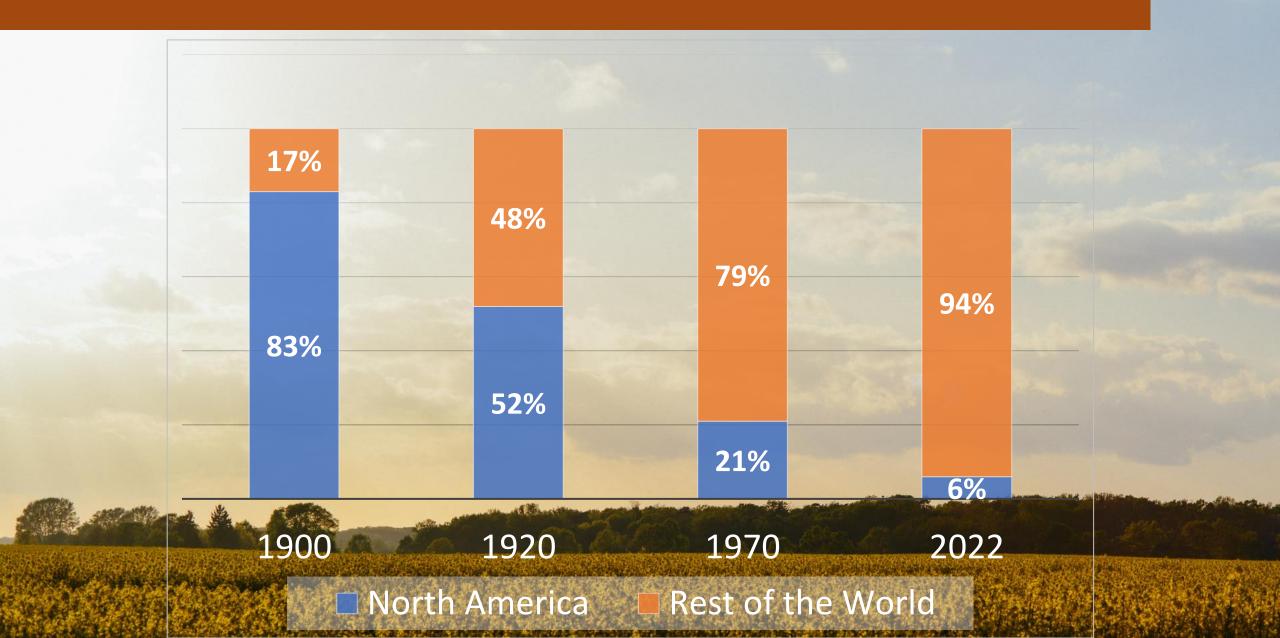
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ADVENTIST MEMBERSHIP PROPORTIONS 1900 – 2022



SECRETARIAT REPORT





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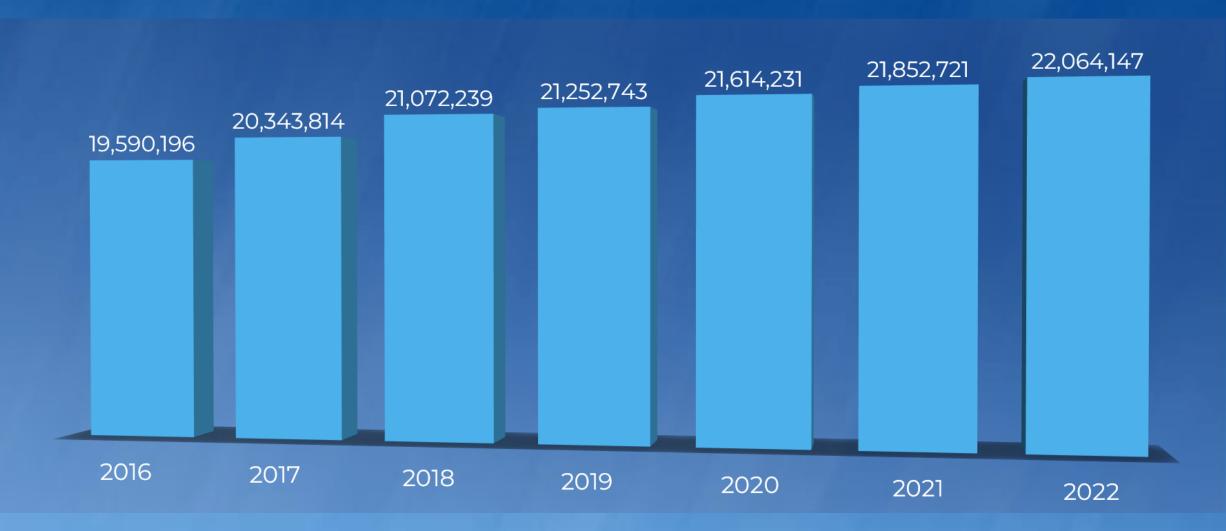
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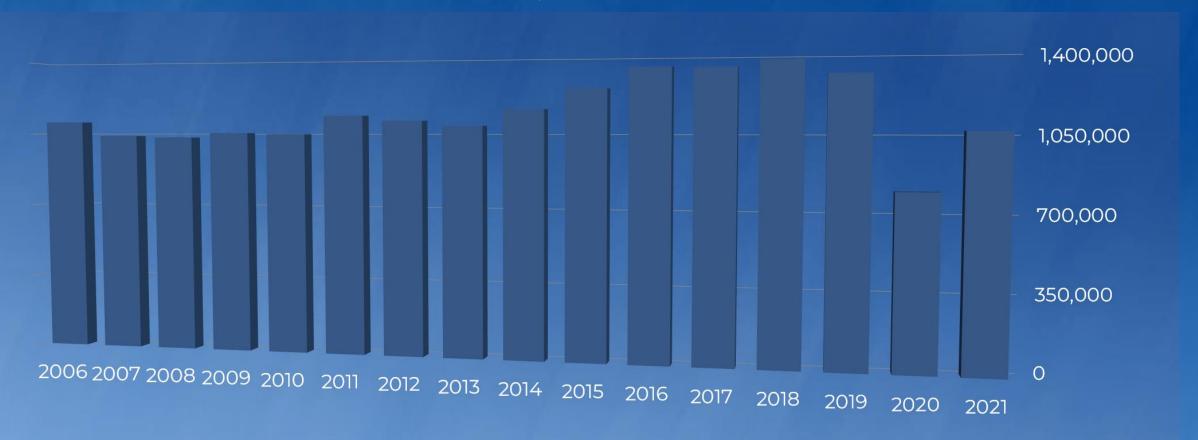
MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

JUNE 30 FIGURES



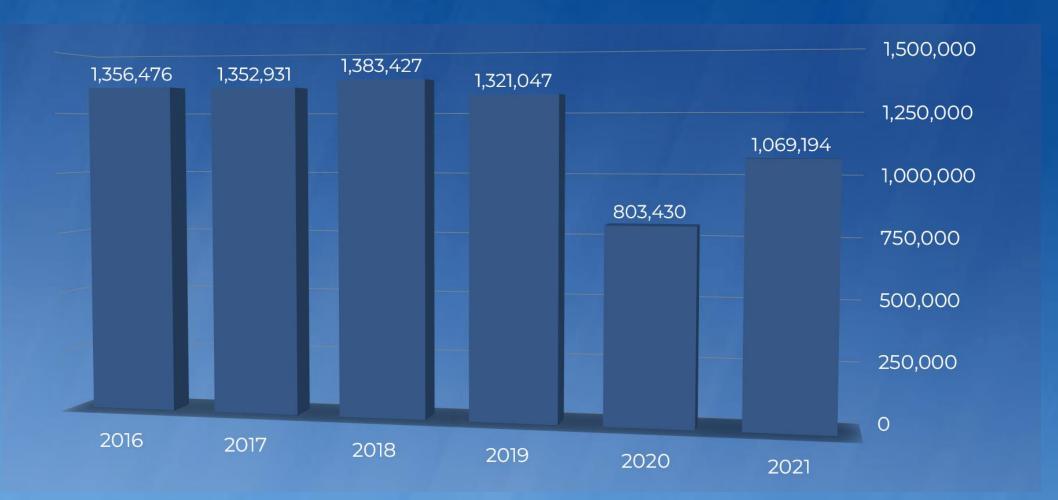
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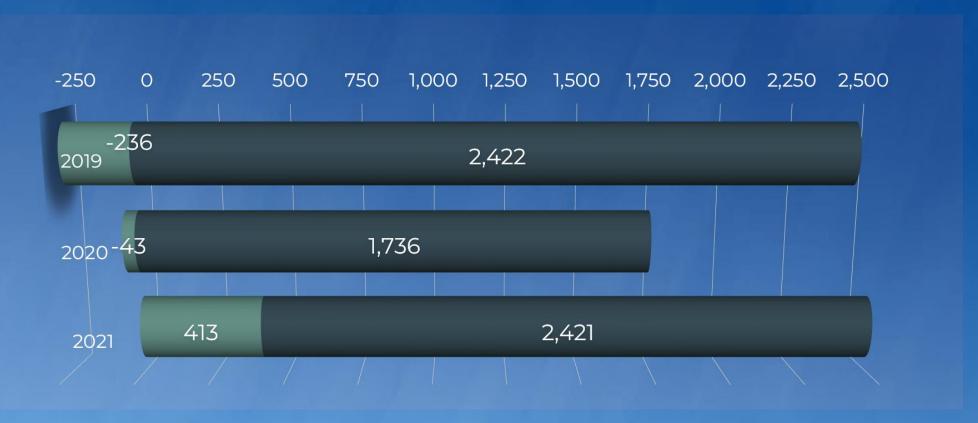
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THROUGH YEAR-END 2020



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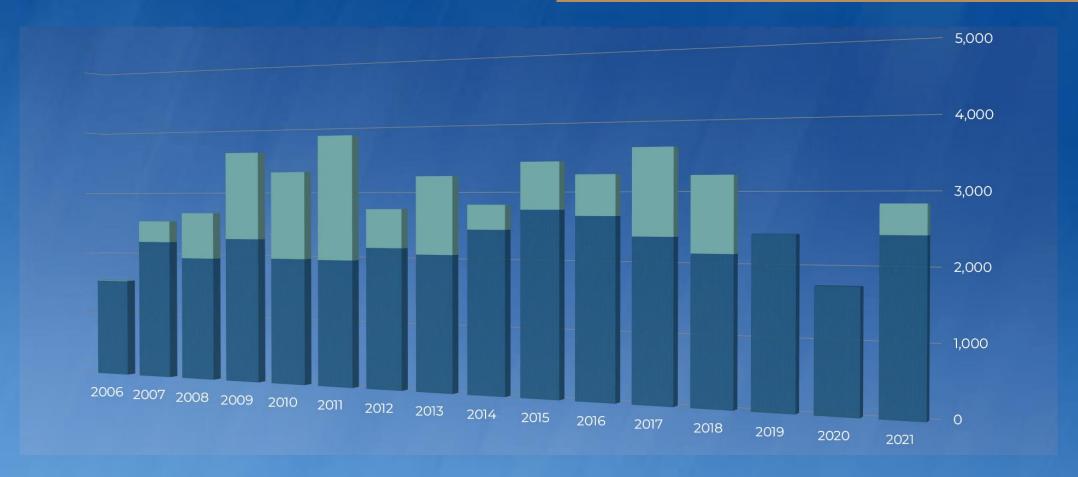
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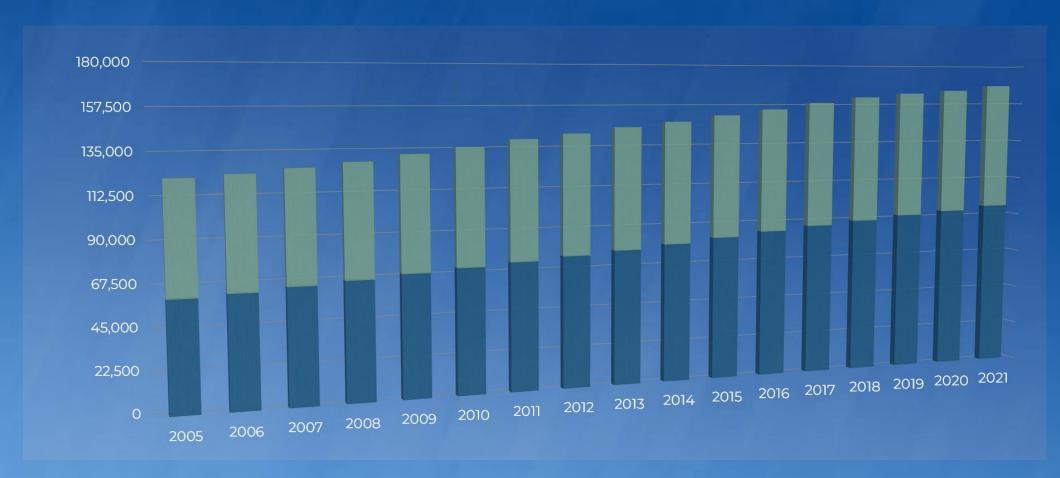
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TOTAL CONGREGATIONS



