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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BUC	Botswana Union Conference
ECD	East-Central Africa Division
GC	General Conference
GCMS	Global Church Member Survey
IOUC	Indian Ocean Union Conference
IWG	I Will Go
MUC	Malawi Union Conference
MUM	Mozambique Union Mission
NEAUM	North-Eastern Angola Union Mission
NZUC	Northern Zambia Union Conference
SAD	South American Division
SAUC	Southern Africa Union Conference
SDA	Seventh-day Adventist
SID	Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
SP	Strategic Plan
STPM	Sao Tome and Principe Mission
SWAUM	South-Western Angola Union Mission
SZUC	Southern Zambia Union Conference
UEAB	University of Eastern Africa, Baraton
ZCUC	Zimbabwe Central Union Conference
ZEUC	Zimbabwe East Union Conference
ZWUC	Zimbabwe West Union Conference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A total of six thousand and nineteen (6,019) church members in the SID territory participated in the paper survey collected in person (95.1%) and electronic survey completed asynchronously over internet (4.9%). They come from 13 unions (BUC, IOUC, MUC, MUM, NEAUM, NZUC, SAUC, STPM, SWAUM, SZUC, ZCUC, ZEUC, and ZWUC) located in 14 countries namely, Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Reunion, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Data were gathered using a questionnaire in 3 languages: English, French, and Portuguese.

Personal Demographics

Majority of the respondents were males (59.1%), are not employed in Seventh-day Adventist institutions (78.7%), have at least some secondary/high school education (82.4%), and have not attended an Adventist school in all levels of education (59.2%). Among those who have Adventist educational experiences, the average number of years spent attending Adventist schools is 6.01 with a standard deviation of 4.11. The average age of participants is 40.14, with ages ranging from 15 to 91 years. All levels of education from primary/elementary to professional/graduate school are represented. Among the 4.3% who identified as deaf and 9.1% who have some form of disability, 34% 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 (55.3%), with at least one of biological children is still a child or teenager living at home (56.2%), have children who are all still being raised in or are members of the SDA church (61.3%), with a household size of at most nine (87.6%) observing the Sabbath (91.1%), are holding church office in a local church (69.6%), 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.

Five hundred and eight (8.4%) respondents identified themselves as not baptized member of the SDA church nor joined the church by profession of faith. 44.9% grew up in and have been connected to the church since birth and 40.6% belong to the first generation of Adventists in the family. On average, participants were members of the church for 19.57 years, with the longest member baptized in 1951 (71 years as church member). Ten respondents (0.2%) were baptized in 2022.

Majority of the respondents grew up in a family with at least one biological or adoptive parents or other guardians (79.8%). About 47% 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 55% considered themselves as active participant (28.8%) or active leader (26.6%) before the coronavirus pandemic. There was a slight improvement in current church involvement (post-pandemic) with 60.6% who indicated that they are active participants (33.4%) or active leaders

(27.2%) in their church. 60.5% of the participants indicated that throughout the pandemic, worship services in their church continued either as face-to-face (23.3%) or remotely for a period of time when they could not meet in-person (37.2%). On a personal level, 83.4% continued to worship during the pandemic, either face-to-face in church (20.9%) and with other Adventists but not in church (38.7%) or remotely (23.8%) for a period of time. Only 32.4% of the participants are members of a church which developed new ministries during or as a result of the pandemic. They were provided methods that enabled them to continue their usual pattern of returning tithe (73.3%) and giving offerings (70.4%).

Religious Behavior and Roles

The four 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* and *attendance in church services remotely by radio, television, or internet* approximately **once a month**.

The five religious activities less frequently engaged in by the respondents in the last 12 months are: *receiving a visit from a pastor or from a church elder* and *attendance in Pathfinders' meeting* only **once or twice** and *helping with a church ministry during the week* and *Sabbath School attendance 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: *having personal prayer (at times other than meals)*, *spending time thinking about Jesus' life*, *reading the Bible*, and *studying the Sabbath school lesson* **more than once a week** and *having morning or evening worship with family members* **about 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 *listening to an Adventist radio broadcast* **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, for any purpose*, *to share Bible studies with family, friends, or other people in their social network*, *to read or respond to posts by Adventist churches, organizations, and institutions*, and *to attend church*. Using social media *as a distraction from doing other activities* is 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* (63.2%), *Total Member Involvement* (58.8%), *Annual Week of Prayer* (58.6%), and *Revival and Reformation* (58.5%). Least participation is in *Adventist Possibility Ministries* (25.2%). Twenty percent (20%) have not heard of the *I Will Go Strategic Focus 2020-2025*. 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. 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 70% of the respondents registered agreement are:

- *I apply what I learn from the Bible to my daily life (80%).*
- *I apply what I learn from Sabbath School lessons to my daily life (78%).*
- *I feel proud of my church and its role and reputation in my community (76%).*
- *Youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of my local church (75%).*
- *Other people in my church care about me (72%).*
- *My local church has a program for preparing young people to become leaders (70%).*

Less than 45% of the church members expressed agreement to the following statements:

- *I currently provide financial support for children (mine or others) to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school (34%).*
- *I attend a church that makes worship services available online (40%).*
- *Although I am religious, it does not affect my daily life (42%).*

15% have *no access to or have not tried to access Ellen G. White's books in a language they understand.* Majority (57%) 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.*

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

43% of the respondents are **very satisfied** with their local church, with an average degree of satisfaction of 4.07 on a scale of 1 to 5. Majority (77.5%) 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 4.72 on a scale of 1 to 5).

About 34% 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 45% **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 82% *cope better with*

the stresses of the week when they keep the Sabbath faithfully and 84% 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**, 67% of whom more **often** *have a sense of gratitude* and 63% *have grown spiritually* over the past 12 months. 48% have **never** been bothered by *feeling down, depressed, or hopeless* over the last 2 weeks.

Beliefs

More or less 85% of the respondents are in agreement with various Seventh-day Adventist beliefs. 43% 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 84% believe that *when people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected*, there are 35.6% who also believe that *the soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death*. Moreover, 31.67% agreed/strongly agreed to both statements.

Regarding beliefs on Adventist Education, two-thirds of respondents believe in the uniqueness of SDA education) (66.9%) and that *every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school* (66.5%). 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* (22.7%).
- *People who have rejected Christ are burning in Hell right now* (18.6%).
- *Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for protection or healing* (17.7%).
- *The dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living* (12.8%).

On the relationship between the Adventist Church and one's cultural context, 70.7% believe that *to be a Seventh-day Adventist means to reject certain elements of the culture around them* and 66.8% perceive that *there are ideas in their culture that contradict their faith*.

Sermon topics frequently preached by pastors identified by at least 70% of the respondents are *second coming of Jesus* (80.4%), *Sabbath* (80.3%), *mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church* (74.8%), and *three angels' messages* (70.5%). Seldom preached is the *state of the dead*.

48% and 60%, respectively, have a correct understanding of the divine inspiration of the *Bible* and of *Ellen G. White*. 10.4% 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 (23.3%).*
- *The investigative pre-Advent judgment began in 1844 (13.5%).*
- *The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies (11.9%).*

Health

Only 12% of the respondents are vegans/vegetarians. More or less 85% of the church members have never used addictive drugs within the last 12 months. 66% have a correct understanding of scientific research on alcohol use (*there is no safe level of alcohol use*). 70.2 % are familiar with the Adventist Health Message and 28% follow the Adventist Health Message a great deal. More or less 75% are positive about the Adventist Health Message. 33.3% believe that they can choose which parts of the Health Message to follow and which to ignore.

There are 46.7% 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 Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division comprising 13 unions.

Data were gathered from 6,019 church members (66% of the expected 9,180 sample). The breakdown of participation per union is as follows:

	Sample Size	Data Gathered	Percentage
Botswana Union Conference	180	132	73%
Indian Ocean Union Conference	1,140	902	79%
Malawi Union Conference	900	628	70%
Mozambique Union Mission	690	452	66%
North-Eastern Angola Union Mission	720	414	58%
Northern Zambia Union Conference	1,260	922	73%
Sao Tome and Principe Mission	60	59	98%
Southern Africa Union Conference	1,170	509	44%
Southern Zambia Union Conference	1,080	485	45%
South-Western Angola Union Mission	540	484	90%
Zimbabwe Central Union Conference	540	491	91%
Zimbabwe East Union Conference	540	171	32%
Zimbabwe West Union Conference	360	370	103%

Three unions, SAUC, SZUC, and ZEUC, were under-represented in the sample, having gathered less than 50% of the expected number of participants in the survey. In SAUC, two conferences (Lesotho Conference and Swaziland Conference) did not participate in the GCMS. SAUC did both paper (42.4%) and online (57.6%) surveys. There were online survey participants who indicated Lesotho as their country but used the unique link of Northern Conference.

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 Pastor Gideon Reyneke, SID executive secretary, and provided detailed information about the survey and its logistics. She introduced Pastor Qedumusa Mathonsi, SID associate executive secretary, as the GCMS research coordinator for SID.

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.

Data-gathering Procedures. In May 2021, the principal investigator obtained the email addresses of the executive secretary of each union from SID executive secretary and email addresses of the conference/mission/field executive secretaries from the union executive secretaries. 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 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 of the unions (BUC, MUC, NZUC, SAUC, SZUC, ZCUC, ZEUC, and ZWUC) which used the English version of the questionnaire via e-mail attachment as well as those administrative fields of the unions (MUM, SWAUM, and STP) which used the Portuguese version (translated by SAD and shared by Dr. Galina Stele) beginning mid-June 2021 informing them that the data-gathering period will be between July to October 2021. The union executive secretaries were requested to send all filled questionnaires to the office of Pastor Qedumusa Mathonsi in SID headquarters by November 30, 2021.

The French version of the questionnaire translated by ECD, the sample frame, and a document outlining procedures of data-gathering and reimbursement of expenses were sent to the IOUC in mid-July 2021 with a request to send all filled questionnaires to the SID headquarters by December 15, 2021.

The sending of the Portuguese version of the questionnaire and other data-gathering documents to NEAUM was delayed until the end of July 2021 after the election of the mission officers during the union session. Their data-gathering period was set between August to November 2021 and they were requested to send all filled questionnaires to the SID headquarters by December 15, 2021.

SAUC requested that they be allowed to do both paper and online surveys. With the assistance of Dr. Petr Cincala, unique survey monkey links were created for the 8 conferences of SAUC. The principal investigator sent these links to the respective conferences in August 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 Pastor Qedumusa Mathonsi in the SID headquarters using the most convenient and secured method (courier or hand-delivery). Pastor Mathonsi and Mrs. Khumalo monitored the data collection and regularly updated the principal investigator of the status of data collection.

The sending of the filled questionnaires to the SID headquarters was delayed in some territories due to border closures where land transportation (cheapest courier service) from one country to another was restricted. By the end of February 2022, the SID headquarters have received filled questionnaires from most unions.

Data Entry and Analysis. The entry of data in EXCEL was done under the supervision of Mrs. Evodia Khumalo. The principal investigator trained the prospective data entry clerks on March 1, 2022 via Zoom. The training session was recorded.

It was not possible for IOUC to transmit the filled questionnaires from Madagascar to South Africa. For this union, data entry was done locally. Mrs. Evodia Khumalo shared the recorded training session with the IOUC secretariat to guide the data entry clerk engaged to do the job.

Data entry was done from March to mid-June 2022. Additional data were received from NEAUM, SWAUM, and SAUC. Data entry ended in mid-September 2022.

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	%
Angola	898	14.9%
Botswana	132	2.2%
Lesotho	10	0.2%
Madagascar	819	13.6%
Malawi	628	10.4%
Mauritius	29	0.5%
Mozambique	452	7.5%
Namibia	78	1.3%
Reunion	29	0.5%
Sao Tome and Principe	59	1.0%
Seychelles	25	0.4%
South Africa	421	7.0%
Zambia	1407	23.4%
Zimbabwe	1032	17.1%

Language of the questionnaire

	N	%
English	3733	62.0%
French	877	14.6%
Portuguese	1409	23.4%

Gender

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Male	3556	59.1	60.0
Female	2368	39.3	40.0
Total	5924	98.4	100.0
No Response	95	1.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

Age range

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
up to 20 years of age	369	6.1	6.3
21-35 years of age	2084	34.6	35.5
36-54 years of age	2399	39.9	40.9
55 years of age and older	1016	16.9	17.3
Total	5868	97.5	100.0
No Response	151	2.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Age as of 2022	5868	15	91	40.14	14.405

Do you identify as a person who is Deaf?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	259	4.3	4.4
No	5641	93.7	95.6
Total	5900	98.0	100.0
No Response	119	2.0	
Total	6019	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	546	9.1	9.2
No	5366	89.2	90.8
Total	5912	98.2	100.0
No Response	107	1.8	
Total	6019	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.	186	3.1	27.9
This sometimes happens to me.	160	2.7	24.0
This often happens to me.	67	1.1	10.0
This question does not apply to me.	254	4.2	38.1
Total	667	11.1	100.0
No Response	5352	88.9	
Total	6019	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.	372	6.2	6.4
Yes, employed currently by the Adventist Church.	721	12.0	12.4
No, never employed by the Adventist Church.	4736	78.7	81.2
Total	5829	96.8	100.0
No Response	190	3.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

What is the highest level of school you have completed?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have never attended school.	102	1.7	1.8
Some elementary/primary school.	238	4.0	4.2
Completed primary school.	403	6.7	7.1
Some high/secondary school.	1057	17.6	18.6
High/secondary school graduate.	1073	17.8	18.8
Vocational school	299	5.0	5.3
Some college or university.	745	12.4	13.1
College or university graduate.	1346	22.4	23.6
Graduate school (including Masters, PhD, law degree, medical degree, DMin, or comparable).	431	7.2	7.6
Total	5694	94.6	100.0
No Response	325	5.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

