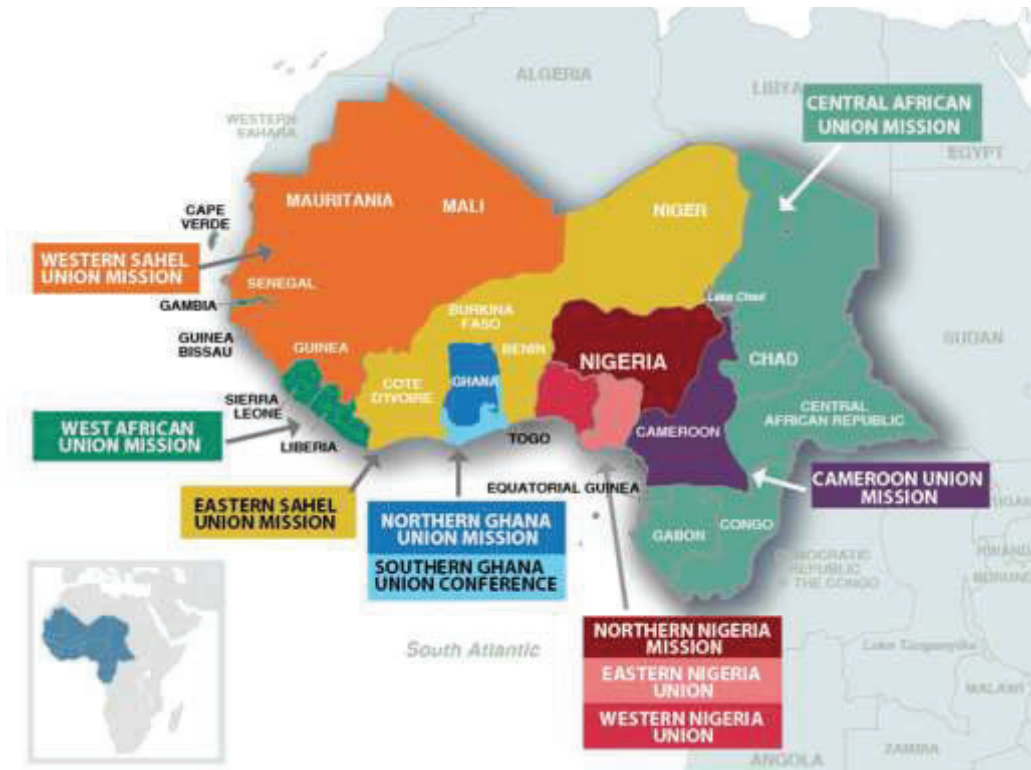

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CUM	Cameroon Union Mission
CAUM	Central African Union Mission
ENUC	Eastern Nigeria Union Conference
ESUM	Eastern Sahel Union Mission
GC	General Conference
GCMS	Global Church Member Survey
IWG	I Will Go
NGUM	Northern Ghana Union Mission
NNUC	Northern Nigeria Union Conference
SDA	Seventh-day Adventist
SGUC	Southern Ghana Union Conference
SP	Strategic Plan
UEAB	University of Eastern Africa, Baraton
WAD	West-Central Africa Division
WAUM	West African Union Mission
WNUC	Western Nigeria Union Conference
WSUM	Western Sahel Union Mission

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A total of four thousand eight-hundred and four (4,884) church members in the WAD territory participated in the paper survey collected in person. They come from 10 unions (CUM, CAUM, ENUC, ESUM, NGUM, NGUC, SGUC, WAUM, WNUC, and WSUM) located in 14 countries namely, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo. Data were gathered using a questionnaire in 3 languages: English, French, and Portuguese.

Personal Demographics

Majority of the respondents were males (59.9%), are not employed in Seventh-day Adventist institutions (70.9%), have at least some secondary/high school education (83.7%), and have not attended an Adventist school in all levels of education (56.6%). Among those who have Adventist educational experiences, the average number of years spent attending Adventist schools is 6.38 with a standard deviation of 3.95. The average age of participants is 39.12, with ages ranging from 12 to 91 years. All levels of education from primary/elementary to professional/graduate school are represented. Among the 3.2% who identified as deaf and 8.5% who have some form of disability, 43% 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 (50.3%), with at least one of biological children is still a child or teenager living at home (51.9%), have children who are all still being raised in or are members of the SDA church (59.9%), with a household size of at most nine (79%) observing the Sabbath (86.9%), are holding church office in a local church (71.6%), 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.

Three hundred and forty-five (7.2%) respondents identified themselves as not baptized member of the SDA church nor joined the church by profession of faith. 52.5% grew up in and have been connected to the church since birth and 45% belong to the first generation of Adventists in the family. On average, participants were members of the church for 20.37 years, with the longest member baptized in 1954 (68 years as church member). Eleven 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 (80.1%). About 54% 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 59% considered themselves as active participant (31.9%) or active leader (26.7%) before the coronavirus pandemic. There was a slight improvement in current church involvement (post-pandemic) with 64.5% who indicated that they are active participants (36.1%) or active leaders (28.4%) in their church. 73.6% of the participants indicated that throughout the pandemic,

worship services in their church continued either as face-to-face (30.7%) or remotely for a period of time when they could not meet in-person (42.9%). On a personal level, 85.3% continued to worship during the pandemic, either face-to-face in church (25.8%) and with other Adventists but not in church (38.9%) or remotely (20.6%) for a period of time. Only 46.6% 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 (73.2%) and giving offerings (69.9%).

Religious Behavior and Roles

The five church religious activities more frequently engaged in by the respondents in the last 12 months are: *in-person church services* and *Sabbath school attendance almost every week* and *attendance in prayer meeting at the local church* and *helped with a church ministry on Sabbath or during the week* approximately **once a month**.

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

The five personal and family religious activities more frequently engaged in by the respondents are: *reading the Bible*, *having personal prayer (at times other than meals)*, *spending time thinking about Jesus' life*, 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* and *reading a magazine or newsletter from local union or conference* **less than once a month** and *reading Adventist World magazine*, *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 read or respond to posts by Adventist churches, organizations, and institutions*, *to share Bible studies with family, friends, or other people in their social network*, and *to help advance the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church*. Using social media *as a distraction from doing other activities* is done for about **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* (74.5%), *Annual Week of Prayer* (72.4%), *Revival and Reformation* (61.8%), and *Total Member Involvement* (57.6%), and. Least participation are in *Mission to the Cities* (32.5%) and *Adventist Possibility Ministries* (34.7%). In the last 12 months, church members hear communication of information about one or more of the GC programs and initiatives to church members **once a month** *at church* and *by word of mouth*. The least form of communication is *reading a website* in which church members get information about **once or twice** in the last 12 months.

Religious Attitudes and Experiences

The religious attitudes and experiences to which at least 80% of the respondents registered agreement are:

- *I apply what I learn from the Bible to my daily life (84%).*
- *I apply what I learn from Sabbath School lessons to my daily life (84%).*
- *Youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of my local church (80%).*
- *I feel proud of my church and its role and reputation in my community (80%).*
- *My pastor cares about me (80%).*

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

- *I attend a church that makes worship services available online (34%).*
- *Although I am religious, it does not affect my daily life (43%).*
- *I currently provide financial support for children (mine or others) to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school (43%)*

15% have *no access to or have not tried to access Ellen G. White's books in a language they understand*. Majority (67.5%) of church members are *able to access printed Adventist publications in their local language available at major church gatherings, such as camp meetings or conferences*.

At least 70% of the respondents perceive that there is a need to **increase efforts** for their local church and for their personal involvement in *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, in evangelistic outreach to the local community, and in caring for and nurturing local church members*.

46% of the respondents are **very satisfied** with their local church, with an average degree of satisfaction of 4.12 on a scale of 1 to 5. Majority (80.8%) 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 4.75 on a scale of 1 to 5).

About 38% 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, help others with their religious questions and struggles, and give a significant amount of time to help other people*. Majority are **positive** about Sabbath-keeping with 86% *cope better with the stresses of the week when they keep the Sabbath faithfully* and 87% *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**, 75% of whom more **often** *have a sense of gratitude* and 66% *have grown spiritually over*

the past 12 months. 51% 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. 44% believe that *different world regions of the Adventist Church should be allowed after consultation with the worldwide church to set their own administrative policies*.

Although 87% believe that *when people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected*, there are 37.4% who also believe that *the soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death*. Moreover, 34% agreed/strongly agreed to both statements.

Regarding beliefs on Adventist Education, two-thirds of respondents believe in the uniqueness of SDA education) (77.4%) and that *every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school* (75.1%). 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* (25.7%).
- *People who have rejected Christ are burning in Hell right now* (22.8%).
- *Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for protection or healing* (23.3%).
- *The dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living* (18.5%).

On the relationship between the Adventist Church and one's cultural context, 73.3% believe that *to be a Seventh-day Adventist means to reject certain elements of the culture around them* and 70.8% perceive that *there are ideas in their culture that contradict their faith*.

Sermon topics frequently preached by pastors identified by more or less 80% of the respondents are *Sabbath* (84.3%), *second coming of Jesus* (84%), *three angels' messages* (79.8%), and *mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church* (79.4%). Seldom preached is the *state of the dead*.

45% and 58%, respectively, have a correct understanding of the divine inspiration of the *Bible* and of *Ellen G. White*. 14.7% 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* (21.7%).
- *The investigative pre-Advent judgment began in 1844* (16.8%).
- *Ellen G. White was a prophet* (11.7%).

Health

Only 11% of the respondents are vegans/vegetarians. At least 75% of the church members have never used addictive drugs within the last 12 months. 60% have a correct understanding of scientific research on alcohol use (*there is no safe level of alcohol use*). 75.2 % are familiar with the Adventist Health Message. 37% follow the Adventist Health Message a great deal. More or less 80% are positive about the Adventist Health Message. 32.3% believe that they can choose which parts of the Health Message to follow and which to ignore.

53.3% 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 West-Central Africa Division comprising 10 unions.

Data were gathered from 4,804 church members (66% of the expected 7,230 sample). The breakdown of participation per union is as follows:

	Sample Size	Data Gathered	Percentage
Cameroon Union Mission	1,140	858	75%
Central African Union Mission	300	31	10%
Eastern Nigeria Union Conference	1,170	922	79%
Eastern Sahel Union Mission	330	290	88%
Northern Ghana Union Mission	1,440	1,115	77%
Northern Nigeria Union Conference	360	342	95%
Southern Ghana Union Conference	1,380	732	53%
West African Union Mission	300	123	41%
Western Nigeria Union Conference	630	273	43%
Western Sahel Union Mission	180	118	66%

Three unions, CAUM, WAUM, and WNUC, were under-represented in the sample, having gathered less than 50% of the expected number of participants in the survey. The data from CAUM came from Chad Mission only.

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 Kingley Anonaba, WAD executive secretary, and provided detailed information about the survey and its logistics. She introduced Dr. Juvenal Balisasa, WAD director of education, as the GCMS research coordinator for WAD.

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 April 2021, the principal investigator obtained the email addresses of the executive secretary of each union/conference/mission/field from the secretariat of WAD. 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 (ENUC, NGUM, NNUC, SGUC, WAUM, and WNUC) which used the English version of the questionnaire via e-mail attachment 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 Dr. Juvenal Balisasa in WAD headquarters by November 30, 2021.

The French (translated by WAD) and Portuguese (translated by SAD and shared by Dr. Galina Stele) versions of the questionnaire, the sample frame, and a document outlining procedures of data-gathering and reimbursement of expenses were sent to the respective union/conference/mission/field (CUM, CAUM, ESUM, and WSUM) executive secretaries beginning mid-July 2021. The respective union executive secretaries were requested to send all filled questionnaires to the office of Dr. Balisasa by December 15, 2021.

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

Members of the selected churches who were present during the time of data collection and were willing to participate in the study filled the questionnaires. The filled questionnaires from the churches were brought by the person in-charge of data-gathering to the mission/conference/field office and eventually transmitted to the union executive secretary's office. As soon as all questionnaires from the churches of each conference/mission/field were gathered, the union executive secretary organized the delivery of these questionnaires to the office of Dr. Juvenal Balisasa in the WAD headquarters using the most convenient and secured method (courier or

hand-delivery). Dr. Balisasa monitored the data collection and regularly updated the principal investigator of the status of data collection.

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

Data Entry and Analysis. The entry of data in EXCEL was done under the supervision of Dr. Balisasa. The principal investigator met with him on Zoom on April 11, 2022 to discuss the recruitment of data entry clerks and the data entry process.