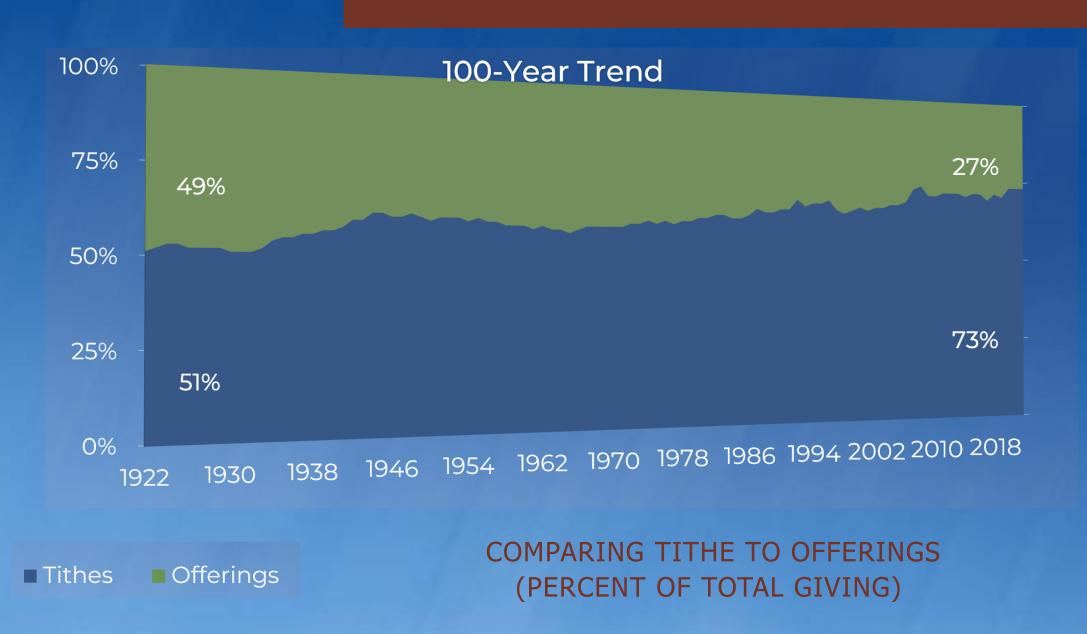




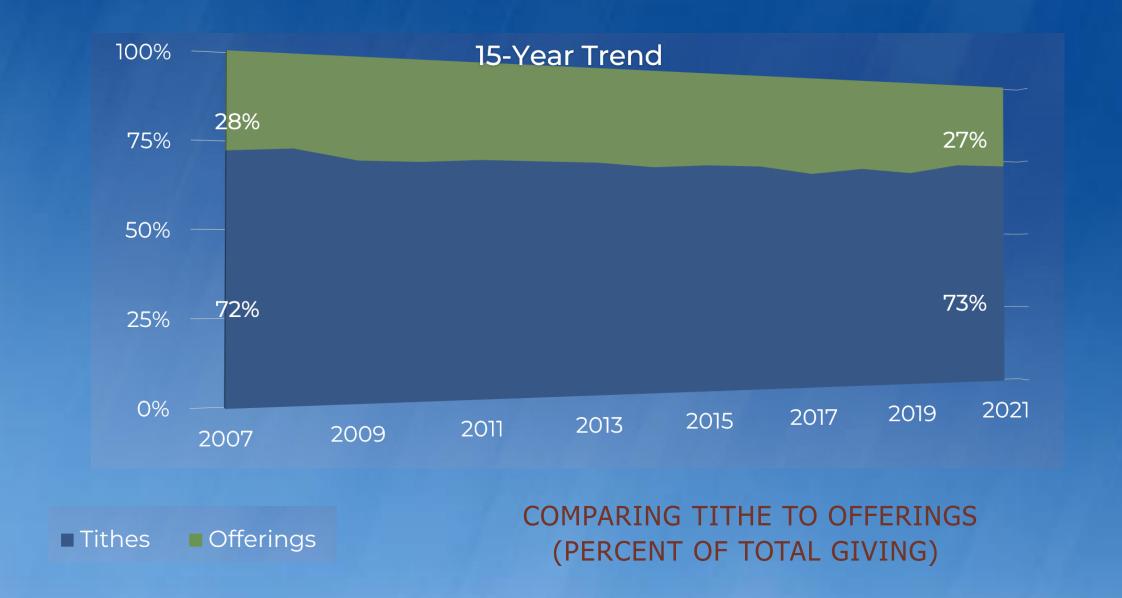
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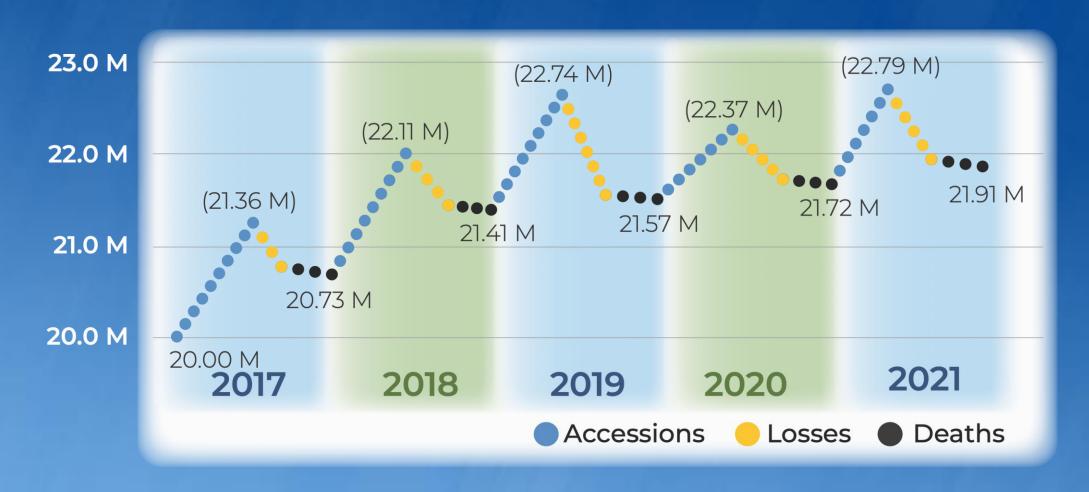


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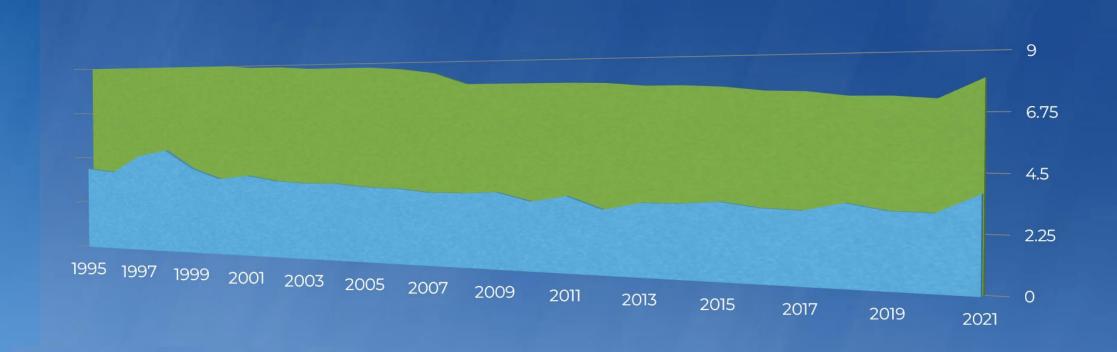


CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

OVER FIVE YEARS

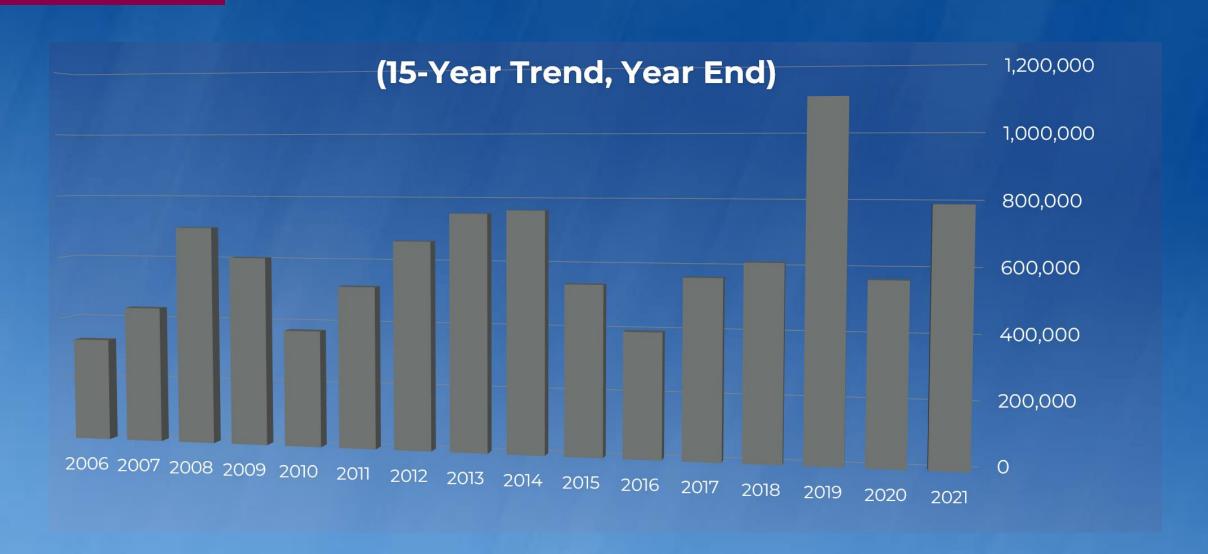


MORTALITY RATES



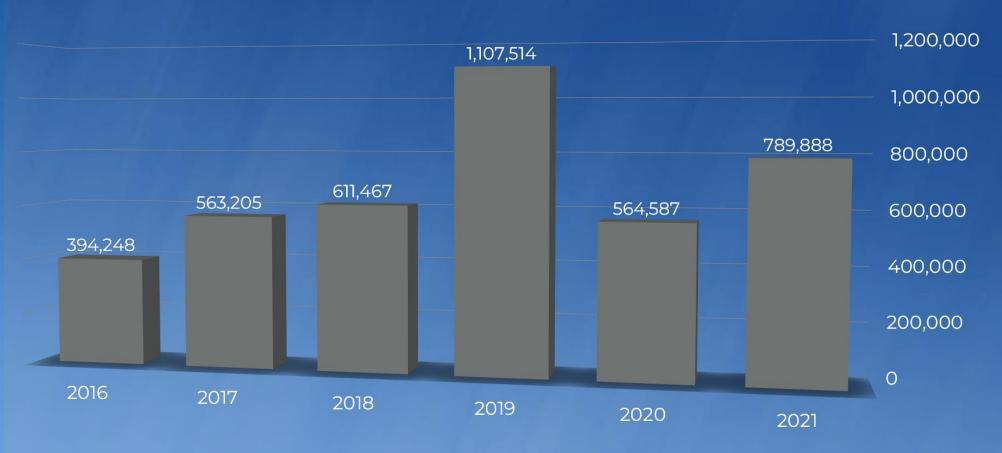
- Adventist
- General Population

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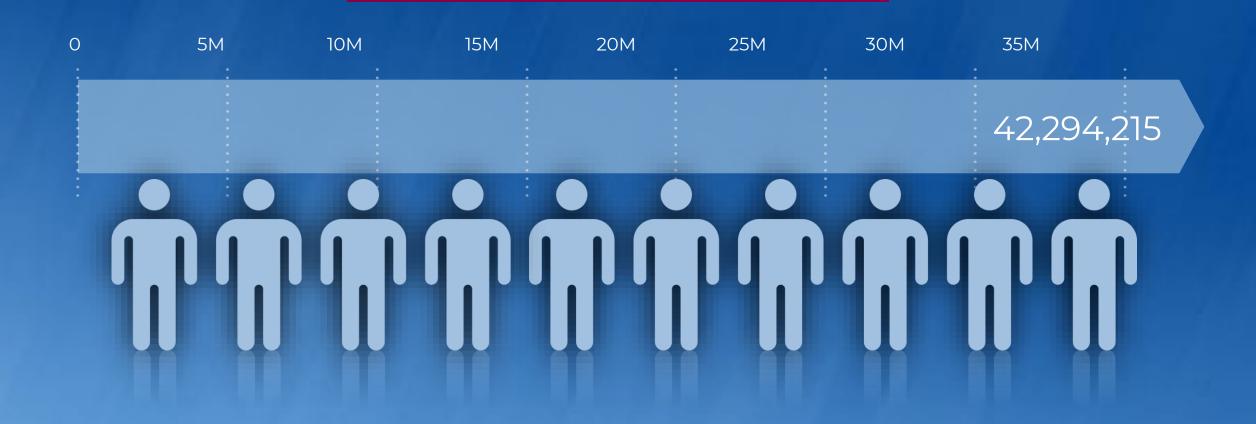


LOSSES





TOTAL MEMBERS



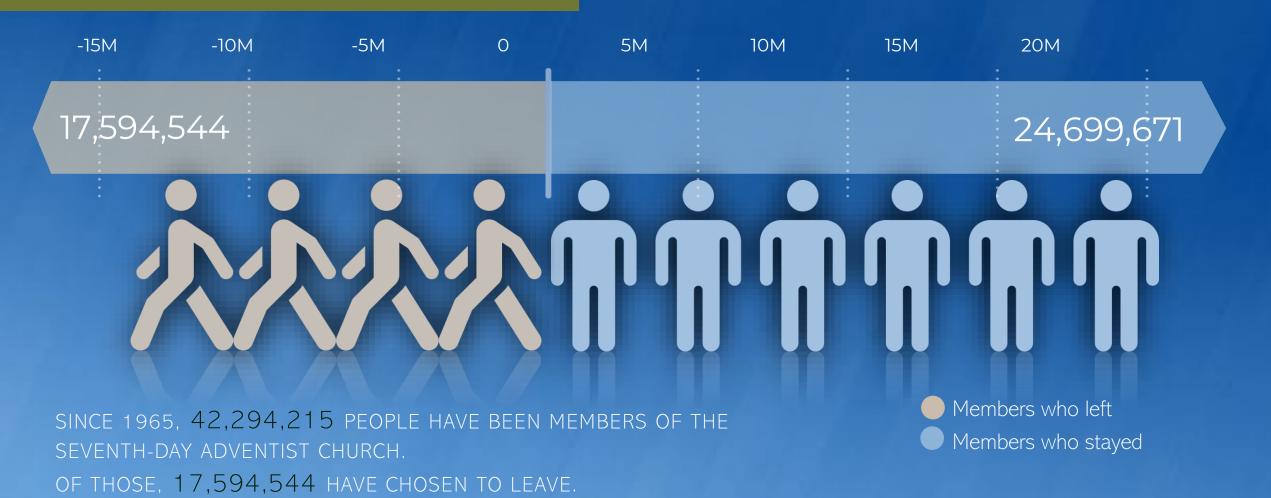
SINCE 1965, 42,294,215 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

New Members

MEMBERS WHO LEAVE

OUR NET LOSS RATE IS 42%.

IN EFFECT, 4 OF EVERY 10 CHURCH MEMBERS ARE SLIPPING AWAY.



It's rarely because of theological differences

It's usually because they go through a crisis in life

 Or they experience conflict in the church community

They feel un-missed, un-cared for, unimportant

 Most don't deliberately decide to not be a Seventh-day Adventist

• It just happens...They slip through the cracks

WHY MEMBERS LEAVE





DISCIPLESHIP AND RETENTION

GERSON SANTOS











RECOMMENDATIONS

Regular membership review process

Reach out to former and inactive members



SUMMIT RESOURCES



✓ SITEMAP CONTACT & SEARCH EMENU

About - ASTR Sites - Records Management - Scholarship and Research - Get Involved -

DIRECTORY ENCYCLOPEDIA ONLINE ARCHIVES RESEARCH STATISTICS YEARBOOK



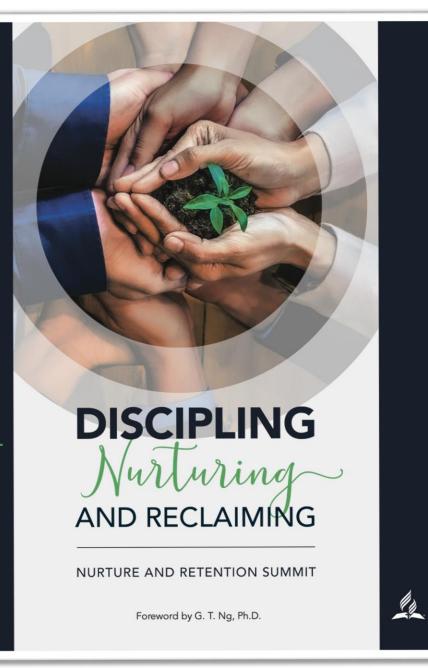
WELCOME > SEARCH RESULTS

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RELATED RESOURCES

Tweets by @AdventArchives



SUMMIT BOOK PUBLICATION



THE DISCIPLE-MAKING AND RECLAIMING COMMITTEE



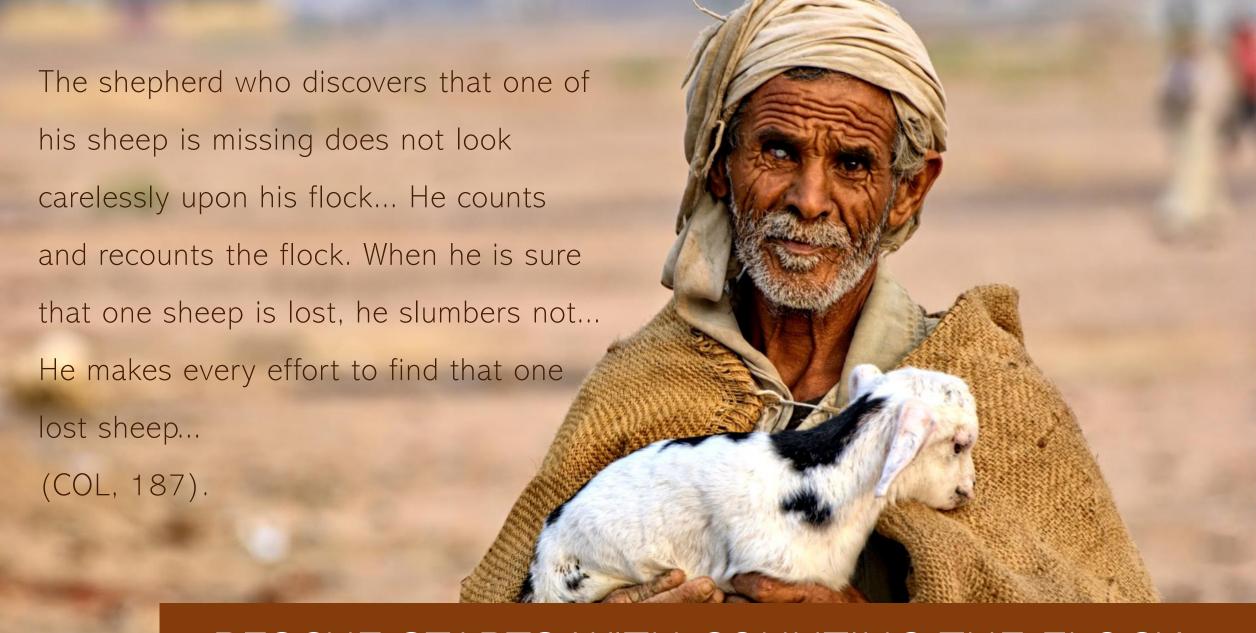
- Recommend proposals for improving the retention rate
- Facilitate plans that address "I Will Go" objectives
- Identify, assess, and promote strategies and resources
- Promote a clear and comprehensive vision for discipleship

