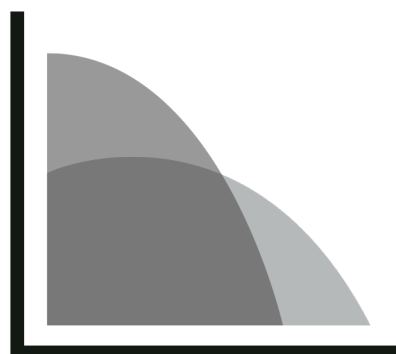




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actions of Seventh-day Adventist Church members in
the Inter-American Division**

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1. Context

This document is the final written report of the research done in the Inter-American Division (IAD) of Seventh-day Adventists during the first and second quarter of 2013 regarding faith, values, and commitment of a selective sample of Adventist church members throughout the Division. The research was sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists under the direction of the Department of Research and Archives, who provided the basic analysis plan and worked closely with the John Hancock Center for Youth and Family Ministry, at the H.M.S. Divinity School at La Sierra University, Riverside, CA.

The IAD comprises 43 countries, three greater language groups and a great variety of cultures and ethnic groups. The Division has 3,612,480 active church members (Yearbook 2012) in 11,403 local churches belonging to 19 Unions. The countries included in the Inter-American field are: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), the French overseas collectivities of Saint-Barthelemy, and Saint Martin, and the municipality of Bonaire, Saint Eustatius, and Saba.

All of the countries comprising the Caribbean, Cuban, Dominican, French Antilles-Guiana, Inter-Oceanic Mexican, Jamaica, North Colombian, North Mexican, Puerto Rican, and South Central American Union Conferences; the Atlantic Caribbean, Central Mexican, Chiapas Mexican, East Venezuela, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haitian, Honduras, South Colombian, Southeast Mexican, and Venezuela-Antilles Union Missions; and the Belize Union of Churches Mission.

2. Introduction

2.1. Description

An objective understanding of the spiritual experiences of Adventist church members will allow diagnosing the most urgent needs. This descriptive and comparative exploratory study provides church leaders valuable information to guide departmental planning, furthermore give the appropriate information about the programs and seminars that need to be developed in the field. Therefore, the following aims were proposed:

- To identify positive and negative perceptions of church members.
- To determine the effectiveness of the programs being offered by the local churches and their pastoral leadership.
- To discover the degree of commitment of Adventist church members regarding the beliefs of the church.
- To determine how church members perceive the congregational climate.
- To share the research findings with other organizations of the IAD.
- To identify the level of participation in programs and service structures of the church.

- To share with the General Conference the findings on faith, beliefs, perceptions, attitudes and action of church members from the IAD.

3. *Research Team Involvement*

Listed here are all the members of the research team that was used to perform our data collection, management, and analysis. Project coordinator: Raquel de Korniejczuk, PhD.; Operative assistant: Melissa Ruiz-Dyck, M.S.; Jaime Rodríguez, PhD.; Hiram Ruiz, M.P.Th.; Ekel E. Collins, M.S.A.; Víctor Korniejczuk, PhD.; Andrés Díaz-Valladares, PhD.

4. *Methods*

4.1. *Preparing the Survey Instrument, Selecting the Respondents*

The survey instrument used was developed by the John Hancock Center for Youth and Family Ministry, La Sierra University and adapted with ten new questions provided by the IAD. **Table 1** shows adapted sections of the survey with the additional IAD questions.

Table 1. Additional IAD questions

Section	Question
	2.21 I participate in the activities organized by the youth ministry
2. About your church (Think about your local church. How true of your church are each of these statements?)	2.22 My church uses the Adventist youth hymnal
	2.23 My church sermons include targeting young
	2.24 My church addresses the issue of music
	2.25 The pastor and elders are involved in youth ministry
	2.26 Meet the document Adventist world church is about the Philosophy of music
3. Your Religious Life (How much has each of the following helped you develop your Religious Life?)	3.28 The youth society
	3.29 Summer Camps
	3.30 Camporee
	3.31 Youth clubs

A stratified sample selection method was applied to the random selection of clusters represented by churches in the IAD. The recommended instrument was applied in the official languages of the IAD; Spanish, English and French. **Table 2** summarizes the operations of the research team in a chronological order.

