 1.50 – 2.49 Disagree
 2.50 – 3.49 I am not sure

3.50 – 4.49
 4.50 – 5.00

Agree
 Strongly agree

The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs are the teaching of Holy Scripture.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	148	1.2	1.3
Disagree	80	.7	.7
I am not sure	168	1.4	1.5
Agree	2633	22.0	23.1
Strongly agree	8376	70.0	73.4
Total	11405	95.3	100.0
No Response	567	4.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

I believe in a personal God who seeks a relationship with human beings.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	177	1.5	1.6
Disagree	168	1.4	1.5
I am not sure	205	1.7	1.8
Agree	2531	21.1	22.4
Strongly agree	8218	68.6	72.7
Total	11299	94.4	100.0
No Response	673	5.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

The soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	3788	31.6	34.3
Disagree	1303	10.9	11.8
I am not sure	1018	8.5	9.2
Agree	1881	15.7	17.0
Strongly agree	3065	25.6	27.7
Total	11055	92.3	100.0
No Response	917	7.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	141	1.2	1.2
Disagree	101	.8	.9
I am not sure	167	1.4	1.5
Agree	1911	16.0	16.9
Strongly agree	8978	75.0	79.5
Total	11298	94.4	100.0
No Response	674	5.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

I believe God created the world in six literal days in the relatively recent past.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	527	4.4	4.8
Disagree	311	2.6	2.8
I am not sure	381	3.2	3.5
Agree	2426	20.3	22.1
Strongly agree	7342	61.3	66.8
Total	10987	91.8	100.0
No Response	985	8.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is God's true last-day church with a message to prepare the world for the Second Coming of Christ by proclaiming the Three Angels' Message.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	109	.9	1.0
Disagree	68	.6	.6
I am not sure	214	1.8	1.9
Agree	1894	15.8	16.7
Strongly agree	9058	75.7	79.9
Total	11343	94.7	100.0
No Response	629	5.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

I will not get to Heaven unless I obey God's law perfectly.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	654	5.5	5.8
Disagree	532	4.4	4.7
I am not sure	593	5.0	5.3
Agree	2830	23.6	25.2
Strongly agree	6635	55.4	59.0
Total	11244	93.9	100.0
No Response	728	6.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

The most effective method for reaching people for Christ is to mingle with them, meet their needs, win their confidence, and then bid them to follow Christ.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	203	1.7	1.8
Disagree	213	1.8	1.9
I am not sure	368	3.1	3.3
Agree	3184	26.6	28.4
Strongly agree	7263	60.7	64.7
Total	11231	93.8	100.0
No Response	741	6.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

Fulfillment of prophecy and events in the world indicate that Christ's coming is very near.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	155	1.3	1.4
Disagree	93	.8	.8
I am not sure	191	1.6	1.7
Agree	2549	21.3	22.5
Strongly agree	8332	69.6	73.6
Total	11320	94.6	100.0
No Response	652	5.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for protection or healing.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	7145	59.7	63.9
Disagree	1438	12.0	12.9
I am not sure	525	4.4	4.7
Agree	887	7.4	7.9
Strongly agree	1190	9.9	10.6
Total	11185	93.4	100.0
No Response	787	6.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

When people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	366	3.1	3.2
Disagree	199	1.7	1.8
I am not sure	324	2.7	2.9
Agree	2567	21.4	22.7
Strongly agree	7867	65.7	69.5
Total	11323	94.6	100.0
No Response	649	5.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

God wants me to take care of my body by avoiding alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	185	1.5	1.6
Disagree	94	.8	.8
I am not sure	146	1.2	1.3
Agree	2159	18.0	18.9
Strongly agree	8846	73.9	77.4
Total	11430	95.5	100.0
No Response	542	4.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

The head of the Church is Christ.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	77	.6	.7
Disagree	56	.5	.5
I am not sure	133	1.1	1.2
Agree	1754	14.7	15.4
Strongly agree	9406	78.6	82.3
Total	11426	95.4	100.0
No Response	546	4.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

The true Sabbath is the seventh day (Saturday).

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	84	.7	.7
Disagree	55	.5	.5
I am not sure	144	1.2	1.3
Agree	1605	13.4	14.2
Strongly agree	9384	78.4	83.3
Total	11272	94.2	100.0
No Response	700	5.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

Ellen White's writings are the result of the spiritual gift of prophecy.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	95	.8	.8
Disagree	86	.7	.8
I am not sure	370	3.1	3.3
Agree	2763	23.1	24.3
Strongly agree	8060	67.3	70.9
Total	11374	95.0	100.0
No Response	598	5.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	214	1.8	1.9
Disagree	220	1.8	1.9
I am not sure	268	2.2	2.4
Agree	2834	23.7	24.9
Strongly agree	7856	65.6	69.0
Total	11392	95.2	100.0
No Response	580	4.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

I believe God created the universe.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	144	1.2	1.3
Disagree	90	.8	.8
I am not sure	149	1.2	1.3
Agree	1918	16.0	17.0
Strongly agree	8987	75.1	79.6
Total	11288	94.3	100.0
No Response	684	5.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

People who have died believing in Christ are in Heaven right now.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	6090	50.9	54.7
Disagree	1706	14.2	15.3
I am not sure	963	8.0	8.6
Agree	931	7.8	8.4
Strongly agree	1448	12.1	13.0
Total	11138	93.0	100.0
No Response	834	7.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