CHURCH MANUAL Church Manual REVISED 2015 REVISED 2015 9

CHURCH MANUAL







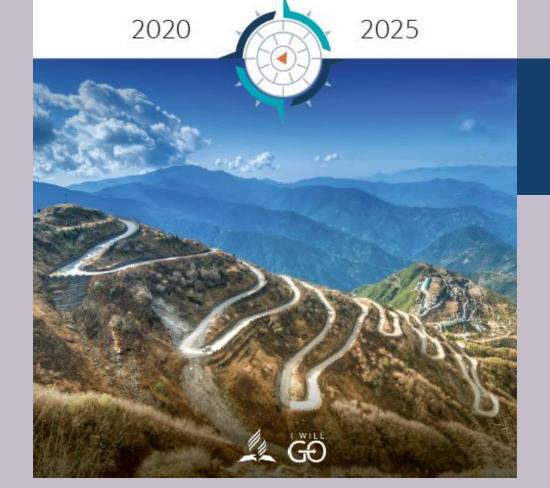
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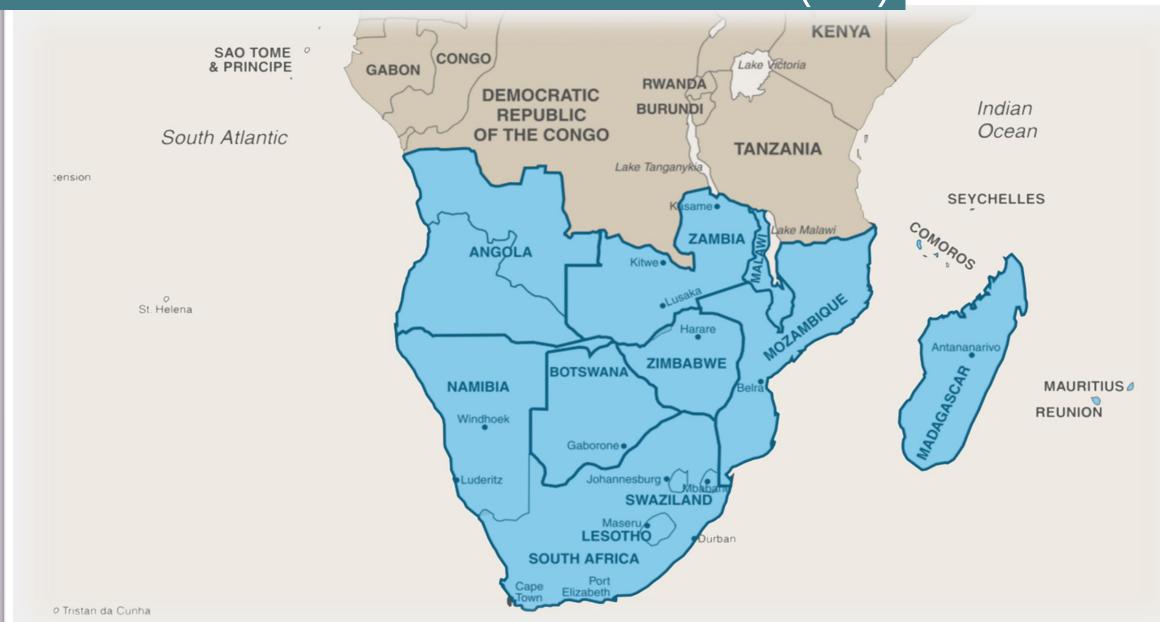
GENERAL CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT STRATEGIC PLAN



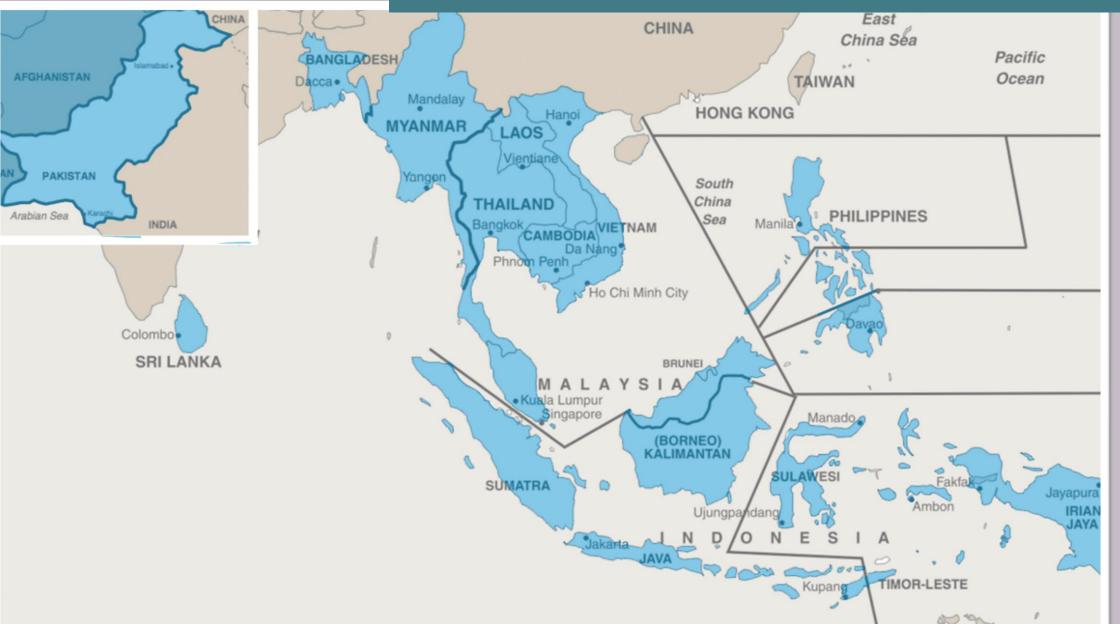




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SOUTHERN ASIA PACIFIC DIVISION (SSD)







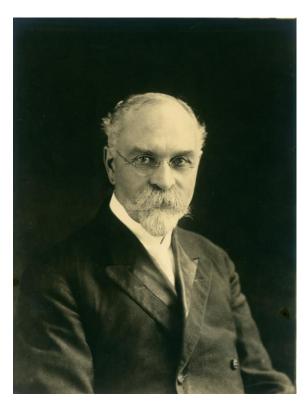






VISIONARIES OF WORLDWIDE MISSION

Arthur G. Daniells (President 1901-1922)



William A. Spicer (Secretary 1903-1922, President 1922-1930)



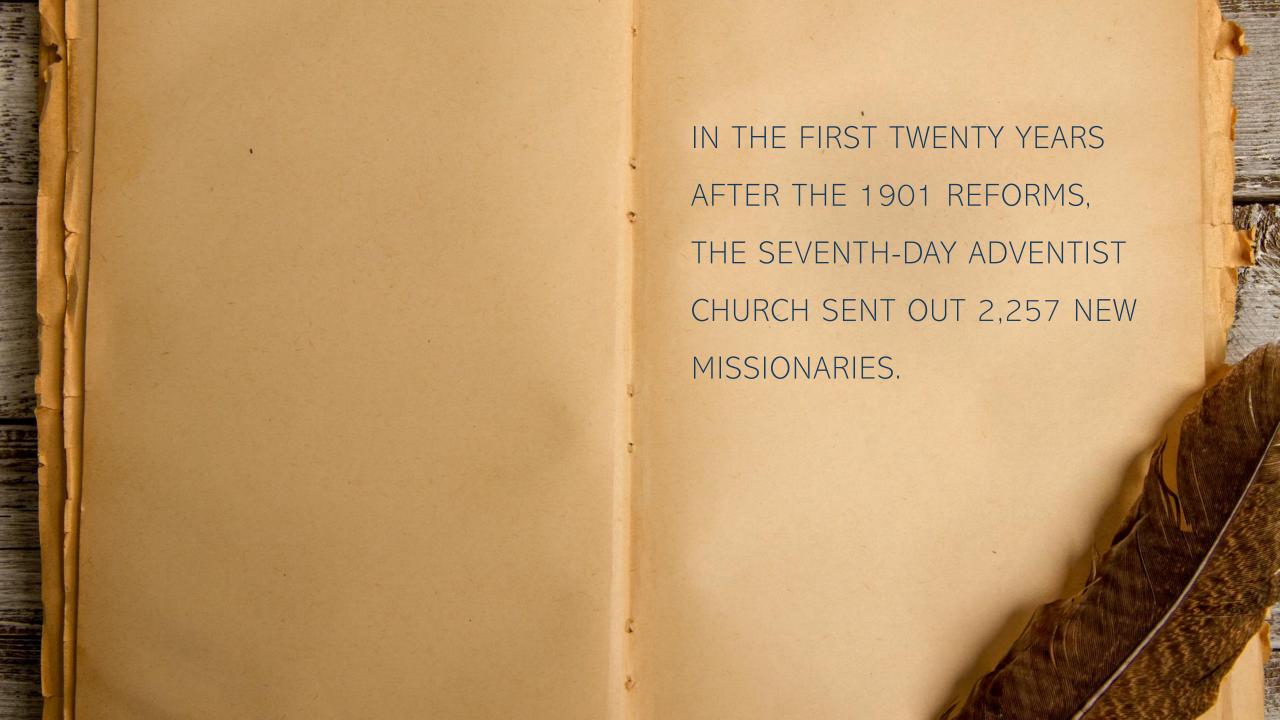
SPICER IN 1922

"The cause of world-wide missions is not something in addition to the regular work of the church. . . . To carry the one message of salvation to all peoples . . . is the aim of every conference, every church, every believer."

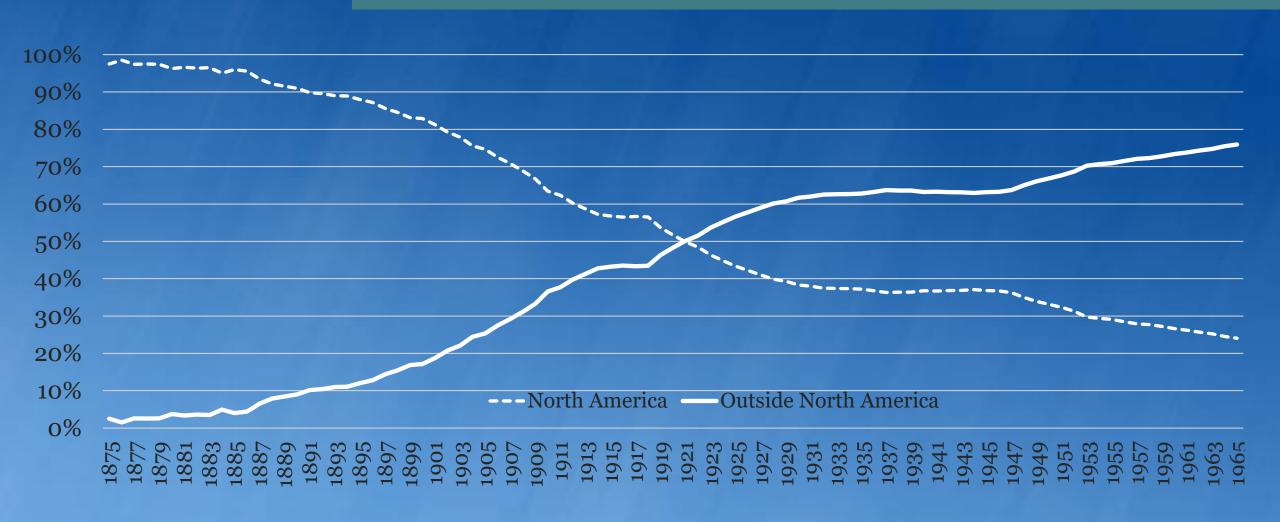


NEW MISSIONARIES DISPATCHED, 1901-1940

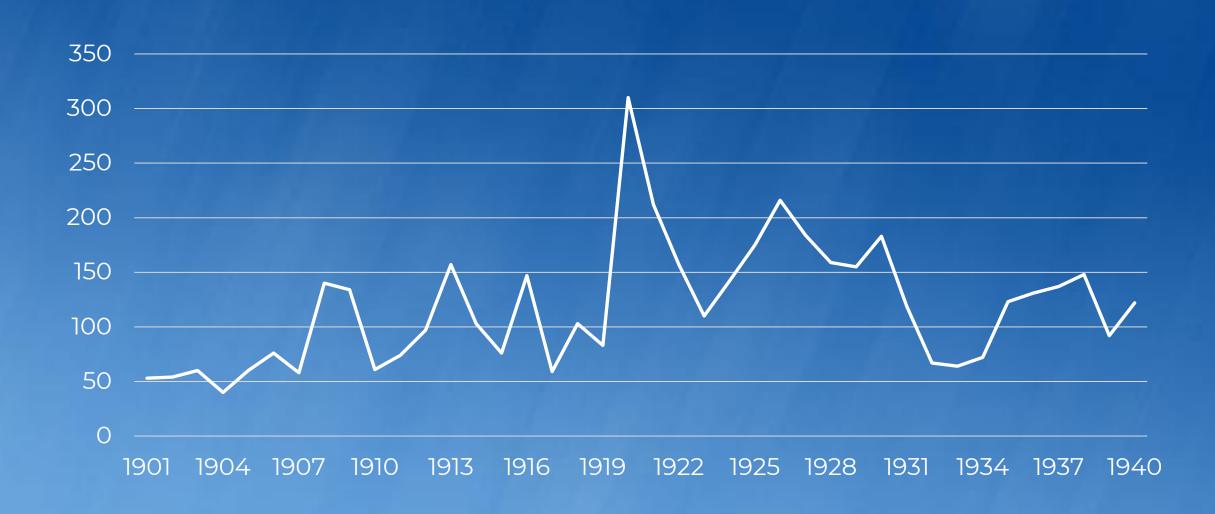




PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MEMBERSHIP INSIDE AND OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA, 1875-1965



NEW MISSIONARIES DISPATCHED 1901-1940



MISSION LEADERS OF BOLDNESS

J. Lamar McElhany (President 1936-1950)

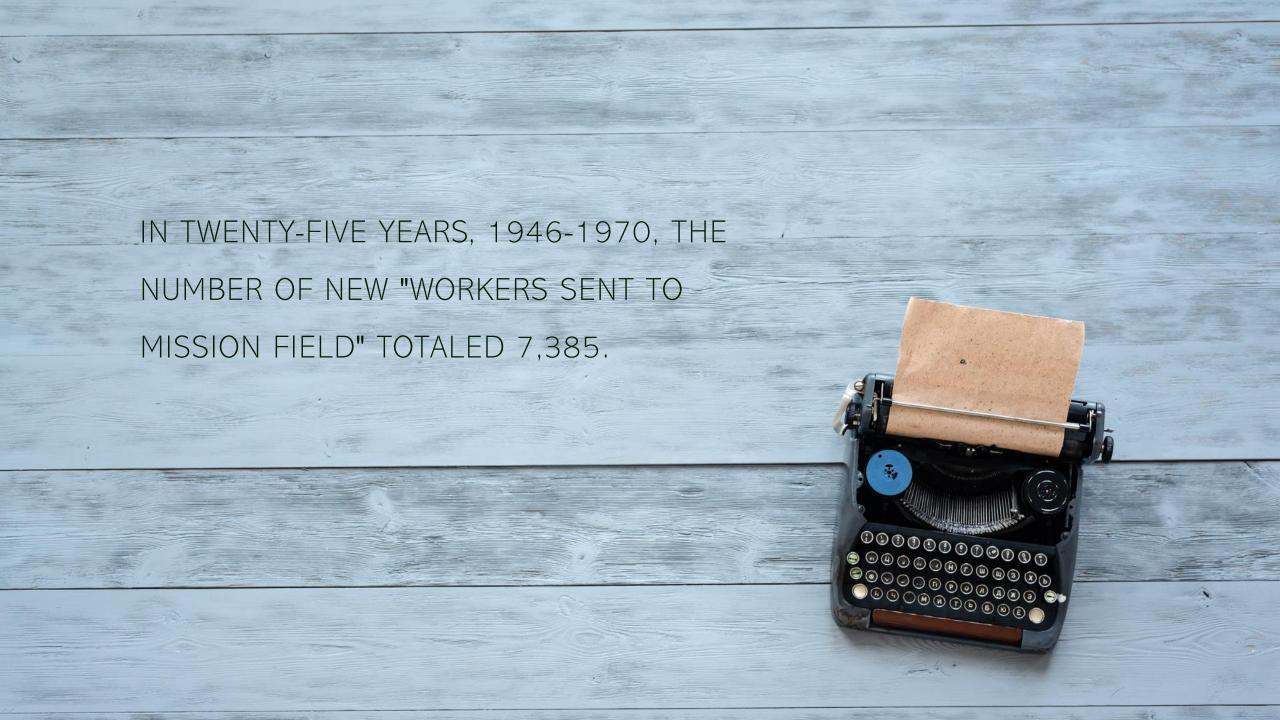


Ernest D. Dick (Secretary 1936-1952)





EVEN IN THE FIFTEEN YEARS FROM THE START
OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION UNTIL THE END
OF WORLD WAR II, 1,597 NEW APPOINTEES
WERE SENT OUT TO THE MISSION FIELD.