On May 19, 2022, Dr. Balisasa held an orientation with the data entry clerks. Data entry was done after the orientation until mid-June 2022. There were more questionnaires from WAUM and WSUM which were received in late September. Data entry ended on the first week of October 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	%
Benin	76	1.6
Burkina Faso	64	1.3
Cameroon	858	17.9
Chad	31	.6
Cote d'Ivoire	61	1.3
Gambia	30	.6
Ghana	1847	38.4
Guinea-Bissau	54	1.1
Liberia	100	2.1
Mali	16	.3
Nigeria	1537	32.0
Senegal	18	.4
Sierra Leone	23	.5
Togo	89	1.9
Total	4804	100.0

Language of the questionnaire

	N	%
English	3537	73.6
French	1213	25.2
Portuguese	54	1.1
Total	4804	100.0

Gender

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Male	2877	59.9	60.7
Female	1861	38.7	39.3
Total	4738	98.6	100.0
No Response	66	1.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

Age range

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
up to 20 years of age	299	6.2	6.5
21-35 years of age	1775	36.9	38.3
36-54 years of age	1846	38.4	39.8
55 years of age and older	713	14.8	15.4
Total	4633	96.4	100.0
No Response	171	3.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Age as of 2022	4633	12	91	39.12	13.979

Do you identify as a person who is Deaf?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	152	3.2	3.2
No	4561	94.9	96.8
Total	4713	98.1	100.0
No Response	91	1.9	
Total	4804	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	409	8.5	8.7
No	4304	89.6	91.3
Total	4713	98.1	100.0
No Response	91	1.9	
Total	4804	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.	91	1.9	19.8
This sometimes happens to me.	118	2.5	25.7
This often happens to me.	78	1.6	17.0
This question does not apply to me.	172	3.6	37.5
Total	459	9.6	100.0
No Response	4345	90.4	
Total	4804	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.	446	9.3	9.6
Yes, employed currently by the Adventist Church.	798	16.6	17.2
No, never employed by the Adventist Church.	3404	70.9	73.2
Total	4648	96.8	100.0
No Response	156	3.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

What is the highest level of school you have completed?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have never attended school.	153	3.2	3.3
Some elementary/primary school.	165	3.4	3.6
Completed primary school.	267	5.6	5.8
Some high/secondary school.	577	12.0	12.5
High/secondary school graduate.	896	18.7	19.4
Vocational school	208	4.3	4.5
Some college or university.	415	8.6	9.0
College or university graduate.	1401	29.2	30.4
Graduate school (including Masters, PhD, law degree, medical degree, DMin, or comparable).	526	10.9	11.4
Total	4608	95.9	100.0
No Response	196	4.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

Adventist Educational Experiences

I have attended an Adventist school.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2719	56.6	67.8
Yes	1289	26.8	32.2
Total	4008	83.4	100.0
No Response	796	16.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2878	59.9	76.8
Yes	868	18.1	23.2
Total	3746	78.0	100.0
No Response	1058	22.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3381	70.4	95.7
Yes	152	3.2	4.3
Total	3533	73.5	100.0
No Response	1271	26.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

I attended Adventist secondary school while living in the community.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3124	65.0	88.1
Yes	421	8.8	11.9
Total	3545	73.8	100.0
No Response	1259	26.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

I attended Adventist secondary school while living on campus.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3197	66.5	90.5
Yes	337	7.0	9.5
Total	3534	73.6	100.0
No Response	1270	26.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3134	65.2	88.9
Yes	391	8.1	11.1
Total	3525	73.4	100.0
No Response	1279	26.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

I attended Adventist college or university while living on campus.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3140	65.4	88.1
Yes	423	8.8	11.9
Total	3563	74.2	100.0
No Response	1241	25.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

Range of years spent in SDA schools

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-3 years	401	8.3	24.9
4-6 years	617	12.8	38.3
7-9 years	273	5.7	17.0
10-12 years	187	3.9	11.6
13-15 years	85	1.8	5.3
16-18 years	28	.6	1.7
19 years and above	18	.4	1.1
Total	1609	33.5	100.0
No Response	3195	66.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
What is the total number of years that you have spent attending Adventist schools?	1609	1	25	6.38	3.949

Section 2: Household and Religious Demographics

Range of number of people in immediate household

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-3	833	17.3	18.1
4-6	1910	39.8	41.5
7-9	1050	21.9	22.8
10-12	487	10.1	10.6
13-15	164	3.4	3.6
16-18	63	1.3	1.4
19 and above	98	2.0	2.1
Total	4605	95.9	100.0
No Response	199	4.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
How many people live in your immediate household (including yourself)?	4605	1	26	6.58	3.957

Range of number of people in immediate household observing the Sabbath

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-3	1321	27.5	28.6
4-6	1959	40.8	42.4
7-9	894	18.6	19.4
10-12	304	6.3	6.6
13-15	92	1.9	2.0
16-18	32	.7	.7
19 and above	17	.4	.4
Total	4619	96.1	100.0
No Response	185	3.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
How many people in your immediate household (including yourself) observe the Sabbath?	4619	1	23	5.34	3.184

Marital status

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Married and living with your spouse	2417	50.3	51.8
Married and living apart	229	4.8	4.9
Never married/single	1580	32.9	33.9
Divorced and single	87	1.8	1.9
Separated	71	1.5	1.5
Widowed	129	2.7	2.8
Living together, not married	151	3.1	3.2
Total	4664	97.1	100.0
No Response	140	2.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1820	37.9	42.2
Yes	2494	51.9	57.8
Total	4314	89.8	100.0
No Response	490	10.2	
Total	4804	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	2374	49.4	57.8
Yes	1733	36.1	42.2
Total	4107	85.5	100.0
No Response	697	14.5	
Total	4804	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	2876	59.9	64.4
No, I have at least one child who is still part of the church, and at least one child who has left the church.	209	4.4	4.7
No, none of my children are still part of the church.	96	2.0	2.1
I do not have any children.	1288	26.8	28.8
Total	4469	93.0	100.0
No Response	335	7.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

History with the Seventh-day Adventist Church

I am a Seventh-day Adventist.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	196	4.1	4.5
Yes	4132	86.0	95.5
Total	4328	90.1	100.0
No Response	476	9.9	
Total	4804	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	345	7.2	8.0
Yes	3993	83.1	92.0
Total	4338	90.3	100.0
No Response	466	9.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1986	41.3	47.9
Yes	2164	45.0	52.1
Total	4150	86.4	100.0
No Response	654	13.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1338	27.9	32.4
Yes	2788	58.0	67.6
Total	4126	85.9	100.0
No Response	678	14.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2267	47.2	56.8
Yes	1721	35.8	43.2
Total	3988	83.0	100.0
No Response	816	17.0	
Total	4804	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	2472	51.5	60.7
Yes	1598	33.3	39.3
Total	4070	84.7	100.0
No Response	734	15.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2341	48.7	62.0
Yes	1432	29.8	38.0
Total	3773	78.5	100.0
No Response	1031	21.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

Range of years as SDA church member

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1-9 years	1041	21.7	23.8
10-19 years	1142	23.8	26.1
20-29 years	1184	24.6	27.0
30-39 years	618	12.9	14.1
40-49 years	292	6.1	6.7
50-59 years	76	1.6	1.7
60 years and above	9	.2	.2
Not a Seventh-day Adventist Church member	6	.1	.1
Baptized in 2022	11	.2	.3
Total	4379	91.2	100.0
No Response	425	8.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Number of years as a Seventh-day Adventist Church member	4362	1	68	20.37	12.572

*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.	2522	52.5	54.4
I grew up in the church, but left for a while before returning one or more times.	136	2.8	2.9
My immediate family and I joined the Adventist Church before I reached the age of 13.	235	4.9	5.1
I joined the Adventist Church before I reached the age of 13, although my immediate family did not.	188	3.9	4.1
I did not grow up in the church and joined while aged 13-20.	627	13.1	13.5
I did not grow up in the church and joined after age 20.	925	19.3	20.0
Total	4633	96.4	100.0
No Response	171	3.6	
Total	4804	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	3438	71.6	73.3
No	1254	26.1	26.7
Total	4692	97.7	100.0
No Response	112	2.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
less than 25	355	7.4	7.7
25-50	654	13.6	14.1
51-100	898	18.7	19.4
101-150	673	14.0	14.6
151-200	579	12.1	12.5
201-300	576	12.0	12.5
301-400	465	9.7	10.1
401-500	152	3.2	3.3
501-1000	225	4.7	4.9
1001-2000	30	.6	.6
more than 2000	18	.4	.4
Total	4625	96.3	100.0
No Response	179	3.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

Approximately what is the membership size of your church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
less than 25	340	7.1	7.4
25-50	502	10.4	10.9
51-100	807	16.8	17.5
101-150	521	10.8	11.3
151-200	620	12.9	13.4
201-300	690	14.4	15.0
301-400	441	9.2	9.6
401-500	260	5.4	5.6
501-1000	322	6.7	7.0
1001-2000	86	1.8	1.9
more than 2000	23	.5	.5
Total	4612	96.0	100.0
No Response	192	4.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

What is the setting where the church is located?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Large city center (downtown)	1488	31.0	32.1
Elsewhere in a large city	584	12.2	12.6
In a suburb of a large city	705	14.7	15.2
A smaller city	549	11.4	11.8
A small town or village	888	18.5	19.1
A rural area	426	8.9	9.2
Total	4640	96.6	100.0
No Response	164	3.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2127	44.3	48.7
Yes	2237	46.6	51.3
Total	4364	90.8	100.0
No Response	440	9.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3137	65.3	77.4
Yes	914	19.0	22.6
Total	4051	84.3	100.0
No Response	753	15.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2695	56.1	64.7
Yes	1471	30.6	35.3
Total	4166	86.7	100.0
No Response	638	13.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	3370	70.1	84.2
Yes	632	13.2	15.8
Total	4002	83.3	100.0
No Response	802	16.7	
Total	4804	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)	2828	58.9	62.2
In a family with one biological or adoptive parent, or other guardian (including a grandparent or other relative)	1017	21.2	22.4
In a foster family or in an institution	193	4.0	4.2
In some other situation	512	10.7	11.3
Total	4550	94.7	100.0
No Response	254	5.3	
Total	4804	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	1792	37.3	38.7
We decided together	810	16.9	17.5
I decided for myself	1304	27.1	28.1
Not applicable	730	15.2	15.7
Total	4636	96.5	100.0
No Response	168	3.5	
Total	4804	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.	403	8.4	8.9
I attended church through recorded or live-streamed audio or video, but otherwise did not interact with the church.	356	7.4	7.8
I attended church activities and services, but rarely participated or interacted with church members.	801	16.7	17.6
I considered myself a casual participant.	174	3.6	3.8
I considered myself an active participant.	1531	31.9	33.6
I considered myself an active leader in my church.	1285	26.7	28.2
Total	4550	94.7	100.0
No Response	254	5.3	
Total	4804	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.	305	6.3	6.7
I attend church through recorded or live-streamed audio or video, but otherwise do not interact with the church.	237	4.9	5.2
I attend church activities and services, but rarely participate or interact with church members.	725	15.1	15.8
I consider myself a casual participant.	219	4.6	4.8
I consider myself an active participant.	1735	36.1	37.8
I consider myself an active leader in my church.	1363	28.4	29.7
Total	4584	95.4	100.0
No Response	220	4.6	
Total	4804	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.	1477	30.7	31.9
My church met remotely for a period of time when we could not meet face-to-face.	2061	42.9	44.6
My church closed for a period of time and there was no remote worship option.	910	18.9	19.7
My church closed permanently.	177	3.7	3.8
Total	4625	96.3	100.0
No Response	179	3.7	
Total	4804	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.	1238	25.8	26.7
I met face-to-face with other Adventists, but not in a church (for example, in a home church).	1870	38.9	40.4
I attended my local church remotely for a period of time.	792	16.5	17.1
I attended an Adventist church located in a different place remotely for a period of time.	196	4.1	4.2
I stopped attending church for a period of time.	517	10.8	11.2
I attended a non-Adventist church either face-to-face or remotely.	21	.4	.5
Total	4634	96.5	100.0
No Response	170	3.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	2237	46.6	48.3
No	1617	33.7	34.9
I do not know	774	16.1	16.7
Total	4628	96.3	100.0
No Response	176	3.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	924	19.2	20.8
Yes	3517	73.2	79.2
Total	4441	92.4	100.0
No Response	363	7.6	
Total	4804	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	873	18.2	20.6
Yes	3358	69.9	79.4
Total	4231	88.1	100.0
No Response	573	11.9	
Total	4804	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* (80.4%) and *attended Sabbath School in person* (75.5%). More than one-half of church members *attended a prayer meeting at their local church* (60.4%) and *helped with a church ministry on Sabbath* (52.3%) 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 WAD church members. In the last 12 months, 28.9% of church members *never received a visit from their church pastor* with 29.6% received a visit at least once a month, while 26.1% *never received a visit from their church elder* with 30.1% 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.	4473	0	6	4.50	1.499
attended Sabbath School in-person.	4364	0	6	4.27	1.588
attended a prayer meeting at my local church.	4356	0	6	3.37	2.027
helped with a church ministry on Sabbath.	4207	0	6	3.15	2.067
helped with a church ministry during the week.	4182	0	6	2.88	2.124
attended a small group organized through my church.	4273	0	6	2.70	2.211
spent time meeting the needs of non-Adventists in my community.	4355	0	6	2.68	1.964
spent time forming new friendships with non-Adventists in my community.	4343	0	6	2.62	2.013
received a visit from a church member.	4262	0	6	2.60	1.994
witnessed to non-Adventists in my community.	4263	0	6	2.53	1.979
participated in communion service.	4213	0	6	2.20	1.825
attended church services remotely by radio, television, or internet.	4112	0	6	2.07	2.296
received a visit from a church elder.	4296	0	6	2.00	1.934
attended a public evangelistic meeting in my area.	4197	0	6	1.92	1.993
received a visit from my pastor.	4328	0	6	1.91	1.922
attended Sabbath School remotely by radio, television, or internet.	4125	0	6	1.73	2.183
attended a Pathfinder meeting.	4083	0	6	1.66	2.060

*Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:

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

Attended church services in-person.