All believers are called by God to serve each other without distinction of race, culture, education, nationality, gender, or wealth.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	213	1.8	1.9
Disagree	145	1.2	1.3
I am not sure	286	2.4	2.5
Agree	2815	23.5	24.7
Strongly agree	7931	66.2	69.6
Total	11390	95.1	100.0
No Response	582	4.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Only people who accept Jesus as their personal Savior can go to Heaven.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	302	2.5	2.7
Disagree	302	2.5	2.7
I am not sure	609	5.1	5.4
Agree	2762	23.1	24.4
Strongly agree	7341	61.3	64.9
Total	11316	94.5	100.0
No Response	656	5.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Jesus Christ will return in my lifetime.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	740	6.2	6.6
Disagree	588	4.9	5.3
I am not sure	6073	50.7	54.5
Agree	1746	14.6	15.7
Strongly agree	2000	16.7	17.9
Total	11147	93.1	100.0
No Response	825	6.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Prayer in the name of Jesus is the only way to defeat evil powers and demonic spirits.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	222	1.9	2.0
Disagree	148	1.2	1.3
I am not sure	283	2.4	2.5
Agree	2659	22.2	23.5
Strongly agree	8010	66.9	70.7
Total	11322	94.6	100.0
No Response	650	5.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

The dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	7370	61.6	65.5
Disagree	1738	14.5	15.5
I am not sure	688	5.7	6.1
Agree	590	4.9	5.2
Strongly agree	859	7.2	7.6
Total	11245	93.9	100.0
No Response	727	6.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	118	1.0	1.0
Disagree	95	.8	.8
I am not sure	151	1.3	1.3
Agree	2198	18.4	19.4
Strongly agree	8793	73.4	77.4
Total	11355	94.8	100.0
No Response	617	5.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

Church unity means uniformity in more than doctrinal belief.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1049	8.8	9.5
Disagree	810	6.8	7.4
I am not sure	1231	10.3	11.2
Agree	3350	28.0	30.4
Strongly agree	4571	38.2	41.5
Total	11011	92.0	100.0
No Response	961	8.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Different world regions of the Adventist Church should be allowed after consultation with the worldwide church to set their own administrative policies.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	2613	21.8	23.5
Disagree	1538	12.8	13.9
I am not sure	2170	18.1	19.6
Agree	2486	20.8	22.4
Strongly agree	2291	19.1	20.6
Total	11098	92.7	100.0
No Response	874	7.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

The sanctuary doctrine is vital to Adventist theology.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	168	1.4	1.5
Disagree	165	1.4	1.5
I am not sure	812	6.8	7.2
Agree	3653	30.5	32.4
Strongly agree	6479	54.1	57.5
Total	11277	94.2	100.0
No Response	695	5.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

In order to reach people for Christ, we need to get to know them and their needs before we preach the Gospel to them.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	330	2.8	2.9
Disagree	441	3.7	3.9
I am not sure	451	3.8	4.0
Agree	4036	33.7	35.7
Strongly agree	6054	50.6	53.5
Total	11312	94.5	100.0
No Response	660	5.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs as a whole reflect the loving and gracious character of God.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	93	.8	.8
Disagree	109	.9	1.0
I am not sure	310	2.6	2.7
Agree	3318	27.7	29.3
Strongly agree	7500	62.6	66.2
Total	11330	94.6	100.0
No Response	642	5.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Because Jesus was able to live without sinning, it is possible for believers to grow in Christian maturity so that in the final days of Earth's history we will reach a state of sinless perfection.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	381	3.2	3.4
Disagree	423	3.5	3.8
I am not sure	1008	8.4	9.0
Agree	3644	30.4	32.5
Strongly agree	5767	48.2	51.4
Total	11223	93.7	100.0
No Response	749	6.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Holy Spirit is God's power in the world, not a Person.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1642	13.7	14.7
Disagree	817	6.8	7.3
I am not sure	732	6.1	6.5
Agree	2797	23.4	25.0
Strongly agree	5207	43.5	46.5
Total	11195	93.5	100.0
No Response	777	6.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

People who have rejected Christ are burning in Hell right now.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	6037	50.4	54.3
Disagree	1887	15.8	17.0
I am not sure	1042	8.7	9.4
Agree	941	7.9	8.5
Strongly agree	1214	10.1	10.9
Total	11121	92.9	100.0
No Response	851	7.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

In order to receive God's grace, I must first live by His rules.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1599	13.4	14.2
Disagree	1061	8.9	9.4
I am not sure	551	4.6	4.9
Agree	3347	28.0	29.7
Strongly agree	4723	39.5	41.9
Total	11281	94.2	100.0
No Response	691	5.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

The more that I follow Adventist health and lifestyle standards, the more likely I will be saved.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1515	12.7	13.6
Disagree	1393	11.6	12.5
I am not sure	1167	9.7	10.5
Agree	3527	29.5	31.6
Strongly agree	3555	29.7	31.9
Total	11157	93.2	100.0
No Response	815	6.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

I am loved by God even when I sin.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	663	5.5	5.9
Disagree	580	4.8	5.2
I am not sure	456	3.8	4.1
Agree	3747	31.3	33.4
Strongly agree	5788	48.3	51.5
Total	11234	93.8	100.0
No Response	738	6.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

The reason that I do good works is because I have been saved by grace.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	379	3.2	3.4
Disagree	451	3.8	4.1
I am not sure	647	5.4	5.8
Agree	3875	32.4	34.9
Strongly agree	5760	48.1	51.8
Total	11112	92.8	100.0
No Response	860	7.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