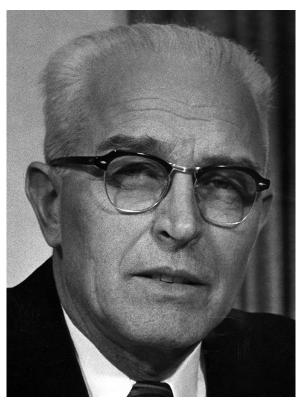


NEW MISSIONARIES DISPATCHED, 1940-1970

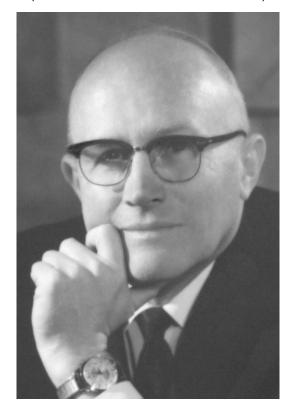


PRESIDENTS COMMITTED TO MISSION

Reuben R. Figuhr (President 1952-1966)



Robert H. Pierson (President 1966–1979)



A SECRETARY COMMITTED TO MISSION

Walter R. Beach

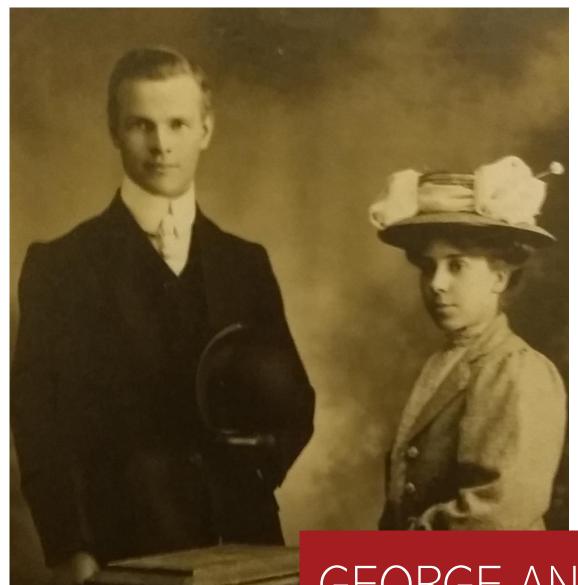


"WE ARE A WORLD MISSIONARY CHURCH –
NOT JUST A CHURCH WITH MISSIONS IN
ALL THE WORLD."
(1964)



NEW MISSIONARIES PER 10,000 MEMBERS, 1901–2019

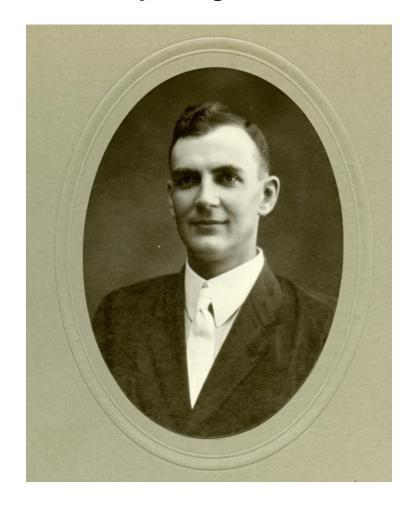




GEORGE AND MARY ANN KEOUGH 1908

GEORGE APPEL

As a young man



With his wife Laura and their two sons, Melvin & Alva





MERRITT AND WILMA WARREN MISSIONARIES 1913-1960

EZRA AND INEZ LONGWAY MISSIONARIES 1918-1973

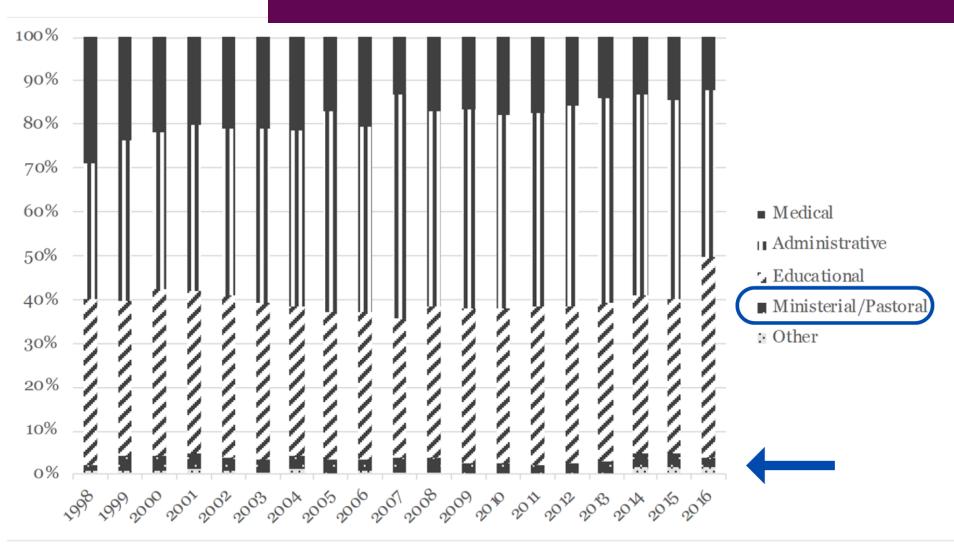
Ezra Longway pictured in 1921 in Thailand







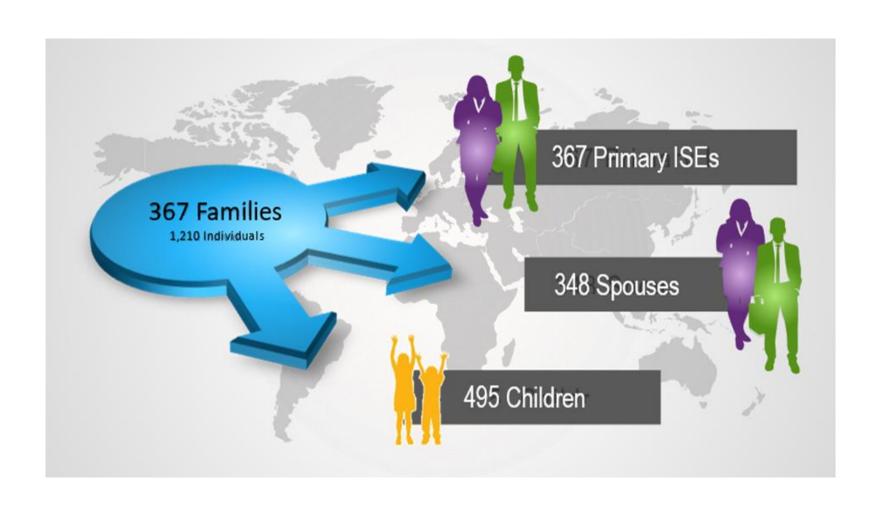
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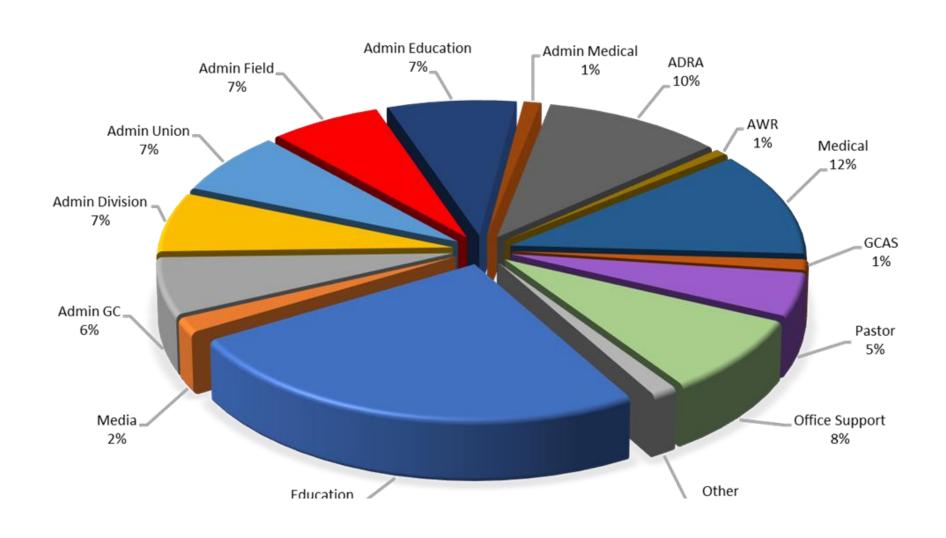




INTERNATIONAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES



MISSION BOARD NEW MANDATE

- Direct-contact mission with the goal of creating new worshipping groups
- 10/40 Window countries and people groups of non-Christian religions
- Urban areas of more than one million population
- Postmodern/post-Christian countries/regions
- Low Adventist-to-population ratio in countries/regions/people groups
- High impact equipping for direct-contact mission



UPDATE ON PROCESS

- Created a scale to evaluate primary budgets asking seven questions with seven key strategic questions
- Questions reflect the priorities voted by Mission Board in April 2022
- Each question has been assigned a range of points
- Each budget was analyzed based on how closely the position focuses on the priorities
- 327 budgets individually put through matrix





SEVEN QUESTIONS BASED ON THE MISSION BOARD MANDATES

4. How focused is the position on Postmodern/Post-Christian countries/regions?

5. How focused is this position specifically on mission to urban areas of more than one million population?

6. Which organizational level does this position focus on?

7. At the level of this position, what is the ratio of Adventists to population?



SUMMARY OF CURRENT USE OF BUDGETS



THE AVERAGE SCORE WORLDWIDE IS 8.1
OUT OF 31 POSSIBLE POINTS, WHICH
HIGHLIGHTS THE CHURCH'S MISSION
DRIFT AND THE NEED TO REFOCUS
MISSION RESOURCES.

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SUMMARY OF CURRERENT USE OF BUDGETS







SCORE – 23 POINTS PASTOR/CHURCH PLANTER

- In a 10/40 Window country
- In a city of more than 1 million
- Direct contact ministry
- Training local workers in direct contact ministry
- A local level (non-administrative)
- The ratio of Adventists to population is high

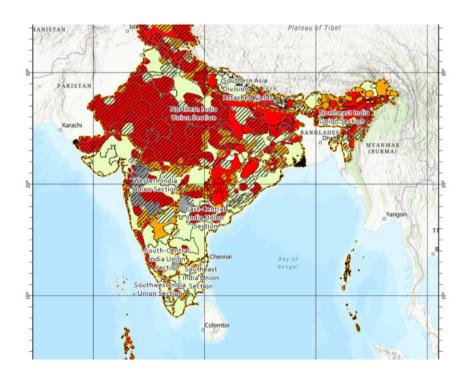




CURRENT PROJECTS

- Mission Unusual: Tokyo
- Hope for Kolkata
- Special project in a restrictive country





Priority Languages

Bhutan

Bengali (9,943)

Dzongkha (211,775)

ADVENTIST MISSION RESEARCH

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES - SUD

High-Priority Groups Without Any Projects

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Kurux (4,514,866)

Eastern Panjabi (9,434,505)

Telegu (15,152,617)

Marwari (3,060,963)

Maria (1,588,057)

Kamta (4,984,656)

Urdu (11,590,945)

Lambadi (6,171,898)

Kannada (6,410,435)

Mundari (3,721,882)

Mina (4,703,109)

Chhattisgarhi (693,544)

Kashmiri (6,786,720)

Bhili (17,082,649)

Malayalam (9,236,433)

Meitei (1,470,000)

Northern Gondi (1,225,123)

Kuvi (1,860,714)

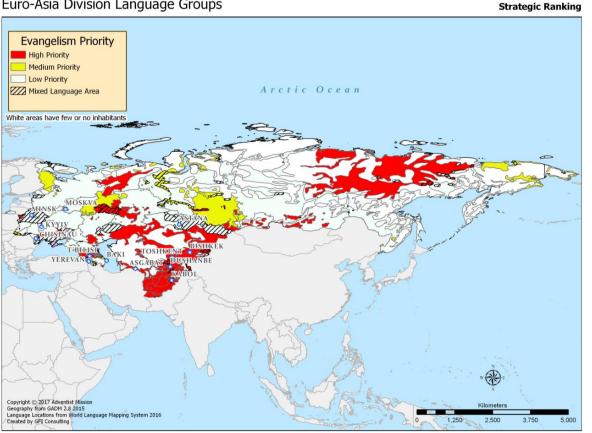
Western Panjabi (2,916,607)

ADVENTIST MISSION RESEARCH

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES - ESD

Mission Priority Map for Euro-Asia Division

Euro-Asia Division Language Groups



High-Priority Groups Without Any Projects

Belarus

Belarusan (8,060,511)

Kazakhstan

Kazakh (11,904,199)

Kyrgyzstan

Northern Uzbek (905,301)

Russia

Chuvash (1,463,744) Bashkort (1,615,316)

Kazakh (660,308) Tatar (5,413,744)

Moksha (758,684) North Azerbaijani (614,777)

Chechan (1,454,056)

Turkmen (4,869,551)

Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

Karakalpak (780,667) Tajiki (1,573,018) Udmurt (563,021)

Kabardian (586,815)

Avar (778,957)

ESD PRIORITY IMMIGRANT GROUPS

Priority Immigrant Groups

Belarus			
Polish (294,549)	Ukrainian (158,723)	Baltic Romani (12,227)	
Georgia			
Armenian (159,770)			
Kazakhstan			
Russian (3,724,532)	Ukrainian (515,306)	Standard German (185,972)	
Bashkort (27,536)	Ingush (20,192)	Chuvash (14,378)	
Sinte Romani (6,225)	Czech (1,146)	Arabic (649)	
Kyrgyzstan			
Russian (1,410,000)	Tajiki (54,313)	Turk (40,953)	
Korean (20,382)	Standard German (11,192)		
Moldova			
Russian (381,000)	Ukrainian (186,000)	Bulgarian (54,400)	
Balkan Romani (12,000)	Eastern Yiddish (4,000)		
Russia			
Ukrainian (1,965,415)	Armenian (1,205,342)	German (401,790)	
Greek (280,000)	Moldovan (159,438)	Korean (156,130)	
Romani (65,000)	Turkish (62,318)	Finnish (38,900)	
Vietnamese (14,224)	Tsakhur (12,963)	Abkhaz (7,935)	
Eastern Yiddish (2,000)	Czech (1,934)		

Tajikistan			
Northern Uzbek (1,360,286)	Kyrgyz (78,908)	Bashkort (11,998)	
Tatar (8,441)	Chuvash (4,418)	Southern Pashto (4,000)	
Turkmenistan	197 1977/6-7		
Northern Uzbek (317,000)	Kazakh (88,000)	Tatar (70,735)	
Western Balochi (52,135)	Northern Kurdish (20,000)	Bashkort (8,434)	
Korean (3,252)			
Ukraine	11 (000)	63.310 May	
Belarusian (249,211)	Armenian (90,275)	Greek (82,733)	
Eastern Yiddish (54,932)	Azeri (40,828)	Chuvash (9,571)	
Czech (5,347)	Vietnamese (3,481)	Albanian, Tosk (2,990)	
Abkhaz (1,479)			
Jzbekistan			
Russian (1,742,076)	Kazakh (947,254)	Crimean Tatar (174,512)	
Bashkort (46,383)	Chuvash (13,392)		

















FROM ARGENTINA TO KYRGYZSTAN



ISEs WORKING WITH
VOLUNTEERS AND
LOCAL PEOPLE







BEFORE:

A SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEER

NOW:

A THEOLOGY STUDENT WITH A

LONG-TERM PLAN











42% RARELY OR NEVER

INVOLVED IN FORMING RELATIONSHIPS
WITH NON-ADVENTISTS

My Church and its reputation in Community, Part 2, July 27, 2022, adventistresearch.info (data from Global Church Member Survey 2017-18)

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

70% FEEL LOCAL CHURCH SHOULD INCREASE ITS

EFFORTS TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS





CHAPLAINS FOR NON-ADVENTIST STUDENTS - SUD





"There is work for all to do in their own borders, to build up the church, to make the social meetings interesting, and to train the youth of ability to become missionaries... They should co-operate actively with the minister in his labors, making the section of country around them their field of missionary effort."