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

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

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

Attended Sabbath School in-person.

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

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

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

Attended a small group organized through my church.

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

Attended a prayer meeting at my local church.

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

Attended a public evangelistic meeting in my area.

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

Attended a Pathfinder meeting.

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

Participated in communion service.

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

Helped with a church ministry on Sabbath.

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

Helped with a church ministry during the week.

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

Received a visit from my pastor.

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

Received a visit from a church elder.

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

Received a visit from a church member.

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

Witnessed to non-Adventists in my community.

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

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

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

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

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

Religious Activities Done Alone or With Family

Among the religious activities done either alone or with family, at least 60% of church members exhibit the following behaviors either more than once a week or daily or more than once a day: *read the Bible* (71.1%), *have personal prayer (at times other than meals)* (70%), *spend time thinking about Jesus' life* (67.8%), and *study the Sabbath School lesson* (62.3%). On the other hand, a significant number of the survey respondents never *use the Adventist Review magazine or website* (43.7%), *read a magazine or newsletter from their local union or conference* (38.6%), and *read Adventist World magazine or website* (35.2%).

On returning tithe, 64.4% 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
read the Bible.	4515	0	5	4.04	1.301
have personal prayer (at times other than meals).	4442	0	5	4.03	1.478
spend time thinking about Jesus' life.	4503	0	5	3.93	1.466
study the Sabbath School lesson.	4400	0	5	3.79	1.391
have morning or evening worship with members of my family.	4415	0	5	3.46	1.867
read the writings of Ellen G. White.	4258	0	5	2.26	1.781
watch Hope Channel programming.	4426	0	5	2.23	2.049
listen to an Adventist radio broadcast.	4429	0	5	2.17	1.840
watch other Adventist television channels or programming.	4432	0	5	2.02	1.933
read Adventist World magazine or website.	4404	0	5	1.56	1.644
read a magazine or newsletter from my local union or conference.	4339	0	5	1.48	1.674
use the Adventist Review magazine or website.	4358	0	5	1.30	1.615

*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	111	2.3	2.5
less than once a month	179	3.7	4.0
once or a few times a month	375	7.8	8.3
about once a week	433	9.0	9.6
more than once a week	1092	22.7	24.2
daily or more than once a day	2325	48.4	51.5
Total	4515	94.0	100.0
No Response	289	6.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

Study the Sabbath School lesson.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	217	4.5	4.9
less than once a month	180	3.7	4.1
once or a few times a month	272	5.7	6.2
about once a week	740	15.4	16.8
more than once a week	1211	25.2	27.5
daily or more than once a day	1780	37.1	40.5
Total	4400	91.6	100.0
No Response	404	8.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

Read the writings of Ellen G. White.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1048	21.8	24.6
less than once a month	601	12.5	14.1
once or a few times a month	753	15.7	17.7
about once a week	587	12.2	13.8
more than once a week	602	12.5	14.1
daily or more than once a day	667	13.9	15.7
Total	4258	88.6	100.0
No Response	546	11.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

Have morning or evening worship with members of my family.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	644	13.4	14.6
less than once a month	280	5.8	6.3
once or a few times a month	349	7.3	7.9
about once a week	356	7.4	8.1
more than once a week	693	14.4	15.7
daily or more than once a day	2093	43.6	47.4
Total	4415	91.9	100.0
No Response	389	8.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

Have personal prayer (at times other than meals).

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	230	4.8	5.2
less than once a month	185	3.9	4.2
once or a few times a month	354	7.4	8.0
about once a week	312	6.5	7.0
more than once a week	730	15.2	16.4
daily or more than once a day	2631	54.8	59.2
Total	4442	92.5	100.0
No Response	362	7.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

Read Adventist World magazine or website.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1693	35.2	38.4
less than once a month	845	17.6	19.2
once or a few times a month	697	14.5	15.8
about once a week	404	8.4	9.2
more than once a week	427	8.9	9.7
daily or more than once a day	338	7.0	7.7
Total	4404	91.7	100.0
No Response	400	8.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

Use the Adventist Review magazine or website.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2098	43.7	48.1
less than once a month	755	15.7	17.3
once or a few times a month	548	11.4	12.6
about once a week	334	7.0	7.7
more than once a week	315	6.6	7.2
daily or more than once a day	308	6.4	7.1
Total	4358	90.7	100.0
No Response	446	9.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1855	38.6	42.8
less than once a month	733	15.3	16.9
once or a few times a month	679	14.1	15.6
about once a week	340	7.1	7.8
more than once a week	351	7.3	8.1
daily or more than once a day	381	7.9	8.8
Total	4339	90.3	100.0
No Response	465	9.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

Listen to an Adventist radio broadcast.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1314	27.4	29.7
less than once a month	589	12.3	13.3
once or a few times a month	534	11.1	12.1
about once a week	701	14.6	15.8
more than once a week	610	12.7	13.8
daily or more than once a day	681	14.2	15.4
Total	4429	92.2	100.0
No Response	375	7.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

Watch Hope Channel programming.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1614	33.6	36.5
less than once a month	405	8.4	9.2
once or a few times a month	385	8.0	8.7
about once a week	369	7.7	8.3
more than once a week	658	13.7	14.9
daily or more than once a day	995	20.7	22.5
Total	4426	92.1	100.0
No Response	378	7.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

Watch other Adventist television channels or programming.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1621	33.7	36.6
less than once a month	531	11.1	12.0
once or a few times a month	502	10.4	11.3
about once a week	444	9.2	10.0
more than once a week	581	12.1	13.1
daily or more than once a day	753	15.7	17.0
Total	4432	92.3	100.0
No Response	372	7.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

Spend time thinking about Jesus' life.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	161	3.4	3.6
less than once a month	314	6.5	7.0
once or a few times a month	367	7.6	8.2
about once a week	402	8.4	8.9
more than once a week	838	17.4	18.6
daily or more than once a day	2421	50.4	53.8
Total	4503	93.7	100.0
No Response	301	6.3	
Total	4804	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).	3093	64.4	70.0
I do not indicate it as tithe at the time of giving and simply place it in the offering plate.	557	11.6	12.6
I distribute those ten percent at my discretion.	423	8.8	9.6
I do not return tithe.	343	7.1	7.8
Total	4416	91.9	100.0
No Response	388	8.1	
Total	4804	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 40% or more of the survey participants is at least about once a week are: *to study the Bible* (53.1%), *for any purpose* (51.2%), and *to read or respond to posts by Adventist churches, organizations, and institutions* (42%). At least 30% of church members never use social media *as a distraction from other activities that they should be doing* (42%), *to worship with other believers (other than for a church service)* (37.8%), *to learn about the life of Ellen G. White* (30.9%), and *to read and connect to the writings of Ellen G. White*.

*Frequency of social media use most of the time***Descriptive Statistics**

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
to study my Bible.	4412	0	5	3.23	1.822
for any purpose.	4372	0	5	3.10	2.024
to read or respond to posts by Adventist churches, organizations, and institutions.	4360	0	5	2.76	1.909
to share Bible studies with family, friends, or other people in my social network.	4394	0	5	2.64	1.828
to help advance the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.	4381	0	5	2.56	1.819
to attend church.	4282	0	5	2.50	1.966
to share about prayer requests and answered prayer.	4353	0	5	2.47	1.854
to pray with others.	4346	0	5	2.47	1.860
to learn about religious topics that pastors or Sabbath School teachers have not talked about.	4399	0	5	2.45	1.843
to read or respond to posts by other Christian churches, organizations, and institutions.	4328	0	5	2.14	1.905
to read and connect to the writings of Ellen G. White.	4318	0	5	1.88	1.776
to learn about the life of Ellen G. White.	4273	0	5	1.80	1.759
to worship with other believers (other than for a church service).	4308	0	5	1.66	1.793
as a distraction from other activities that I should be doing.	4252	0	5	1.58	1.837

*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	972	20.2	22.2
less than once a month	283	5.9	6.5
once or a few times a month	319	6.6	7.3
about once a week	335	7.0	7.7
more than once a week	703	14.6	16.1
daily or more than once a day	1760	36.6	40.3
Total	4372	91.0	100.0
No Response	432	9.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	970	20.2	22.2
less than once a month	378	7.9	8.7
once or a few times a month	515	10.7	11.8
about once a week	481	10.0	11.0
more than once a week	897	18.7	20.6
daily or more than once a day	1119	23.3	25.7
Total	4360	90.8	100.0
No Response	444	9.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1408	29.3	32.5
less than once a month	527	11.0	12.2
once or a few times a month	550	11.4	12.7
about once a week	453	9.4	10.5
more than once a week	666	13.9	15.4
daily or more than once a day	724	15.1	16.7
Total	4328	90.1	100.0
No Response	476	9.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

To study my Bible.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	677	14.1	15.3
less than once a month	280	5.8	6.3
once or a few times a month	478	10.0	10.8
about once a week	428	8.9	9.7
more than once a week	999	20.8	22.6
daily or more than once a day	1550	32.3	35.1
Total	4412	91.8	100.0
No Response	392	8.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

To share about prayer requests and answered prayer.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1069	22.3	24.6
less than once a month	458	9.5	10.5
once or a few times a month	630	13.1	14.5
about once a week	571	11.9	13.1
more than once a week	803	16.7	18.4
daily or more than once a day	822	17.1	18.9
Total	4353	90.6	100.0
No Response	451	9.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

To pray with others.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1043	21.7	24.0
less than once a month	528	11.0	12.1
once or a few times a month	600	12.5	13.8
about once a week	546	11.4	12.6
more than once a week	784	16.3	18.0
daily or more than once a day	845	17.6	19.4
Total	4346	90.5	100.0
No Response	458	9.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

To learn about the life of Ellen G. White.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1483	30.9	34.7
less than once a month	743	15.5	17.4
once or a few times a month	643	13.4	15.0
about once a week	412	8.6	9.6
more than once a week	525	10.9	12.3
daily or more than once a day	467	9.7	10.9
Total	4273	88.9	100.0
No Response	531	11.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1440	30.0	33.3
less than once a month	733	15.3	17.0
once or a few times a month	610	12.7	14.1
about once a week	498	10.4	11.5
more than once a week	529	11.0	12.3
daily or more than once a day	508	10.6	11.8
Total	4318	89.9	100.0
No Response	486	10.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	917	19.1	20.9
less than once a month	527	11.0	12.0
once or a few times a month	689	14.3	15.7
about once a week	585	12.2	13.4
more than once a week	779	16.2	17.8
daily or more than once a day	884	18.4	20.2
Total	4381	91.2	100.0
No Response	423	8.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1043	21.7	23.7
less than once a month	571	11.9	13.0
once or a few times a month	591	12.3	13.4
about once a week	581	12.1	13.2
more than once a week	805	16.8	18.3
daily or more than once a day	808	16.8	18.4
Total	4399	91.6	100.0
No Response	405	8.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	858	17.9	19.5
less than once a month	570	11.9	13.0
once or a few times a month	598	12.4	13.6
about once a week	609	12.7	13.9
more than once a week	795	16.5	18.1
daily or more than once a day	964	20.1	21.9
Total	4394	91.5	100.0
No Response	410	8.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

To attend church.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1246	25.9	29.1
less than once a month	400	8.3	9.3
once or a few times a month	293	6.1	6.8
about once a week	523	10.9	12.2
more than once a week	930	19.4	21.7
daily or more than once a day	890	18.5	20.8
Total	4282	89.1	100.0
No Response	522	10.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1818	37.8	42.2
less than once a month	615	12.8	14.3
once or a few times a month	495	10.3	11.5
about once a week	382	8.0	8.9
more than once a week	581	12.1	13.5
daily or more than once a day	417	8.7	9.7
Total	4308	89.7	100.0
No Response	496	10.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	2016	42.0	47.4
less than once a month	492	10.2	11.6
once or a few times a month	410	8.5	9.6
about once a week	374	7.8	8.8
more than once a week	497	10.3	11.7
daily or more than once a day	463	9.6	10.9
Total	4252	88.5	100.0
No Response	552	11.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

Effects of Social Media Use

On average, 78% of the survey respondents use social media. Among those who use social media, a substantial number find social media use as *making them feel more connected to friends and family* (79.6%), as *good for their spiritual well-being* (49.4%), and as *good for their mental health* (48%). Approximately fifty-nine percent (58.6%) *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.	3863	1	5	3.93	1.057
When I cannot use social media, I feel like I am missing out on what is happening	3783	1	5	3.42	1.333
When I use social media, it is good for my spiritual well-being.	3700	1	5	3.25	1.206
When I use social media, it is good for my mental health.	3649	1	5	3.19	1.214
When I use social media, I have been hurt by other people's words.	3680	1	5	3.10	1.206
When I use social media, I find it hard to stop when I need to.	3761	1	5	2.96	1.322