People have a certain amount of faith and they really cannot do much to change it.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	2260	18.9	20.3
Disagree	2264	18.9	20.4
I am not sure	2423	20.2	21.8
Agree	2388	19.9	21.5
Strongly agree	1774	14.8	16.0
Total	11109	92.8	100.0
No Response	863	7.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

There are very distinct theological and worldview differences between what is being taught in a public or government school and what is being taught in a Seventh-day Adventist school.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	408	3.4	3.6
Disagree	502	4.2	4.5
I am not sure	1442	12.0	12.8
Agree	4344	36.3	38.6
Strongly agree	4546	38.0	40.4
Total	11242	93.9	100.0
No Response	730	6.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	286	2.4	2.5
Disagree	534	4.5	4.7
I am not sure	1264	10.6	11.2
Agree	5062	42.3	44.9
Strongly agree	4120	34.4	36.6
Total	11266	94.1	100.0
No Response	706	5.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Tithing is still required of all people by God.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	86	.7	.8
Disagree	128	1.1	1.1
I am not sure	252	2.1	2.2
Agree	3090	25.8	27.3
Strongly agree	7768	64.9	68.6
Total	11324	94.6	100.0
No Response	648	5.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Bible teaches that sexual intercourse should be exclusively reserved for marriage.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	214	1.8	1.9
Disagree	155	1.3	1.4
I am not sure	299	2.5	2.6
Agree	2884	24.1	25.4
Strongly agree	7803	65.2	68.7
Total	11355	94.8	100.0
No Response	617	5.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Bible teaches that marriage is a union between an adult man and an adult woman.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	178	1.5	1.6
Disagree	113	.9	1.0
I am not sure	214	1.8	1.9
Agree	2936	24.5	25.7
Strongly agree	7968	66.6	69.8
Total	11409	95.3	100.0
No Response	563	4.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Adventist Church and Cultural Context

Members of the SDA Church, being a worldwide church, live in very different cultural contexts. This survey looked at the culture of church members in terms of their lifestyles, value systems, traditions, and beliefs.

What stands out in this section of the survey is the church members' belief that *Adventists should avoid amusements and entertainments that are not in harmony with the Spirit of Christ* with 86.2% concurrence. 81.2% signified that they *would welcome someone from a different cultural background as part of their local church family* knowing that *Adventists from other parts of the world are very much like them in the way they live their faith* as indicated by 83.6% of the respondents. Two-thirds believe that *there are ideas in their culture that contradict their faith*, thus, three-fourths of the survey participants think that these elements in their culture around them should be rejected if a church member is to remain as a Seventh-day Adventist.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
Adventists should avoid amusements and entertainments that are not in harmony with the Spirit of Christ.	11323	1	5	4.42	.905
I would welcome someone from a different cultural background as part of my local church family.	11238	1	5	4.21	.947
When I meet or hear about Adventists from other parts of the world, they are very much like me in the way they live their faith.	11299	1	5	4.01	.993
To be a Seventh-day Adventist means to reject certain elements of the culture around you.	11371	1	5	3.94	1.192
There are ideas in my culture that contradict my faith.	11139	1	5	3.79	1.206
People outside of the Adventist Church can have important insights into God's character and plans.	11240	1	5	3.68	1.171
I am most comfortable in a church where everyone shares my cultural background.	11117	1	5	3.11	1.405

**Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:*

1.00 – 1.49	Strongly disagree	3.50 – 4.49	Agree
1.50 – 2.49	Disagree	4.50 – 5.00	Strongly agree
2.50 – 3.49	I am not sure		

To be a Seventh-day Adventist means to reject certain elements of the culture around you.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	822	6.9	7.2
Disagree	944	7.9	8.3
I am not sure	682	5.7	6.0
Agree	4573	38.2	40.2
Strongly agree	4350	36.3	38.3
Total	11371	95.0	100.0
No Response	601	5.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

When I meet or hear about Adventists from other parts of the world, they are very much like me in the way they live their faith.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	336	2.8	3.0
Disagree	666	5.6	5.9
I am not sure	1480	12.4	13.1
Agree	4842	40.4	42.9
Strongly agree	3975	33.2	35.2
Total	11299	94.4	100.0
No Response	673	5.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

People outside of the Adventist Church can have important insights into God's character and plans.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	831	6.9	7.4
Disagree	1080	9.0	9.6
I am not sure	1856	15.5	16.5
Agree	4568	38.2	40.6
Strongly agree	2905	24.3	25.8
Total	11240	93.9	100.0
No Response	732	6.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

There are ideas in my culture that contradict my faith.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	893	7.5	8.0
Disagree	998	8.3	9.0
I am not sure	1145	9.6	10.3
Agree	4601	38.4	41.3
Strongly agree	3502	29.3	31.4
Total	11139	93.0	100.0
No Response	833	7.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

I am most comfortable in a church where everyone shares my cultural background.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1940	16.2	17.5
Disagree	2408	20.1	21.7
I am not sure	1505	12.6	13.5
Agree	3051	25.5	27.4
Strongly agree	2213	18.5	19.9
Total	11117	92.9	100.0
No Response	855	7.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