Table 2. Chronological scheme of operations

Operations	2013						
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J
Write and send the Research Grant Proposal							
Create a database of all Union Conferences and Union Missions comprising the IAD, considering a sample size of churches based on stratified sampling							
Obtain approval of additional IAD questions to the instrument							
Contact the field administrators of the in the IAD via telephone, e-mail and fax							
Receive the directory of churches and pastors of the IAD fields							
Based on the directory of churches, perform a random selection of sample of churches							
Contact the pastors of the selected churches							
Design and edit the questionnaire, answer sheets, and PowerPoint presentation							
Translate the instrument to Spanish							
Translate the instrument to French							
Include the special IAD items in the three versions of the instrument (English, Spanish and French)							
Print questionnaires and answer sheets							
Shipment of both national and international survey materials							
Receive answer sheets ready to capture							
Data collection							
Data analysis							
Preliminary Report							
Final Report							

4.2. Gathering the Data Sets

The process used in gathering the data was supported by the church's organizational structure that authorized and facilitated the services of local leaders for the application of the survey. **Figure 1** depicts the process used in collecting the data necessary for the application of this survey (list of churches and

pastors of each IAD field, number of baptized members of selected churches, postal and email addresses for the survey shipment, etc.)

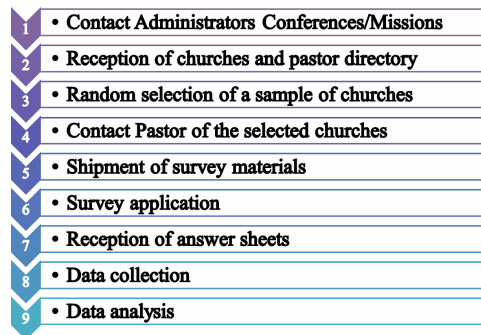


Figure 1. Logistics for gathering the data sets. The first step was to contact Administrators in each Conference or Mission for the IAD. They provided us with the directory of churches and pastors and then, based on this information a random selection of a sample of churches was made. Subsequently, we contacted every pastor of the selected churches, they provided us with the number of baptized members in their churches along with both postal and email addresses for the survey shipment. The survey materials was sent, the pastor applied the survey and returned the answer sheets. Finally, the data collection and analysis was performed.

Regarding the representative sample size, **Table 3** presents a relation between countries, churches contacted, answer sheets sent and those that were returned by the time of writing this report. As shown in **Table 3**, there was a recovery of 29% of the surveys sent.

Table 3. Churches contacted and representative sample size

Language	Country	Churches contacted	Answer sheets sent	Answer sheets returned n (%)
Spanish	Colombia	18	1,455	206 (14)
	Costa Rica	2	70	39 (56)
	Cuba	5	294	50 (17)
	Dominican Republic	18	1,333	377 (28)
	El Salvador	9	502	244 (49)
	Guatemala	19	1,719	578 (34)
	Honduras	4	157	0
	Mexico	46	4,242	1,617 (38)
	Nicaragua	4	405	146 (36)
	Panama	5	335	109 (33)
	Puerto Rico	5	380	74 (19)
	Venezuela	14	820	120 (15)
SUBTOTAL		149	11,712	3,560 (30)
English	Antigua and Barbuda	1	60	0
	Bahamas	1	105	0
	Jamaica	7	702	143 (20)

SUBTOTAL		9	867	143 (16)
French	Haiti	1	325	95 (29)
	Martinique	1	157	49 (31)
SUBTOTAL		2	482	144 (30)
TOTAL		160	13,061	3,847 (29)

4.3. Analyzing the Data Sets

Once the database was created, data was analyzed according to the areas and objectives of the project. It is relevant to note that at the time of the writing of this final report 3847 surveys have been returned, captured and analyzed. The SPSS version 20 statistical program was used to analyze beliefs, perceptions, attitudes and actions that Church members responded.

Descriptive statistics were used to analyze the survey. Therefore final results are shown in frequency tables or plots. For the construction of all tables in the results section, only the valid values for each item was considered, namely, missing data were omitted.

Furthermore, scales were analyzed to determine their internal structure and were considered in summary form (Exploratory Factor Analysis). Having identified the internal factors of each scale they were analyzed for their relationship with other variables or in terms of their differences by some groups identified.

5. Results

5.1. General Description Of Inter-American Division Church Members

Clustering the faith, beliefs, perceptions, attitudes and actions of Seventh-day Adventist church members in the Inter-American Division in terms of three major assessments:

1. Church life/church relationship (experiences, financial commitment, relationship with pastoral leadership).
2. Religious Life (development of spiritual life, interpersonal relationships, commitments with God, attitudes, personal devotion).
3. Beliefs (Fundamentals Beliefs, Salvation, Relationship with Christ, Death, Specific Church Teachings).