*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	758	15.8	17.2
Strongly disagree	468	9.7	10.6
Disagree	572	11.9	13.0
I am not sure	857	17.8	19.4
Agree	1318	27.4	29.9
Strongly agree	434	9.0	9.8
Total	4407	91.7	100.0
No Response	397	8.3	
Total	4804	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	612	12.7	14.2
Strongly disagree	392	8.2	9.1
Disagree	653	13.6	15.1
I am not sure	824	17.2	19.1
Agree	1315	27.4	30.5
Strongly agree	516	10.7	12.0
Total	4312	89.8	100.0
No Response	492	10.2	
Total	4804	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	481	10.0	11.1
Strongly disagree	178	3.7	4.1
Disagree	291	6.1	6.7
I am not sure	359	7.5	8.3
Agree	1826	38.0	42.0
Strongly agree	1209	25.2	27.8
Total	4344	90.4	100.0
No Response	460	9.6	
Total	4804	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	729	15.2	17.0
Strongly disagree	890	18.5	20.8
Disagree	1354	28.2	31.6
I am not sure	528	11.0	12.3
Agree	529	11.0	12.3
Strongly agree	258	5.4	6.0
Total	4288	89.3	100.0
No Response	516	10.7	
Total	4804	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	629	13.1	14.6
Strongly disagree	429	8.9	10.0
Disagree	841	17.5	19.5
I am not sure	741	15.4	17.2
Agree	1281	26.7	29.7
Strongly agree	388	8.1	9.0
Total	4309	89.7	100.0
No Response	495	10.3	
Total	4804	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	593	12.3	13.6
Strongly disagree	537	11.2	12.3
Disagree	1170	24.4	26.9
I am not sure	546	11.4	12.5
Agree	924	19.2	21.2
Strongly agree	584	12.2	13.4
Total	4354	90.6	100.0
No Response	450	9.4	
Total	4804	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	488	10.2	11.4
Strongly disagree	448	9.3	10.5
Disagree	637	13.3	14.9
I am not sure	481	10.0	11.3
Agree	1299	27.0	30.4
Strongly agree	918	19.1	21.5
Total	4271	88.9	100.0
No Response	533	11.1	
Total	4804	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* (74.5%), *Annual Week of Prayer* (72.4%), *Revival and Reformation* (61.8%), *Total Member Involvement* (57.6%), and *I Will Go Strategic Focus 2020-2025* (51.7%). More than 30% of church members have heard about *Mission to the Cities* (32.3%) and *Comprehensive Health Ministry* (32.6%) and but have not participated. Moreover, at least a quarter of the survey participants have not heard of the *Enditnow* (28.8%), *Adventist Possibility Ministries* (27.9%), and *Mission to the Cities* (25%) programs/initiatives.

I Will Go Strategic Focus 2020-2025

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	735	15.3	16.5
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1231	25.6	27.7
I have participated in the program	2483	51.7	55.8
Total	4449	92.6	100.0
No Response	355	7.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

Total Member Involvement

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	476	9.9	11.0
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1078	22.4	24.9
I have participated in the program	2767	57.6	64.0
Total	4321	89.9	100.0
No Response	483	10.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

Revival and Reformation

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	410	8.5	9.3
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1033	21.5	23.4
I have participated in the program	2970	61.8	67.3
Total	4413	91.9	100.0
No Response	391	8.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

Mission to the Cities

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1200	25.0	27.8
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1554	32.3	36.0
I have participated in the program	1559	32.5	36.1
Total	4313	89.8	100.0
No Response	491	10.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

Comprehensive Health Ministry

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1137	23.7	26.4
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1565	32.6	36.4
I have participated in the program	1601	33.3	37.2
Total	4303	89.6	100.0
No Response	501	10.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

Believe His Prophets

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	910	18.9	21.0
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1230	25.6	28.4
I have participated in the program	2187	45.5	50.5
Total	4327	90.1	100.0
No Response	477	9.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

10 Days of Prayer

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	250	5.2	5.6
I have heard about this program, but not participated	616	12.8	13.9
I have participated in the program	3581	74.5	80.5
Total	4447	92.6	100.0
No Response	357	7.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

Adventist Possibility Ministries

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1340	27.9	31.2
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1292	26.9	30.1
I have participated in the program	1666	34.7	38.8
Total	4298	89.5	100.0
No Response	506	10.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

Annual Week of Prayer

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	265	5.5	6.0
I have heard about this program, but not participated	662	13.8	15.0
I have participated in the program	3480	72.4	79.0
Total	4407	91.7	100.0
No Response	397	8.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

Global Mission

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	653	13.6	15.0
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1392	29.0	31.9
I have participated in the program	2314	48.2	53.1
Total	4359	90.7	100.0
No Response	445	9.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

Enditnow

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I have not heard of this program	1384	28.8	31.9
I have heard about this program, but not participated	1102	22.9	25.4
I have participated in the program	1846	38.4	42.6
Total	4332	90.2	100.0
No Response	472	9.8	
Total	4804	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 WAD is through announcements in church and by word of mouth and this is done *once a month* in the last 12 months, on average. At least 30% of the respondents have *never* received information about these programs and initiatives *by reading a website* (39.3%) and *on the television or radio* (32%).

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	4326	0	5	3.37	1.578
By word of mouth	4258	0	5	2.65	1.813
On social media	4238	0	5	2.37	1.936
At a seminar or meeting	4152	0	5	2.23	1.605
By reading a church publication	4140	0	5	2.21	1.779
On the television or radio	4115	0	5	1.96	1.889
By reading a website	4150	0	5	1.62	1.820

**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	803	16.7	18.9
only once or twice	554	11.5	13.0
at least once a quarter	642	13.4	15.1
once a month	467	9.7	11.0
almost every week	914	19.0	21.5
every week	878	18.3	20.6
Total	4258	88.6	100.0
No Response	546	11.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

At church

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	261	5.4	6.0
only once or twice	419	8.7	9.7
at least once a quarter	656	13.7	15.2
once a month	489	10.2	11.3
almost every week	1103	23.0	25.5
every week	1398	29.1	32.3
Total	4326	90.0	100.0
No Response	478	10.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

At a seminar or meeting

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	863	18.0	20.8
only once or twice	547	11.4	13.2
at least once a quarter	943	19.6	22.7
once a month	807	16.8	19.4
almost every week	566	11.8	13.6
every week	426	8.9	10.3
Total	4152	86.4	100.0
No Response	652	13.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

By reading a church publication

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1093	22.8	26.4
only once or twice	547	11.4	13.2
at least once a quarter	696	14.5	16.8
once a month	582	12.1	14.1
almost every week	644	13.4	15.6
every week	578	12.0	14.0
Total	4140	86.2	100.0
No Response	664	13.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

On the television or radio

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1539	32.0	37.4
only once or twice	508	10.6	12.3
at least once a quarter	422	8.8	10.3
once a month	424	8.8	10.3
almost every week	679	14.1	16.5
every week	543	11.3	13.2
Total	4115	85.7	100.0
No Response	689	14.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

By reading a website

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1889	39.3	45.5
only once or twice	513	10.7	12.4
at least once a quarter	375	7.8	9.0
once a month	428	8.9	10.3
almost every week	534	11.1	12.9
every week	411	8.6	9.9
Total	4150	86.4	100.0
No Response	654	13.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

On social media

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
never	1211	25.2	28.6
only once or twice	559	11.6	13.2
at least once a quarter	390	8.1	9.2
once a month	430	9.0	10.1
almost every week	845	17.6	19.9
every week	803	16.7	18.9
Total	4238	88.2	100.0
No Response	566	11.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

Section 4: Religious Attitudes and Experiences

To have a better understanding of the different types of experiences of members in the SDA church, the survey asked about church members' religious attitudes and experiences with their face-to-face or virtual interactions not only in the local church but also in the Adventist community. More than three-fourths of church member participants *apply what they learn from the Bible to their daily lives* (83.7%), *apply what they learn from Sabbath School lessons to their daily lives* (83.5%), *feel proud of their local church and its role and reputation in their community* (79.6%), *feel that their pastor cares* (79.6%) and *other people* (76.8%) *care about them*, agree that *youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of their local church* (79.9%), and perceive that their *local has a program for preparing young people to become leaders* (76.7%). Less than 50% of church members are in agreement to the following statements: *I attend a church that makes worship services available online* (34%) and *Although I am religious, it does not affect my daily life* (42.8%).

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Deviation
I apply what I learn from Sabbath School lessons to my daily life.	4503	1	5	4.24	.799
I apply what I learn from the Bible to my daily life.	4515	1	5	4.23	.817
I feel proud of my local church and its role and reputation in my community.	4475	1	5	4.16	.911
My pastor cares about me.	4518	1	5	4.15	.920
Youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of my local church.	4515	1	5	4.10	.897
My local church has a program for preparing young people to become leaders.	4530	1	5	4.05	.986
Other people in my church care about me.	4462	1	5	4.05	.846
My conference/mission has a program for preparing young people to become leaders.	4500	1	5	4.01	.970
My local church offers training on nurture and discipling of church members.	4520	1	5	3.94	1.034
Youth and young adults play an important role in decision-making in my local church.	4508	1	5	3.92	1.036
My Sabbath School teachers or leaders care about me.	4476	1	5	3.92	1.004
I apply what I learn from Ellen White's writings to my daily life.	4456	1	5	3.89	.999
My local church has the ability to communicate across cultures, clans, tribes, and religion.	4451	1	5	3.78	1.042
My local church has a program for preparing new members to become leaders.	4477	1	5	3.75	1.027
My local church offers training on conflict resolution and reconciliation.	4475	1	5	3.62	1.114
I attend a church that plans activities for everyone in my family.	4442	1	5	3.54	1.191
I currently provide financial support for children (mine or others) to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school.	4410	1	5	3.12	1.343
Although I am religious, it does not affect my daily life.	4416	1	5	3.03	1.407
I attend a church that makes worship services available online.	4404	1	5	2.77	1.415

*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	219	4.6	4.9
Disagree	172	3.6	3.8
I am not sure	627	13.1	14.0
Agree	2205	45.9	49.3
Strongly agree	1253	26.1	28.0
Total	4476	93.2	100.0
No Response	328	6.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

My pastor cares about me.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	143	3.0	3.2
Disagree	111	2.3	2.5
I am not sure	437	9.1	9.7
Agree	2068	43.0	45.8
Strongly agree	1759	36.6	38.9
Total	4518	94.0	100.0
No Response	286	6.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

Other people in my church care about me.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	99	2.1	2.2
Disagree	112	2.3	2.5
I am not sure	561	11.7	12.6
Agree	2382	49.6	53.4
Strongly agree	1308	27.2	29.3
Total	4462	92.9	100.0
No Response	342	7.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	122	2.5	2.7
Disagree	146	3.0	3.3
I am not sure	387	8.1	8.6
Agree	2059	42.9	46.0
Strongly agree	1761	36.7	39.4
Total	4475	93.2	100.0
No Response	329	6.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	378	7.9	8.5
Disagree	538	11.2	12.1
I am not sure	761	15.8	17.1
Agree	1837	38.2	41.4
Strongly agree	928	19.3	20.9
Total	4442	92.5	100.0
No Response	362	7.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

I attend a church that makes worship services available online.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1133	23.6	25.7
Disagree	1001	20.8	22.7
I am not sure	636	13.2	14.4
Agree	1006	20.9	22.8
Strongly agree	628	13.1	14.3
Total	4404	91.7	100.0
No Response	400	8.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	219	4.6	4.9
Disagree	261	5.4	5.8
I am not sure	520	10.8	11.5
Agree	2175	45.3	48.2
Strongly agree	1333	27.7	29.6
Total	4508	93.8	100.0
No Response	296	6.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	123	2.6	2.7
Disagree	164	3.4	3.6
I am not sure	388	8.1	8.6
Agree	2315	48.2	51.3
Strongly agree	1525	31.7	33.8
Total	4515	94.0	100.0
No Response	289	6.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	174	3.6	3.8
Disagree	186	3.9	4.1
I am not sure	489	10.2	10.8
Agree	2064	43.0	45.6
Strongly agree	1617	33.7	35.7
Total	4530	94.3	100.0
No Response	274	5.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	158	3.3	3.5
Disagree	178	3.7	4.0
I am not sure	614	12.8	13.6
Agree	2062	42.9	45.8
Strongly agree	1488	31.0	33.1
Total	4500	93.7	100.0
No Response	304	6.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	192	4.0	4.3
Disagree	337	7.0	7.5
I am not sure	898	18.7	20.1
Agree	2024	42.1	45.2
Strongly agree	1026	21.4	22.9
Total	4477	93.2	100.0
No Response	327	6.8	
Total	4804	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	705	14.7	16.0
Disagree	875	18.2	19.8
I am not sure	787	16.4	17.8
Agree	1286	26.8	29.2
Strongly agree	757	15.8	17.2
Total	4410	91.8	100.0
No Response	394	8.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	88	1.8	1.9
Disagree	84	1.7	1.9
I am not sure	325	6.8	7.2
Agree	2218	46.2	49.1
Strongly agree	1800	37.5	39.9
Total	4515	94.0	100.0
No Response	289	6.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	77	1.6	1.7
Disagree	71	1.5	1.6
I am not sure	345	7.2	7.7
Agree	2189	45.6	48.6
Strongly agree	1821	37.9	40.4
Total	4503	93.7	100.0
No Response	301	6.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	184	3.8	4.1
Disagree	249	5.2	5.6
I am not sure	650	13.5	14.6
Agree	2170	45.2	48.7
Strongly agree	1203	25.0	27.0
Total	4456	92.8	100.0
No Response	348	7.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	875	18.2	19.8
Disagree	913	19.0	20.7
I am not sure	568	11.8	12.9
Agree	1304	27.1	29.5
Strongly agree	756	15.7	17.1
Total	4416	91.9	100.0
No Response	388	8.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	210	4.4	4.7
Disagree	309	6.4	6.9
I am not sure	827	17.2	18.6
Agree	2008	41.8	45.1
Strongly agree	1097	22.8	24.6
Total	4451	92.7	100.0
No Response	353	7.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

My local church offers training on conflict resolution and reconciliation.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	299	6.2	6.7
Disagree	390	8.1	8.7
I am not sure	988	20.6	22.1
Agree	1838	38.3	41.1
Strongly agree	960	20.0	21.5
Total	4475	93.2	100.0
No Response	329	6.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	203	4.2	4.5
Disagree	246	5.1	5.4
I am not sure	603	12.6	13.3
Agree	2038	42.4	45.1
Strongly agree	1430	29.8	31.6
Total	4520	94.1	100.0
No Response	284	5.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

Only 38.3% 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 (67.5%) or at an Adventist Book Center Store (52.8%)*.