Ellen G. White, Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventist, 291



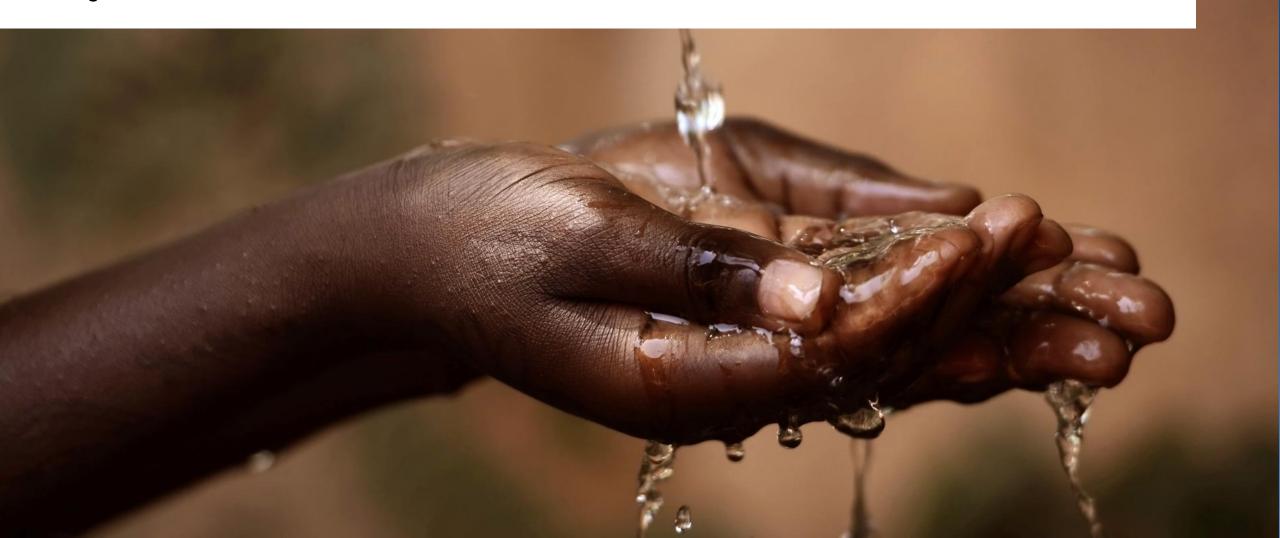
THERE IS WORK FOR ALL TO DO







EQUIPPING MISSIONARIES FOR MISSION REFOCUS



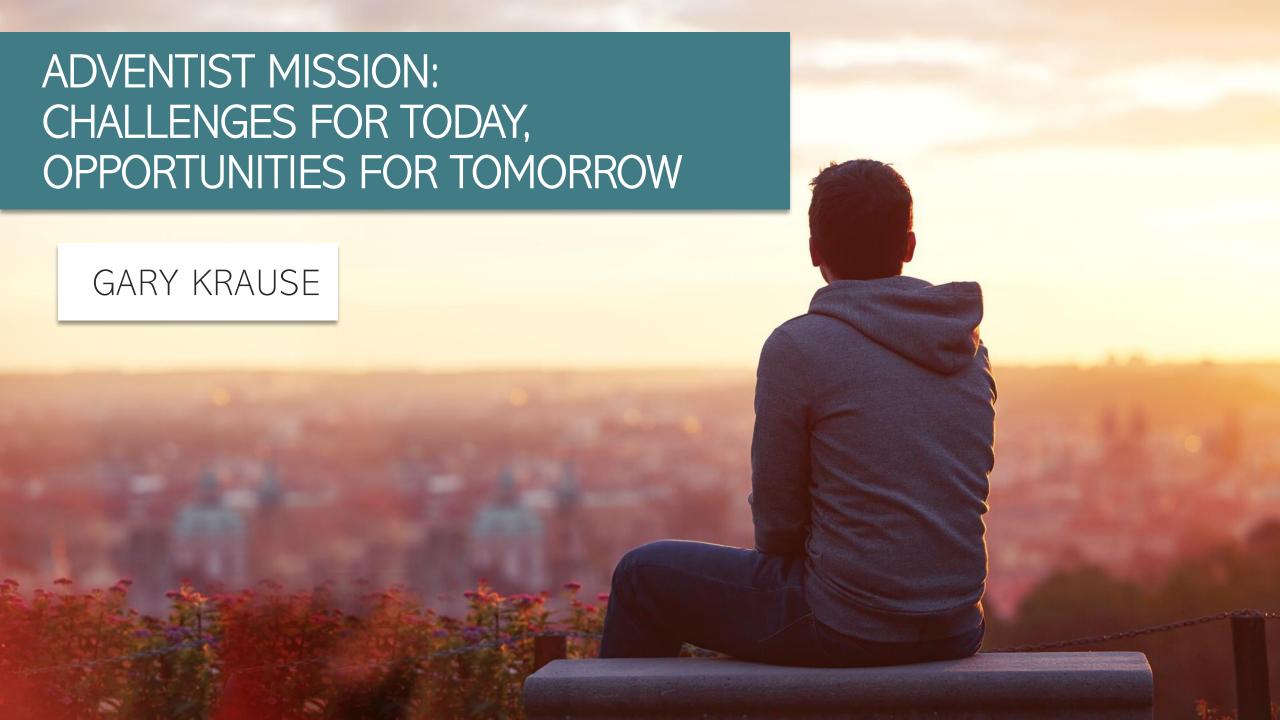
- Three-day package offered at each Institute for their specific world religion challenges.
- Online resources: podcasts, webinars, courses, and articles.
- New revision of the Passport to Mission book.
- Introduction to Adventist Mission book in the MI curriculum
- EGW compilation for cross-cultural mission service.
- Revision of children and teen curriculum that focuses on their place in the mission of God and disciple making.

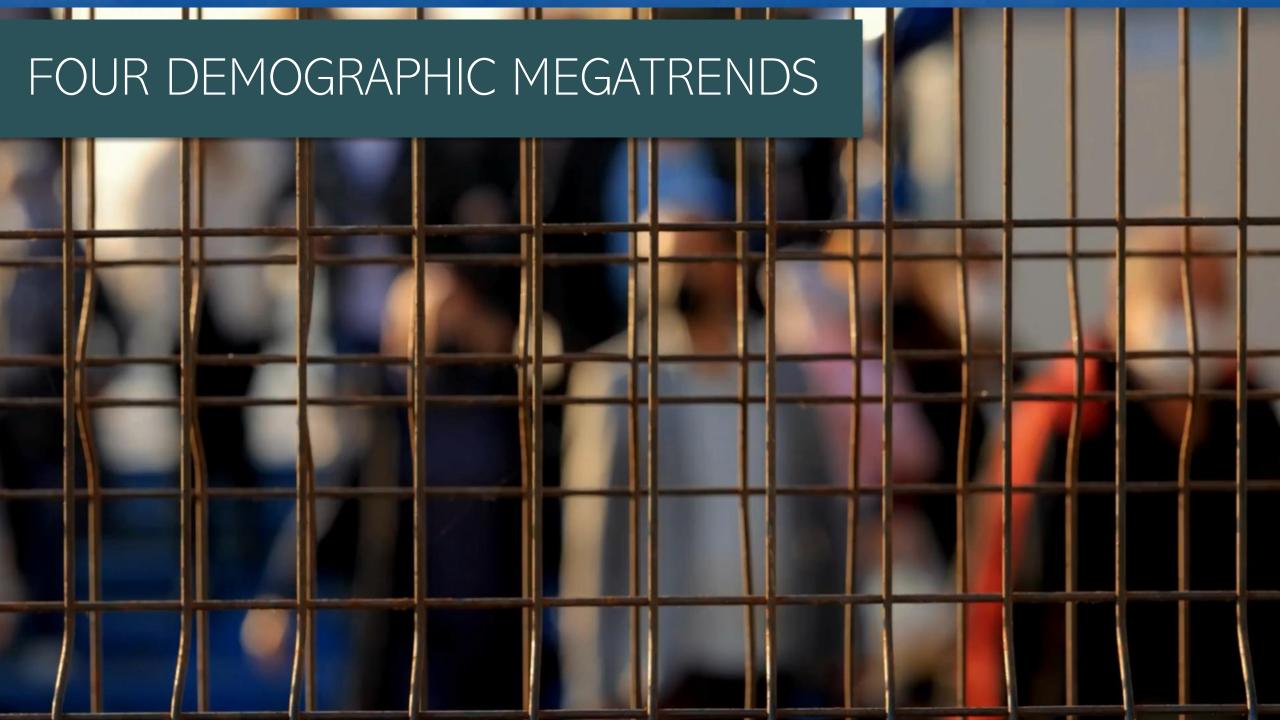


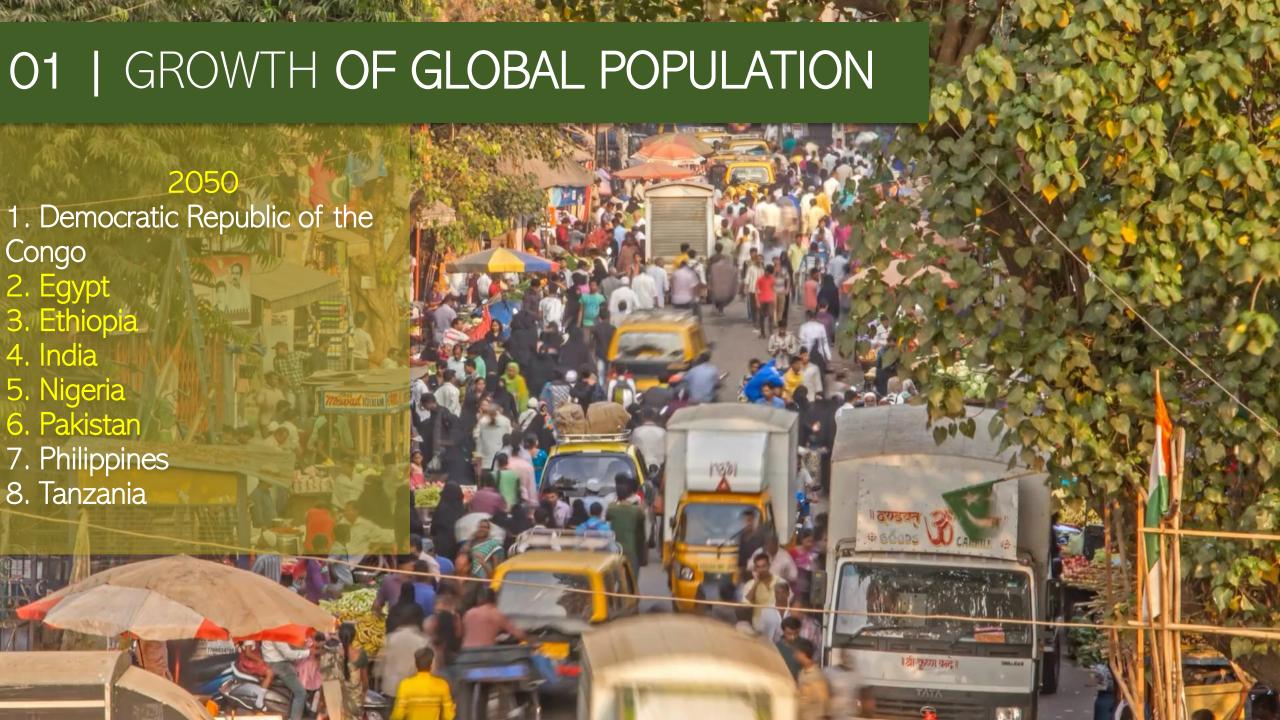


"As field after field is entered, new methods and new plans will spring from new circumstances. New thoughts will come with the new workers who give themselves to the work. As they seek the Lord for help, He will communicate with them. They will receive plans devised by the Lord Himself."

Ellen G. White, Testimonies Volume 6, (Mountain View, California, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1948), p. 476.

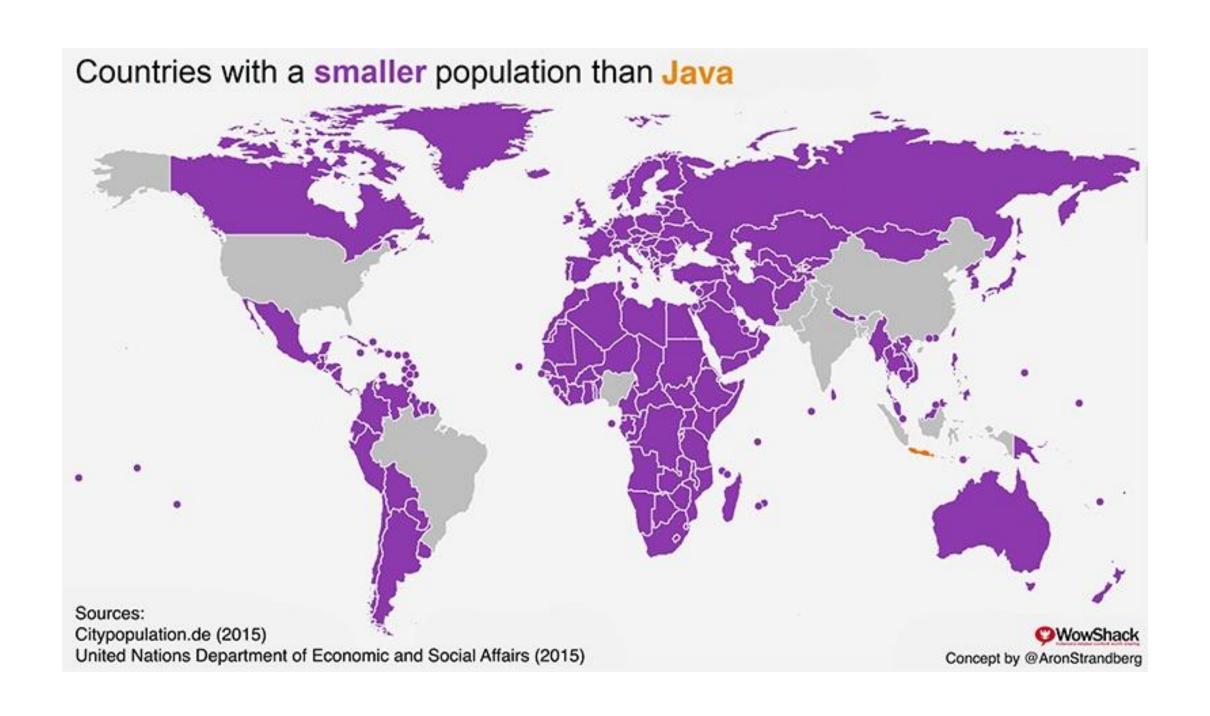














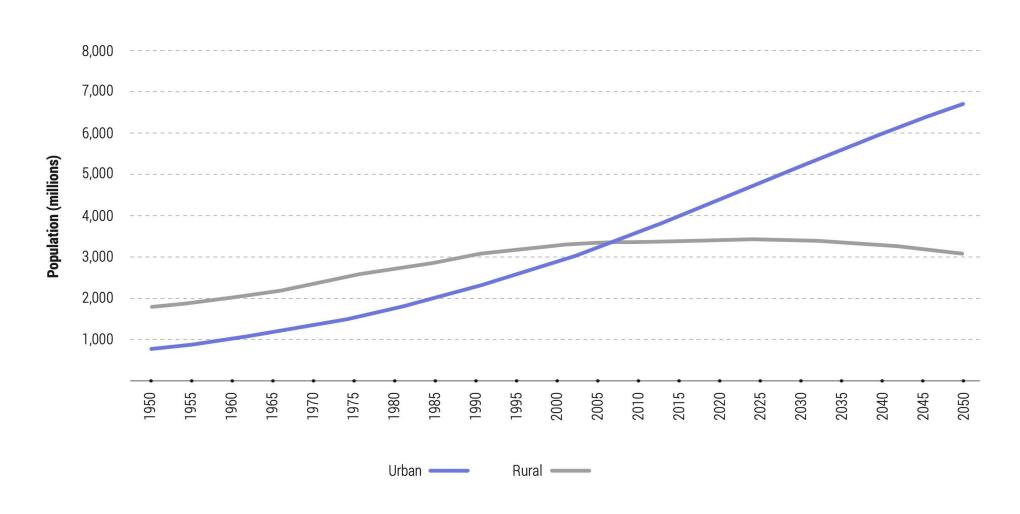






UNITED NATIONS WORLD CITIES REPORT 2022

Figure 1.1: Urban and rural population of the world (1950-2030)