Adventist Educational Experiences

I have attended an Adventist school.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3566	59.2	78.4
Yes	985	16.4	21.6
Total	4551	75.6	100.0
No Response	1468	24.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3639	60.5	86.3
Yes	577	9.6	13.7
Total	4216	70.0	100.0
No Response	1803	30.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3771	62.7	94.6
Yes	217	3.6	5.4
Total	3988	66.3	100.0
No Response	2031	33.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

I attended Adventist secondary school while living in the community.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3653	60.7	88.0
Yes	500	8.3	12.0
Total	4153	69.0	100.0
No Response	1866	31.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

I attended Adventist secondary school while living on campus.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3707	61.6	92.5
Yes	302	5.0	7.5
Total	4009	66.6	100.0
No Response	2010	33.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3745	62.2	93.6
Yes	254	4.2	6.4
Total	3999	66.4	100.0
No Response	2020	33.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

I attended Adventist college or university while living on campus.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3722	61.8	92.9
Yes	285	4.7	7.1
Total	4007	66.6	100.0
No Response	2012	33.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

Range of years spent in SDA schools

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-3 years	348	5.8	29.7
4-6 years	389	6.5	33.2
7-9 years	226	3.8	19.3
10-12 years	128	2.1	10.9
13-15 years	42	.7	3.6
16-18 years	17	.3	1.5
19 years and above	20	.3	1.7
Total	1170	19.4	100.0
No Response	4849	80.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
What is the total number of years that you have spent attending Adventist schools?	1170	1	25	6.01	4.113

Section 2: Household and Religious Demographics

Range of number of people in immediate household

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-3	1195	19.9	20.5
4-6	2791	46.4	47.8
7-9	1285	21.3	22.0
10-12	406	6.7	7.0
13-15	100	1.7	1.7
16-18	35	.6	.6
19 and above	29	.5	.5
Total	5841	97.0	100.0
No Response	178	3.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
How many people live in your immediate household (including yourself)?	5841	1	25	5.72	2.952

Range of number of people in immediate household observing the Sabbath

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-3	1822	30.3	31.3
4-6	2617	43.5	44.9
7-9	1043	17.3	17.9
10-12	275	4.6	4.7
13-15	49	.8	.8
16-18	18	.3	.3
19 and above	6	.1	.1
Total	5830	96.9	100.0
No Response	189	3.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
How many people in your immediate household (including yourself) observe the Sabbath?	5830	1	22	4.94	2.710

Marital status

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Married and living with your spouse	3329	55.3	57.1
Married and living apart	191	3.2	3.3
Never married/single	1531	25.4	26.3
Divorced and single	167	2.8	2.9
Separated	120	2.0	2.1
Widowed	258	4.3	4.4
Living together, not married	234	3.9	4.0
Total	5830	96.9	100.0
No Response	189	3.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1955	32.5	36.6
Yes	3382	56.2	63.4
Total	5337	88.7	100.0
No Response	682	11.3	
Total	6019	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	2663	44.2	53.7
Yes	2296	38.1	46.3
Total	4959	82.4	100.0
No Response	1060	17.6	
Total	6019	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	3689	61.3	65.8
No, I have at least one child who is still part of the church, and at least one child who has left the church.	422	7.0	7.5
No, none of my children are still part of the church.	167	2.8	3.0
I do not have any children.	1328	22.1	23.7
Total	5606	93.1	100.0
No Response	413	6.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

History with the Seventh-day Adventist Church

I am a Seventh-day Adventist.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	342	5.7	6.7
Yes	4799	79.7	93.3
Total	5141	85.4	100.0
No Response	878	14.6	
Total	6019	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	508	8.4	10.2
Yes	4492	74.6	89.8
Total	5000	83.1	100.0
No Response	1019	16.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2325	38.6	48.8
Yes	2444	40.6	51.2
Total	4769	79.2	100.0
No Response	1250	20.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1810	30.1	38.8
Yes	2856	47.4	61.2
Total	4666	77.5	100.0
No Response	1353	22.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2368	39.3	52.7
Yes	2126	35.3	47.3
Total	4494	74.7	100.0
No Response	1525	25.3	
Total	6019	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	2808	46.7	59.6
Yes	1904	31.6	40.4
Total	4712	78.3	100.0
No Response	1307	21.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2883	47.9	66.4
Yes	1460	24.3	33.6
Total	4343	72.2	100.0
No Response	1676	27.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Range of years as SDA church member

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-9 years	1485	24.7	26.2
10-19 years	1564	26.0	27.6
20-29 years	1288	21.4	22.7
30-39 years	862	14.3	15.2
40-49 years	289	4.8	5.1
50-59 years	96	1.6	1.7
60 years and above	24	.4	.4
Not a Seventh-day Adventist Church member	52	.9	.9
Baptized in 2022	10	.2	.2
Total	5670	94.2	100.0
No Response	349	5.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Number of years as a Seventh-day Adventist Church member as of 2022	5608	1	71	19.57	12.686

*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.	2705	44.9	46.6
I grew up in the church, but left for a while before returning one or more times.	259	4.3	4.5
My immediate family and I joined the Adventist Church before I reached the age of 13.	301	5.0	5.2
I joined the Adventist Church before I reached the age of 13, although my immediate family did not.	244	4.1	4.2
I did not grow up in the church and joined while aged 13-20.	991	16.5	17.1
I did not grow up in the church and joined after age 20.	1304	21.7	22.5
Total	5804	96.4	100.0
No Response	215	3.6	
Total	6019	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	4187	69.6	71.4
No	1674	27.8	28.6
Total	5861	97.4	100.0
No Response	158	2.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
less than 25	160	2.7	2.8
25-50	600	10.0	10.4
51-100	1054	17.5	18.3
101-150	791	13.1	13.7
151-200	717	11.9	12.4
201-300	822	13.7	14.2
301-400	553	9.2	9.6
401-500	397	6.6	6.9
501-1000	504	8.4	8.7
1001-2000	115	1.9	2.0
more than 2000	60	1.0	1.0
Total	5773	95.9	100.0
No Response	246	4.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

Approximately what is the membership size of your church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
less than 25	116	1.9	2.0
25-50	403	6.7	7.0
51-100	737	12.2	12.8
101-150	649	10.8	11.3
151-200	740	12.3	12.9
201-300	811	13.5	14.1
301-400	599	10.0	10.4
401-500	490	8.1	8.5
501-1000	731	12.1	12.7
1001-2000	316	5.3	5.5
more than 2000	146	2.4	2.5
Total	5738	95.3	100.0
No Response	281	4.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

What is the setting where the church is located?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Large city center (downtown)	1049	17.4	18.5
Elsewhere in a large city	787	13.1	13.9
In a suburb of a large city	938	15.6	16.5
A smaller city	716	11.9	12.6
A small town or village	1076	17.9	19.0
A rural area	1106	18.4	19.5
Total	5672	94.2	100.0
No Response	347	5.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3330	55.3	63.2
Yes	1936	32.2	36.8
Total	5266	87.5	100.0
No Response	753	12.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3742	62.2	74.7
Yes	1267	21.1	25.3
Total	5009	83.2	100.0
No Response	1010	16.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3566	59.2	70.2
Yes	1515	25.2	29.8
Total	5081	84.4	100.0
No Response	938	15.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	4029	66.9	81.8
Yes	894	14.9	18.2
Total	4923	81.8	100.0
No Response	1096	18.2	
Total	6019	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)	3649	60.6	63.8
In a family with one biological or adoptive parent, or other guardian (including a grandparent or other relative)	1156	19.2	20.2
In a foster family or in an institution	163	2.7	2.8
In some other situation	752	12.5	13.1
Total	5720	95.0	100.0
No Response	299	5.0	
Total	6019	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	2036	33.8	34.8
We decided together	850	14.1	14.5
I decided for myself	1968	32.7	33.7
Not applicable	994	16.5	17.0
Total	5848	97.2	100.0
No Response	171	2.8	
Total	6019	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.	334	5.5	5.9
I attended church through recorded or live-streamed audio or video, but otherwise did not interact with the church.	662	11.0	11.6
I attended church activities and services, but rarely participated or interacted with church members.	1035	17.2	18.2
I considered myself a casual participant.	326	5.4	5.7
I considered myself an active participant.	1735	28.8	30.5
I considered myself an active leader in my church.	1601	26.6	28.1
Total	5693	94.6	100.0
No Response	326	5.4	
Total	6019	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.	193	3.2	3.4
I attend church through recorded or live-streamed audio or video, but otherwise do not interact with the church.	461	7.7	8.1
I attend church activities and services, but rarely participate or interact with church members.	1052	17.5	18.4
I consider myself a casual participant.	367	6.1	6.4
I consider myself an active participant.	2010	33.4	35.1
I consider myself an active leader in my church.	1638	27.2	28.6
Total	5721	95.0	100.0
No Response	298	5.0	
Total	6019	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.	1401	23.3	24.2
My church met remotely for a period of time when we could not meet face-to-face.	2237	37.2	38.7
My church closed for a period of time and there was no remote worship option.	1883	31.3	32.6
My church closed permanently.	257	4.3	4.4
Total	5778	96.0	100.0
No Response	241	4.0	
Total	6019	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.	1259	20.9	21.9
I met face-to-face with other Adventists, but not in a church (for example, in a home church).	2330	38.7	40.6
I attended my local church remotely for a period of time.	1020	16.9	17.8
I attended an Adventist church located in a different place remotely for a period of time.	413	6.9	7.2
I stopped attending church for a period of time.	690	11.5	12.0
I attended a non-Adventist church either face-to-face or remotely.	33	.5	.6
Total	5745	95.4	100.0
No Response	274	4.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	1949	32.4	33.8
No	2544	42.3	44.1
I do not know	1279	21.2	22.2
Total	5772	95.9	100.0
No Response	247	4.1	
Total	6019	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	1237	20.6	21.9
Yes	4412	73.3	78.1
Total	5649	93.9	100.0
No Response	370	6.1	
Total	6019	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	1108	18.4	20.7
Yes	4235	70.4	79.3
Total	5343	88.8	100.0
No Response	676	11.2	
Total	6019	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* (72.6%) and *attended Sabbath School in person* (65%). Close to one-half of church members *attended a prayer meeting at their local church* (45.7%) and *attended church services remotely by radio, television, or internet* (43.7%) 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 SID church members. In the last 12 months, 40% of church members *never received a visit from their church pastor* with only 17% received a visit at least once a month, while 35% *never received a visit from their church elder* with only 20.8% 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.	5545	0	6	4.01	1.614
attended Sabbath School in-person.	5261	0	6	3.80	1.780
attended a prayer meeting at my local church.	5147	0	6	2.79	2.127
attended church services remotely by radio, television, or internet.	5028	0	6	2.67	2.193
attended a small group organized through my church.	5127	0	6	2.39	2.177
helped with a church ministry on Sabbath.	4921	0	6	2.36	2.069
spent time forming new friendships with non-Adventists in my community.	5208	0	6	2.35	1.979
received a visit from a church member.	5174	0	6	2.22	1.949
witnessed to non-Adventists in my community.	5137	0	6	2.22	1.963
spent time meeting the needs of non-Adventists in my community.	5228	0	6	2.14	1.911
attended Sabbath School remotely by radio, television, or internet.	4127	0	6	2.04	2.116
helped with a church ministry during the week.	4924	0	6	1.97	2.022
participated in communion service.	4973	0	6	1.79	1.813
attended a public evangelistic meeting in my area.	4954	0	6	1.66	1.918
received a visit from a church elder.	5127	0	6	1.51	1.796
attended a Pathfinder meeting.	4946	0	6	1.39	1.883
received a visit from my pastor.	5205	0	6	1.31	1.708

**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	324	5.4	5.8
only once or twice	424	7.0	7.6
at least once a quarter	197	3.3	3.6
once a month	229	3.8	4.1
almost every week	1728	28.7	31.2
every week	2049	34.0	37.0
more than once a week	594	9.9	10.7
Total	5545	92.1	100.0
No Response	474	7.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1400	23.3	27.8
only once or twice	706	11.7	14.0
at least once a quarter	294	4.9	5.8
once a month	304	5.1	6.0
almost every week	889	14.8	17.7
every week	958	15.9	19.1
more than once a week	477	7.9	9.5
Total	5028	83.5	100.0
No Response	991	16.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

Attended Sabbath School in-person.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	556	9.2	10.6
only once or twice	357	5.9	6.8
at least once a quarter	190	3.2	3.6
once a month	246	4.1	4.7
almost every week	1473	24.5	28.0
every week	2000	33.2	38.0
more than once a week	439	7.3	8.3
Total	5261	87.4	100.0
No Response	758	12.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1683	28.0	40.8
only once or twice	538	8.9	13.0
at least once a quarter	249	4.1	6.0
once a month	253	4.2	6.1
almost every week	582	9.7	14.1
every week	647	10.7	15.7
more than once a week	175	2.9	4.2
Total	4127	68.6	100.0
No Response	1892	31.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

Attended a small group organized through my church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1710	28.4	33.4
only once or twice	623	10.4	12.2
at least once a quarter	440	7.3	8.6
once a month	344	5.7	6.7
almost every week	700	11.6	13.7
every week	925	15.4	18.0
more than once a week	385	6.4	7.5
Total	5127	85.2	100.0
No Response	892	14.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Attended a prayer meeting at my local church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1199	19.9	23.3
only once or twice	689	11.4	13.4
at least once a quarter	512	8.5	9.9
once a month	384	6.4	7.5
almost every week	838	13.9	16.3
every week	1022	17.0	19.9
more than once a week	503	8.4	9.8
Total	5147	85.5	100.0
No Response	872	14.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