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes, always.	1839	38.3	44.0
Yes, for one or more of Patriarchs and Prophets, ... but not always for others.	954	19.9	22.8
Only sometimes.	633	13.2	15.1
No, not at all.	400	8.3	9.6
I have not tried to access books by Ellen G. White.	325	6.8	7.8
I do not know who Ellen G. White is.	28	.6	.7
Total	4179	87.0	100.0
No Response	625	13.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2426	50.5	56.3
Yes	1886	39.3	43.7
Total	4312	89.8	100.0
No Response	492	10.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	2287	47.6	54.6
Yes	1899	39.5	45.4
Total	4186	87.1	100.0
No Response	618	12.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

Access to printed publications available at local church book center

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1901	39.6	44.8
Yes	2341	48.7	55.2
Total	4242	88.3	100.0
No Response	562	11.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

Access to printed publications available at an Adventist Book Center Store

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1702	35.4	40.2
Yes	2535	52.8	59.8
Total	4237	88.2	100.0
No Response	567	11.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	1046	21.8	24.4
Yes	3242	67.5	75.6
Total	4288	89.3	100.0
No Response	516	10.7	
Total	4804	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.

Less than 20% responded that their local church's nurturing and reaching out activities and their involvement are at the right level. On average, survey participants think that the nurturing and reaching out activities of their local church as well as their involvement in these activities need to increase as signified by at least 70% of the church members.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Deviation
Overall reclaiming of former members by my church...	4313	1	5	4.22	.860
My involvement in reclaiming of former church members...	4330	1	5	4.21	.838
Overall efforts by my church to meet the needs of my local community...	4357	1	5	4.14	.844
Overall inclusion of young people in carrying out the mission of my local church...	4342	1	5	4.14	.854
My involvement in including young people in carrying out the mission of my local church...	4340	1	5	4.13	.843
My involvement in efforts to meet the needs of my local community through my church...	4366	1	5	4.12	.821
Overall evangelistic outreach by my church in the local community...	4353	1	5	4.11	.897
Overall caring for and nurturing members by my church...	4343	1	5	4.10	.842
My involvement in evangelistic outreach by my church to the local community...	4387	1	5	4.10	.836
My involvement in caring for and nurturing local church members...	4353	1	5	4.09	.837

*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	123	2.6	2.7
Needs to decrease greatly	93	1.9	2.1
Needs to decrease somewhat	53	1.1	1.2
Is at the right level	820	17.1	18.3
Needs to increase somewhat	1698	35.3	37.9
Needs to increase greatly	1689	35.2	37.7
Total	4476	93.2	100.0
No Response	328	6.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	77	1.6	1.7
Needs to decrease greatly	55	1.1	1.2
Needs to decrease somewhat	73	1.5	1.6
Is at the right level	783	16.3	17.5
Needs to increase somewhat	1937	40.3	43.4
Needs to increase greatly	1539	32.0	34.5
Total	4464	92.9	100.0
No Response	340	7.1	
Total	4804	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	104	2.2	2.3
Needs to decrease greatly	62	1.3	1.4
Needs to decrease somewhat	74	1.5	1.7
Is at the right level	702	14.6	15.7
Needs to increase somewhat	1887	39.3	42.3
Needs to increase greatly	1632	34.0	36.6
Total	4461	92.9	100.0
No Response	343	7.1	
Total	4804	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	99	2.1	2.2
Needs to decrease greatly	52	1.1	1.2
Needs to decrease somewhat	72	1.5	1.6
Is at the right level	706	14.7	15.8
Needs to increase somewhat	1992	41.5	44.6
Needs to increase greatly	1544	32.1	34.6
Total	4465	92.9	100.0
No Response	339	7.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	91	1.9	2.1
Needs to decrease greatly	50	1.0	1.1
Needs to decrease somewhat	83	1.7	1.9
Is at the right level	786	16.4	17.7
Needs to increase somewhat	1870	38.9	42.2
Needs to increase greatly	1554	32.3	35.0
Total	4434	92.3	100.0
No Response	370	7.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	85	1.8	1.9
Needs to decrease greatly	58	1.2	1.3
Needs to decrease somewhat	78	1.6	1.8
Is at the right level	772	16.1	17.4
Needs to increase somewhat	1972	41.0	44.4
Needs to increase greatly	1473	30.7	33.2
Total	4438	92.4	100.0
No Response	366	7.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

Overall reclaiming of former members by my church...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	137	2.9	3.1
Needs to decrease greatly	58	1.2	1.3
Needs to decrease somewhat	89	1.9	2.0
Is at the right level	605	12.6	13.6
Needs to increase somewhat	1640	34.1	36.9
Needs to increase greatly	1921	40.0	43.2
Total	4450	92.6	100.0
No Response	354	7.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

My involvement in reclaiming of former church members...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Does not apply to my church	137	2.9	3.1
Needs to decrease greatly	49	1.0	1.1
Needs to decrease somewhat	89	1.9	2.0
Is at the right level	599	12.5	13.4
Needs to increase somewhat	1759	36.6	39.4
Needs to increase greatly	1834	38.2	41.1
Total	4467	93.0	100.0
No Response	337	7.0	
Total	4804	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	80	1.7	1.8
Needs to decrease greatly	47	1.0	1.1
Needs to decrease somewhat	96	2.0	2.2
Is at the right level	758	15.8	17.1
Needs to increase somewhat	1757	36.6	39.7
Needs to increase greatly	1684	35.1	38.1
Total	4422	92.0	100.0
No Response	382	8.0	
Total	4804	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	85	1.8	1.9
Needs to decrease greatly	56	1.2	1.3
Needs to decrease somewhat	83	1.7	1.9
Is at the right level	707	14.7	16.0
Needs to increase somewhat	1878	39.1	42.4
Needs to increase greatly	1616	33.6	36.5
Total	4425	92.1	100.0
No Response	379	7.9	
Total	4804	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 4.12 with a standard deviation of 1.108. Forty-six 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 4.75 with a standard deviation of .745. More than 80% (80.8%) of the church members responded that it is very likely that they will attend the SDA church for the rest of their life. Moreover, 82.6% indicated that they are currently fully committed Jesus Christ, whether their commitment to Christ has developed gradually over a period of time (30.5%) or came suddenly and was changed (14.3%), or they have been committed to Christ since they were young (37.8%).

How satisfied are you with your local church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Very dissatisfied	247	5.1	5.5
2	111	2.3	2.5
3	719	15.0	15.9
4	1228	25.6	27.2
Very satisfied	2203	45.9	48.9
Total	4508	93.8	100.0
No Response	296	6.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Degree of satisfaction of members with local SDA church	4508	1	5	4.12	1.108

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	98	2.0	2.2
2	26	.5	.6
3	161	3.4	3.6
4	357	7.4	7.9
Very likely	3881	80.8	85.8
Total	4523	94.2	100.0
No Response	281	5.8	
Total	4804	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	4523	1	5	4.75	.745

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

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

Attitudes that May Not Always Relate to Religion

More than half of the survey participants indicated that they often *feel their life is filled with meaning and purpose* (61.2%), *feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world* (55.2%), and *help others with their religious questions and struggles* (55.1%). Approximately one-fifth of the respondents (18.8%) 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.	4162	1	5	4.54	.873
I feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world.	4486	1	5	4.30	1.050
I help others with their religious questions and struggles.	4481	1	5	4.24	1.110
I give a significant amount of time to help other people.	4464	1	5	4.19	1.047
I show that I care a great deal about reducing poverty in society.	4439	1	5	3.94	1.215
I give a significant amount of money to help other people.	4425	1	5	3.75	1.276
I apply my faith to political and social issues.	4365	1	5	3.49	1.557

I help others with their religious questions and struggles.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	208	4.3	4.6
2	174	3.6	3.9
3	576	12.0	12.9
4	878	18.3	19.6
Often	2645	55.1	59.0
Total	4481	93.3	100.0
No Response	323	6.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	191	4.0	4.3
2	125	2.6	2.8
3	482	10.0	10.7
4	1036	21.6	23.1
Often	2652	55.2	59.1
Total	4486	93.4	100.0
No Response	318	6.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	145	3.0	3.2
2	172	3.6	3.9
3	711	14.8	15.9
4	1080	22.5	24.2
Often	2356	49.0	52.8
Total	4464	92.9	100.0
No Response	340	7.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	345	7.2	7.8
2	436	9.1	9.9
3	908	18.9	20.5
4	1016	21.1	23.0
Often	1720	35.8	38.9
Total	4425	92.1	100.0
No Response	379	7.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	280	5.8	6.3
2	327	6.8	7.4
3	756	15.7	17.0
4	1089	22.7	24.5
Often	1987	41.4	44.8
Total	4439	92.4	100.0
No Response	365	7.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

I apply my faith to political and social issues.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	902	18.8	20.7
2	350	7.3	8.0
3	512	10.7	11.7
4	911	19.0	20.9
Often	1690	35.2	38.7
Total	4365	90.9	100.0
No Response	439	9.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

I feel my life is filled with meaning and purpose.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	104	2.2	2.5
2	61	1.3	1.5
3	263	5.5	6.3
4	792	16.5	19.0
Often	2942	61.2	70.7
Total	4162	86.6	100.0
No Response	642	13.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

Sabbath-Keeping Experience

More than 85% of the church members *cope better with the stresses of the week when they keep the Sabbath faithfully* (86.4%) and signified that *keeping the Sabbath is part of who they are and not something that they do because they have to* (87.4%).

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	82	1.7	1.8
Disagree	63	1.3	1.4
I am not sure	197	4.1	4.4
Agree	1472	30.6	32.7
Strongly agree	2681	55.8	59.6
Total	4495	93.6	100.0
No Response	309	6.4	
Total	4804	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	64	1.3	1.4
Disagree	81	1.7	1.8
I am not sure	168	3.5	3.7
Agree	1237	25.7	27.4
Strongly agree	2966	61.7	65.7
Total	4516	94.0	100.0
No Response	288	6.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

Church Members' Well-Being

In general, the descriptions of positive well-being are mostly true for the church members over the past 12 months. They indicated that they *more often have a sense of gratitude and have grown spiritually leading to spending more time thinking about spiritual questions and changing their priorities*. Despite the pandemic, 57.6% signified that *their faith has **not** been shaken and they are **sure** what they believe* and 44.4% never felt to have lost some spiritual meaning that they had before. On average, 47.5% have never been bothered by feelings of discouragement, depression, or hopelessness over the last two weeks. It should be noted, though, that there were some who *have had suicidal thoughts (9.3%), have attempted suicide (4.1%), and have harmed themselves (9.4%)* 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.	4399	1	5	4.14	.956
I have grown spiritually.	4477	1	5	3.87	1.095
Because of spiritual changes I have been through I have changed my priorities.	4411	1	5	3.82	1.115
I spend more time thinking about spiritual questions.	4325	1	5	3.77	1.147
In some ways I think I am spiritually lost.	4311	1	5	2.33	1.441
I feel I have lost some important spiritual meaning that I had before.	4355	1	5	2.23	1.444
My faith has been shaken and I am not sure what I believe.	4336	1	5	1.90	1.364

**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	143	3.0	3.2
A little true for me	481	10.0	10.7
Somewhat true	706	14.7	15.8
Mostly true	1626	33.8	36.3
True for me a great deal	1521	31.7	34.0
Total	4477	93.2	100.0
No Response	327	6.8	
Total	4804	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	230	4.8	5.2
A little true for me	399	8.3	9.0
Somewhat true	629	13.1	14.3
Mostly true	1828	38.1	41.4
True for me a great deal	1325	27.6	30.0
Total	4411	91.8	100.0
No Response	393	8.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

I more often have a sense of gratitude.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	101	2.1	2.3
A little true for me	212	4.4	4.8
Somewhat true	506	10.5	11.5
Mostly true	1740	36.2	39.6
True for me a great deal	1840	38.3	41.8
Total	4399	91.6	100.0
No Response	405	8.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