I would welcome someone from a different cultural background as part of my local church family.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	332	2.8	3.0
Disagree	530	4.4	4.7
I am not sure	539	4.5	4.8
Agree	4932	41.2	43.9
Strongly agree	4905	41.0	43.6
Total	11238	93.9	100.0
No Response	734	6.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Adventists should avoid amusements and entertainments that are not in harmony with the Spirit of Christ.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	330	2.8	2.9
Disagree	300	2.5	2.6
I am not sure	374	3.1	3.3
Agree	3589	30.0	31.7
Strongly agree	6730	56.2	59.4
Total	11323	94.6	100.0
No Response	649	5.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Sermon Topics

Topics that Sabbath speakers more frequently preached in church which were identified by at least three-fourths of the survey participants are: *Sabbath* (84.8%), *Second Coming of Jesus* (83.5%), *The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church* (80.4%), and *The Three Angels' Messages* (77.9%). Close to 30% of the respondents indicated that the topics *State of the Dead* (31.5%), *The Sanctuary* (27.8%), and *Reading and Sharing Adventist Literature and Publications* (26.5%) are seldom preached by Sabbath speakers in church.

Frequency of Preaching in Church

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Deviation
Second Coming of Jesus	10793	1	4	3.48	.647
Sabbath	11043	1	4	3.44	.656
The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	11112	1	4	3.31	.720
The Three Angels' Messages	11047	1	4	3.26	.732
Wholistic Healthful Living—the importance of health for the body, mind, spirit, and social relationships	10768	1	4	3.08	.788
Righteousness by Faith	10755	1	4	3.06	.758
Spirit of Prophecy	10886	1	4	3.06	.780
Daniel and Revelation	10971	1	4	3.01	.803
The Sanctuary	10864	1	4	2.89	.821
Reading and sharing Adventist literature and publications	10950	1	4	2.89	.847
State of the Dead	10573	1	4	2.77	.846

*Scale of Interpretation of the Mean (excluding the response *I do not know*):

1.00 – 1.49	Never	2.50 – 3.49	Frequently
1.50 – 2.49	Seldom	3.50 – 4.00	Very Frequently

Righteousness by Faith

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	354	3.0	3.2
Never	199	1.7	1.8
Seldom	2171	18.1	19.5
Frequently	5136	42.9	46.2
Very frequently	3249	27.1	29.2
Total	11109	92.8	100.0
No Response	863	7.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

Spirit of Prophecy

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	196	1.6	1.8
Never	208	1.7	1.9
Seldom	2372	19.8	21.4
Frequently	4844	40.5	43.7
Very frequently	3462	28.9	31.2
Total	11082	92.6	100.0
No Response	890	7.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Sabbath

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	91	.8	.8
Never	65	.5	.6
Seldom	819	6.8	7.4
Frequently	4338	36.2	39.0
Very frequently	5821	48.6	52.3
Total	11134	93.0	100.0
No Response	838	7.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Second Coming of Jesus

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	107	.9	1.0
Never	56	.5	.5
Seldom	742	6.2	6.8
Frequently	3917	32.7	35.9
Very frequently	6078	50.8	55.8
Total	10900	91.0	100.0
No Response	1072	9.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Wholistic Healthful Living—the importance of health for the body, mind, spirit, and social relationships

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	278	2.3	2.5
Never	184	1.5	1.7
Seldom	2411	20.1	21.8
Frequently	4569	38.2	41.4
Very frequently	3604	30.1	32.6
Total	11046	92.3	100.0
No Response	926	7.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Reading and sharing Adventist literature and publications

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	282	2.4	2.5
Never	474	4.0	4.2
Seldom	3169	26.5	28.2
Frequently	4386	36.6	39.0
Very frequently	2921	24.4	26.0
Total	11232	93.8	100.0
No Response	740	6.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Sanctuary

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	246	2.1	2.2
Never	325	2.7	2.9
Seldom	3332	27.8	30.0
Frequently	4397	36.7	39.6
Very frequently	2810	23.5	25.3
Total	11110	92.8	100.0
No Response	862	7.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

State of the Dead

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	498	4.2	4.5
Never	499	4.2	4.5
Seldom	3776	31.5	34.1
Frequently	3946	33.0	35.6
Very frequently	2352	19.6	21.2
Total	11071	92.5	100.0
No Response	901	7.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

Daniel and Revelation

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	190	1.6	1.7
Never	200	1.7	1.8
Seldom	2894	24.2	25.9
Frequently	4497	37.6	40.3
Very frequently	3380	28.2	30.3
Total	11161	93.2	100.0
No Response	811	6.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Three Angels' Messages

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	148	1.2	1.3
Never	99	.8	.9
Seldom	1615	13.5	14.4
Frequently	4699	39.2	42.0
Very frequently	4634	38.7	41.4
Total	11195	93.5	100.0
No Response	777	6.5	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	132	1.1	1.2
Never	108	.9	1.0
Seldom	1378	11.5	12.3
Frequently	4634	38.7	41.2
Very frequently	4992	41.7	44.4
Total	11244	93.9	100.0
No Response	728	6.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Understanding of the Bible and the Writings of Ellen G. White

Regarding the church members' understanding of what the Bible (as a whole is), 47.6% identified the statement *The Bible is the work of people who were inspired by God and who, though expressing their message in terms of their own time and place, expressed eternal truths* and 26.3% selected the statement *The Bible is the work of people who were inspired by God and who represented God's message in terms of their own place and time*. Concerning the closest understanding of church members of the writings of Ellen G. White, 61% have the understanding that *Ellen G. White was inspired by God and though she presented God's message in terms of*

her own place and time, expressed eternal truths in harmony with and pointing to the Bible and 14.6% identified the statement *Ellen G. White was inspired by God and presented God's message in terms of her own place and time*. It is worth noting that 2.2% of the survey participants *do not know who Ellen G. White is*.