Attended a public evangelistic meeting in my area.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2082	34.6	42.0
only once or twice	823	13.7	16.6
at least once a quarter	691	11.5	13.9
once a month	367	6.1	7.4
almost every week	338	5.6	6.8
every week	360	6.0	7.3
more than once a week	293	4.9	5.9
Total	4954	82.3	100.0
No Response	1065	17.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

Attended a Pathfinder meeting.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2598	43.2	52.5
only once or twice	686	11.4	13.9
at least once a quarter	505	8.4	10.2
once a month	274	4.6	5.5
almost every week	313	5.2	6.3
every week	333	5.5	6.7
more than once a week	237	3.9	4.8
Total	4946	82.2	100.0
No Response	1073	17.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Participated in communion service.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1613	26.8	32.4
only once or twice	893	14.8	18.0
at least once a quarter	1242	20.6	25.0
once a month	300	5.0	6.0
almost every week	289	4.8	5.8
every week	346	5.7	7.0
more than once a week	290	4.8	5.8
Total	4973	82.6	100.0
No Response	1046	17.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

Helped with a church ministry on Sabbath.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1368	22.7	27.8
only once or twice	841	14.0	17.1
at least once a quarter	592	9.8	12.0
once a month	367	6.1	7.5
almost every week	658	10.9	13.4
every week	734	12.2	14.9
more than once a week	361	6.0	7.3
Total	4921	81.8	100.0
No Response	1098	18.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

Helped with a church ministry during the week.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1773	29.5	36.0
only once or twice	857	14.2	17.4
at least once a quarter	550	9.1	11.2
once a month	392	6.5	8.0
almost every week	511	8.5	10.4
every week	529	8.8	10.7
more than once a week	312	5.2	6.3
Total	4924	81.8	100.0
No Response	1095	18.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

Received a visit from my pastor.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2431	40.4	46.7
only once or twice	1082	18.0	20.8
at least once a quarter	658	10.9	12.6
once a month	344	5.7	6.6
almost every week	255	4.2	4.9
every week	216	3.6	4.1
more than once a week	219	3.6	4.2
Total	5205	86.5	100.0
No Response	814	13.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

Received a visit from a church elder.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2132	35.4	41.6
only once or twice	1119	18.6	21.8
at least once a quarter	623	10.4	12.2
once a month	401	6.7	7.8
almost every week	320	5.3	6.2
every week	297	4.9	5.8
more than once a week	235	3.9	4.6
Total	5127	85.2	100.0
No Response	892	14.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Received a visit from a church member.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1213	20.2	23.4
only once or twice	1249	20.8	24.1
at least once a quarter	674	11.2	13.0
once a month	565	9.4	10.9
almost every week	581	9.7	11.2
every week	480	8.0	9.3
more than once a week	412	6.8	8.0
Total	5174	86.0	100.0
No Response	845	14.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

Witnessed to non-Adventists in my community.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1207	20.1	23.5
only once or twice	1260	20.9	24.5
at least once a quarter	665	11.0	12.9
once a month	566	9.4	11.0
almost every week	538	8.9	10.5
every week	455	7.6	8.9
more than once a week	446	7.4	8.7
Total	5137	85.3	100.0
No Response	882	14.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1090	18.1	20.9
only once or twice	1282	21.3	24.6
at least once a quarter	660	11.0	12.7
once a month	562	9.3	10.8
almost every week	623	10.4	12.0
every week	506	8.4	9.7
more than once a week	485	8.1	9.3
Total	5208	86.5	100.0
No Response	811	13.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1249	20.8	23.9
only once or twice	1278	21.2	24.4
at least once a quarter	772	12.8	14.8
once a month	551	9.2	10.5
almost every week	517	8.6	9.9
every week	495	8.2	9.5
more than once a week	366	6.1	7.0
Total	5228	86.9	100.0
No Response	791	13.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

Religious Activities Done Alone or With Family

Among the religious activities done either alone or with family, more than 50% of church members exhibit the following behaviors either more than once a week or daily or more than once a day: *have personal prayer (at times other than meals)* (71.5%), *read the Bible* (68.9%), *spend time thinking about Jesus' life* (68.7%), *have morning or evening worship with family members* (55.7%); and *study the Sabbath School lesson* (54.5%). On the other hand, more or less 50% of the survey respondents *never use the Adventist Review magazine or website* (54.8%), *read a magazine or newsletter from their local union or conference* (47.8%), and *read Adventist World magazine or website* (45.3%).

On returning tithe, 64.8% 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
have personal prayer (at times other than meals).	5583	0	5	4.04	1.517
spend time thinking about Jesus' life.	5528	0	5	3.99	1.443
read the Bible.	5669	0	5	3.92	1.305
study the Sabbath School lesson.	5515	0	5	3.51	1.534
have morning or evening worship with members of my family.	5482	0	5	3.37	1.863
read the writings of Ellen G. White.	5368	0	5	2.52	1.744
watch Hope Channel programming.	5396	0	5	1.81	1.948
listen to an Adventist radio broadcast.	5316	0	5	1.79	1.897
watch other Adventist television channels or programming.	5424	0	5	1.77	1.830
read Adventist World magazine or website.	5350	0	5	1.21	1.569
read a magazine or newsletter from my local union or conference.	5322	0	5	1.06	1.468
use the Adventist Review magazine or website.	5312	0	5	.89	1.420

**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	104	1.7	1.8
less than once a month	315	5.2	5.6
once or a few times a month	518	8.6	9.1
about once a week	584	9.7	10.3
more than once a week	1619	26.9	28.6
daily or more than once a day	2529	42.0	44.6
Total	5669	94.2	100.0
No Response	350	5.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Study the Sabbath School lesson.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	415	6.9	7.5
less than once a month	321	5.3	5.8
once or a few times a month	477	7.9	8.6
about once a week	1019	16.9	18.5
more than once a week	1411	23.4	25.6
daily or more than once a day	1872	31.1	33.9
Total	5515	91.6	100.0
No Response	504	8.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

Read the writings of Ellen G. White.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	982	16.3	18.3
less than once a month	746	12.4	13.9
once or a few times a month	957	15.9	17.8
about once a week	794	13.2	14.8
more than once a week	935	15.5	17.4
daily or more than once a day	954	15.8	17.8
Total	5368	89.2	100.0
No Response	651	10.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Have morning or evening worship with members of my family.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	792	13.2	14.4
less than once a month	417	6.9	7.6
once or a few times a month	476	7.9	8.7
about once a week	443	7.4	8.1
more than once a week	968	16.1	17.7
daily or more than once a day	2386	39.6	43.5
Total	5482	91.1	100.0
No Response	537	8.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

Have personal prayer (at times other than meals).

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	327	5.4	5.9
less than once a month	275	4.6	4.9
once or a few times a month	361	6.0	6.5
about once a week	319	5.3	5.7
more than once a week	918	15.3	16.4
daily or more than once a day	3383	56.2	60.6
Total	5583	92.8	100.0
No Response	436	7.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

Read Adventist World magazine or website.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2728	45.3	51.0
less than once a month	866	14.4	16.2
once or a few times a month	718	11.9	13.4
about once a week	323	5.4	6.0
more than once a week	397	6.6	7.4
daily or more than once a day	318	5.3	5.9
Total	5350	88.9	100.0
No Response	669	11.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

Use the Adventist Review magazine or website.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	3297	54.8	62.1
less than once a month	737	12.2	13.9
once or a few times a month	524	8.7	9.9
about once a week	257	4.3	4.8
more than once a week	291	4.8	5.5
daily or more than once a day	206	3.4	3.9
Total	5312	88.3	100.0
No Response	707	11.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2876	47.8	54.0
less than once a month	917	15.2	17.2
once or a few times a month	667	11.1	12.5
about once a week	314	5.2	5.9
more than once a week	297	4.9	5.6
daily or more than once a day	251	4.2	4.7
Total	5322	88.4	100.0
No Response	697	11.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

Listen to an Adventist radio broadcast.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2245	37.3	42.2
less than once a month	614	10.2	11.6
once or a few times a month	590	9.8	11.1
about once a week	507	8.4	9.5
more than once a week	595	9.9	11.2
daily or more than once a day	765	12.7	14.4
Total	5316	88.3	100.0
No Response	703	11.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

Watch Hope Channel programming.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2347	39.0	43.5
less than once a month	593	9.9	11.0
once or a few times a month	527	8.8	9.8
about once a week	424	7.0	7.9
more than once a week	658	10.9	12.2
daily or more than once a day	847	14.1	15.7
Total	5396	89.6	100.0
No Response	623	10.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

Watch other Adventist television channels or programming.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2168	36.0	40.0
less than once a month	718	11.9	13.2
once or a few times a month	683	11.3	12.6
about once a week	553	9.2	10.2
more than once a week	644	10.7	11.9
daily or more than once a day	658	10.9	12.1
Total	5424	90.1	100.0
No Response	595	9.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

Spend time thinking about Jesus' life.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	217	3.6	3.9
less than once a month	316	5.3	5.7
once or a few times a month	427	7.1	7.7
about once a week	435	7.2	7.9
more than once a week	1088	18.1	19.7
daily or more than once a day	3045	50.6	55.1
Total	5528	91.8	100.0
No Response	491	8.2	
Total	6019	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).	3899	64.8	70.2
I do not indicate it as tithe at the time of giving and simply place it in the offering plate.	427	7.1	7.7
I distribute those ten percent at my discretion.	587	9.8	10.6
I do not return tithe.	638	10.6	11.5
Total	5551	92.2	100.0
No Response	468	7.8	
Total	6019	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 approximately 50% of the survey participants is at least about once a week are: *to study the Bible* (58.3%), *for any purpose* (53.1%), *to share Bible studies with family, friends, or other people in one’s social network* (48.1%), and *to read or respond to posts by Adventist churches, organizations, and institutions* (48%). Approximately one-third of church members never use social media *as a distraction from other activities that they should be doing* (38.1%), *to worship*

with other believers (other than for a church service) (32.2%), and to learn about the life of Ellen G. White (29.9%).

Frequency of social media use most of the time

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
to study my Bible.	5461	0	5	3.08	1.862
for any purpose.	5321	0	5	3.01	2.051
to share Bible studies with family, friends, or other people in my social network.	5436	0	5	2.64	1.842
to read or respond to posts by Adventist churches, organizations, and institutions.	5310	0	5	2.63	1.924
to attend church.	5261	0	5	2.49	1.837
to pray with others.	5314	0	5	2.34	1.883
to share about prayer requests and answered prayer.	5291	0	5	2.30	1.869
to help advance the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.	5321	0	5	2.30	1.829
to learn about religious topics that pastors or Sabbath School teachers have not talked about.	5314	0	5	2.27	1.819
to read or respond to posts by other Christian churches, organizations, and institutions.	5280	0	5	2.00	1.892
to read and connect to the writings of Ellen G. White.	5269	0	5	1.95	1.775
to learn about the life of Ellen G. White.	5223	0	5	1.85	1.759
to worship with other believers (other than for a church service).	5245	0	5	1.85	1.797
as a distraction from other activities that I should be doing.	5093	0	5	1.67	1.857

*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	1213	20.2	22.8
less than once a month	423	7.0	7.9
once or a few times a month	490	8.1	9.2
about once a week	298	5.0	5.6
more than once a week	767	12.7	14.4
daily or more than once a day	2130	35.4	40.0
Total	5321	88.4	100.0
No Response	698	11.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1279	21.2	24.1
less than once a month	544	9.0	10.2
once or a few times a month	601	10.0	11.3
about once a week	569	9.5	10.7
more than once a week	1064	17.7	20.0
daily or more than once a day	1253	20.8	23.6
Total	5310	88.2	100.0
No Response	709	11.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1904	31.6	36.1
less than once a month	601	10.0	11.4
once or a few times a month	705	11.7	13.4
about once a week	532	8.8	10.1
more than once a week	739	12.3	14.0
daily or more than once a day	799	13.3	15.1
Total	5280	87.7	100.0
No Response	739	12.3	
Total	6019	100.0	

To study my Bible.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	963	16.0	17.6
less than once a month	380	6.3	7.0
once or a few times a month	609	10.1	11.2
about once a week	554	9.2	10.1
more than once a week	1220	20.3	22.3
daily or more than once a day	1735	28.8	31.8
Total	5461	90.7	100.0
No Response	558	9.3	
Total	6019	100.0	

To share about prayer requests and answered prayer.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1468	24.4	27.7
less than once a month	620	10.3	11.7
once or a few times a month	791	13.1	14.9
about once a week	566	9.4	10.7
more than once a week	942	15.7	17.8
daily or more than once a day	904	15.0	17.1
Total	5291	87.9	100.0
No Response	728	12.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

To pray with others.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1455	24.2	27.4
less than once a month	634	10.5	11.9
once or a few times a month	723	12.0	13.6
about once a week	643	10.7	12.1
more than once a week	876	14.6	16.5
daily or more than once a day	983	16.3	18.5
Total	5314	88.3	100.0
No Response	705	11.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