Four clusters of members were formed considering different levels; high, medium-high, medium-low and low (**Table 4**). In brief, a greater proportion (38%) of SDA members conserved a high level of beliefs, but they have medium-high levels of church and Religious Life. It is relevant to note that less than a third of the members maintain high levels of all aspects.

Table 4. General assessment of SDA church members in the IAD

Level	Scores	Level of Church life	Level of Religious Life	Level of Beliefs	Members in this level (%)
High	76-100	High	High	High	29
Medium-high	51-75	Medium-high	Medium-high	High	38
Medium-low	26-50	Medium-high	Medium-high	Medium-high	17
Low	0-25	Medium-low	Medium-low	Medium-high	16

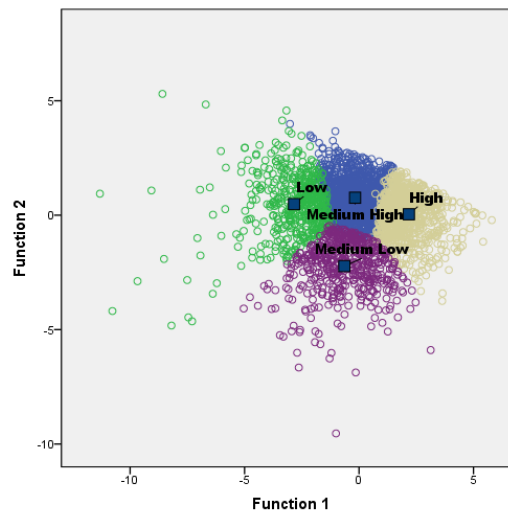


Figure 2. General clustering of Inter-American Division Church members

In order to obtain a more specific understanding of each area observed, similar analyses were performed by area, identifying four groups in each one, as described in the following paragraphs.

5.1.1. Church Life/Church Relationships

Table 5 presents Church life/church relationships. The first group comprises members whose religious experiences in church, both extrinsic and intrinsic are high. They make regular financial contributions for specific projects, church schools, and they will their assets to the church. They consider that the pastor's characteristics and leadership skills are highly important. They also have high expectations with leadership in support to the mission of the church but come down to medium-high in terms of their responsibility regarding the needs of fellow church members and local church school. They also feel the importance for the pastor to show high interest in church growth, spiritual development and caring for the needs of others (20%).

The second group includes members similar to those described in the previous group with the exception of a medium-high level of commitment in donations for church projects and a low level in donations for the school and wills (32%).

The third group includes members with medium-high levels of extrinsic and intrinsic religious experiences in church that score the pastor's characteristics and leadership's support in the fulfillment of the church's mission with medium-high but go down to a low score regarding the care for personal needs and church schools. They also give a high score to the importance that the pastor shows interest in the spiritual growth and personal needs (36%).

The last group is comprised of members that score with medium-high of importance to the interest the pastor shows for the development of the church, spiritual growth, the care for the needs of others, along with the internal religious experiences that occur in the church. They score as medium-low the importance the external religious experiences in the church, their donations to projects, the pastor's characteristics as well as the leadership of church leaders in the fulfillment of the mission of the church. They also scored low on donations for church schools and wills and trusts (16%).

Table 5. Characteristics of the four groups based on church life

Members by cluster		Clusters			
		Cluster 1 20%	Cluster 2 32%	Cluster 3 36%	Cluster 4 16%
Church experience	Extrinsic aspects	High	High	Medium-high	Medium-low
	Intrinsic aspects	High	High	Medium-high	Medium-high
Financial commitment (Donations)	Church projects	High	Medium-high	Medium-high	Medium-low
	Wills and local church school	High	Low	Low	Low
Importance of characteristics and leadership of church pastor		High	High	Medium-high	Medium-low
Local church leaders	Support the mission of the church and have good relationships	High	High	Medium-high	Medium-low
	Responsive to needs of members and church schools	Medium-high	Medium-high	Low	Medium-low
Importance of the personal traits in the pastoral leadership	Interested on spiritual development and growth	High	High	High	Medium-high
	Advises and attends the needs of others	High	High	High	Medium-high