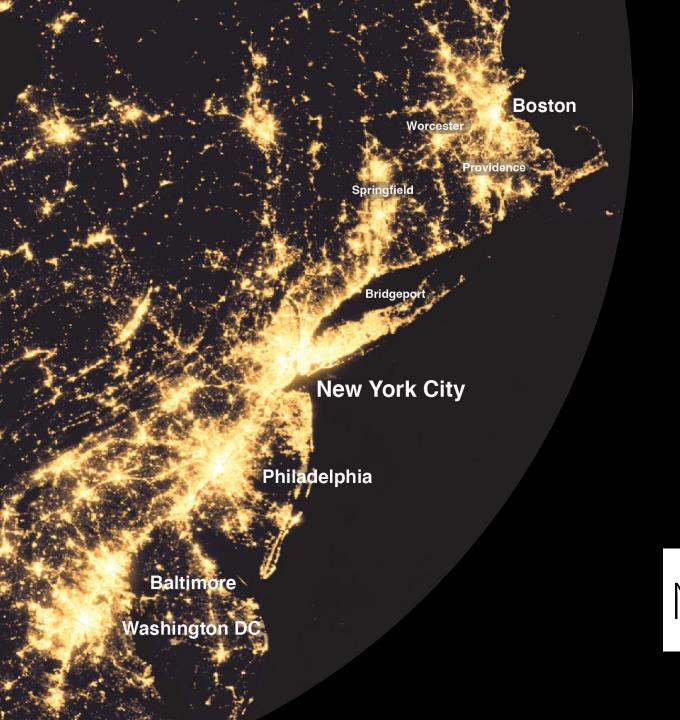




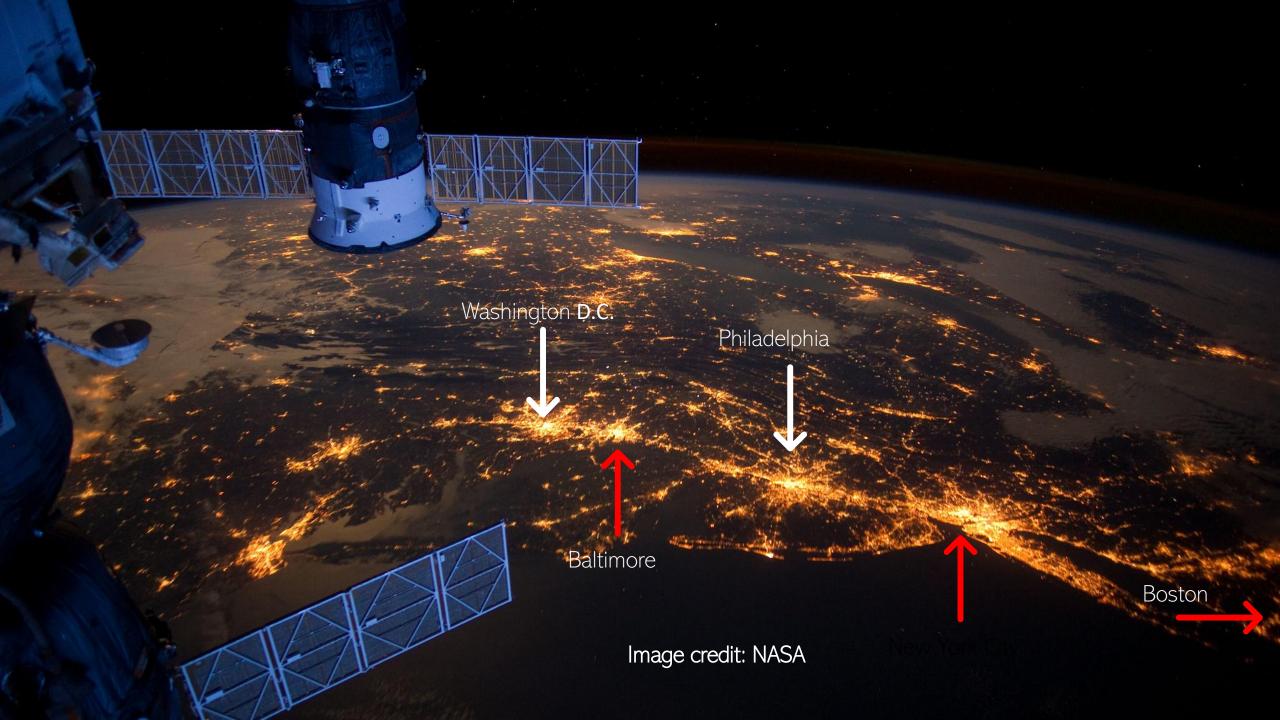


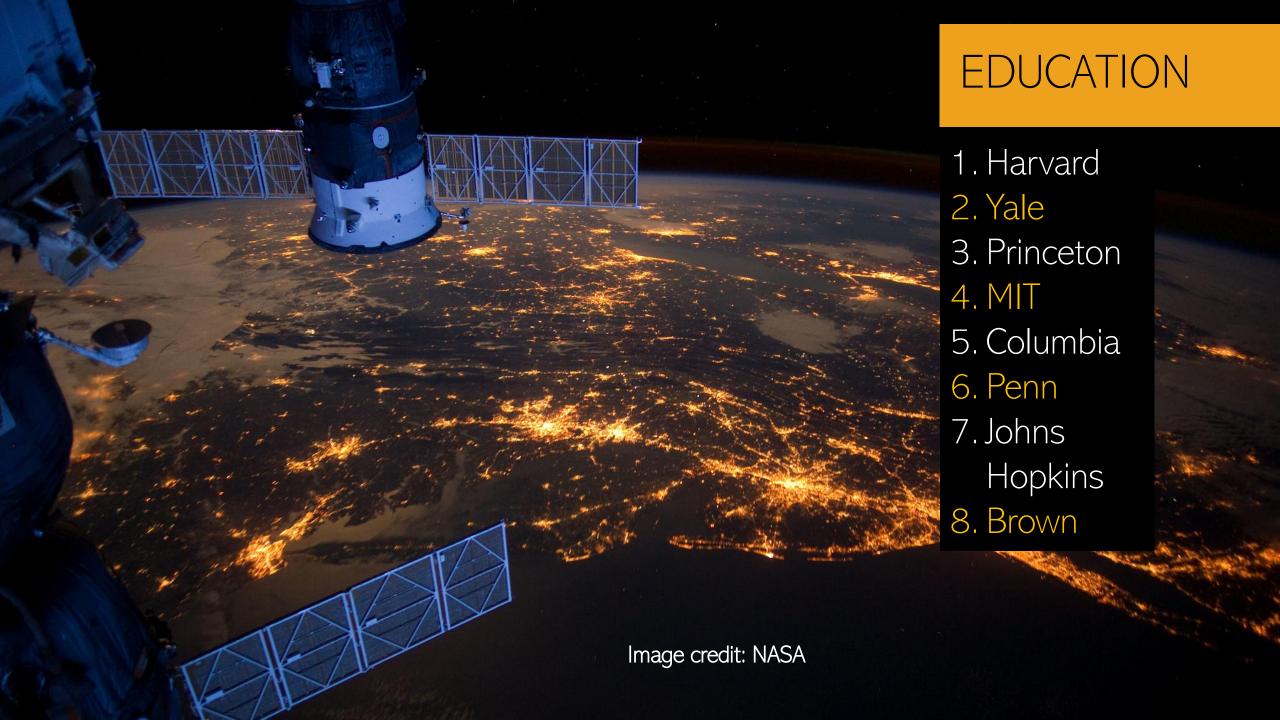






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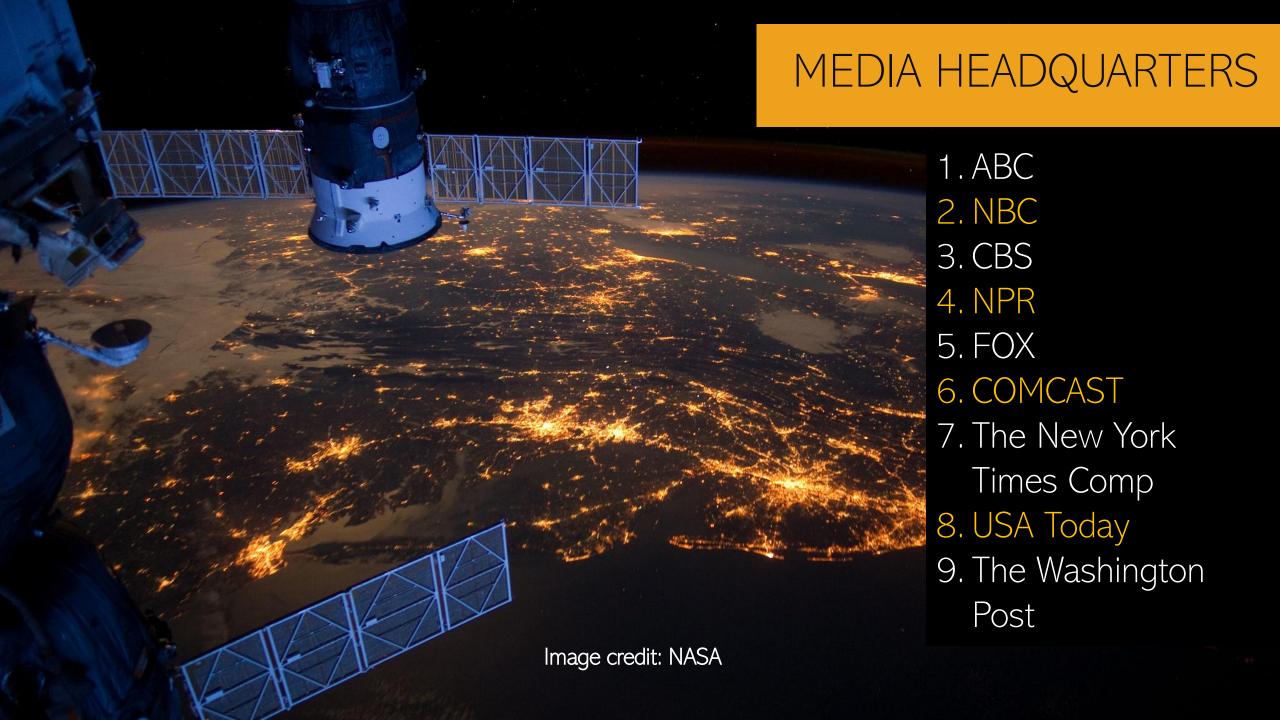






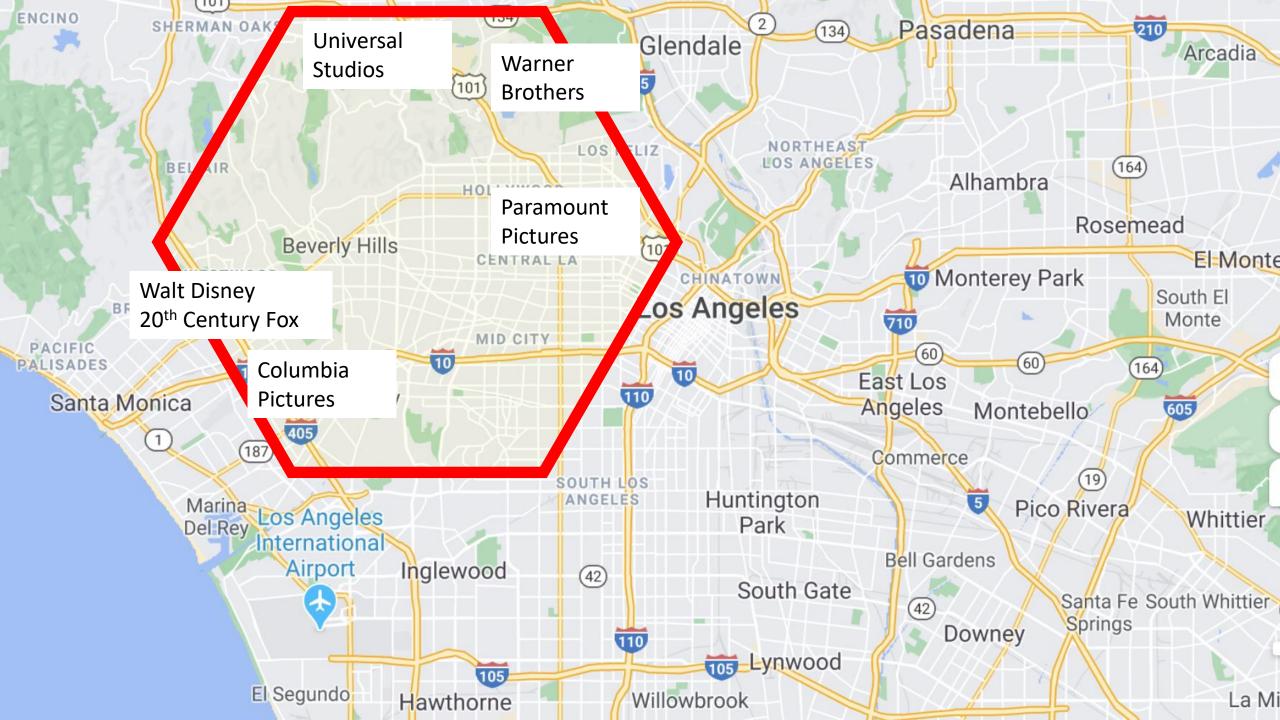
ECONOMY

- 1. 20 percent of US GDP.
- 2. Largest economic output of any megalopolis in the world.
- 3. Headquarters of J.P. Morgan Chase, Citigroup, Fannie Mae, Goldman Sachs, Freddie Mac, Fidelity.
- 4. Headquarters of 162 of the Fortune 500 Global Companies.
- 5. Center of the Global Hedge Fund Industry.