To learn about the life of Ellen G. White.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1797	29.9	34.4
less than once a month	804	13.4	15.4
once or a few times a month	829	13.8	15.9
about once a week	524	8.7	10.0
more than once a week	732	12.2	14.0
daily or more than once a day	537	8.9	10.3
Total	5223	86.8	100.0
No Response	796	13.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1695	28.2	32.2
less than once a month	803	13.3	15.2
once or a few times a month	822	13.7	15.6
about once a week	561	9.3	10.6
more than once a week	805	13.4	15.3
daily or more than once a day	583	9.7	11.1
Total	5269	87.5	100.0
No Response	750	12.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1378	22.9	25.9
less than once a month	701	11.6	13.2
once or a few times a month	850	14.1	16.0
about once a week	622	10.3	11.7
more than once a week	899	14.9	16.9
daily or more than once a day	871	14.5	16.4
Total	5321	88.4	100.0
No Response	698	11.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1421	23.6	26.7
less than once a month	670	11.1	12.6
once or a few times a month	809	13.4	15.2
about once a week	682	11.3	12.8
more than once a week	933	15.5	17.6
daily or more than once a day	799	13.3	15.0
Total	5314	88.3	100.0
No Response	705	11.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1124	18.7	20.7
less than once a month	606	10.1	11.1
once or a few times a month	814	13.5	15.0
about once a week	666	11.1	12.3
more than once a week	1035	17.2	19.0
daily or more than once a day	1191	19.8	21.9
Total	5436	90.3	100.0
No Response	583	9.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

To attend church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1358	22.6	25.8
less than once a month	457	7.6	8.7
once or a few times a month	503	8.4	9.6
about once a week	1062	17.6	20.2
more than once a week	977	16.2	18.6
daily or more than once a day	904	15.0	17.2
Total	5261	87.4	100.0
No Response	758	12.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1940	32.2	37.0
less than once a month	690	11.5	13.2
once or a few times a month	694	11.5	13.2
about once a week	648	10.8	12.4
more than once a week	701	11.6	13.4
daily or more than once a day	572	9.5	10.9
Total	5245	87.1	100.0
No Response	774	12.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2294	38.1	45.0
less than once a month	582	9.7	11.4
once or a few times a month	582	9.7	11.4
about once a week	412	6.8	8.1
more than once a week	609	10.1	12.0
daily or more than once a day	614	10.2	12.1
Total	5093	84.6	100.0
No Response	926	15.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

Effects of Social Media Use

On average, 76% 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* (76.9%) and as *good for their spiritual well-being* (52.9%). Forty-five percent (45%) find social media use as *good for their mental health* and 51% *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.	4734	1	5	3.85	1.082
When I use social media, it is good for my spiritual well-being.	4686	1	5	3.31	1.184
When I use social media, it is good for my mental health.	4689	1	5	3.18	1.326
When I use social media, I find it hard to stop when I need to.	4567	1	5	3.12	1.185
When I use social media, I have been hurt by other people's words.	4364	1	5	2.92	1.226
When I use social media, I often respond in anger to people online.	4500	1	5	2.87	1.280

*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	864	14.4	15.9
Strongly disagree	535	8.9	9.9
Disagree	904	15.0	16.6
I am not sure	1060	17.6	19.5
Agree	1611	26.8	29.7
Strongly agree	457	7.6	8.4
Total	5431	90.2	100.0
No Response	588	9.8	
Total	6019	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	670	11.1	12.5
Strongly disagree	403	6.7	7.5
Disagree	889	14.8	16.6
I am not sure	915	15.2	17.1
Agree	1799	29.9	33.6
Strongly agree	680	11.3	12.7
Total	5356	89.0	100.0
No Response	663	11.0	
Total	6019	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	613	10.2	11.5
Strongly disagree	226	3.8	4.2
Disagree	470	7.8	8.8
I am not sure	398	6.6	7.4
Agree	2311	38.4	43.2
Strongly agree	1329	22.1	24.9
Total	5347	88.8	100.0
No Response	672	11.2	
Total	6019	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	1036	17.2	19.8
Strongly disagree	1188	19.7	22.7
Disagree	1807	30.0	34.6
I am not sure	469	7.8	9.0
Agree	500	8.3	9.6
Strongly agree	223	3.7	4.3
Total	5223	86.8	100.0
No Response	796	13.2	
Total	6019	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	894	14.9	17.0
Strongly disagree	608	10.1	11.6
Disagree	1290	21.4	24.5
I am not sure	657	10.9	12.5
Agree	1459	24.2	27.7
Strongly agree	350	5.8	6.7
Total	5258	87.4	100.0
No Response	761	12.6	
Total	6019	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	787	13.1	14.9
Strongly disagree	644	10.7	12.2
Disagree	1565	26.0	29.6
I am not sure	517	8.6	9.8
Agree	1265	21.0	23.9
Strongly agree	509	8.5	9.6
Total	5287	87.8	100.0
No Response	732	12.2	
Total	6019	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	700	11.6	13.0
Strongly disagree	630	10.5	11.7
Disagree	1096	18.2	20.3
I am not sure	572	9.5	10.6
Agree	1595	26.5	29.6
Strongly agree	796	13.2	14.8
Total	5389	89.5	100.0
No Response	630	10.5	
Total	6019	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* (63.2%), *Total Member Involvement* (58.8%), *Annual Week of Prayer* (58.6%), and *Revival and Reformation* (58.5%). The *I Will Go Strategic Focus 2020-2025* was unveiled in July 2020, however, as of the last quarter of 2021 up to the second quarter of 2022 when the data were gathered in SID, 20.4% of church member participants *have not heard of this program*. About one-third of church members have heard about *Comprehensive Health Ministry*, *Global Mission*, and *Mission to the Cities* but have not participated. Moreover, 30% 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	1225	20.4	22.2
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1477	24.5	26.7
I have participated in the program	2821	46.9	51.1
Total	5523	91.8	100.0
No Response	496	8.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

Total Member Involvement

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	566	9.4	10.4
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1334	22.2	24.5
I have participated in the program	3540	58.8	65.1
Total	5440	90.4	100.0
No Response	579	9.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

Revival and Reformation

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	584	9.7	10.6
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1380	22.9	25.1
I have participated in the program	3524	58.5	64.2
Total	5488	91.2	100.0
No Response	531	8.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Mission to the Cities

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1438	23.9	26.9
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1840	30.6	34.4
I have participated in the program	2072	34.4	38.7
Total	5350	88.9	100.0
No Response	669	11.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

Comprehensive Health Ministry

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1640	27.2	30.8
I have heard about this program, but not participated	2022	33.6	38.0
I have participated in the program	1655	27.5	31.1
Total	5317	88.3	100.0
No Response	702	11.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

Believe His Prophets

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1495	24.8	27.8
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1572	26.1	29.2
I have participated in the program	2313	38.4	43.0
Total	5380	89.4	100.0
No Response	639	10.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

10 Days of Prayer

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	576	9.6	10.5
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1105	18.4	20.1
I have participated in the program	3807	63.2	69.4
Total	5488	91.2	100.0
No Response	531	8.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Adventist Possibility Ministries

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	2319	38.5	43.7
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1472	24.5	27.7
I have participated in the program	1514	25.2	28.5
Total	5305	88.1	100.0
No Response	714	11.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

Annual Week of Prayer

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	792	13.2	14.6
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1108	18.4	20.4
I have participated in the program	3529	58.6	65.0
Total	5429	90.2	100.0
No Response	590	9.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Global Mission

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1047	17.4	19.6
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1865	31.0	34.9
I have participated in the program	2435	40.5	45.5
Total	5347	88.8	100.0
No Response	672	11.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

Enditnow

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1808	30.0	33.7
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1601	26.6	29.9
I have participated in the program	1950	32.4	36.4
Total	5359	89.0	100.0
No Response	660	11.0	
Total	6019	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 SID is through announcements in church 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* (43.3%) and *on the television or radio* (36.1%).

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	5322	0	5	2.85	1.699
On social media	5168	0	5	2.27	1.887
By word of mouth	5208	0	5	2.02	1.749
By reading a church publication	5052	0	5	1.88	1.754
At a seminar or meeting	5071	0	5	1.86	1.570
On the television or radio	5057	0	5	1.62	1.789
By reading a website	5042	0	5	1.35	1.716

**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	1457	24.2	28.0
only once or twice	910	15.1	17.5
at least once a quarter	944	15.7	18.1
once a month	491	8.2	9.4
almost every week	791	13.1	15.2
every week	615	10.2	11.8
Total	5208	86.5	100.0
No Response	811	13.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

At church

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	604	10.0	11.3
only once or twice	798	13.3	15.0
at least once a quarter	924	15.4	17.4
once a month	640	10.6	12.0
almost every week	1165	19.4	21.9
every week	1191	19.8	22.4
Total	5322	88.4	100.0
No Response	697	11.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

At a seminar or meeting

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1384	23.0	27.3
only once or twice	849	14.1	16.7
at least once a quarter	1196	19.9	23.6
once a month	748	12.4	14.8
almost every week	516	8.6	10.2
every week	378	6.3	7.5
Total	5071	84.2	100.0
No Response	948	15.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

By reading a church publication

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1673	27.8	33.1
only once or twice	794	13.2	15.7
at least once a quarter	786	13.1	15.6
once a month	595	9.9	11.8
almost every week	660	11.0	13.1
every week	544	9.0	10.8
Total	5052	83.9	100.0
No Response	967	16.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

On the television or radio

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2171	36.1	42.9
only once or twice	765	12.7	15.1
at least once a quarter	531	8.8	10.5
once a month	466	7.7	9.2
almost every week	629	10.5	12.4
every week	495	8.2	9.8
Total	5057	84.0	100.0
No Response	962	16.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

By reading a website

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2607	43.3	51.7
only once or twice	651	10.8	12.9
at least once a quarter	463	7.7	9.2
once a month	427	7.1	8.5
almost every week	516	8.6	10.2
every week	378	6.3	7.5
Total	5042	83.8	100.0
No Response	977	16.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

On social media

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1493	24.8	28.9
only once or twice	713	11.8	13.8
at least once a quarter	524	8.7	10.1
once a month	597	9.9	11.6
almost every week	1014	16.8	19.6
every week	827	13.7	16.0
Total	5168	85.9	100.0
No Response	851	14.1	
Total	6019	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. At least 70% of church member participants *apply what they learn from the Bible to their daily lives* (79.9%), *apply what they learn from Sabbath School lessons to their daily lives* (78.4%), *feel proud of their local church and its role and reputation in their community* (75.5%), *agree that youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of their local church* (74.7%), *feel that other people in their church care about them* (72.3%), and perceive that their *local church* (72.2%) and their *conference/mission* (69.5%) *has a program for preparing young people to become leaders*. Fifty percent or less of church members are in agreement to the following statements: *My local church offers training on conflict resolution and reconciliation* (50%), *Although I am religious, it does not affect my daily life* (41.5%), *I attend a church that makes worship services available online* (39.8%), and *I currently provide financial support for children (mine or others) to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school* (33.7%).

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Deviation
I apply what I learn from the Bible to my daily life.	5596	1	5	4.08	.850
I apply what I learn from Sabbath School lessons to my daily life.	5538	1	5	4.06	.834
I feel proud of my local church and its role and reputation in my community.	5573	1	5	4.05	.951
Youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of my local church.	5612	1	5	3.97	.983
Other people in my church care about me.	5552	1	5	3.94	.914
My conference/mission has a program for preparing young people to become leaders.	5583	1	5	3.92	.968
My local church has a program for preparing young people to become leaders.	5660	1	5	3.91	1.022
My pastor cares about me.	5611	1	5	3.83	1.067
Youth and young adults play an important role in decision-making in my local church.	5570	1	5	3.79	1.048
I apply what I learn from Ellen White's writings to my daily life.	5489	1	5	3.78	1.010
My local church offers training on nurture and discipling of church members.	5567	1	5	3.73	1.079
My Sabbath School teachers or leaders care about me.	5612	1	5	3.72	1.076
My local church has a program for preparing new members to become leaders.	5582	1	5	3.62	1.062
My local church has the ability to communicate across cultures, clans, tribes, and religion.	5448	1	5	3.59	1.081
I attend a church that plans activities for everyone in my family.	5509	1	5	3.55	1.194
My local church offers training on conflict resolution and reconciliation.	5509	1	5	3.41	1.147
Although I am religious, it does not affect my daily life.	5361	1	5	3.04	1.356
I attend a church that makes worship services available online.	5426	1	5	2.93	1.427
I currently provide financial support for children (mine or others) to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school.	5418	1	5	2.80	1.319

**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	380	6.3	6.8
Disagree	303	5.0	5.4
I am not sure	1046	17.4	18.6
Agree	2639	43.8	47.0
Strongly agree	1244	20.7	22.2
Total	5612	93.2	100.0
No Response	407	6.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

My pastor cares about me.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	327	5.4	5.8
Disagree	276	4.6	4.9
I am not sure	953	15.8	17.0
Agree	2506	41.6	44.7
Strongly agree	1549	25.7	27.6
Total	5611	93.2	100.0
No Response	408	6.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Other people in my church care about me.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	188	3.1	3.4
Disagree	179	3.0	3.2
I am not sure	835	13.9	15.0
Agree	2931	48.7	52.8
Strongly agree	1419	23.6	25.6
Total	5552	92.2	100.0
No Response	467	7.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	161	2.7	2.9
Disagree	278	4.6	5.0
I am not sure	586	9.7	10.5
Agree	2638	43.8	47.3
Strongly agree	1910	31.7	34.3
Total	5573	92.6	100.0
No Response	446	7.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	440	7.3	8.0
Disagree	759	12.6	13.8
I am not sure	827	13.7	15.0
Agree	2320	38.5	42.1
Strongly agree	1163	19.3	21.1
Total	5509	91.5	100.0
No Response	510	8.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