I spend more time thinking about spiritual questions.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	251	5.2	5.8
A little true for me	399	8.3	9.2
Somewhat true	751	15.6	17.4
Mostly true	1616	33.6	37.4
True for me a great deal	1308	27.2	30.2
Total	4325	90.0	100.0
No Response	479	10.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

In some ways I think I am spiritually lost.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not true at all for me	1935	40.3	44.9
A little true for me	626	13.0	14.5
Somewhat true	573	11.9	13.3
Mostly true	735	15.3	17.0
True for me a great deal	442	9.2	10.3
Total	4311	89.7	100.0
No Response	493	10.3	
Total	4804	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	2766	57.6	63.8
A little true for me	401	8.3	9.2
Somewhat true	341	7.1	7.9
Mostly true	491	10.2	11.3
True for me a great deal	337	7.0	7.8
Total	4336	90.3	100.0
No Response	468	9.7	
Total	4804	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	2133	44.4	49.0
A little true for me	639	13.3	14.7
Somewhat true	505	10.5	11.6
Mostly true	605	12.6	13.9
True for me a great deal	473	9.8	10.9
Total	4355	90.7	100.0
No Response	449	9.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

Frequency over the last 2 weeks

Little interest or pleasure in doing things

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not at all	2090	43.5	47.6
Several days	1219	25.4	27.7
More than 7 days	403	8.4	9.2
Nearly every day	682	14.2	15.5
Total	4394	91.5	100.0
No Response	410	8.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Not at all	2447	50.9	55.3
Several days	1096	22.8	24.8
More than 7 days	369	7.7	8.3
Nearly every day	515	10.7	11.6
Total	4427	92.2	100.0
No Response	377	7.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

Experience during the past 12 months

I have had suicidal thoughts.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	4015	83.6	90.0
Yes	445	9.3	10.0
Total	4460	92.8	100.0
No Response	344	7.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

I have attempted suicide.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	4229	88.0	95.6
Yes	195	4.1	4.4
Total	4424	92.1	100.0
No Response	380	7.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

I have harmed myself.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	4007	83.4	89.9
Yes	451	9.4	10.1
Total	4458	92.8	100.0
No Response	346	7.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

Section 6: Beliefs

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

- The head of the Church is Christ (79.5%)
- The true Sabbath is the seventh-day (Saturday) (78.8%)
- Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone (76.3%)
- God wants me to take care of my body by avoiding alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs (75.5%)
- 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 (74.5%)
- I believe God created the universe (74.2%)
- My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (71.9%)
- Fulfillment of prophecy and events in the world indicate that Christ's coming is very near (71.5%)

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* (90.7%), *I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me* (86%), *The reason that I do good works is because I have been saved by grace* (78.5%), *I will not get to heaven unless I obey God's law perfectly* (73.9%), and *In order to receive God's grace, I must first live by His rules* (64%).

However, there seems to have a mix-up on these beliefs as 2,229 (46.4%) participants believe all statements. Moreover, 57.3% believe that *the more that they follow health and lifestyle standards, the more likely they will be saved*.

State of the Dead

Although 86.5% believe that *when people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected*, there are 37.4% who believe that *the soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death*. In addition, 25.7% believe that *people who died believing in Christ are in heaven right now* and 22.8% 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 six hundred and thirty-one (34%) 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, 13.5% of the respondents who believe in the biblical (SDA)

view of the state of the dead also believe that *people who died believing in Christ are in heaven right now* and *people who have rejected Christ are burning in hell right now*.

Adventist Education

Regarding beliefs on Adventist Education, more than three-fourths of respondents believe that *there are very distinct theological and worldview differences between what is being taught in a public or government school and what is being taught in a Seventh-day* (uniqueness of SDA education) (77.4%) and that *every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school* (75.1%). 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, $\rho(4362) = .333, p < .001$. 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	.333**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	<.001
	N	4362

** . 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 WAD. There are 23.3% of the survey participants who believe that *Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for spiritual healing* and 18.5% believe that *the dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living*.

Regarding beliefs related to church unity in diversity, 43.5% 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, 71.1% of church members believe that *church unity means uniformity in more than doctrinal belief*.

Close to 90% of survey participants are in agreement with the Biblical teaching that *sexual intercourse should be exclusively reserved for marriage (89.2%)* and that *marriage is a union between an adult man and an adult woman (89.1%)*.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
The head of the Church is Christ.	4510	1	5	4.82	.478
The true Sabbath is the seventh day (Saturday).	4485	1	5	4.81	.486
Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone.	4501	1	5	4.75	.649
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.	4524	1	5	4.74	.588
God wants me to take care of my body by avoiding alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs.	4534	1	5	4.73	.656
I believe God created the universe.	4466	1	5	4.68	.793
My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.	4482	1	5	4.68	.720
Fulfillment of prophecy and events in the world indicate that Christ's coming is very near.	4516	1	5	4.68	.707
The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs are the teaching of Holy Scripture.	4497	1	5	4.67	.655
The Bible teaches that sexual intercourse should be exclusively reserved for marriage.	4483	1	5	4.64	.681
Ellen White's writings are the result of the spiritual gift of prophecy.	4496	1	5	4.64	.636
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.	4515	1	5	4.62	.687
The Bible teaches that marriage is a union between an adult man and an adult woman.	4493	1	5	4.62	.690
The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs as a whole reflect the loving and gracious character of God.	4499	1	5	4.58	.666
Only people who accept Jesus as their personal Savior can go to Heaven.	4468	1	5	4.57	.761
I believe in a personal God who seeks a relationship with human beings.	4463	1	5	4.57	.810
Tithing is still required of all people by God.	4464	1	5	4.57	.694

*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		

Descriptive Statistics (continuation)

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
Prayer in the name of Jesus is the only way to defeat evil powers and demonic spirits.	4482	1	5	4.55	.844
All believers are called by God to serve each other without distinction of race, culture, education, nationality, gender, or wealth.	4500	1	5	4.54	.819
When people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected.	4502	1	5	4.54	.928
I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me.	4511	1	5	4.51	.848
I believe God created the world in six literal days in the relatively recent past.	4430	1	5	4.43	1.074
The sanctuary doctrine is vital to Adventist theology.	4452	1	5	4.41	.790
In order to reach people for Christ, we need to get to know them and their needs before we preach the Gospel to them.	4483	1	5	4.26	.991
The reason that I do good works is because I have been saved by grace.	4430	1	5	4.24	.988
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.	4459	1	5	4.23	.967
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.	4437	1	5	4.16	.912
I am loved by God even when I sin.	4429	1	5	4.16	1.058
I will not get to Heaven unless I obey God's law perfectly.	4481	1	5	4.11	1.214

*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		

Descriptive Statistics (continuation)

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
Every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school.	4426	1	5	4.09	.930
Church unity means uniformity in more than doctrinal belief.	4321	1	5	4.06	1.140
The Holy Spirit is God's power in the world, not a Person.	4447	1	5	3.91	1.379
In order to receive God's grace, I must first live by His rules.	4441	1	5	3.71	1.402
Jesus Christ will return in my lifetime.	4407	1	5	3.59	1.046
The more that I follow Adventist health and lifestyle standards, the more likely I will be saved.	4400	1	5	3.57	1.324
Different world regions of the Adventist Church should be allowed after consultation with the worldwide church to set their own administrative policies.	4399	1	5	3.12	1.465
People have a certain amount of faith and they really cannot do much to change it.	4391	1	5	3.12	1.283
The soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death.	4406	1	5	2.71	1.681
People who have died believing in Christ are in Heaven right now.	4437	1	5	2.29	1.554
People who have rejected Christ are burning in Hell right now.	4401	1	5	2.23	1.487
Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for protection or healing.	4453	1	5	2.09	1.519
The dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living.	4463	1	5	1.95	1.434

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	49	1.0	1.1
Disagree	32	.7	.7
I am not sure	76	1.6	1.7
Agree	1052	21.9	23.4
Strongly agree	3288	68.4	73.1
Total	4497	93.6	100.0
No Response	307	6.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	90	1.9	2.0
Disagree	87	1.8	1.9
I am not sure	117	2.4	2.6
Agree	1064	22.1	23.8
Strongly agree	3105	64.6	69.6
Total	4463	92.9	100.0
No Response	341	7.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1850	38.5	42.0
Disagree	420	8.7	9.5
I am not sure	336	7.0	7.6
Agree	737	15.3	16.7
Strongly agree	1063	22.1	24.1
Total	4406	91.7	100.0
No Response	398	8.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	62	1.3	1.4
Disagree	36	.7	.8
I am not sure	44	.9	1.0
Agree	694	14.4	15.4
Strongly agree	3665	76.3	81.4
Total	4501	93.7	100.0
No Response	303	6.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	248	5.2	5.6
Disagree	137	2.9	3.1
I am not sure	111	2.3	2.5
Agree	893	18.6	20.2
Strongly agree	3041	63.3	68.6
Total	4430	92.2	100.0
No Response	374	7.8	
Total	4804	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	35	.7	.8
Disagree	21	.4	.5
I am not sure	75	1.6	1.7
Agree	816	17.0	18.0
Strongly agree	3577	74.5	79.1
Total	4524	94.2	100.0
No Response	280	5.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	314	6.5	7.0
Disagree	289	6.0	6.4
I am not sure	325	6.8	7.3
Agree	1203	25.0	26.8
Strongly agree	2350	48.9	52.4
Total	4481	93.3	100.0
No Response	323	6.7	
Total	4804	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	50	1.0	1.1
Disagree	32	.7	.7
I am not sure	138	2.9	3.1
Agree	1149	23.9	25.4
Strongly agree	3146	65.5	69.7
Total	4515	94.0	100.0
No Response	289	6.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	74	1.5	1.6
Disagree	43	.9	1.0
I am not sure	63	1.3	1.4
Agree	903	18.8	20.0
Strongly agree	3433	71.5	76.0
Total	4516	94.0	100.0
No Response	288	6.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	2653	55.2	59.6
Disagree	456	9.5	10.2
I am not sure	222	4.6	5.0
Agree	534	11.1	12.0
Strongly agree	588	12.2	13.2
Total	4453	92.7	100.0
No Response	351	7.3	
Total	4804	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	185	3.9	4.1
Disagree	54	1.1	1.2
I am not sure	107	2.2	2.4
Agree	942	19.6	20.9
Strongly agree	3214	66.9	71.4
Total	4502	93.7	100.0
No Response	302	6.3	
Total	4804	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	62	1.3	1.4
Disagree	35	.7	.8
I am not sure	52	1.1	1.1
Agree	759	15.8	16.7
Strongly agree	3626	75.5	80.0
Total	4534	94.4	100.0
No Response	270	5.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

The head of the Church is Christ.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	17	.4	.4
Disagree	17	.4	.4
I am not sure	31	.6	.7
Agree	628	13.1	13.9
Strongly agree	3817	79.5	84.6
Total	4510	93.9	100.0
No Response	294	6.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

The true Sabbath is the seventh day (Saturday).

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	12	.2	.3
Disagree	18	.4	.4
I am not sure	63	1.3	1.4
Agree	608	12.7	13.6
Strongly agree	3784	78.8	84.4
Total	4485	93.4	100.0
No Response	319	6.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	22	.5	.5
Disagree	33	.7	.7
I am not sure	157	3.3	3.5
Agree	1139	23.7	25.3
Strongly agree	3145	65.5	70.0
Total	4496	93.6	100.0
No Response	308	6.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	96	2.0	2.1
Disagree	100	2.1	2.2
I am not sure	182	3.8	4.0
Agree	1183	24.6	26.2
Strongly agree	2950	61.4	65.4
Total	4511	93.9	100.0
No Response	293	6.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

I believe God created the universe.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	121	2.5	2.7
Disagree	50	1.0	1.1
I am not sure	47	1.0	1.1
Agree	683	14.2	15.3
Strongly agree	3565	74.2	79.8
Total	4466	93.0	100.0
No Response	338	7.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	2250	46.8	50.7
Disagree	580	12.1	13.1
I am not sure	374	7.8	8.4
Agree	527	11.0	11.9
Strongly agree	706	14.7	15.9
Total	4437	92.4	100.0
No Response	367	7.6	
Total	4804	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	105	2.2	2.3
Disagree	60	1.2	1.3
I am not sure	142	3.0	3.2
Agree	1167	24.3	25.9
Strongly agree	3026	63.0	67.2
Total	4500	93.7	100.0
No Response	304	6.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	58	1.2	1.3
Disagree	67	1.4	1.5
I am not sure	199	4.1	4.5
Agree	1072	22.3	24.0
Strongly agree	3072	63.9	68.8
Total	4468	93.0	100.0
No Response	336	7.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

Jesus Christ will return in my lifetime.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	204	4.2	4.6
Disagree	165	3.4	3.7
I am not sure	1972	41.0	44.7
Agree	966	20.1	21.9
Strongly agree	1100	22.9	25.0
Total	4407	91.7	100.0
No Response	397	8.3	
Total	4804	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	120	2.5	2.7
Disagree	67	1.4	1.5
I am not sure	122	2.5	2.7
Agree	1076	22.4	24.0
Strongly agree	3097	64.5	69.1
Total	4482	93.3	100.0
No Response	322	6.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	2770	57.7	62.1
Disagree	547	11.4	12.3
I am not sure	258	5.4	5.8
Agree	366	7.6	8.2
Strongly agree	522	10.9	11.7
Total	4463	92.9	100.0
No Response	341	7.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	75	1.6	1.7
Disagree	46	1.0	1.0
I am not sure	87	1.8	1.9
Agree	819	17.0	18.3
Strongly agree	3455	71.9	77.1
Total	4482	93.3	100.0
No Response	322	6.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