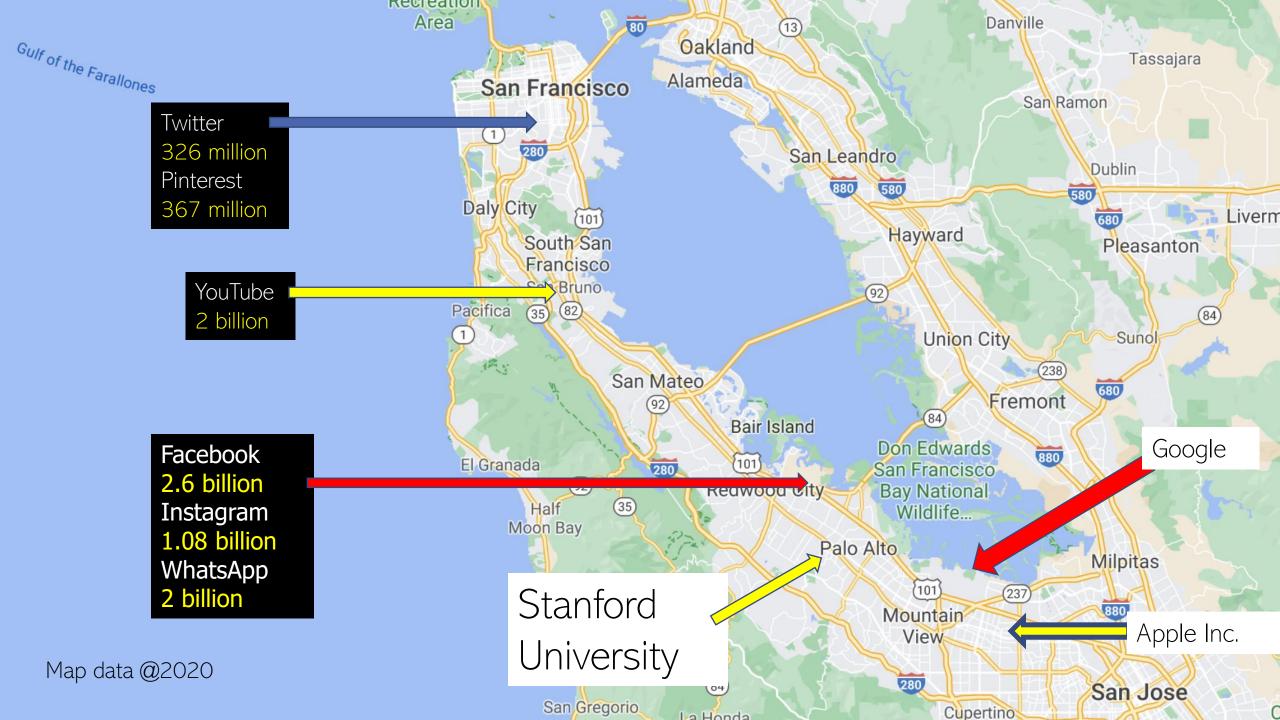








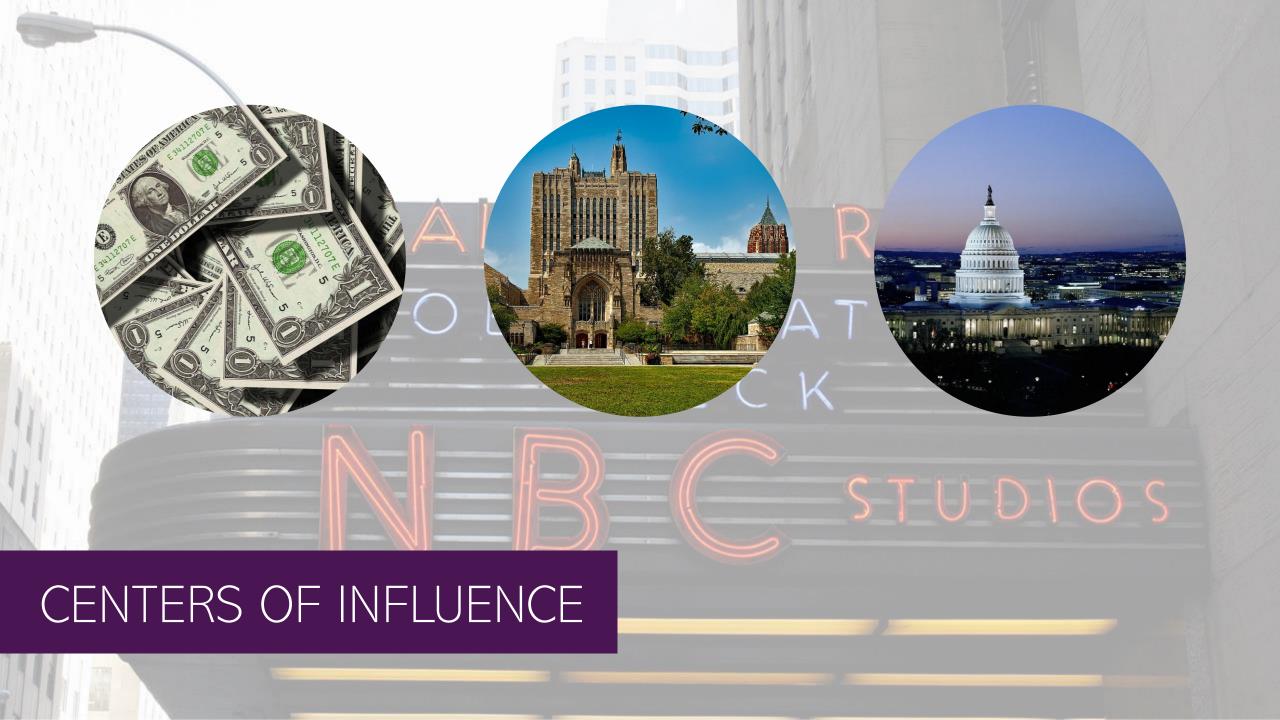






IF FACEBOOK WERE A
COUNTRY, IT WOULD BE
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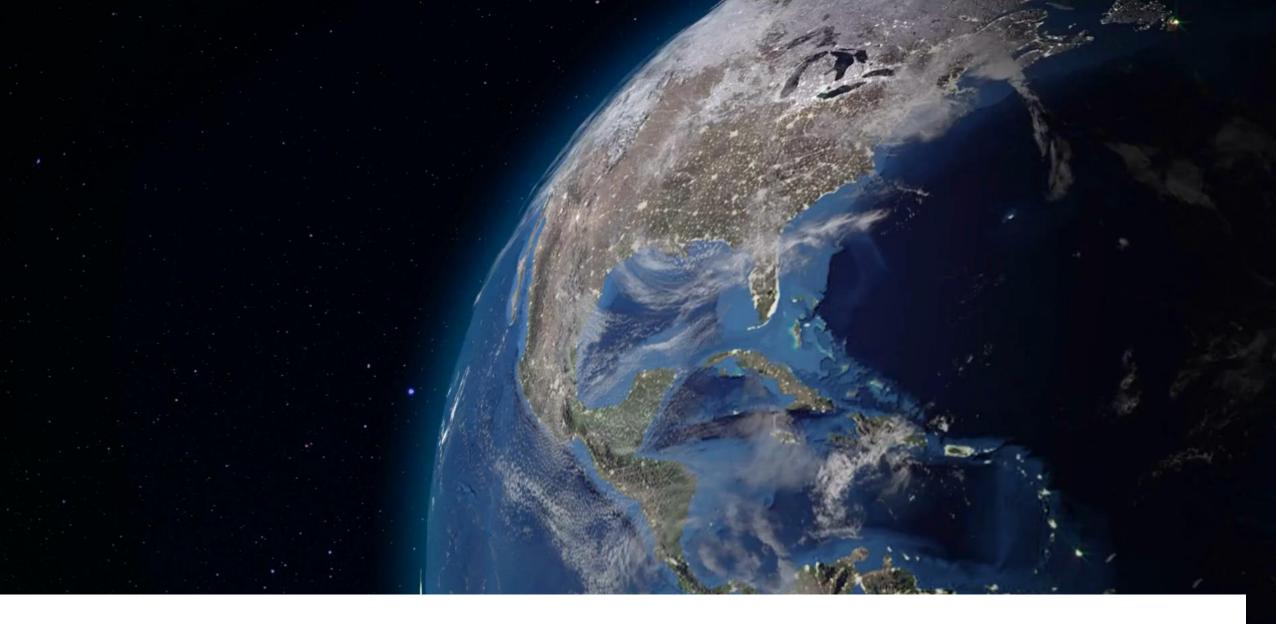












04 | MISSIONARIES SENT FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH

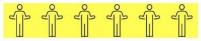
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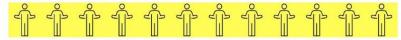
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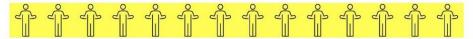
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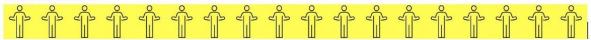
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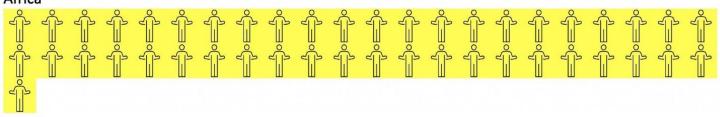
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Inter-America



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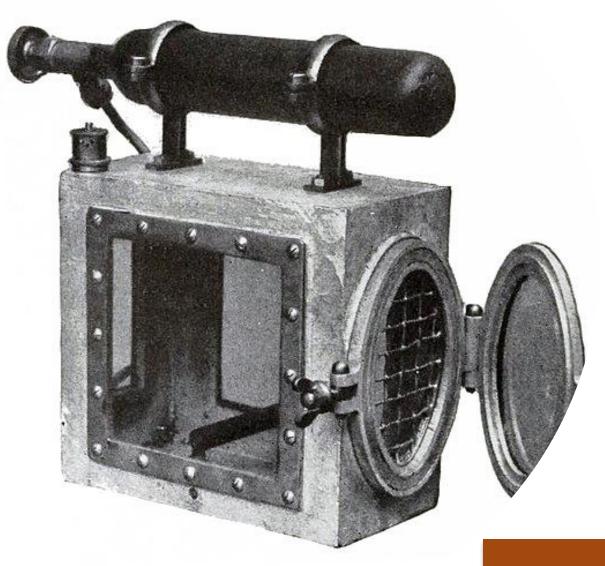


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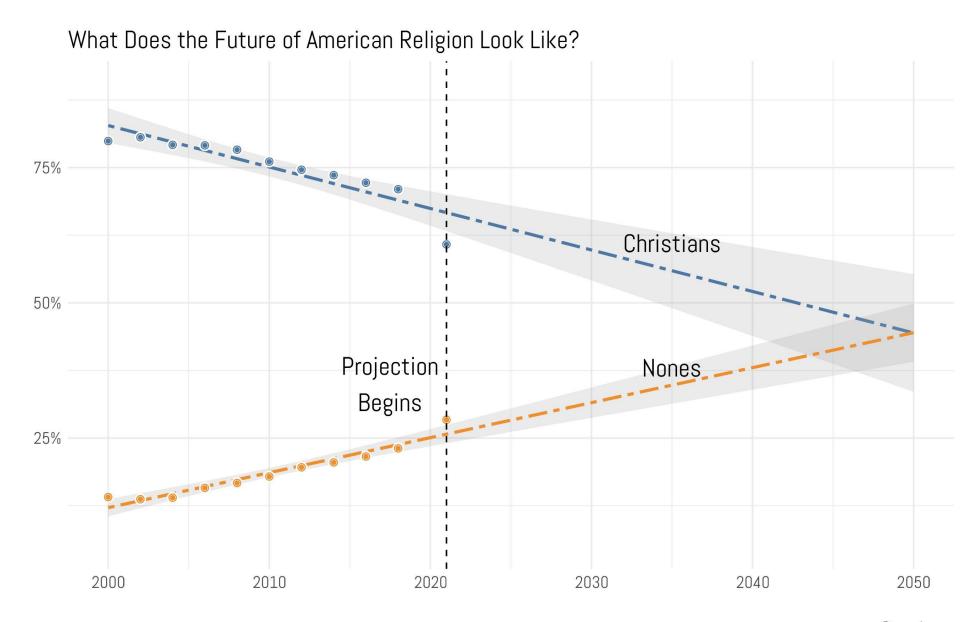
ADVENTIST CHURCH WERE A

VILLAGE OF 100 PEOPLE





A CANARY IN THE COAL MINE



@ryanburge Data: 1980-2021 "AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS; AND THEN SHALL THE END COME." MATT.24:14

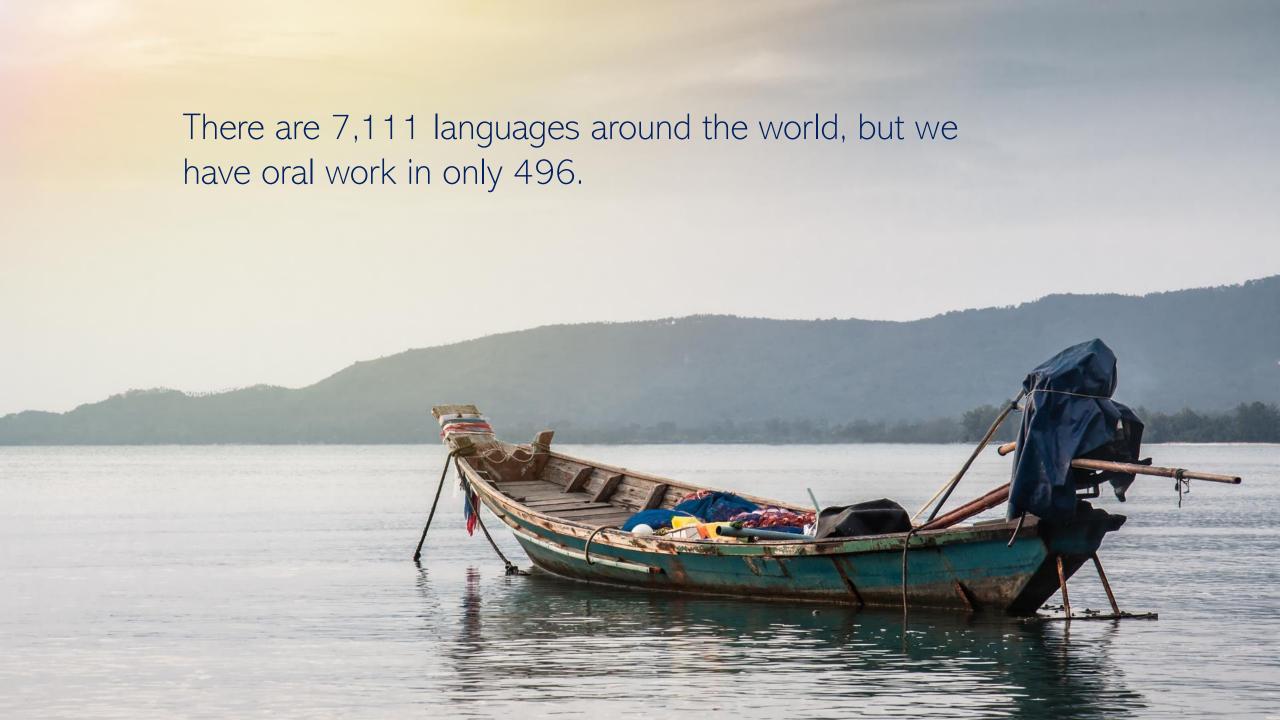


















10/40 WINDOW

 10 most dangerous countries for Christians

Countries where the religion and the state

are one and the same

Birthplace of the three great world

religions: Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism

8,867 different people groups (6,180)

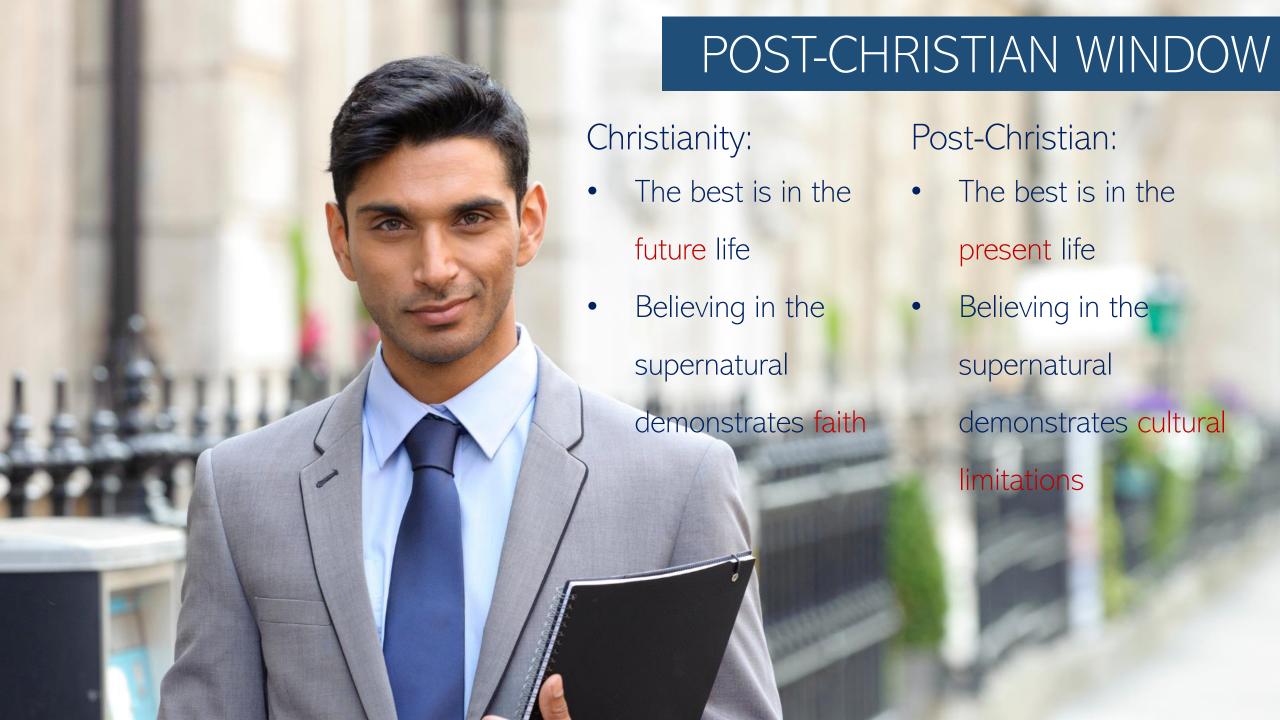
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8 in 10 persons live in extreme poverty