I attend a church that makes worship services available online.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1208	20.1	22.3
Disagree	1248	20.7	23.0
I am not sure	574	9.5	10.6
Agree	1530	25.4	28.2
Strongly agree	866	14.4	16.0
Total	5426	90.1	100.0
No Response	593	9.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	269	4.5	4.8
Disagree	457	7.6	8.2
I am not sure	792	13.2	14.2
Agree	2727	45.3	49.0
Strongly agree	1325	22.0	23.8
Total	5570	92.5	100.0
No Response	449	7.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	206	3.4	3.7
Disagree	332	5.5	5.9
I am not sure	576	9.6	10.3
Agree	2830	47.0	50.4
Strongly agree	1668	27.7	29.7
Total	5612	93.2	100.0
No Response	407	6.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	221	3.7	3.9
Disagree	405	6.7	7.2
I am not sure	691	11.5	12.2
Agree	2689	44.7	47.5
Strongly agree	1654	27.5	29.2
Total	5660	94.0	100.0
No Response	359	6.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	188	3.1	3.4
Disagree	264	4.4	4.7
I am not sure	945	15.7	16.9
Agree	2608	43.3	46.7
Strongly agree	1578	26.2	28.3
Total	5583	92.8	100.0
No Response	436	7.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	282	4.7	5.1
Disagree	557	9.3	10.0
I am not sure	1232	20.5	22.1
Agree	2425	40.3	43.4
Strongly agree	1086	18.0	19.5
Total	5582	92.7	100.0
No Response	437	7.3	
Total	6019	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	1033	17.2	19.1
Disagree	1635	27.2	30.2
I am not sure	722	12.0	13.3
Agree	1417	23.5	26.2
Strongly agree	611	10.2	11.3
Total	5418	90.0	100.0
No Response	601	10.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	134	2.2	2.4
Disagree	181	3.0	3.2
I am not sure	470	7.8	8.4
Agree	3136	52.1	56.0
Strongly agree	1675	27.8	29.9
Total	5596	93.0	100.0
No Response	423	7.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	118	2.0	2.1
Disagree	174	2.9	3.1
I am not sure	528	8.8	9.5
Agree	3129	52.0	56.5
Strongly agree	1589	26.4	28.7
Total	5538	92.0	100.0
No Response	481	8.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	238	4.0	4.3
Disagree	400	6.6	7.3
I am not sure	911	15.1	16.6
Agree	2730	45.4	49.7
Strongly agree	1210	20.1	22.0
Total	5489	91.2	100.0
No Response	530	8.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	943	15.7	17.6
Disagree	1210	20.1	22.6
I am not sure	710	11.8	13.2
Agree	1705	28.3	31.8
Strongly agree	793	13.2	14.8
Total	5361	89.1	100.0
No Response	658	10.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	340	5.6	6.2
Disagree	500	8.3	9.2
I am not sure	1230	20.4	22.6
Agree	2378	39.5	43.6
Strongly agree	1000	16.6	18.4
Total	5448	90.5	100.0
No Response	571	9.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

My local church offers training on conflict resolution and reconciliation.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	478	7.9	8.7
Disagree	670	11.1	12.2
I am not sure	1343	22.3	24.4
Agree	2163	35.9	39.3
Strongly agree	855	14.2	15.5
Total	5509	91.5	100.0
No Response	510	8.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	311	5.2	5.6
Disagree	483	8.0	8.7
I am not sure	871	14.5	15.6
Agree	2622	43.6	47.1
Strongly agree	1280	21.3	23.0
Total	5567	92.5	100.0
No Response	452	7.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

Only 40.4% 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* (57.3%) or *at an Adventist Book Center Store* (55.1%).

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes, always.	2431	40.4	46.0
Yes, for one or more of Patriarchs and Prophets, ... but not always for others.	1171	19.5	22.2
Only sometimes.	745	12.4	14.1
No, not at all.	557	9.3	10.5
I have not tried to access books by Ellen G. White.	333	5.5	6.3
I do not know who Ellen G. White is.	46	.8	.9
Total	5283	87.8	100.0
No Response	736	12.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2708	45.0	50.4
Yes	2664	44.3	49.6
Total	5372	89.3	100.0
No Response	647	10.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2913	48.4	56.8
Yes	2212	36.8	43.2
Total	5125	85.1	100.0
No Response	894	14.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

Access to printed publications available at local church book center

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2241	37.2	43.1
Yes	2954	49.1	56.9
Total	5195	86.3	100.0
No Response	824	13.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

Access to printed publications available at an Adventist Book Center Store

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1901	31.6	36.5
Yes	3314	55.1	63.5
Total	5215	86.6	100.0
No Response	804	13.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1785	29.7	34.1
Yes	3450	57.3	65.9
Total	5235	87.0	100.0
No Response	784	13.0	
Total	6019	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.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Deviation
Overall reclaiming of former members by my church...	5231	1	5	4.17	.904
My involvement in reclaiming of former church members...	5217	1	5	4.17	.876
Overall efforts by my church to meet the needs of my local community...	5319	1	5	4.10	.868
My involvement in including young people in carrying out the mission of my local church...	5221	1	5	4.09	.865
My involvement in evangelistic outreach by my church to the local community...	5310	1	5	4.08	.867
My involvement in efforts to meet the needs of my local community through my church...	5331	1	5	4.08	.844
My involvement in caring for and nurturing local church members...	5296	1	5	4.06	.846
Overall inclusion of young people in carrying out the mission of my local church...	5227	1	5	4.06	.879
Overall caring for and nurturing members by my church...	5310	1	5	4.04	.870
Overall evangelistic outreach by my church in the local community...	5316	1	5	4.02	.938

**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	235	3.9	4.2
Needs to decrease greatly	180	3.0	3.2
Needs to decrease somewhat	118	2.0	2.1
Is at the right level	853	14.2	15.4
Needs to increase somewhat	2427	40.3	43.7
Needs to increase greatly	1738	28.9	31.3
Total	5551	92.2	100.0
No Response	468	7.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	178	3.0	3.2
Needs to decrease greatly	109	1.8	2.0
Needs to decrease somewhat	125	2.1	2.3
Is at the right level	773	12.8	14.1
Needs to increase somewhat	2530	42.0	46.1
Needs to increase greatly	1773	29.5	32.3
Total	5488	91.2	100.0
No Response	531	8.8	
Total	6019	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	155	2.6	2.8
Needs to decrease greatly	106	1.8	1.9
Needs to decrease somewhat	125	2.1	2.3
Is at the right level	764	12.7	14.0
Needs to increase somewhat	2483	41.3	45.4
Needs to increase greatly	1841	30.6	33.6
Total	5474	90.9	100.0
No Response	545	9.1	
Total	6019	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	143	2.4	2.6
Needs to decrease greatly	99	1.6	1.8
Needs to decrease somewhat	128	2.1	2.3
Is at the right level	731	12.1	13.4
Needs to increase somewhat	2674	44.4	48.8
Needs to increase greatly	1699	28.2	31.0
Total	5474	90.9	100.0
No Response	545	9.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	127	2.1	2.3
Needs to decrease greatly	100	1.7	1.8
Needs to decrease somewhat	141	2.3	2.6
Is at the right level	876	14.6	16.1
Needs to increase somewhat	2506	41.6	46.1
Needs to increase greatly	1687	28.0	31.0
Total	5437	90.3	100.0
No Response	582	9.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	133	2.2	2.4
Needs to decrease greatly	89	1.5	1.6
Needs to decrease somewhat	121	2.0	2.2
Is at the right level	842	14.0	15.5
Needs to increase somewhat	2556	42.5	47.1
Needs to increase greatly	1688	28.0	31.1
Total	5429	90.2	100.0
No Response	590	9.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Overall reclaiming of former members by my church...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	194	3.2	3.6
Needs to decrease greatly	118	2.0	2.2
Needs to decrease somewhat	149	2.5	2.7
Is at the right level	607	10.1	11.2
Needs to increase somewhat	2195	36.5	40.5
Needs to increase greatly	2162	35.9	39.9
Total	5425	90.1	100.0
No Response	594	9.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

My involvement in reclaiming of former church members...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	201	3.3	3.7
Needs to decrease greatly	96	1.6	1.8
Needs to decrease somewhat	140	2.3	2.6
Is at the right level	641	10.6	11.8
Needs to increase somewhat	2259	37.5	41.7
Needs to increase greatly	2081	34.6	38.4
Total	5418	90.0	100.0
No Response	601	10.0	
Total	6019	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	156	2.6	2.9
Needs to decrease greatly	88	1.5	1.6
Needs to decrease somewhat	135	2.2	2.5
Is at the right level	930	15.5	17.3
Needs to increase somewhat	2281	37.9	42.4
Needs to increase greatly	1793	29.8	33.3
Total	5383	89.4	100.0
No Response	636	10.6	
Total	6019	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	166	2.8	3.1
Needs to decrease greatly	87	1.4	1.6
Needs to decrease somewhat	131	2.2	2.4
Is at the right level	823	13.7	15.3
Needs to increase somewhat	2361	39.2	43.8
Needs to increase greatly	1819	30.2	33.8
Total	5387	89.5	100.0
No Response	632	10.5	
Total	6019	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 4.07 with a standard deviation of 1.095. Forty-three 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 4.72 with a standard deviation of .727. More than three-fourths (77.5%) of the church members responded that it is very likely that they will attend the SDA church for the rest of their life. Moreover, 82.2% indicated that they are currently fully committed Jesus Christ, whether their commitment to Christ has developed gradually over a period of time (34.6%) or came suddenly and was changed (14.1%), or they have been committed to Christ since they were young (33.5%).

How satisfied are you with your local church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Very dissatisfied	254	4.2	4.5
2	219	3.6	3.9
3	976	16.2	17.5
4	1551	25.8	27.7
Very satisfied	2591	43.0	46.3
Total	5591	92.9	100.0
No Response	428	7.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Degree of satisfaction of members with local SDA church	5591	1	5	4.07	1.095

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	81	1.3	1.4
2	72	1.2	1.3
3	219	3.6	3.9
4	585	9.7	10.4
Very likely	4665	77.5	83.0
Total	5622	93.4	100.0
No Response	397	6.6	
Total	6019	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	5622	1	5	4.72	.727

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I am not committed to Christ.	95	1.6	1.7
I am not sure if I am committed to Christ.	164	2.7	3.0
I committed my life to Christ at a specific moment in my life, but it didn't last.	309	5.1	5.6
My commitment to Christ has developed gradually over a period of time and I am fully committed to Christ now.	2081	34.6	37.8
My commitment to Christ came suddenly and I was changed; I am fully committed to Christ now.	846	14.1	15.4
I have been committed to Christ since I was a young child and continue to be fully committed to Him now.	2015	33.5	36.6
Total	5510	91.5	100.0
No Response	509	8.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

Attitudes that May Not Always Relate to Religion

Close to 50% of the survey participants indicated that they often *feel their life is filled with meaning and purpose* (55.7%), *feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world* (47.7%), and *help others with their religious questions and struggles* (46.7%). A quarter (24.9%) of the respondents 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.	5436	1	5	4.37	.979
I feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world.	5445	1	5	4.15	1.129
I help others with their religious questions and struggles.	5545	1	5	4.06	1.188
I give a significant amount of time to help other people.	5472	1	5	3.92	1.171
I show that I care a great deal about reducing poverty in society.	5375	1	5	3.53	1.344
I give a significant amount of money to help other people.	5412	1	5	3.41	1.357
I apply my faith to political and social issues.	5356	1	5	3.10	1.605

I help others with their religious questions and struggles.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	316	5.3	5.7
2	312	5.2	5.6
3	936	15.6	16.9
4	1168	19.4	21.1
Often	2813	46.7	50.7
Total	5545	92.1	100.0
No Response	474	7.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	264	4.4	4.8
2	275	4.6	5.1
3	714	11.9	13.1
4	1323	22.0	24.3
Often	2869	47.7	52.7
Total	5445	90.5	100.0
No Response	574	9.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	235	3.9	4.3
2	490	8.1	9.0
3	1108	18.4	20.2
4	1289	21.4	23.6
Often	2350	39.0	42.9
Total	5472	90.9	100.0
No Response	547	9.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	583	9.7	10.8
2	937	15.6	17.3
3	1218	20.2	22.5
4	1034	17.2	19.1
Often	1640	27.2	30.3
Total	5412	89.9	100.0
No Response	607	10.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	566	9.4	10.5
2	714	11.9	13.3
3	1179	19.6	21.9
4	1146	19.0	21.3
Often	1770	29.4	32.9
Total	5375	89.3	100.0
No Response	644	10.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

I apply my faith to political and social issues.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1496	24.9	27.9
2	578	9.6	10.8
3	733	12.2	13.7
4	966	16.0	18.0
Often	1583	26.3	29.6
Total	5356	89.0	100.0
No Response	663	11.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

I feel my life is filled with meaning and purpose.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	166	2.8	3.1
2	151	2.5	2.8
3	520	8.6	9.6
4	1248	20.7	23.0
Often	3351	55.7	61.6
Total	5436	90.3	100.0
No Response	583	9.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

Sabbath-Keeping Experience

More than 80% of the church members *cope better with the stresses of the week when they keep the Sabbath faithfully* (81.7%) and signified that *keeping the Sabbath is part of who they are and not something that they do because they have to* (83.5%).