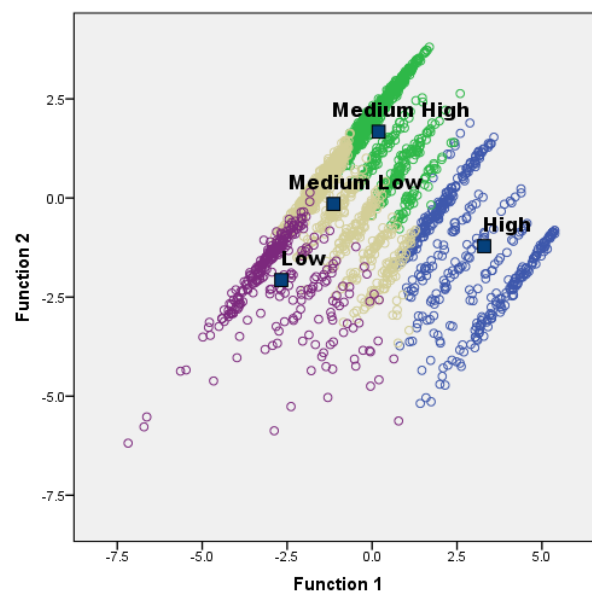


Figure 3. Church life clustering of Inter-American Division Church members

5.1.2. Religious Life

In regards to Religious Life (**Table 6**), once again cluster 3 had a higher proportion of members (36%); they have high scores in terms of interpersonal relationships in the church, attitudes toward internal religious experience and commitment to their personal life, God and witnessing. Also, members that comprise cluster 3 have medium-high levels in personal devotion, personal commitment to help other people and consider church activities as enhancers in the development of their spiritual life. Medium-low levels are presented in attitudes toward external religious experience and consider media and publications as enhancers in the development their spiritual life. Finally, these members consider the church school and youth pastor as enhancers to development their spiritual life in a low level.

Contrasting with the assessment of church life, where there was only one characteristic that any cluster declared a high level of importance. It is remarkable that none of the other clusters had a high score in the other three characteristics concerning Religious Life, namely, media-publications and church school-youth pastor as enhancers in the development of spiritual life and attitudes toward external religious experiences.

Table 6. Characteristics of the four groups based on Religious Life

Members by cluster		Clusters			
		Cluster 1 30%	Cluster 2 17%	Cluster 3 36%	Cluster 4 17%
Activities for development of spiritual life	Church and personal	High	Medium-low	Medium-high	Medium-high
	Media and publications	Medium-high	Low	Medium-low	Medium-low
	School and youth pastor	Medium-high	Low	Low	Medium-high
Interpersonal relationships in the church		High	High	High	Medium-high
Personal commitment	With my life, God and witness	High	High	High	Medium-high
	To help others	High	High	Medium-high	Medium-low
Attitudes toward religious experience	External	Medium-low	Medium-high	Medium-low	Medium-low
	Internal	High	High	High	Medium-high
Personal devotion		Medium-high	High	Medium-high	Medium-low

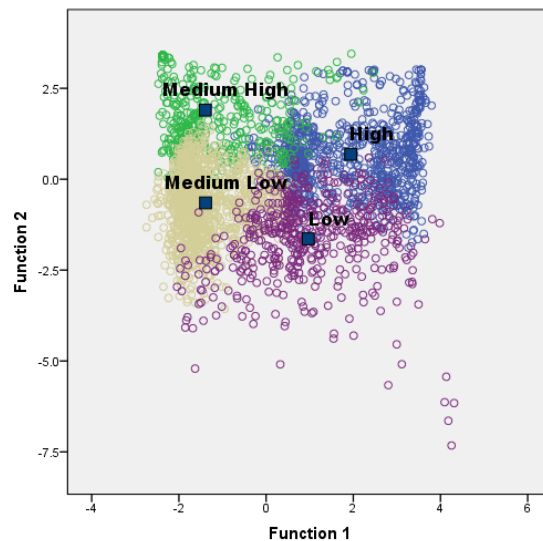


Figure 4. Religious Life clustering of Inter-American Division Church members

5.1.3. Beliefs

Table 7 presents the distribution and characteristics of the four clusters formed by the assessment of beliefs. Here, cluster 2 was the more representative, with a minimal difference (two percent) in contrast with cluster 1 (high levels in all beliefs). The members represented in cluster 2 have high levels of knowledge and acceptance of the belief of relationship with Jesus, death, fundamentals beliefs and acceptance of particular teachings, but have medium-low levels of knowledge and acceptance of belief of salvation.

Contrasting the knowledge and acceptance of all the beliefs and particular teachings of the church with the four clusters formed, it is interesting that belief about salvation is the one with the lowest scores. Namely, only members represented in cluster 1 have high levels, clusters 1 and 2 have medium-low levels and finally, members of cluster 4 have low levels.