Understanding of what the Bible (as a whole) is

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
The Bible contains no more truth or wisdom than do the religious books of other world religions.	223	1.9	2.1
The Bible is the work of people who collected stories that had been created to explain the mysteries of life...	163	1.4	1.5
The Bible is the work of people who genuinely loved God and ...	561	4.7	5.2
The Bible is the work of people who copied what God told them word for word and ...	993	8.3	9.2
The Bible is the work of people who were inspired by God and who represented God's message ...	3148	26.3	29.2
The Bible is the work of people who were inspired by God and who ... expressed eternal truths.	5699	47.6	52.8
Total	10787	90.1	100.0
No Response	1185	9.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Understanding of the writings of Ellen G. White

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know who Ellen G. White is.	267	2.2	2.5
Ellen G. White's writings contain no more truth or wisdom than do the religious works written ...	110	.9	1.0
Ellen G. White was a person who created stories of supernatural guidance in order to explain the mysteries of life.	258	2.2	2.4
Ellen G. White was inspired by God and presented God's message in terms of her own place and time.	1196	10.0	11.0
Ellen G. White was inspired by God and ... expressed eternal truths in harmony with and pointing to the Bible.	7304	61.0	67.1
Ellen G. White copied what God told her word for word, and wrote without being influenced by her own place and time.	1744	14.6	16.0
Total	10879	90.9	100.0
No Response	1093	9.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

In general, ECD church members embrace the teachings of the SDA Church wholeheartedly. In particular, close to three-fourths of the respondents indicated that they wholeheartedly embrace the following individual teachings: *There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three eternal equal Persons* (75.2%), *Adventists should eat a healthful diet and abstain from unclean foods identified in Scripture* (74.6%), *Christ is acting as our advocate before God in the heavenly sanctuary right now* (73.3%), and *Adventists should abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs* (72%). The teaching *Before Christ returns, God will decide who is to be saved and who will be eternally lost* is **not accepted** by 19.6% of the church members, with 4.4% having **major doubts** about it and 8.9% having **some questions about it**.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three eternal equal Persons.	11334	1	5	4.73	.643
Adventists should eat a healthful diet and abstain from unclean foods identified in Scripture.	11243	1	5	4.72	.687
Christ is acting as our advocate before God in the heavenly sanctuary right now.	11237	1	5	4.70	.703
Adventists should abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs.	11156	1	5	4.62	.884
Ellen G. White was a prophet.	10970	1	5	4.49	.924
The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies.	10747	1	5	4.35	.960
The investigative pre-Advent judgment began in 1844.	11066	1	5	4.29	1.084
Before Christ returns, God will decide who is to be saved and who will be eternally lost.	11029	1	5	3.62	1.585

*Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:

1.00 – 1.49	I do not accept it	3.50 – 4.49	I accept it because the Church teaches it
1.50 – 2.49	I have major doubts about it		
2.50 – 3.49	I have some questions about it	4.50 – 5.00	I embrace it wholeheartedly

There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three eternal equal Persons.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	121	1.0	1.1
I have major doubts about it.	84	.7	.7
I have some questions about it.	242	2.0	2.1
I accept it because the church teaches it.	1881	15.7	16.6
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	9006	75.2	79.5
Total	11334	94.7	100.0
No Response	638	5.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

The investigative pre-Advent judgment began in 1844.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	474	4.0	4.3
I have major doubts about it.	491	4.1	4.4
I have some questions about it.	1044	8.7	9.4
I accept it because the church teaches it.	2410	20.1	21.8
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	6647	55.5	60.1
Total	11066	92.4	100.0
No Response	906	7.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

Christ is acting as our advocate before God in the heavenly sanctuary right now.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	173	1.4	1.5
I have major doubts about it.	112	.9	1.0
I have some questions about it.	213	1.8	1.9
I accept it because the church teaches it.	1969	16.4	17.5
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	8770	73.3	78.0
Total	11237	93.9	100.0
No Response	735	6.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Before Christ returns, God will decide who is to be saved and who will be eternally lost.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	2350	19.6	21.3
I have major doubts about it.	529	4.4	4.8
I have some questions about it.	1064	8.9	9.6
I accept it because the church teaches it.	2120	17.7	19.2
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	4966	41.5	45.0
Total	11029	92.1	100.0
No Response	943	7.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	320	2.7	3.0
I have major doubts about it.	285	2.4	2.7
I have some questions about it.	957	8.0	8.9
I accept it because the church teaches it.	2927	24.4	27.2
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	6258	52.3	58.2
Total	10747	89.8	100.0
No Response	1225	10.2	
Total	11972	100.0	

Ellen G. White was a prophet.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	353	2.9	3.2
I have major doubts about it.	223	1.9	2.0
I have some questions about it.	524	4.4	4.8
I accept it because the church teaches it.	2474	20.7	22.6
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	7396	61.8	67.4
Total	10970	91.6	100.0
No Response	1002	8.4	
Total	11972	100.0	

Adventists should abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	425	3.5	3.8
I have major doubts about it.	111	.9	1.0
I have some questions about it.	166	1.4	1.5
I accept it because the church teaches it.	1838	15.4	16.5
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	8616	72.0	77.2
Total	11156	93.2	100.0
No Response	816	6.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

Adventists should eat a healthful diet and abstain from unclean foods identified in Scripture.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	177	1.5	1.6
I have major doubts about it.	85	.7	.8
I have some questions about it.	192	1.6	1.7
I accept it because the church teaches it.	1854	15.5	16.5
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	8935	74.6	79.5
Total	11243	93.9	100.0
No Response	729	6.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

Section 7: Health

A significant number of the survey participants are *meat eaters* (41.3%). A minority described themselves as *vegans* (9.6%) and 21.2% have *lacto-ovo vegetarianism* as their dietary choice. More or less 90% have **never used** alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and opiates without a prescription within the last 12 months.