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	147	2.4	2.6
Disagree	148	2.5	2.7
I am not sure	336	5.6	6.1
Agree	1898	31.5	34.2
Strongly agree	3019	50.2	54.4
Total	5548	92.2	100.0
No Response	471	7.8	
Total	6019	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	151	2.5	2.7
Disagree	151	2.5	2.7
I am not sure	238	4.0	4.3
Agree	1704	28.3	30.6
Strongly agree	3324	55.2	59.7
Total	5568	92.5	100.0
No Response	451	7.5	
Total	6019	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 *changing their priorities* and *spending more time thinking about spiritual questions*. Despite the pandemic, 61% signified that *their faith has **not** been shaken* and *they are **sure** what they believe*. Moreover, more than 48% 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* (8.8%), *have attempted suicide* (4.6%), and *have harmed themselves* (13.1%) 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.	5414	1	5	3.96	1.041
I have grown spiritually.	5598	1	5	3.81	1.153
Because of spiritual changes I have been through I have changed my priorities.	5456	1	5	3.77	1.143
I spend more time thinking about spiritual questions.	5338	1	5	3.70	1.150
In some ways I think I am spiritually lost.	5275	1	5	2.24	1.363
I feel I have lost some important spiritual meaning that I had before.	5288	1	5	2.05	1.360
My faith has been shaken and I am not sure what I believe.	5311	1	5	1.71	1.219

*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	288	4.8	5.1
A little true for me	558	9.3	10.0
Somewhat true	955	15.9	17.1
Mostly true	1929	32.0	34.5
True for me a great deal	1868	31.0	33.4
Total	5598	93.0	100.0
No Response	421	7.0	
Total	6019	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	314	5.2	5.8
A little true for me	483	8.0	8.9
Somewhat true	1015	16.9	18.6
Mostly true	1991	33.1	36.5
True for me a great deal	1653	27.5	30.3
Total	5456	90.6	100.0
No Response	563	9.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

I more often have a sense of gratitude.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	200	3.3	3.7
A little true for me	344	5.7	6.4
Somewhat true	825	13.7	15.2
Mostly true	2168	36.0	40.0
True for me a great deal	1877	31.2	34.7
Total	5414	89.9	100.0
No Response	605	10.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

I spend more time thinking about spiritual questions.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	305	5.1	5.7
A little true for me	561	9.3	10.5
Somewhat true	1057	17.6	19.8
Mostly true	1926	32.0	36.1
True for me a great deal	1489	24.7	27.9
Total	5338	88.7	100.0
No Response	681	11.3	
Total	6019	100.0	

In some ways I think I am spiritually lost.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	2375	39.5	45.0
A little true for me	874	14.5	16.6
Somewhat true	812	13.5	15.4
Mostly true	800	13.3	15.2
True for me a great deal	414	6.9	7.8
Total	5275	87.6	100.0
No Response	744	12.4	
Total	6019	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	3670	61.0	69.1
A little true for me	525	8.7	9.9
Somewhat true	390	6.5	7.3
Mostly true	449	7.5	8.5
True for me a great deal	277	4.6	5.2
Total	5311	88.2	100.0
No Response	708	11.8	
Total	6019	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	2875	47.8	54.4
A little true for me	776	12.9	14.7
Somewhat true	565	9.4	10.7
Mostly true	661	11.0	12.5
True for me a great deal	411	6.8	7.8
Total	5288	87.9	100.0
No Response	731	12.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

Frequency over the last 2 weeks

Little interest or pleasure in doing things

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not at all	2688	44.7	48.6
Several days	1772	29.4	32.1
More than 7 days	458	7.6	8.3
Nearly every day	608	10.1	11.0
Total	5526	91.8	100.0
No Response	493	8.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not at all	2875	47.8	52.9
Several days	1550	25.8	28.5
More than 7 days	474	7.9	8.7
Nearly every day	536	8.9	9.9
Total	5435	90.3	100.0
No Response	584	9.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

Experience during the past 12 months

I have had suicidal thoughts.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	4998	83.0	90.4
Yes	528	8.8	9.6
Total	5526	91.8	100.0
No Response	493	8.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

I have attempted suicide.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	5183	86.1	95.0
Yes	274	4.6	5.0
Total	5457	90.7	100.0
No Response	562	9.3	
Total	6019	100.0	

I have harmed myself.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	4717	78.4	85.7
Yes	788	13.1	14.3
Total	5505	91.5	100.0
No Response	514	8.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

Section 6: Beliefs

In general, survey participants are in agreement with most SDA belief statements. At least 70% **strongly agreed** that *the true Sabbath is the seventh-day (Saturday)* (75%), *the head of the Church is Christ* (74.9%), *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* (71.1%), and *salvation is through Jesus Christ alone* (70.9%).

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* (88.4%), *I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me* (83.9%), *The reason that I do good works is because I have been saved by grace* (74.2%), *I will not get to heaven unless I obey God's law perfectly* (72.3%), and *In order to receive God's grace, I must first live by His rules* (55.7%). However, there seems to have a mix-up on these beliefs as 2,389 (40%) participants believe all statements. Moreover, 49.9% believe that *the more that they follow health and lifestyle standards, the more likely they will be saved*.

State of the Dead

Although 84% believe that *when people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected*, there are 35.6% who believe that *the soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death*. In addition, 22.7% believe that *people who died believing in Christ are in heaven right now* and 18.6% 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. One-thousand nine hundred and six (31.67%) 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% 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, two-thirds 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) (66.9%) and that *every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school* (66.5%). 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, $\rho(5286) = .389, p < .001$. 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	.389**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	<.001
	N	5288

**. 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 SID. There are 17.7% of the survey participants who believe that *Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for spiritual healing* and 12.8% believe that *the dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living*.

Regarding beliefs related to church unity in diversity, 43% 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*.

Close to 85% of survey participants are in agreement with the Biblical teaching that *sexual intercourse should be exclusively reserved for marriage* (84.9%) and that *marriage is a union between an adult man and an adult woman* (84.7%).

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
The true Sabbath is the seventh day (Saturday).	5556	1	5	4.76	.599
The head of the Church is Christ.	5584	1	5	4.75	.618
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.	5633	1	5	4.68	.682
Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone.	5599	1	5	4.67	.728
My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.	5582	1	5	4.63	.766
God wants me to take care of my body by avoiding alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs.	5619	1	5	4.63	.820
Ellen White's writings are the result of the spiritual gift of prophecy.	5582	1	5	4.58	.714
The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs are the teaching of Holy Scripture.	5635	1	5	4.58	.733
Fulfillment of prophecy and events in the world indicate that Christ's coming is very near.	5588	1	5	4.56	.871
The Bible teaches that sexual intercourse should be exclusively reserved for marriage.	5463	1	5	4.56	.743
I believe God created the universe.	5556	1	5	4.53	.991
The Bible teaches that marriage is a union between an adult man and an adult woman.	5498	1	5	4.52	.777
The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs as a whole reflect the loving and gracious character of God.	5537	1	5	4.51	.717
I believe in a personal God who seeks a relationship with human beings.	5546	1	5	4.51	.893
Tithing is still required of all people by God.	5444	1	5	4.50	.773
Prayer in the name of Jesus is the only way to defeat evil powers and demonic spirits.	5545	1	5	4.50	.878
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.	5567	1	5	4.49	.832

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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
When people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected.	5584	1	5	4.48	.984
I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me.	5547	1	5	4.47	.874
All believers are called by God to serve each other without distinction of race, culture, education, nationality, gender, or wealth.	5560	1	5	4.47	.915
Only people who accept Jesus as their personal Savior can go to Heaven.	5537	1	5	4.45	.888
I believe God created the world in six literal days in the relatively recent past.	5401	1	5	4.40	1.037
The sanctuary doctrine is vital to Adventist theology.	5454	1	5	4.34	.855
In order to reach people for Christ, we need to get to know them and their needs before we preach the Gospel to them.	5467	1	5	4.29	.944
I am loved by God even when I sin.	5446	1	5	4.24	1.010
The reason that I do good works is because I have been saved by grace.	5393	1	5	4.15	1.059
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.	5498	1	5	4.13	1.044
I will not get to Heaven unless I obey God's law perfectly.	5540	1	5	4.07	1.243
Church unity means uniformity in more than doctrinal belief.	5296	1	5	4.02	1.086

*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.	5388	1	5	3.96	1.024
Every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school.	5397	1	5	3.94	.983
Jesus Christ will return in my lifetime.	5397	1	5	3.52	1.089
The Holy Spirit is God's power in the world, not a Person.	5463	1	5	3.51	1.570
In order to receive God's grace, I must first live by His rules.	5456	1	5	3.43	1.502
The more that I follow Adventist health and lifestyle standards, the more likely I will be saved.	5379	1	5	3.34	1.399
Different world regions of the Adventist Church should be allowed after consultation with the worldwide church to set their own administrative policies.	5315	1	5	3.29	1.340
People have a certain amount of faith and they really cannot do much to change it.	5330	1	5	2.85	1.338
The soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death.	5430	1	5	2.66	1.638
People who have died believing in Christ are in Heaven right now.	5504	1	5	2.16	1.538
People who have rejected Christ are burning in Hell right now.	5428	1	5	2.04	1.419
Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for protection or healing.	5535	1	5	1.86	1.419
The dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living.	5528	1	5	1.70	1.262

*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

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	81	1.3	1.4
Disagree	66	1.1	1.2
I am not sure	144	2.4	2.6
Agree	1533	25.5	27.2
Strongly agree	3811	63.3	67.6
Total	5635	93.6	100.0
No Response	384	6.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	176	2.9	3.2
Disagree	96	1.6	1.7
I am not sure	173	2.9	3.1
Agree	1375	22.8	24.8
Strongly agree	3726	61.9	67.2
Total	5546	92.1	100.0
No Response	473	7.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	2267	37.7	41.7
Disagree	577	9.6	10.6
I am not sure	441	7.3	8.1
Agree	1012	16.8	18.6
Strongly agree	1133	18.8	20.9
Total	5430	90.2	100.0
No Response	589	9.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	90	1.5	1.6
Disagree	69	1.1	1.2
I am not sure	117	1.9	2.1
Agree	1053	17.5	18.8
Strongly agree	4270	70.9	76.3
Total	5599	93.0	100.0
No Response	420	7.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	255	4.2	4.7
Disagree	172	2.9	3.2
I am not sure	211	3.5	3.9
Agree	1302	21.6	24.1
Strongly agree	3461	57.5	64.1
Total	5401	89.7	100.0
No Response	618	10.3	
Total	6019	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	61	1.0	1.1
Disagree	52	.9	.9
I am not sure	172	2.9	3.1
Agree	1068	17.7	19.0
Strongly agree	4280	71.1	76.0
Total	5633	93.6	100.0
No Response	386	6.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	438	7.3	7.9
Disagree	356	5.9	6.4
I am not sure	398	6.6	7.2
Agree	1532	25.5	27.7
Strongly agree	2816	46.8	50.8
Total	5540	92.0	100.0
No Response	479	8.0	
Total	6019	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	109	1.8	2.0
Disagree	117	1.9	2.1
I am not sure	226	3.8	4.1
Agree	1587	26.4	28.5
Strongly agree	3528	58.6	63.4
Total	5567	92.5	100.0
No Response	452	7.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	184	3.1	3.3
Disagree	70	1.2	1.3
I am not sure	120	2.0	2.1
Agree	1254	20.8	22.4
Strongly agree	3960	65.8	70.9
Total	5588	92.8	100.0
No Response	431	7.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	3725	61.9	67.3
Disagree	511	8.5	9.2
I am not sure	231	3.8	4.2
Agree	465	7.7	8.4
Strongly agree	603	10.0	10.9
Total	5535	92.0	100.0
No Response	484	8.0	
Total	6019	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	261	4.3	4.7
Disagree	83	1.4	1.5
I am not sure	189	3.1	3.4
Agree	1207	20.1	21.6
Strongly agree	3844	63.9	68.8
Total	5584	92.8	100.0
No Response	435	7.2	
Total	6019	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	149	2.5	2.7
Disagree	79	1.3	1.4
I am not sure	101	1.7	1.8
Agree	1056	17.5	18.8
Strongly agree	4234	70.3	75.4
Total	5619	93.4	100.0
No Response	400	6.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

The head of the Church is Christ.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	61	1.0	1.1
Disagree	29	.5	.5
I am not sure	88	1.5	1.6
Agree	896	14.9	16.0
Strongly agree	4510	74.9	80.8
Total	5584	92.8	100.0
No Response	435	7.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

The true Sabbath is the seventh day (Saturday).