Table 7. Characteristics of the four groups based on beliefs

Members by cluster		Clusters			
		<i>Cluster 1</i> 41%	<i>Cluster 2</i> 43%	<i>Cluster 3</i> 14%	<i>Cluster 4</i> 2%
Knowledge and acceptance of church beliefs	Fundamentals beliefs	High	High	High	Low
	About salvation	High	Medium-low	Medium-low	Low
	About relationship with Jesus	High	High	Medium-high	Low
	About death	High	High	Low	Medium-high
Acceptance of particular teachings		High	High	High	High

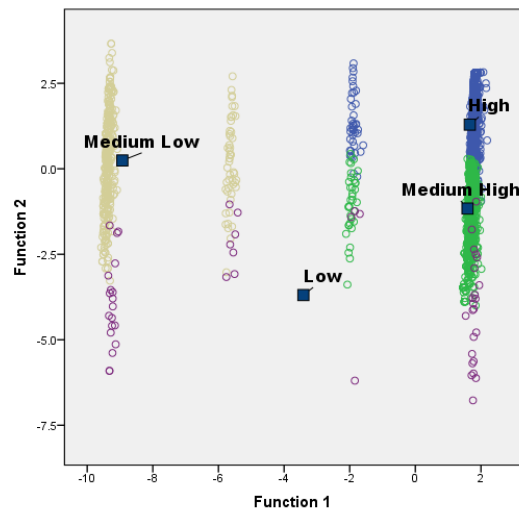


Figure 5. Beliefs clustering of Inter-American Division Church members

5.2. Descriptive Analysis

5.2.1. Demographics / Characteristics

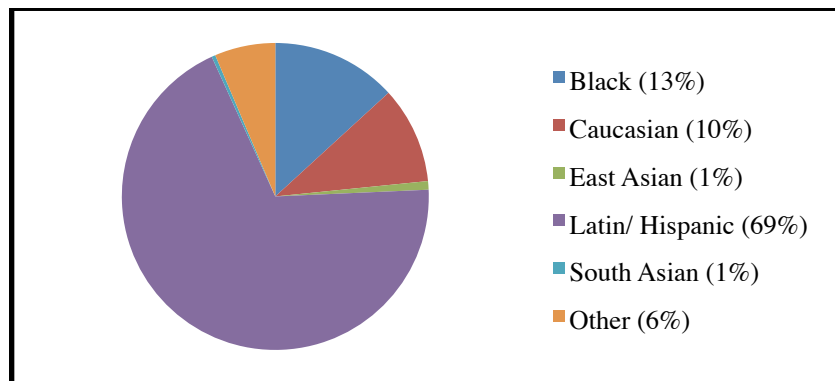


Figure 6. Race (Q1.1)

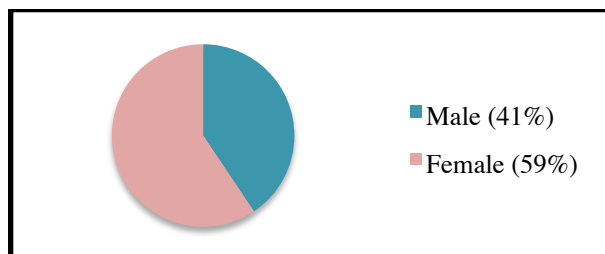


Figure 7. Gender (Q1.2)

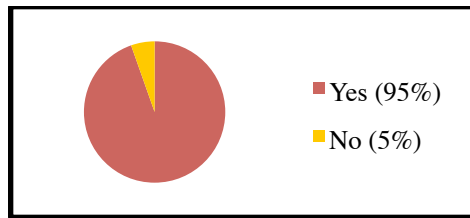


Figure 8. Baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist church (Q1.3)

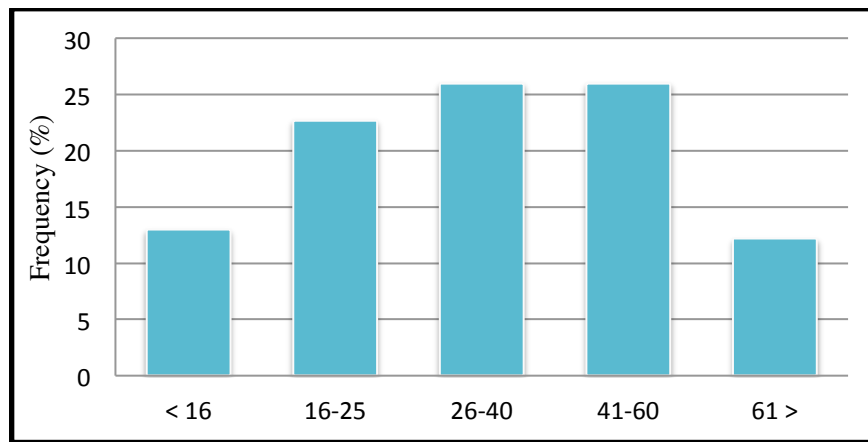


Figure 9. Age groups (Q1.4)