On the understanding of scientific research on alcohol use, 69% think that *overall, there is no safe level of alcohol use*. More than half (57.4%) of the respondents are *very familiar with the Adventist Health Message*. There are 2.5% who *do not know what the Adventist Health Message is*. Only 33.9% *follow the Adventist Health Message a great deal*.

In general, church members are positive about the Adventist Health Message as a whole, with only 37.3% who concur to *choosing which parts of the Health Message to follow and which to ignore*. There were 88.1% who are in agreement to the statement: *The Adventist Health Message emphasizes all of the following: physical health (e. g. diet, exercise), mental health, emotional well-being, social support, and relationships as a part of spiritual growth*.

There were 61.7% of the respondents who believe that *following the Health Message ensures their salvation*. Does this belief make a difference in the church members' dietary choices?

Among the 2,404 vegans/vegetarians, 68.3% agreed/strongly agreed and 20.5% disagreed/strongly disagreed that following the health ensures their salvation whereas among the 6,518 participants who described themselves as non-vegetarians (with fish in their diet or meat eater), 64.4% agreed/strongly agreed and 22.4% disagreed/strongly disagreed to the said

statement. Chi-square test results reveal that the difference in the distribution of observed data is significant. The percentage of the vegans/vegetarians who believe that following the Health Message ensures their salvation is significantly higher than their non-vegetarian counterparts, $\chi^2 (2, N = 8,922) = 12.368, p = .002$.

Crosstabulation

			Following the health message ensures my salvation.			
			Disagree/ Strongly Disagree	Not sure	Agree/ Strongly Agree	Total
Dietary Choices	Vegan/ Vegetarian	Count	493	269	1642	2404
		% within Dietary Choices	20.5%	11.2%	68.3%	100.0%
	Non- vegetarian	Count	1458	860	4200	6518
		% within Dietary Choices	22.4%	13.2%	64.4%	100.0%
Total	Count		1442	1951	1129	5842
	% within Dietary Choices		30.5%	21.9%	12.7%	65.5%

Chi-Square Test

	Value	df	p-value
Pearson Chi-Square	12.368	2	.002
N of Valid Cases	8922		

Dietary choices: Would you describe yourself as...?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
A vegan (no animal products of any type)	1148	9.6	10.9
A vegetarian (lacto ovo—using eggs and dairy products)	2539	21.2	24.1
A person who includes fish in my diet, but no other meat	1910	16.0	18.1
A meat eater once a week or less (eating meat includes eating red meat or poultry)	3127	26.1	29.7
A meat eater a few times a week	1391	11.6	13.2
A meat eater most days	428	3.6	4.1
Total	10543	88.1	100.0
No Response	1429	11.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

How often have you used alcohol within the last 12 months?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	10670	89.1	93.9
Once or twice	335	2.8	2.9
3 to 10 times	149	1.2	1.3
More than 10 times	204	1.7	1.8
Total	11358	94.9	100.0
No Response	614	5.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

How often have you used tobacco within the last 12 months?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	10949	91.5	96.9
Once or twice	126	1.1	1.1
3 to 10 times	112	.9	1.0
More than 10 times	112	.9	1.0
Total	11299	94.4	100.0
No Response	673	5.6	
Total	11972	100.0	

How often have you used marijuana within the last 12 months?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	10954	91.5	97.3
Once or twice	87	.7	.8
3 to 10 times	78	.7	.7
More than 10 times	140	1.2	1.2
Total	11259	94.0	100.0
No Response	713	6.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

How often have you used opiates without a prescription within the last 12 months?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	10790	90.1	95.9
Once or twice	209	1.7	1.9
3 to 10 times	108	.9	1.0
More than 10 times	149	1.2	1.3
Total	11256	94.0	100.0
No Response	716	6.0	
Total	11972	100.0	

Understanding of scientific research on alcohol use

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Overall, there is no safe level of alcohol use.	8262	69.0	76.4
Alcohol, in moderation (1-2 drinks a day), does not do much harm.	177	1.5	1.6
Alcohol, in moderation (1-2 drinks a day), promotes health and is safe to use.	185	1.5	1.7
I am not sure.	2186	18.3	20.2
Total	10810	90.3	100.0
No Response	1162	9.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

How much do you know about the Adventist Health Message?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know what the Adventist Health Message is.	300	2.5	2.7
I know just a little about the Adventist Health Message.	1338	11.2	12.1
I am somewhat familiar with the Adventist Health Message.	2532	21.1	22.9
I am very familiar with the Adventist Health Message.	6877	57.4	62.3
Total	11047	92.3	100.0
No Response	925	7.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Do you follow the Adventist Health Message?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	256	2.1	2.3
Rarely	1003	8.4	8.9
Occasionally	1888	15.8	16.7
A moderate amount	4075	34.0	36.1
A great deal	4057	33.9	36.0
Total	11279	94.2	100.0
No Response	693	5.8	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Health Message is a core part of Seventh-day Adventist belief that cannot be questioned.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	392	3.3	3.5
Disagree	452	3.8	4.0
I am not sure	827	6.9	7.4
Agree	4228	35.3	37.9
Strongly agree	5270	44.0	47.2
Total	11169	93.3	100.0
No Response	803	6.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