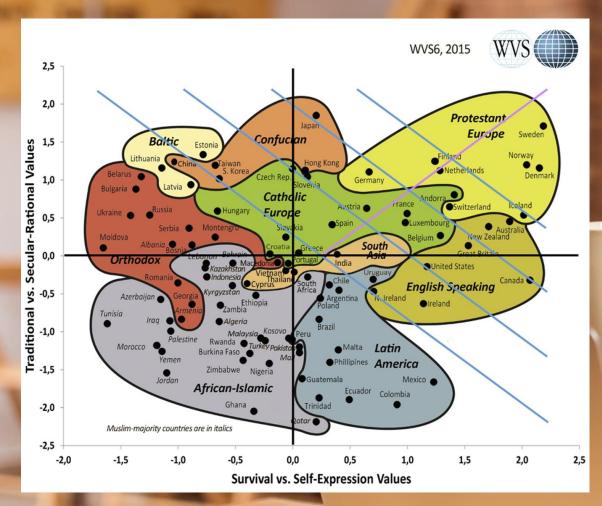








POST-CHRISTIAN WINDOW







URBAN WINDOW

THE GREATEST CHALLENGES:

543 cities with 1 million inhabitants or more

1 Adventist for 89,000 inhabitants (1/136)

100 cities – 1 Adventist for 20,000 inhabitants

49 cities with less than 10 SDA

43 cities with no Adventist presence

Source: Demographia and "Reaching the World's 500 Largest Cities: A Demographic and Statistical Analysis"

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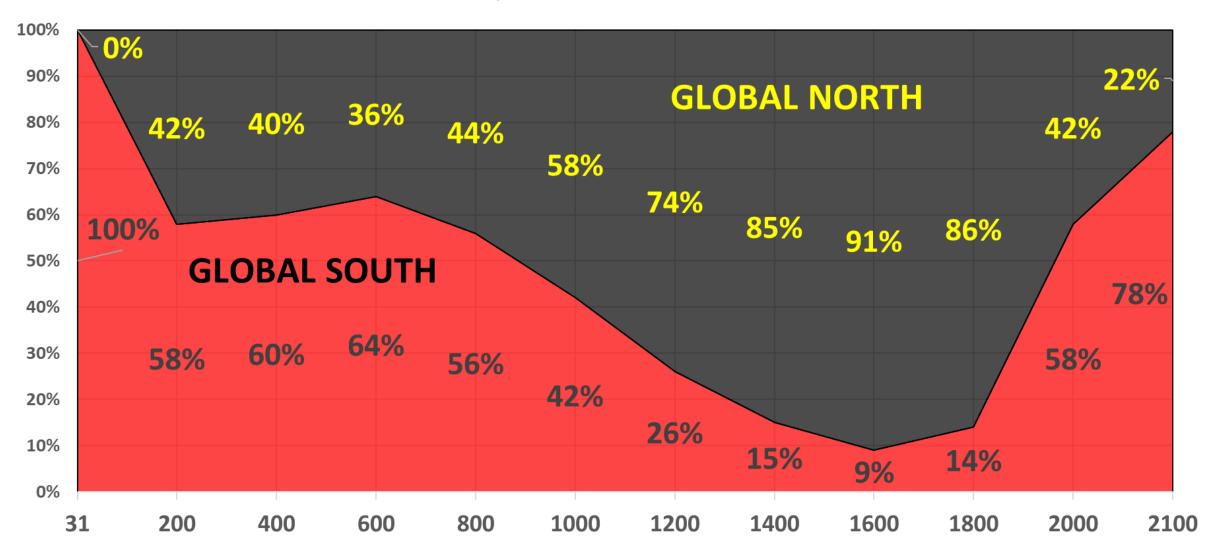








% of Christians







Quantitative and material factors contribute to

capacity:

Number of members

Ratio of members to population

Number of congregations

Financial resources

Buildings and equipment

Availability of contextualized materials

MISSIONAL CAPACITY



Internal, spiritual, qualitative factors contribute to capacity:

Discipleship maturity of members

Quality of lay and pastoral leadership

Commitment to outreach

Witnessing skills

Relationship of members with community

MISSIONAL CAPACITY





THE MISSIONAL CONTEXT

- What is the degree of freedom to worship and evangelize?
- How receptive to Christianity is that society?
- How receptive to the Adventist message are the people?
- What are the general religious, legal, cultural, economic, and political conditions?
- What reputation do Adventists have in that environment?

HIGH CAPACITY + FAVORABLE CONTEXT= LOW STRATEGIC NEED

 Local church has relatively low need for help and support from outside its area to fulfill its mission in its own area.

 Example: Division with 20% of Church membership and 5% of world population.



STRATEGIC MISSIONAL NEED FORMULA

LOW CAPACITY + LESS FAVORABLE CONTEXT= HIGH STRATEGIC NEED

 Local church has relatively high need of help and support from outside its area to fulfill its mission in its own area.

Example: Division with 2% of Church
 membership and 20% of world population.



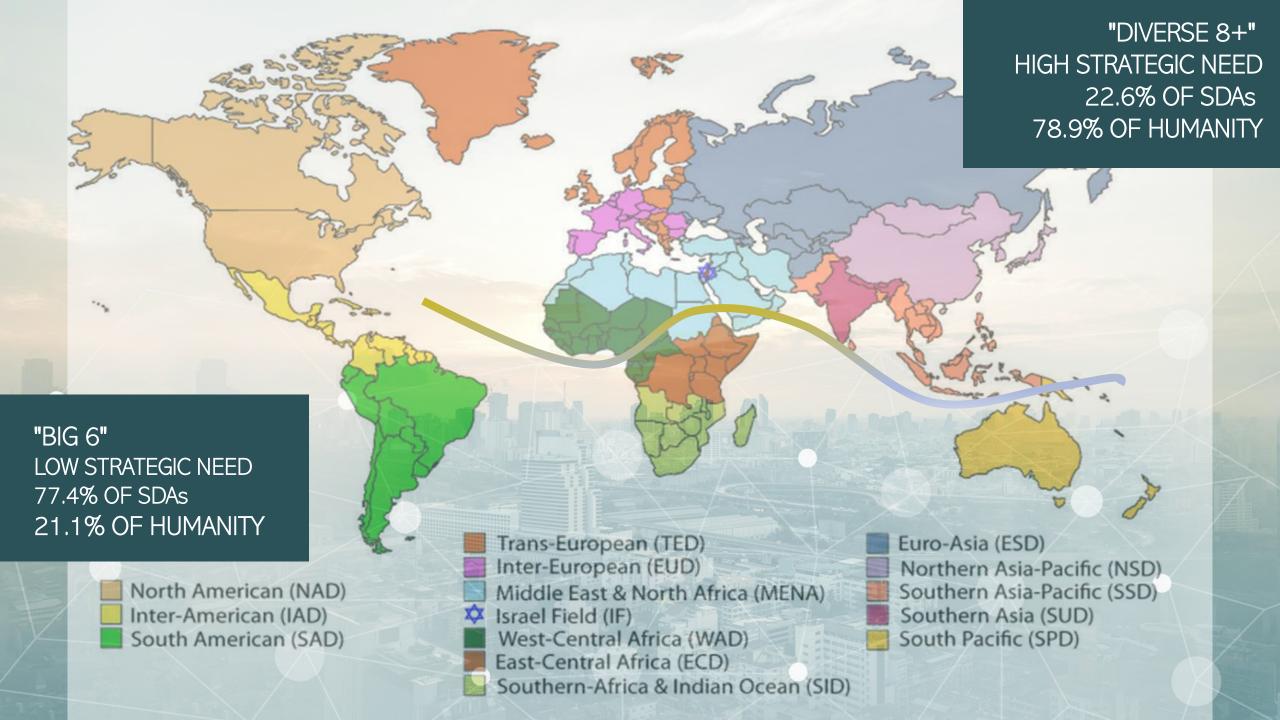
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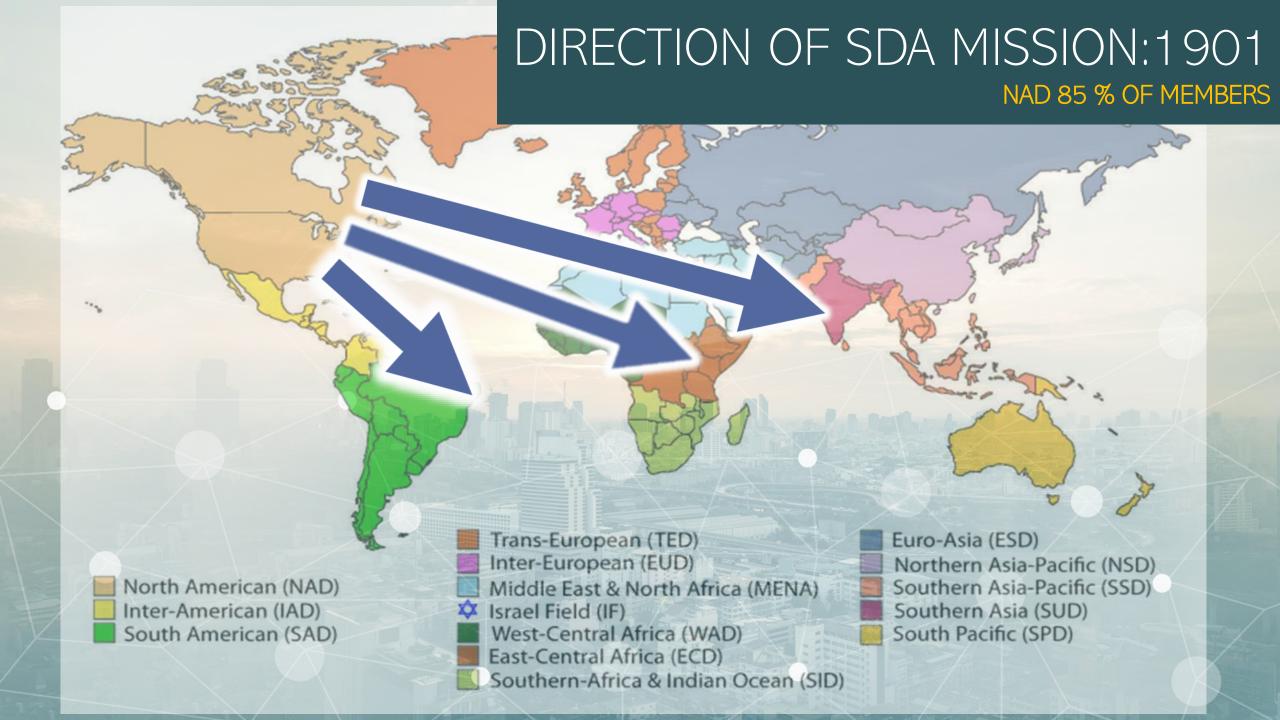




"BIG 6" DIVISIONS	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
North America	5.8%	5.0%
Inter America	16.7%	4.0%
South America	11.7%	4.5%
East Central Africa	21.3%	4.7%
Southern Africa Indian Ocean	19.1%	2.4%
South Pacific	2.8%	0.5%
	77.4%	21.1%

"DIVERSE 8+" DIVISIONS	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Euro-Asia *	0.5%	4.5%
Inter European	0.8%	4.8%
Trans European	0.4%	2.9%
North Asia Pacific	1.3%	2.6%
Southern Asia	5.2%	18.3%
Southern Asia Pacific	8.0%	13.6%
Chinese Union Mission +	2.2%	19.9%
Israel Field +	0.004%	0.11%
Mid/East N/Africa Union Mission +	0.03%	7.03%
West Central Africa	4.1%	5.2%
Compiled from 2021 ASR	22.6%	78.9%





DIRECTION OF SDA MISSION: 2022 NAD 6 % OF MEMBERS "DIVERSE 8+" HIGH STRATEGIC NEED "BIG 6" LOW STRATEGIC NEED Trans-European (TED) Euro-Asia (ESD) Inter-European (EUD) Northern Asia-Pacific (NSD) North American (NAD) Southern Asia-Pacific (SSD) Middle East & North Africa (MENA) Inter-American (IAD) Southern Asia (SUD) Israel Field (IF) South American (SAD) West-Central Africa (WAD) South Pacific (SPD) East-Central Africa (ECD)

Southern-Africa & Indian Ocean (SID)





"HIS KINGDOM WILL NOT COME

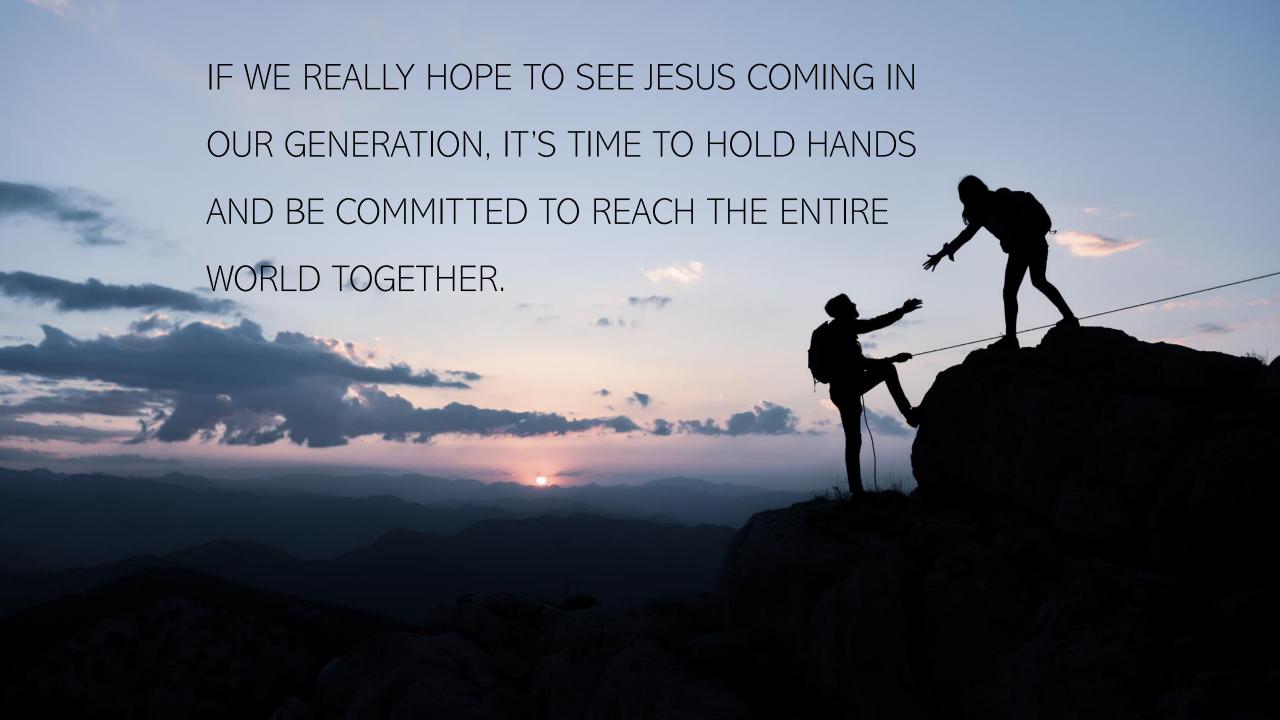
UNTIL THE GOOD TIDINGS OF

HIS GRACE HAVE BEEN CARRIED

TO ALL THE EARTH."

(Ellen White, Mount of Blessings, p. 108)













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