Church unity means uniformity in more than doctrinal belief.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	272	5.7	6.3
Disagree	212	4.4	4.9
I am not sure	424	8.8	9.8
Agree	1502	31.3	34.8
Strongly agree	1911	39.8	44.2
Total	4321	89.9	100.0
No Response	483	10.1	
Total	4804	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	965	20.1	21.9
Disagree	609	12.7	13.8
I am not sure	735	15.3	16.7
Agree	1110	23.1	25.2
Strongly agree	980	20.4	22.3
Total	4399	91.6	100.0
No Response	405	8.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

The sanctuary doctrine is vital to Adventist theology.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	58	1.2	1.3
Disagree	59	1.2	1.3
I am not sure	324	6.7	7.3
Agree	1550	32.3	34.8
Strongly agree	2461	51.2	55.3
Total	4452	92.7	100.0
No Response	352	7.3	
Total	4804	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	141	2.9	3.1
Disagree	225	4.7	5.0
I am not sure	248	5.2	5.5
Agree	1572	32.7	35.1
Strongly agree	2297	47.8	51.2
Total	4483	93.3	100.0
No Response	321	6.7	
Total	4804	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	37	.8	.8
Disagree	42	.9	.9
I am not sure	102	2.1	2.3
Agree	1409	29.3	31.3
Strongly agree	2909	60.6	64.7
Total	4499	93.7	100.0
No Response	305	6.3	
Total	4804	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	136	2.8	3.1
Disagree	161	3.4	3.6
I am not sure	396	8.2	8.9
Agree	1627	33.9	36.5
Strongly agree	2139	44.5	48.0
Total	4459	92.8	100.0
No Response	345	7.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	563	11.7	12.7
Disagree	275	5.7	6.2
I am not sure	229	4.8	5.1
Agree	1290	26.9	29.0
Strongly agree	2090	43.5	47.0
Total	4447	92.6	100.0
No Response	357	7.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	2201	45.8	50.0
Disagree	659	13.7	15.0
I am not sure	444	9.2	10.1
Agree	511	10.6	11.6
Strongly agree	586	12.2	13.3
Total	4401	91.6	100.0
No Response	403	8.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	583	12.1	13.1
Disagree	461	9.6	10.4
I am not sure	323	6.7	7.3
Agree	1377	28.7	31.0
Strongly agree	1697	35.3	38.2
Total	4441	92.4	100.0
No Response	363	7.6	
Total	4804	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	491	10.2	11.2
Disagree	554	11.5	12.6
I am not sure	605	12.6	13.8
Agree	1463	30.5	33.3
Strongly agree	1287	26.8	29.3
Total	4400	91.6	100.0
No Response	404	8.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

I am loved by God even when I sin.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	217	4.5	4.9
Disagree	197	4.1	4.4
I am not sure	293	6.1	6.6
Agree	1693	35.2	38.2
Strongly agree	2029	42.2	45.8
Total	4429	92.2	100.0
No Response	375	7.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	134	2.8	3.0
Disagree	213	4.4	4.8
I am not sure	314	6.5	7.1
Agree	1561	32.5	35.2
Strongly agree	2208	46.0	49.8
Total	4430	92.2	100.0
No Response	374	7.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	631	13.1	14.4
Disagree	781	16.3	17.8
I am not sure	1111	23.1	25.3
Agree	1164	24.2	26.5
Strongly agree	704	14.7	16.0
Total	4391	91.4	100.0
No Response	413	8.6	
Total	4804	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	104	2.2	2.3
Disagree	154	3.2	3.5
I am not sure	463	9.6	10.4
Agree	1925	40.1	43.4
Strongly agree	1791	37.3	40.4
Total	4437	92.4	100.0
No Response	367	7.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	109	2.3	2.5
Disagree	182	3.8	4.1
I am not sure	528	11.0	11.9
Agree	1984	41.3	44.8
Strongly agree	1623	33.8	36.7
Total	4426	92.1	100.0
No Response	378	7.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

Tithing is still required of all people by God.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	43	.9	1.0
Disagree	42	.9	.9
I am not sure	143	3.0	3.2
Agree	1346	28.0	30.2
Strongly agree	2890	60.2	64.7
Total	4464	92.9	100.0
No Response	340	7.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	49	1.0	1.1
Disagree	40	.8	.9
I am not sure	108	2.2	2.4
Agree	1089	22.7	24.3
Strongly agree	3197	66.5	71.3
Total	4483	93.3	100.0
No Response	321	6.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	49	1.0	1.1
Disagree	42	.9	.9
I am not sure	120	2.5	2.7
Agree	1158	24.1	25.8
Strongly agree	3124	65.0	69.5
Total	4493	93.5	100.0
No Response	311	6.5	
Total	4804	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 82.2% concurrence. 82.5% 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 77.3% of the respondents. More than two-thirds believe that *there are ideas in their culture that contradict their faith* (70.8%), thus, approximately three-fourths of the survey participants think that these elements in their culture around them should be rejected if a church member is to remain as a Seventh-day Adventist (73.3%).

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
Adventists should avoid amusements and entertainments that are not in harmony with the Spirit of Christ.	4451	1	5	4.36	.924
I would welcome someone from a different cultural background as part of my local church family.	4421	1	5	4.28	.850
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.	4437	1	5	4.13	.889
To be a Seventh-day Adventist means to reject certain elements of the culture around you.	4450	1	5	3.97	1.152
There are ideas in my culture that contradict my faith.	4376	1	5	3.96	1.086
People outside of the Adventist Church can have important insights into God's character and plans.	4377	1	5	3.91	.979
I am most comfortable in a church where everyone shares my cultural background.	4347	1	5	3.16	1.338

*Scale of Interpretation of the Mean:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There are ideas in my culture that contradict my faith.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sermon Topics

Topics that Sabbath speakers more frequently preached in church which were identified by at least three-fourths of the survey participants are: *Sabbath* (84.3%), *Second Coming of Jesus* (84%), *The Three Angels' Messages* (79.8%), *The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church* (79.4%), and *Righteousness by Faith* (75.5%). More than one-fourth of the respondents indicated that the topics *State of the Dead* (26.6%), *Reading and Sharing Adventist Literature and Publications* (25.9%), and *The Sanctuary* (25.4%) 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	4304	1	4	3.53	.629
Sabbath	4369	1	4	3.47	.645
The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	4376	1	4	3.34	.716
The Three Angels' Messages	4356	1	4	3.32	.701
Righteousness by Faith	4248	1	4	3.17	.700
Wholistic Healthful Living—the importance of health for the body, mind, spirit, and social relationships	4300	1	4	3.15	.785
Spirit of Prophecy	4317	1	4	3.14	.760
Daniel and Revelation	4336	1	4	3.12	.754
The Sanctuary	4290	1	4	2.93	.775
Reading and sharing Adventist literature and publications	4282	1	4	2.90	.783
State of the Dead	4239	1	4	2.88	.805

*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	133	2.8	3.0
Never	60	1.2	1.4
Seldom	562	11.7	12.8
Frequently	2224	46.3	50.8
Very frequently	1402	29.2	32.0
Total	4381	91.2	100.0
No Response	423	8.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

Spirit of Prophecy

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	69	1.4	1.6
Never	58	1.2	1.3
Seldom	809	16.8	18.4
Frequently	1910	39.8	43.5
Very frequently	1540	32.1	35.1
Total	4386	91.3	100.0
No Response	418	8.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

Sabbath

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	26	.5	.6
Never	22	.5	.5
Seldom	297	6.2	6.8
Frequently	1653	34.4	37.6
Very frequently	2397	49.9	54.5
Total	4395	91.5	100.0
No Response	409	8.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

Second Coming of Jesus

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	29	.6	.7
Never	22	.5	.5
Seldom	249	5.2	5.7
Frequently	1465	30.5	33.8
Very frequently	2568	53.5	59.3
Total	4333	90.2	100.0
No Response	471	9.8	
Total	4804	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	64	1.3	1.5
Never	98	2.0	2.2
Seldom	762	15.9	17.5
Frequently	1853	38.6	42.5
Very frequently	1587	33.0	36.4
Total	4364	90.8	100.0
No Response	440	9.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

Reading and sharing Adventist literature and publications

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	113	2.4	2.6
Never	97	2.0	2.2
Seldom	1244	25.9	28.3
Frequently	1910	39.8	43.5
Very frequently	1031	21.5	23.5
Total	4395	91.5	100.0
No Response	409	8.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

The Sanctuary

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	83	1.7	1.9
Never	80	1.7	1.8
Seldom	1221	25.4	27.9
Frequently	1929	40.2	44.1
Very frequently	1060	22.1	24.2
Total	4373	91.0	100.0
No Response	431	9.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

State of the Dead

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	135	2.8	3.1
Never	126	2.6	2.9
Seldom	1277	26.6	29.2
Frequently	1811	37.7	41.4
Very frequently	1025	21.3	23.4
Total	4374	91.0	100.0
No Response	430	9.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

Daniel and Revelation

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	64	1.3	1.5
Never	43	.9	1.0
Seldom	880	18.3	20.0
Frequently	1938	40.3	44.0
Very frequently	1475	30.7	33.5
Total	4400	91.6	100.0
No Response	404	8.4	
Total	4804	100.0	

The Three Angels' Messages

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	41	.9	.9
Never	36	.7	.8
Seldom	484	10.1	11.0
Frequently	1865	38.8	42.4
Very frequently	1971	41.0	44.8
Total	4397	91.5	100.0
No Response	407	8.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know	46	1.0	1.0
Never	34	.7	.8
Seldom	529	11.0	12.0
Frequently	1732	36.1	39.2
Very frequently	2081	43.3	47.1
Total	4422	92.0	100.0
No Response	382	8.0	
Total	4804	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), 44.9% 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 21.4% 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, 57.7% 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 11.2% identified the statement *Ellen G. White was inspired by God and presented God's message in terms of her own place and time*. Almost 15% believe that *Ellen G. White copied what God told her word for word, and wrote without being influenced by 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.	131	2.7	3.0
The Bible is the work of people who collected stories that had been created to explain the mysteries of life...	98	2.0	2.3
The Bible is the work of people who genuinely loved God and ...	246	5.1	5.7
The Bible is the work of people who copied what God told them word for word and ...	653	13.6	15.1
The Bible is the work of people who were inspired by God and who represented God's message ...	1030	21.4	23.9
The Bible is the work of people who were inspired by God and who ... expressed eternal truths.	2155	44.9	50.0
Total	4313	89.8	100.0
No Response	491	10.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

Understanding of the writings of Ellen G. White

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not know who Ellen G. White is.	98	2.0	2.2
Ellen G. White's writings contain no more truth or wisdom than do the religious works written ...	91	1.9	2.1
Ellen G. White was a person who created stories of supernatural guidance in order to explain the mysteries of life.	153	3.2	3.5
Ellen G. White was inspired by God and presented God's message in terms of her own place and time.	537	11.2	12.3
Ellen G. White was inspired by God and ... expressed eternal truths in harmony with and pointing to the Bible.	2773	57.7	63.7
Ellen G. White copied what God told her word for word, and wrote without being influenced by her own place and time.	704	14.7	16.2
Total	4356	90.7	100.0
No Response	448	9.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

Teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

In general, WAD church members embrace the teachings of the SDA Church wholeheartedly. In particular, more than 70% 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* (73.9%), *Adventists should eat a healthful diet and abstain from unclean foods identified in Scripture* (73.9%), *Christ is acting as our advocate before God in the heavenly sanctuary right now* (72.6%), and *Adventists should abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs* (72%). The teaching *Before Christ returns, God will decide who is to be saved and who will be eternally lost* is **not accepted** by 10% of the church members, with 4.1% having **major doubts** about it and 7.7% having **some questions about it**.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Min	Max	*Mean	Std. Deviation
Adventists should eat a healthful diet and abstain from unclean foods identified in Scripture.	4408	1	5	4.72	.689
There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three eternal equal Persons.	4464	1	5	4.71	.680
Christ is acting as our advocate before God in the heavenly sanctuary right now.	4413	1	5	4.71	.677
Adventists should abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of other drugs.	4376	1	5	4.58	.952
The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies.	4310	1	5	4.49	.840
Ellen G. White was a prophet.	4314	1	5	4.38	1.025
The investigative pre-Advent judgment began in 1844.	4328	1	5	4.27	1.070
Before Christ returns, God will decide who is to be saved and who will be eternally lost.	4322	1	5	4.02	1.342

*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.	60	1.2	1.3
I have major doubts about it.	26	.5	.6
I have some questions about it.	138	2.9	3.1
I accept it because the church teaches it.	688	14.3	15.4
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	3552	73.9	79.6
Total	4464	92.9	100.0
No Response	340	7.1	
Total	4804	100.0	