Following the Health Message increases the probability that a person will live longer.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	212	1.8	1.9
Disagree	202	1.7	1.8
I am not sure	539	4.5	4.8
Agree	4187	35.0	37.5
Strongly agree	6033	50.4	54.0
Total	11173	93.3	100.0
No Response	799	6.7	
Total	11972	100.0	

I can choose which parts of the Health Message to follow and which to ignore.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	2635	22.0	24.0
Disagree	2714	22.7	24.7
I am not sure	1188	9.9	10.8
Agree	2724	22.8	24.8
Strongly agree	1737	14.5	15.8
Total	10998	91.9	100.0
No Response	974	8.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Health Message has largely been supported by scientific discoveries.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	460	3.8	4.2
Disagree	484	4.0	4.4
I am not sure	1171	9.8	10.6
Agree	4345	36.3	39.4
Strongly agree	4569	38.2	41.4
Total	11029	92.1	100.0
No Response	943	7.9	
Total	11972	100.0	

Following the Health Message ensures my salvation.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	994	8.3	9.1
Disagree	1297	10.8	11.8
I am not sure	1302	10.9	11.9
Agree	3639	30.4	33.1
Strongly agree	3751	31.3	34.2
Total	10983	91.7	100.0
No Response	989	8.3	
Total	11972	100.0	

The Adventist Health Message emphasizes all of the following: physical health (e. g. diet, exercise), mental health, emotional well-being, social support, and relationships as a part of spiritual growth.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	127	1.1	1.1
Disagree	93	.8	.8
I am not sure	347	2.9	3.1
Agree	3221	26.9	29.0
Strongly agree	7332	61.2	65.9
Total	11120	92.9	100.0
No Response	852	7.1	
Total	11972	100.0	

APPENDIX 1

Sample (Expected and Actual)

UNIONS/CONFERENCES/MISSIONS/FIELDS		Sample		
		Churches	Members	
			Expected	Actual
Burundi Union Mission		21	630	634
1	East Burundi Field	6	180	
2	North Burundi Field	6	180	
3	North-West Burundi Field	6	180	
4	South-West Burundi Field	3	90	
East Congo Union Mission		17	510	510
1	East Kasai Field	3	90	
2	East Katanga Mission	3	90	
3	North Katanga Field	3	90	
4	South Katanga Field	6	180	
5	West Katanga Field	2	60	
East Kenya Union Conference		63	1,890	1,908
1	Central Kenya Conference	6	180	
2	Central Rift Valley Conference	6	180	
3	East Nairobi Field	6	180	
4	Kenya Coast Field	6	180	
5	North-East Kenya Field	6	180	
6	Nyamira Conference	6	180	
7	Nyamira West Field	6	180	
8	South Kenya Conference	6	180	
9	South Nairobi Kajiado Field	3	90	
10	South Rift Valley Field	6	180	
11	South-East Kenya Field	6	180	
Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission		27	810	664
1	Central Ethiopia Field	3	90	
2	North Ethiopia Field	1	30	
3	Northwest Ethiopia Field	2	60	
4	South Central Ethiopia Field	6	180	
5	South East Ethiopia Field	3	90	
6	South Ethiopia Field	6	180	
7	South Green Ethiopia Field	3	90	
8	South Shewa Ethiopia Field	3	90	

North East Congo Union Mission		27	810	811
1	Central Kivu Field	6	180	
2	Kibali Ituri Mission	3	90	
3	Maniema Mission	3	90	
4	North Kivu Field	6	180	
5	South Kivu Field	6	180	
6	Upper Congo Field	3	90	
Northern Tanzania Union Conference		48	1,440	1,494
1	Mara Conference	12	360	
2	North-East Tanzania Conference	6	180	
3	Nyanza Gold Belt Field	6	180	
4	South Nyanza Conference	12	360	
5	Tanzania Rift Valley Field	6	180	
6	Western Tanzania Conference	6	180	
Rwanda Union Mission		48	1,440	1,441
1	Central Rwanda Field	6	180	
2	East Central Rwanda Conference	6	180	
3	North Rwanda Conference	6	180	
4	North-East Rwanda Field	6	180	
5	North-West Rwanda Field	6	180	
6	South Rwanda Field	6	180	
7	South-East Rwanda Field	6	180	
8	West Rwanda Field	6	180	
South Sudan Attached Territory		8	240	248
1	Eastern Upper Nile Field	2	60	
2	Greater Bahr el Ghazai Field	2	60	
3	Greater Equatorial Field	2	60	
4	Greater Upper Nile Field	2	60	
Southern Tanzania Union Mission		30	900	853
1	Central Tanzania Field	6	180	
2	East-Central Tanzania Conference	6	180	
3	Lake Tanganyika Field	6	180	
4	South-East Tanzania Conference	6	180	
5	Southern Highlands Conference	6	180	
Uganda Union Mission		33	990	336
1	Central Uganda Conference	6	180	
2	Eastern Uganda Field	6	180	
3	Northern Uganda Field	3	90	
4	Rwenzori Field	6	180	
5	Southwestern Uganda Field	6	180	