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	45	.7	.8
Disagree	44	.7	.8
I am not sure	83	1.4	1.5
Agree	869	14.4	15.6
Strongly agree	4515	75.0	81.3
Total	5556	92.3	100.0
No Response	463	7.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	61	1.0	1.1
Disagree	46	.8	.8
I am not sure	240	4.0	4.3
Agree	1456	24.2	26.1
Strongly agree	3779	62.8	67.7
Total	5582	92.7	100.0
No Response	437	7.3	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	133	2.2	2.4
Disagree	133	2.2	2.4
I am not sure	228	3.8	4.1
Agree	1529	25.4	27.6
Strongly agree	3524	58.5	63.5
Total	5547	92.2	100.0
No Response	472	7.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

I believe God created the universe.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	272	4.5	4.9
Disagree	96	1.6	1.7
I am not sure	119	2.0	2.1
Agree	971	16.1	17.5
Strongly agree	4098	68.1	73.8
Total	5556	92.3	100.0
No Response	463	7.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	3051	50.7	55.4
Disagree	725	12.0	13.2
I am not sure	364	6.0	6.6
Agree	506	8.4	9.2
Strongly agree	858	14.3	15.6
Total	5504	91.4	100.0
No Response	515	8.6	
Total	6019	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	176	2.9	3.2
Disagree	110	1.8	2.0
I am not sure	247	4.1	4.4
Agree	1430	23.8	25.7
Strongly agree	3597	59.8	64.7
Total	5560	92.4	100.0
No Response	459	7.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	129	2.1	2.3
Disagree	128	2.1	2.3
I am not sure	340	5.6	6.1
Agree	1492	24.8	26.9
Strongly agree	3448	57.3	62.3
Total	5537	92.0	100.0
No Response	482	8.0	
Total	6019	100.0	

Jesus Christ will return in my lifetime.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	314	5.2	5.8
Disagree	300	5.0	5.6
I am not sure	2347	39.0	43.5
Agree	1154	19.2	21.4
Strongly agree	1282	21.3	23.8
Total	5397	89.7	100.0
No Response	622	10.3	
Total	6019	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	170	2.8	3.1
Disagree	71	1.2	1.3
I am not sure	210	3.5	3.8
Agree	1479	24.6	26.7
Strongly agree	3615	60.1	65.2
Total	5545	92.1	100.0
No Response	474	7.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	3852	64.0	69.7
Disagree	668	11.1	12.1
I am not sure	235	3.9	4.3
Agree	350	5.8	6.3
Strongly agree	423	7.0	7.7
Total	5528	91.8	100.0
No Response	491	8.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	105	1.7	1.9
Disagree	75	1.2	1.3
I am not sure	134	2.2	2.4
Agree	1139	18.9	20.4
Strongly agree	4129	68.6	74.0
Total	5582	92.7	100.0
No Response	437	7.3	
Total	6019	100.0	

Church unity means uniformity in more than doctrinal belief.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	277	4.6	5.2
Disagree	214	3.6	4.0
I am not sure	762	12.7	14.4
Agree	1910	31.7	36.1
Strongly agree	2133	35.4	40.3
Total	5296	88.0	100.0
No Response	723	12.0	
Total	6019	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	815	13.5	15.3
Disagree	598	9.9	11.3
I am not sure	1325	22.0	24.9
Agree	1393	23.1	26.2
Strongly agree	1184	19.7	22.3
Total	5315	88.3	100.0
No Response	704	11.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

The sanctuary doctrine is vital to Adventist theology.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	84	1.4	1.5
Disagree	103	1.7	1.9
I am not sure	568	9.4	10.4
Agree	1829	30.4	33.5
Strongly agree	2870	47.7	52.6
Total	5454	90.6	100.0
No Response	565	9.4	
Total	6019	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	131	2.2	2.4
Disagree	262	4.4	4.8
I am not sure	300	5.0	5.5
Agree	1979	32.9	36.2
Strongly agree	2795	46.4	51.1
Total	5467	90.8	100.0
No Response	552	9.2	
Total	6019	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	54	.9	1.0
Disagree	60	1.0	1.1
I am not sure	228	3.8	4.1
Agree	1845	30.7	33.3
Strongly agree	3350	55.7	60.5
Total	5537	92.0	100.0
No Response	482	8.0	
Total	6019	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	227	3.8	4.1
Disagree	251	4.2	4.6
I am not sure	562	9.3	10.2
Agree	1974	32.8	35.9
Strongly agree	2484	41.3	45.2
Total	5498	91.3	100.0
No Response	521	8.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1187	19.7	21.7
Disagree	428	7.1	7.8
I am not sure	324	5.4	5.9
Agree	1465	24.3	26.8
Strongly agree	2059	34.2	37.7
Total	5463	90.8	100.0
No Response	556	9.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	3039	50.5	56.0
Disagree	845	14.0	15.6
I am not sure	426	7.1	7.8
Agree	518	8.6	9.5
Strongly agree	600	10.0	11.1
Total	5428	90.2	100.0
No Response	591	9.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1039	17.3	19.0
Disagree	647	10.7	11.9
I am not sure	415	6.9	7.6
Agree	1637	27.2	30.0
Strongly agree	1718	28.5	31.5
Total	5456	90.6	100.0
No Response	563	9.4	
Total	6019	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	851	14.1	15.8
Disagree	802	13.3	14.9
I am not sure	722	12.0	13.4
Agree	1694	28.1	31.5
Strongly agree	1310	21.8	24.4
Total	5379	89.4	100.0
No Response	640	10.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

I am loved by God even when I sin.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	234	3.9	4.3
Disagree	198	3.3	3.6
I am not sure	286	4.8	5.3
Agree	2059	34.2	37.8
Strongly agree	2669	44.3	49.0
Total	5446	90.5	100.0
No Response	573	9.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	240	4.0	4.5
Disagree	273	4.5	5.1
I am not sure	416	6.9	7.7
Agree	1960	32.6	36.3
Strongly agree	2504	41.6	46.4
Total	5393	89.6	100.0
No Response	626	10.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1111	18.5	20.8
Disagree	1151	19.1	21.6
I am not sure	1232	20.5	23.1
Agree	1095	18.2	20.5
Strongly agree	741	12.3	13.9
Total	5330	88.6	100.0
No Response	689	11.4	
Total	6019	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	220	3.7	4.1
Disagree	242	4.0	4.5
I am not sure	903	15.0	16.8
Agree	2213	36.8	41.1
Strongly agree	1810	30.1	33.6
Total	5388	89.5	100.0
No Response	631	10.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	149	2.5	2.8
Disagree	313	5.2	5.8
I am not sure	931	15.5	17.3
Agree	2300	38.2	42.6
Strongly agree	1704	28.3	31.6
Total	5397	89.7	100.0
No Response	622	10.3	
Total	6019	100.0	

Tithing is still required of all people by God.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	65	1.1	1.2
Disagree	98	1.6	1.8
I am not sure	262	4.4	4.8
Agree	1650	27.4	30.3
Strongly agree	3369	56.0	61.9
Total	5444	90.4	100.0
No Response	575	9.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	65	1.1	1.2
Disagree	79	1.3	1.4
I am not sure	209	3.5	3.8
Agree	1471	24.4	26.9
Strongly agree	3639	60.5	66.6
Total	5463	90.8	100.0
No Response	556	9.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	68	1.1	1.2
Disagree	118	2.0	2.1
I am not sure	211	3.5	3.8
Agree	1577	26.2	28.7
Strongly agree	3524	58.5	64.1
Total	5498	91.3	100.0
No Response	521	8.7	
Total	6019	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 79% concurrence. 77.6% 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 69.3% of the respondents. 66.8% believe that *there are ideas in their culture that contradict their faith*, thus, 70.7% 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.	5468	1	5	4.29	.952
I would welcome someone from a different cultural background as part of my local church family.	5463	1	5	4.15	.933
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.	5469	1	5	3.94	.956
To be a Seventh-day Adventist means to reject certain elements of the culture around you.	5529	1	5	3.89	1.169
There are ideas in my culture that contradict my faith.	5373	1	5	3.83	1.123
People outside of the Adventist Church can have important insights into God's character and plans.	5371	1	5	3.65	1.079
I am most comfortable in a church where everyone shares my cultural background.	5321	1	5	3.09	1.288

**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	408	6.8	7.4
Disagree	396	6.6	7.2
I am not sure	469	7.8	8.5
Agree	2362	39.2	42.7
Strongly agree	1894	31.5	34.3
Total	5529	91.9	100.0
No Response	490	8.1	
Total	6019	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	141	2.3	2.6
Disagree	336	5.6	6.1
I am not sure	818	13.6	15.0
Agree	2584	42.9	47.2
Strongly agree	1590	26.4	29.1
Total	5469	90.9	100.0
No Response	550	9.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	333	5.5	6.2
Disagree	455	7.6	8.5
I am not sure	1037	17.2	19.3
Agree	2487	41.3	46.3
Strongly agree	1059	17.6	19.7
Total	5371	89.2	100.0
No Response	648	10.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

There are ideas in my culture that contradict my faith.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	337	5.6	6.3
Disagree	450	7.5	8.4
I am not sure	563	9.4	10.5
Agree	2482	41.2	46.2
Strongly agree	1541	25.6	28.7
Total	5373	89.3	100.0
No Response	646	10.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	724	12.0	13.6
Disagree	1256	20.9	23.6
I am not sure	951	15.8	17.9
Agree	1615	26.8	30.4
Strongly agree	775	12.9	14.6
Total	5321	88.4	100.0
No Response	698	11.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	151	2.5	2.8
Disagree	242	4.0	4.4
I am not sure	400	6.6	7.3
Agree	2528	42.0	46.3
Strongly agree	2142	35.6	39.2
Total	5463	90.8	100.0
No Response	556	9.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	176	2.9	3.2
Disagree	162	2.7	3.0
I am not sure	373	6.2	6.8
Agree	1941	32.2	35.5
Strongly agree	2816	46.8	51.5
Total	5468	90.8	100.0
No Response	551	9.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

Sermon Topics

Topics that Sabbath speakers more frequently preached in church which were identified by at least 70% of the survey participants are: *Second Coming of Jesus* (80.4%), *Sabbath* (80.3%), *The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church* (74.8%), and *The Three Angels' Messages* (70.5%). There were 30% of the respondents who indicated that the topics *State of the Dead* and *Reading and Sharing Adventist Literature and Publications* 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	5249	1	4	3.49	.668
Sabbath	5369	1	4	3.40	.686
The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	5378	1	4	3.25	.758
The Three Angels' Messages	5341	1	4	3.15	.780
Spirit of Prophecy	5312	1	4	3.05	.776
Righteousness by Faith	5216	1	4	3.03	.759
Wholistic Healthful Living—the importance of health for the body, mind, spirit, and social relationships	5178	1	4	2.98	.801
Daniel and Revelation	5328	1	4	2.97	.799
The Sanctuary	5212	1	4	2.83	.820
Reading and sharing Adventist literature and publications	5183	1	4	2.80	.833
State of the Dead	5158	1	4	2.77	.829

*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	242	4.0	4.4
Never	123	2.0	2.3
Seldom	1053	17.5	19.3
Frequently	2577	42.8	47.2
Very frequently	1463	24.3	26.8
Total	5458	90.7	100.0
No Response	561	9.3	
Total	6019	100.0	

Spirit of Prophecy

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	121	2.0	2.2
Never	98	1.6	1.8
Seldom	1186	19.7	21.8
Frequently	2396	39.8	44.1
Very frequently	1632	27.1	30.0
Total	5433	90.3	100.0
No Response	586	9.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

Sabbath

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	77	1.3	1.4
Never	40	.7	.7
Seldom	501	8.3	9.2
Frequently	2104	35.0	38.6
Very frequently	2724	45.3	50.0
Total	5446	90.5	100.0
No Response	573	9.5	
Total	6019	100.0	

Second Coming of Jesus

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	91	1.5	1.7
Never	53	.9	1.0
Seldom	355	5.9	6.6
Frequently	1807	30.0	33.8
Very frequently	3034	50.4	56.8
Total	5340	88.7	100.0
No Response	679	11.3	
Total	6019	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	156	2.6	2.9
Never	126	2.1	2.4
Seldom	1341	22.3	25.1
Frequently	2233	37.1	41.9
Very frequently	1478	24.6	27.7
Total	5334	88.6	100.0
No Response	685	11.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

Reading and sharing Adventist literature and publications

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	212	3.5	3.9
Never	207	3.4	3.8
Seldom	1808	30.0	33.5
Frequently	1995	33.1	37.0
Very frequently	1173	19.5	21.7
Total	5395	89.6	100.0
No Response	624	10.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

The Sanctuary

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	199	3.3	3.7
Never	165	2.7	3.0
Seldom	1773	29.5	32.8
Frequently	2055	34.1	38.0
Very frequently	1219	20.3	22.5
Total	5411	89.9	100.0
No Response	608	10.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

State of the Dead

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	255	4.2	4.7
Never	239	4.0	4.4
Seldom	1805	30.0	33.3
Frequently	2043	33.9	37.7
Very frequently	1071	17.8	19.8
Total	5413	89.9	100.0
No Response	606	10.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

Daniel and Revelation

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	123	2.0	2.3
Never	111	1.8	2.0
Seldom	1443	24.0	26.5
Frequently	2256	37.5	41.4
Very frequently	1518	25.2	27.8
Total	5451	90.6	100.0
No Response	568	9.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

The Three Angels' Messages

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	111	1.8	2.0
Never	89	1.5	1.6
Seldom	1007	16.7	18.5
Frequently	2235	37.1	41.0
Very frequently	2010	33.4	36.9
Total	5452	90.6	100.0
No Response	567	9.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	91	1.5	1.7
Never	86	1.4	1.6
Seldom	785	13.0	14.4
Frequently	2223	36.9	40.6
Very frequently	2284	37.9	41.8
Total	5469	90.9	100.0
No Response	550	9.1	
Total	6019	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), 48% 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 21.6% 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, 59.9% 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 11.5% 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% 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.	146	2.4	2.7
The Bible is the work of people who collected stories that had been created to explain the mysteries of life...	147	2.4	2.8
The Bible is the work of people who genuinely loved God and ...	331	5.5	6.2
The Bible is the work of people who copied what God told them word for word and ...	497	8.3	9.4
The Bible is the work of people who were inspired by God and who represented God's message ...	1300	21.6	24.5
The Bible is the work of people who were inspired by God and who ... expressed eternal truths.	2890	48.0	54.4
Total	5311	88.2	100.0
No Response	708	11.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

Understanding of the writings of Ellen G. White

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know who Ellen G. White is.	120	2.0	2.2
Ellen G. White's writings contain no more truth or wisdom than do the religious works written ...	99	1.6	1.9
Ellen G. White was a person who created stories of supernatural guidance in order to explain the mysteries of life.	195	3.2	3.7
Ellen G. White was inspired by God and presented God's message in terms of her own place and time.	693	11.5	13.0
Ellen G. White was inspired by God and ... expressed eternal truths in harmony with and pointing to the Bible.	3606	59.9	67.6
Ellen G. White copied what God told her word for word, and wrote without being influenced by her own place and time.	624	10.4	11.7
Total	5337	88.7	100.0
No Response	682	11.3	
Total	6019	100.0	

Teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

In general, SID church members embrace the teachings of the SDA Church wholeheartedly. In particular, at least 60% 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* (71.5%), *Adventists should eat a healthful diet and abstain from unclean foods identified in Scripture* (68.4%), and *Adventists should abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs* (65.6%). The teaching *Before Christ returns, God will decide who is to be saved and who will be eternally lost* is **not accepted** by 11.7% of the church members, with 3.6% having **major doubts** about it and 8% 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.	5544	1	5	4.69	.699
Christ is acting as our advocate before God in the heavenly sanctuary right now.	5414	1	5	4.66	.742
Adventists should eat a healthful diet and abstain from unclean foods identified in Scripture.	5402	1	5	4.66	.755
Adventists should abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs.	5386	1	5	4.53	.995
Ellen G. White was a prophet.	5316	1	5	4.50	.885
The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies.	5198	1	5	4.37	.914
The investigative pre-Advent judgment began in 1844.	5362	1	5	4.37	.996
Before Christ returns, God will decide who is to be saved and who will be eternally lost.	5286	1	5	3.94	1.402

*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.	74	1.2	1.3
I have major doubts about it.	54	.9	1.0
I have some questions about it.	155	2.6	2.8
I accept it because the church teaches it.	960	15.9	17.3
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	4301	71.5	77.6
Total	5544	92.1	100.0
No Response	475	7.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

The investigative pre-Advent judgment began in 1844.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	176	2.9	3.3
I have major doubts about it.	172	2.9	3.2
I have some questions about it.	463	7.7	8.6
I accept it because the church teaches it.	1227	20.4	22.9
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	3324	55.2	62.0
Total	5362	89.1	100.0
No Response	657	10.9	
Total	6019	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.	96	1.6	1.8
I have major doubts about it.	54	.9	1.0
I have some questions about it.	147	2.4	2.7
I accept it because the church teaches it.	993	16.5	18.3
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	4124	68.5	76.2
Total	5414	89.9	100.0
No Response	605	10.1	
Total	6019	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.	706	11.7	13.4
I have major doubts about it.	219	3.6	4.1
I have some questions about it.	483	8.0	9.1
I accept it because the church teaches it.	1176	19.5	22.2
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	2702	44.9	51.1
Total	5286	87.8	100.0
No Response	733	12.2	
Total	6019	100.0	

The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	121	2.0	2.3
I have major doubts about it.	120	2.0	2.3
I have some questions about it.	476	7.9	9.2
I accept it because the church teaches it.	1464	24.3	28.2
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	3017	50.1	58.0
Total	5198	86.4	100.0
No Response	821	13.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

Ellen G. White was a prophet.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	144	2.4	2.7
I have major doubts about it.	93	1.5	1.7
I have some questions about it.	273	4.5	5.1
I accept it because the church teaches it.	1278	21.2	24.0
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	3528	58.6	66.4
Total	5316	88.3	100.0
No Response	703	11.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	264	4.4	4.9
I have major doubts about it.	87	1.4	1.6
I have some questions about it.	147	2.4	2.7
I accept it because the church teaches it.	939	15.6	17.4
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	3949	65.6	73.3
Total	5386	89.5	100.0
No Response	633	10.5	
Total	6019	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.	98	1.6	1.8
I have major doubts about it.	69	1.1	1.3
I have some questions about it.	135	2.2	2.5
I accept it because the church teaches it.	981	16.3	18.2
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	4119	68.4	76.2
Total	5402	89.7	100.0
No Response	617	10.3	
Total	6019	100.0	

Section 7: Health

Majority of the survey participants are *meat eaters* (65.6%). Only a minority described themselves as *vegans* (4.1%) and *lacto-ovo vegetarians* (7.9%). More than 80% 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, 65.9% think that *overall, there is no safe level of alcohol use*. Half (50.5%) of the respondents are *very familiar with the Adventist Health Message*. There are 3.8% who *do not know what the Adventist Health Message is*. Only 28% *follow the Adventist Health Message a great deal*.

In general, church members are positive about the Adventist Health Message as a whole, with only one-third (33.3%) who concur to *choosing which parts of the Health Message to follow and which to ignore*. There were 83.2% 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 47.7% 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 437 vegans/vegetarians, 59% agreed/strongly agreed and 28.6% disagreed/strongly disagreed that following the health ensures their salvation whereas among the 2,174 participants who described themselves as non-vegetarians (with fish in their diet or meat eater), 50.7% agreed/strongly agreed and 30.7% 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, χ^2 (2, N = 4,728) = 14.653, $p = .001$.

Crosstabulation

		Following the health message ensures my salvation.				
			Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Not sure	Agree/Strongly Agree	Total
Dietary Choices	Vegan/Vegetarian	Count	125	54	258	437
		% within Dietary Choices	28.6%	12.4%	59.0%	100.0%
	Non-vegetarian	Count	1317	800	2174	4291
		% within Dietary Choices	30.7%	18.6%	50.7%	100.0%
Total		Count	1442	854	2432	4728
		% within Dietary Choices	30.5%	18.1%	51.4%	100.0%

Chi-Square Test

	Value	df	p-value
Pearson Chi-Square	14.653	2	.001
N of Valid Cases	4728		

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
A vegan (no animal products of any type)	249	4.1	4.7
A vegetarian (lacto ovo—using eggs and dairy products)	476	7.9	9.0
A person who includes fish in my diet, but no other meat	626	10.4	11.8
A meat eater once a week or less (eating meat includes eating red meat or poultry)	1851	30.8	35.0
A meat eater a few times a week	1534	25.5	29.0
A meat eater most days	557	9.3	10.5
Total	5293	87.9	100.0
No Response	726	12.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5087	84.5	91.7
Once or twice	253	4.2	4.6
3 to 10 times	116	1.9	2.1
More than 10 times	92	1.5	1.7
Total	5548	92.2	100.0
No Response	471	7.8	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5343	88.8	96.6
Once or twice	63	1.0	1.1
3 to 10 times	73	1.2	1.3
More than 10 times	50	.8	.9
Total	5529	91.9	100.0
No Response	490	8.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5324	88.5	96.9
Once or twice	65	1.1	1.2
3 to 10 times	57	.9	1.0
More than 10 times	48	.8	.9
Total	5494	91.3	100.0
No Response	525	8.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5154	85.6	94.5
Once or twice	151	2.5	2.8
3 to 10 times	73	1.2	1.3
More than 10 times	78	1.3	1.4
Total	5456	90.6	100.0
No Response	563	9.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

Understanding of scientific research on alcohol use

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Overall, there is no safe level of alcohol use.	3967	65.9	74.7
Alcohol, in moderation (1-2 drinks a day), does not do much harm.	117	1.9	2.2
Alcohol, in moderation (1-2 drinks a day), promotes health and is safe to use.	112	1.9	2.1
I am not sure.	1118	18.6	21.0
Total	5314	88.3	100.0
No Response	705	11.7	
Total	6019	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.	228	3.8	4.3
I know just a little about the Adventist Health Message.	909	15.1	17.0
I am somewhat familiar with the Adventist Health Message.	1188	19.7	22.2
I am very familiar with the Adventist Health Message.	3037	50.5	56.6
Total	5362	89.1	100.0
No Response	657	10.9	
Total	6019	100.0	

Do you follow the Adventist Health Message?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	158	2.6	2.9
Rarely	614	10.2	11.2
Occasionally	1091	18.1	19.8
A moderate amount	1949	32.4	35.5
A great deal	1685	28.0	30.7
Total	5497	91.3	100.0
No Response	522	8.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

Beliefs About the Adventist Health Message

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
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.	5410	1	5	4.47	.743
Following the Health Message increases the probability that a person will live longer.	5381	1	5	4.29	.844
The Health Message is a core part of Seventh-day Adventist belief that cannot be questioned.	5395	1	5	4.13	.912
The Health Message has largely been supported by scientific discoveries.	5315	1	5	3.94	1.055
Following the Health Message ensures my salvation.	5304	1	5	3.33	1.336
I can choose which parts of the Health Message to follow and which to ignore.	5288	1	5	2.83	1.315

*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		

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	106	1.8	2.0
Disagree	240	4.0	4.4
I am not sure	579	9.6	10.7
Agree	2384	39.6	44.2
Strongly agree	2086	34.7	38.7
Total	5395	89.6	100.0
No Response	624	10.4	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	81	1.3	1.5
Disagree	162	2.7	3.0
I am not sure	385	6.4	7.2
Agree	2224	36.9	41.3
Strongly agree	2529	42.0	47.0
Total	5381	89.4	100.0
No Response	638	10.6	
Total	6019	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1027	17.1	19.4
Disagree	1416	23.5	26.8
I am not sure	839	13.9	15.9
Agree	1420	23.6	26.9
Strongly agree	586	9.7	11.1
Total	5288	87.9	100.0
No Response	731	12.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

The Health Message has largely been supported by scientific discoveries.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	231	3.8	4.3
Disagree	297	4.9	5.6
I am not sure	846	14.1	15.9
Agree	2119	35.2	39.9
Strongly agree	1822	30.3	34.3
Total	5315	88.3	100.0
No Response	704	11.7	
Total	6019	100.0	

Following the Health Message ensures my salvation.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	690	11.5	13.0
Disagree	871	14.5	16.4
I am not sure	932	15.5	17.6
Agree	1609	26.7	30.3
Strongly agree	1202	20.0	22.7
Total	5304	88.1	100.0
No Response	715	11.9	
Total	6019	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	60	1.0	1.1
Disagree	59	1.0	1.1
I am not sure	283	4.7	5.2
Agree	1904	31.6	35.2
Strongly agree	3104	51.6	57.4
Total	5410	89.9	100.0
No Response	609	10.1	
Total	6019	100.0	

APPENDIX 1

Sample (Expected and Actual)

UNIONS/CONFERENCES/MISSIONS/FIELDS		Sample		
		Churches	Members	
			Expected	Actual
Botswana Union Conference		6	180	132
1	North Botswana Conference	3	90	
2	South Botswana Conference	3	90	
Indian Ocean Union Conference		38	1,140	902
1	Central Malagasy Conference	6	180	
2	East Malagasy Conference	6	180	
3	Mauritius Conference	2	60	
4	North Malagasy Conference	6	180	
5	North West Malagasy Conference	6	180	
6	Reunion Conference	2	60	
7	Seychelles Mission	1	30	
8	South East Malagasy Conference	6	180	
9	South West Malagasy Conference	3	90	
Malawi Union Conference		30	900	628
1	Central Malawi Conference	6	180	
2	North Malawi Conference	6	180	
3	South Malawi Conference	18	540	
Mozambique Union Mission		23	690	452
1	Central Mission	6	180	
2	North Mission	12	360	
3	North-East Mission	2	60	
4	South Mission	3	90	
North-Eastern Angola Union Mission		24	720	414
1	Angola East Mission	6	180	
2	Angola North Mission	6	180	
3	Angola North-Eastern Mission	6	180	
4	Angola South Luanda and Cabinda Mission	6	180	
Northern Zambia Union Conference		42	1,260	922
1	Cooperbelt Zambia Conference	12	360	
2	Luapula Zambia Conference	6	180	
3	Midlands East Zambia Conference	6	180	

4	Midlands West Zambia Conference	6	180	
5	North Zambia Field	6	180	
6	Norwest Zambia Conference	6	180	
Sao Tome and Principe Mission		2	60	59
Southern Africa Union Conference		39	1,170	509
1	Cape Conference	12	360	
2	KwaZulu Natal-Free State Conference	6	180	
3	Lesotho Conference	2	60	
4	Namibia North Conference	3	90	
5	Namibia South Conference	2	60	
6	Northern Conference	6	180	
7	Swaziland Conference	2	60	
8	Trans-Orange Conference	6	180	
Southern Zambia Union Conference		36	1,080	485
1	East Zambia Field	6	180	
2	Lusaka Conference	6	180	
3	South Zambia Conference	12	360	
4	West Zambia Field	6	180	
5	Woodlands Conference	6	180	
South-Western Angola Union Mission		18	540	484
1	Central Association Mission	12	360	
2	South Association Mission	6	180	
Zimbabwe Central Union Conference		18	540	491
1	Central Zimbabwe Conference	6	180	
2	North-West Zimbabwe Conference	12	360	
Zimbabwe East Union Conference		18	540	171
1	East Zimbabwe Conference	12	360	
2	North Zimbabwe Conference	6	180	
Zimbabwe West Union Conference		12	360	370
1	South Zimbabwe Conference	6	180	
2	West Zimbabwe Conference	6	180	
TOTAL		306	9,180	6,019

Sample Frame Template for Union

		Number of Members per Church		Number of Churches	TOTAL Number of Members
Name of Conference				18	540
	Large church (urban area)	3	50 per church = 150		
	Large church (rural area)	3	50 per church = 150		
	Medium church (urban area)	3	30 per church = 90		
	Medium church (rural area)	3	30 per church = 90		
	Small church (urban area)	3	10 per church = 30		
	Small church (rural area)	3	10 per church = 30		
Name of Mission/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 Field/Mission/Conference				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 Mission/Conference				3	90
	Large church (urban area)	1	50		
	Medium church (rural area)	1	30		
	Small church (rural area)	1	10		
Name of Mission/Conference				2	60
	Medium church (urban area)	1	30		
	Medium church (rural area)	1	30		
Name of 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



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA, BARATON
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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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