The investigative pre-Advent judgment began in 1844.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	175	3.6	4.0
I have major doubts about it.	180	3.7	4.2
I have some questions about it.	456	9.5	10.5
I accept it because the church teaches it.	997	20.8	23.0
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	2520	52.5	58.2
Total	4328	90.1	100.0
No Response	476	9.9	
Total	4804	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.	61	1.3	1.4
I have major doubts about it.	27	.6	.6
I have some questions about it.	112	2.3	2.5
I accept it because the church teaches it.	724	15.1	16.4
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	3489	72.6	79.1
Total	4413	91.9	100.0
No Response	391	8.1	
Total	4804	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.	481	10.0	11.1
I have major doubts about it.	199	4.1	4.6
I have some questions about it.	366	7.6	8.5
I accept it because the church teaches it.	984	20.5	22.8
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	2292	47.7	53.0
Total	4322	90.0	100.0
No Response	482	10.0	
Total	4804	100.0	

The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	86	1.8	2.0
I have major doubts about it.	72	1.5	1.7
I have some questions about it.	251	5.2	5.8
I accept it because the church teaches it.	1157	24.1	26.8
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	2744	57.1	63.7
Total	4310	89.7	100.0
No Response	494	10.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

Ellen G. White was a prophet.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	210	4.4	4.9
I have major doubts about it.	75	1.6	1.7
I have some questions about it.	272	5.7	6.3
I accept it because the church teaches it.	1052	21.9	24.4
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	2705	56.3	62.7
Total	4314	89.8	100.0
No Response	490	10.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
I do not accept it.	207	4.3	4.7
I have major doubts about it.	37	.8	.8
I have some questions about it.	97	2.0	2.2
I accept it because the church teaches it.	721	15.0	16.5
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	3314	69.0	75.7
Total	4376	91.1	100.0
No Response	428	8.9	
Total	4804	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.	73	1.5	1.7
I have major doubts about it.	31	.6	.7
I have some questions about it.	75	1.6	1.7
I accept it because the church teaches it.	681	14.2	15.4
I embrace it wholeheartedly.	3548	73.9	80.5
Total	4408	91.8	100.0
No Response	396	8.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

Section 7: Health

Majority of the survey participants are *meat eaters* (61.8%). A few described themselves as *vegans* (4.7%) and 6.3% have *lacto-ovo vegetarianism* as their dietary choice. More than three-fourths 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, 60.4% think that *overall, there is no safe level of alcohol use*. Sixty-one percent of the respondents are *very familiar with the Adventist Health Message*. There are 3.2% who *do not know what the Adventist Health Message is*. Only 36.8% *follow the Adventist Health Message a great deal*.

In general, church members are positive about the Adventist Health Message as a whole, with only 32.3% who concur to *choosing which parts of the Health Message to follow and which to ignore*. There were 86.9% 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 53.3% 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 295 vegans/vegetarians, 68.8% agreed/strongly agreed and 19.7% disagreed/strongly disagreed that following the health ensures their salvation whereas among the 3,445 participants who described themselves as non-vegetarians (with fish in their diet or meat eater), 57% agreed/strongly agreed and 23.9% disagreed/strongly disagreed to the said statement. Chi-square test results reveal that the difference in the distribution of observed data is significant.

The percentage of the vegans/vegetarians who believe that following the Health Message ensures their salvation is significantly higher than their non-vegetarian counterparts,

$$\chi^2 (2, N = 3,740) = 17.111, p < .001.$$

Crosstabulation

			Following the health message ensures my salvation.			Total
			Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Not sure	Agree/Strongly Agree	
Dietary Choices	Vegan/Vegetarian	Count	58	34	203	295
		% within Dietary Choices	19.7%	11.5%	68.8%	100.0%
	Non-vegetarian	Count	823	659	1963	3445
		% within Dietary Choices	23.9%	19.1%	57.0%	100.0%
Total		Count	1442	881	693	2166
		% within Dietary Choices	30.5%	58	34	203

Chi-Square Test

	Value	df	p-value
Pearson Chi-Square	17.111	2	.000
N of Valid Cases	3740		

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
A vegan (no animal products of any type)	226	4.7	5.4
A vegetarian (lacto ovo—using eggs and dairy products)	304	6.3	7.3
A person who includes fish in my diet, but no other meat	655	13.6	15.8
A meat eater once a week or less (eating meat includes eating red meat or poultry)	1302	27.1	31.4
A meat eater a few times a week	872	18.2	21.0
A meat eater most days	794	16.5	19.1
Total	4153	86.4	100.0
No Response	651	13.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	3671	76.4	83.0
Once or twice	455	9.5	10.3
3 to 10 times	184	3.8	4.2
More than 10 times	114	2.4	2.6
Total	4424	92.1	100.0
No Response	380	7.9	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4214	87.7	95.6
Once or twice	91	1.9	2.1
3 to 10 times	52	1.1	1.2
More than 10 times	52	1.1	1.2
Total	4409	91.8	100.0
No Response	395	8.2	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4209	87.6	95.8
Once or twice	80	1.7	1.8
3 to 10 times	57	1.2	1.3
More than 10 times	46	1.0	1.0
Total	4392	91.4	100.0
No Response	412	8.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4030	83.9	92.5
Once or twice	206	4.3	4.7
3 to 10 times	63	1.3	1.4
More than 10 times	60	1.2	1.4
Total	4359	90.7	100.0
No Response	445	9.3	
Total	4804	100.0	

Understanding of scientific research on alcohol use

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Overall, there is no safe level of alcohol use.	2904	60.4	68.7
Alcohol, in moderation (1-2 drinks a day), does not do much harm.	139	2.9	3.3
Alcohol, in moderation (1-2 drinks a day), promotes health and is safe to use.	125	2.6	3.0
I am not sure.	1059	22.0	25.1
Total	4227	88.0	100.0
No Response	577	12.0	
Total	4804	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.	152	3.2	3.5
I know just a little about the Adventist Health Message.	577	12.0	13.3
I am somewhat familiar with the Adventist Health Message.	670	13.9	15.4
I am very familiar with the Adventist Health Message.	2947	61.3	67.8
Total	4346	90.5	100.0
No Response	458	9.5	
Total	4804	100.0	

Do you follow the Adventist Health Message?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	137	2.9	3.1
Rarely	376	7.8	8.6
Occasionally	863	18.0	19.7
A moderate amount	1243	25.9	28.3
A great deal	1769	36.8	40.3
Total	4388	91.3	100.0
No Response	416	8.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	66	1.4	1.5
Disagree	113	2.4	2.6
I am not sure	291	6.1	6.6
Agree	1741	36.2	39.6
Strongly agree	2180	45.4	49.6
Total	4391	91.4	100.0
No Response	413	8.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	49	1.0	1.1
Disagree	69	1.4	1.6
I am not sure	199	4.1	4.5
Agree	1582	32.9	36.1
Strongly agree	2482	51.7	56.7
Total	4381	91.2	100.0
No Response	423	8.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

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

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	1091	22.7	25.2
Disagree	1138	23.7	26.3
I am not sure	552	11.5	12.7
Agree	1071	22.3	24.7
Strongly agree	482	10.0	11.1
Total	4334	90.2	100.0
No Response	470	9.8	
Total	4804	100.0	

The Health Message has largely been supported by scientific discoveries.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	96	2.0	2.2
Disagree	132	2.7	3.0
I am not sure	395	8.2	9.1
Agree	1814	37.8	41.8
Strongly agree	1906	39.7	43.9
Total	4343	90.4	100.0
No Response	461	9.6	
Total	4804	100.0	

Following the Health Message ensures my salvation.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	447	9.3	10.4
Disagree	534	11.1	12.4
I am not sure	769	16.0	17.8
Agree	1389	28.9	32.2
Strongly agree	1174	24.4	27.2
Total	4313	89.8	100.0
No Response	491	10.2	
Total	4804	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	33	.7	.8
Disagree	46	1.0	1.0
I am not sure	126	2.6	2.9
Agree	1328	27.6	30.3
Strongly agree	2851	59.3	65.0
Total	4384	91.3	100.0
No Response	420	8.7	
Total	4804	100.0	

APPENDIX 1

Sample (Expected and Actual)

UNIONS/CONFERENCES/MISSIONS/REGIONS		Sample		
		Churches	Members	
			Expected	Actual
Cameroon Union Mission		38	1,140	858
1	Adamaoua-Mayo Rey Conference	2	60	
2	Benoue-Faro Mission	3	90	
3	Central-South Cameroon Conference	6	180	
4	East Cameroon Conference	6	180	
5	Mbam Sanaga Conference	6	180	
6	North Cameroon Conference	6	180	
7	Nyong Afamba Conference	6	180	
8	West Cameroon Conference	3	90	
Central African Union Mission		10	300	31
1	Central African Republic Mission	3	90	
2	Chad Mission	2	60	
3	Congo Region	2	60	
4	Equatorial Guinea Mission	1	30	
5	Gabon Mission	2	60	
Eastern Nigeria Union Conference		39	1,170	922
1	Aba East Conference	6	180	
2	Aba North Conference	3	90	
3	Aba South Conference	3	90	
4	Aba West Mission	2	60	
5	Aba North-Central Conference	2	60	
6	Akwa Ibom Conference	2	60	
7	Anambra Mission	2	60	
8	Bayelsa Mission	2	60	
9	Cross River Conference	1	30	
10	Ebonyi Conference	2	60	
11	Enugu Conference	2	60	
12	Imo Conference	3	90	
13	Northern Cross River Mission	1	30	
14	Port Harcourt Conference	3	90	
15	Rivers East Conference	2	60	
16	Rivers West Conference	3	90	

Eastern Sahel Union Mission		11	330	290
1	Benin Mission	2	60	
2	Burkina Faso Mission	2	60	
3	Cote d'Ivoire Conference	3	90	
4	Niger Region	1	30	
5	Togo Conference	3	90	
Northern Ghana Union Mission		48	1,440	1,115
1	Ashanti Central Ghana Conference	3	90	
2	Ashanti South Ghana Conference	6	180	
3	Central Ghana Conference	6	180	
4	Green View Ghana Conference	3	90	
5	Mid-Central Ghana Conference	3	90	
6	Mid-North Ghana Conference	6	180	
7	Mid-West Ghana Conference	3	90	
8	Mountain View Ghana Conference	6	180	
9	North Ghana Mission	2	60	
10	South Central Ghana Conference	6	180	
11	Upper East Ghana Mission	2	60	
12	Upper West Ghana Mission	2	60	
Northern Nigeria Union Conference		12	360	342
1	North Central Nigeria Conference	3	90	
2	North East Nigeria Conference	3	90	
3	North West Nigeria Conference	6	180	
Southern Ghana Union Conference		46	1,380	732
1	Accra City Conference	3	90	
2	Diamond Field Ghana Conference	3	90	
3	East Ghana Conference	3	90	
4	Eastern View Ghana Conference	3	90	
5	Meridian Ghana Conference	3	90	
6	Mid-South Ghana Conference	6	180	
7	Pioneer Ghana Conference	3	90	
8	South West Ghana Conference	6	180	
9	Volta North Ghana Mission	2	60	
10	Volta South Ghana Mission	2	60	
11	West-Central Ghana Conference	6	180	
12	Western North Ghana Conference	6	180	
West African Union Mission		10	300	123
1	Central Liberia Mission	2	60	
2	Guinea Region	1	30	
3	Sierra Leone Mission	3	90	
4	South-East Liberia Mission	2	60	

5	South-West Liberia Conference	2	60	
Western Nigeria Union Conference		21	630	273
1	Delta Conference	2	60	
2	Edo Conference	2	60	
3	Ekiti Conference	2	60	
4	Kogi Region	1	30	
5	Kwara Conference	2	60	
6	Lagos Atlantic Conference	2	60	
7	Lagos Mainland Conference	2	60	
8	Ogun Conference	2	60	
9	Ondo Mission	2	60	
10	Osun Conference	2	60	
11	Oyo Conference	2	60	
Western Sahel Union Mission		6	180	118
1	Cabo Verde Conference	2	60	
2	Gambia Region	1	30	
3	Guinea-Bissau Mission	1	30	
4	Mali Mission	1	30	
5	Senegal/Mauritania Mission	1	30	
TOTAL		241	7,230	4,804

Sample Frame Template for Union

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

APPENDIX 2

Ethics Clearance Application Form



UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA, BARATON
Research Ethics Committee

APPLICATION FORM

Name: Elizabeth M. Role Date: 24/02/2021
 Status: Faculty [] Staff [] Student: Undergraduate [] Graduate [] Other [X]
 Department: _____ School: _____
 E-mail Address: africasdaresearch@gmail.com Tel: +1 (812) 223-6115
 Title of Research Project: 2021-2023 Global Church Member Survey in the African Continent

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Time Schedule: Starting Date 06/2021 Ending Date 12/2022
 Place(s) where research is to be carried out East-Central Africa Division, Southern Africa-
Indian Ocean Division, West-Central Africa Division

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

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

AGREEMENT

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

 24/02/2021
 Applicant's Signature Date

RECOMMENDED BY:

Supervisor(s): _____ Date _____
 _____ Date _____

Research Ethics Committee Action: _____

Research Ethics Committee Chair _____ Stamp and Date _____

Ethics Approval



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH
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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