6	Western Uganda Field	6	180	
West Congo Union Mission		17	510	510
1	Central Kasai Field	6	180	
2	Congo Equatorial Field	1	30	
3	Lower Congo Field	1	30	
4	West Congo Field	3	90	
5	West Kasai Field	6	180	
West Kenya Union Conference		66	1,980	2,461
1	Central Nyanza Conference	6	180	
2	Greater Rift Valley Conference	12	360	
3	Kenya Lake Conference	12	360	
4	Lake Victoria Field	12	360	
5	North West Kenya Conference	12	360	
6	Ranen Conference	12	360	
Western Ethiopia Union Mission		13	390	102
1	Gambella Field Station	2	60	
2	South West Ethiopia Field	2	60	
3	West Central Ethiopia Field	3	90	
4	West Ethiopia Conference	6	180	
TOTAL		412	12,540	11,972

Sample Frame Template for Union

			TOTAL	
			Number of Churches	Number of Members
			Number of Members per Church	
Name of Conference			12	360
Large church (urban area)	2	50 per church = 100		
Large church (rural area)	2	50 per church = 100		
Medium church (urban area)	2	30 per church = 60		
Medium church (rural area)	2	30 per church = 60		
Small church (urban area)	2	10 per church = 20		
Small church (rural area)	2	10 per church = 20		
Name of Conference/Mission/Field			6	180
Large church (urban area)	1	50		
Large church (rural area)	1	50		
Medium church (urban area)	1	30		
Medium church (rural area)	1	30		
Small church (urban area)	1	10		
Small church (rural area)	1	10		
Name of Field/Mission			3	90
Large church (urban area)	1	50		
Medium church (rural area)	1	30		
Small church (rural area)	1	10		
Name of Field/Mission			2	60
Medium church (urban area)	1	30		
Medium church (rural area)	1	30		
Name of Field/Mission			1	30
Church with the largest membership		30		
TOTAL			_____	_____

APPENDIX 2

Ethics Clearance Application Form


UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA, BARATON
Research Ethics Committee
APPLICATION FORM

Name: Elizabeth M. Role Date: 24/02/2021

Status: Faculty [] Staff [] Student: Undergraduate [] Graduate [] Other [X]

Department: _____ School: _____

E-mail Address: africasdaresearch@gmail.com Tel: +1 (812) 223-6115

Title of Research Project: 2021-2023 Global Church Member Survey in the African Continent

Complete the information requested below and submit three (3) copies of the completed form to:
The Secretary of UEAB Research Ethics Committee

GENERAL INFORMATION

Time Schedule: Starting Date 06/2021 Ending Date 12/2022

Place(s) where research is to be carried out East-Central Africa Division, Southern Africa-
Indian Ocean Division, West-Central Africa Division

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. Submit together with this form the **research proposal** (hard copy and soft copy to be sent via email attachment to jackiekobey@gmail.com and ueabrec@gmail.com) and the **receipt of payment of ethics review fee**.
2. If the research is undertaken as a graduate degree requirement, submit the **approval of the research proposal** (from the Department of the University where the degree is pursued)

AGREEMENT

I will ensure that changes in approved research protocols and all adverse or unforeseen problems arising from the research project are reported in a timely fashion to the UEAB Research Ethics Committee. I will provide notification when the study is complete and if it fails to start or is abandoned.

24/02/2021
 Applicant's Signature Date

RECOMMENDED BY:

Supervisor(s): _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Research Ethics Committee Action: _____

Research Ethics Committee Chair _____ Stamp and Date _____

Ethics Approval



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March 6, 2021

TO: Prof. Elizabeth Role

Dear Prof. Elizabeth Role,

RE: 2021-2023 Global Church Member Survey in the African Continent

This is to inform you that the Research Ethics Committee (REC) of the University of Eastern Africa Baraton has reviewed and approved your above research proposal. Your application approval number is UEAB/REC/54/03/2021. The approval period is 6th March, 2021 – 6th March, 2022.

This approval is subject to compliance with the following requirements:

- i. Only approved documents including (informed consents, study instruments, MTA) will be used.
- ii. All changes including (amendments, deviations, and violations) are submitted for review and approval by the Research Ethics Committee (REC) of the University of Eastern Africa Baraton.
- iii. Death and life threatening problems and serious adverse events or unexpected adverse events whether related or unrelated to the study must be reported to the Research Ethics Committee (REC) of the University of Eastern Africa Baraton within 72 hours of notification.
- iv. Any changes, anticipated or otherwise that may increase the risks or affected safety or welfare of study participants and others or affect the integrity of the research must be reported to the Research Ethics Committee (REC) of the University of Eastern Africa Baraton within 72 hours.
- v. Clearance for export of biological specimens must be obtained from relevant institutions.
- vi. Submission of a request for renewal of approval at least 60 days prior to expiry of the approval period. Attach a comprehensive progress report to support the renewal.
- vii. Submission of an executive summary report within 90 days upon completion of the study to the Research Ethics Committee (REC) of the University of Eastern Africa Baraton.

Prior to commencing your study, you will be expected to obtain permission from NACOSTI, other study sites and also obtain other clearances needed.

Sincerely yours,

Jackie K. Obey
Prof. Jackie K. Obey, PhD

Chairperson, Research Ethics Committee



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