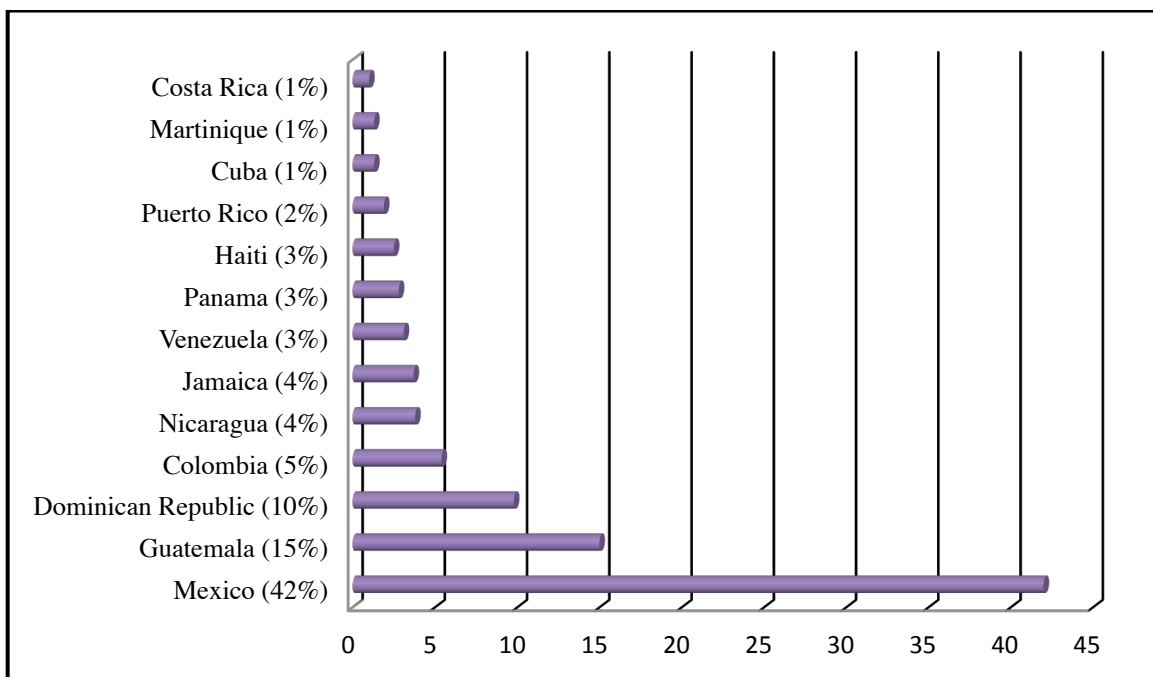


Figure 10. Country of residence (Q1.5)

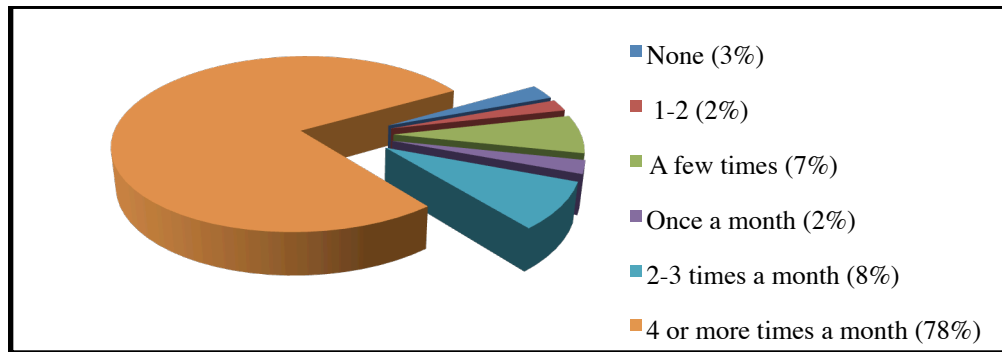


Figure 11. Number of times church service was attended during the last year (Q1.6)

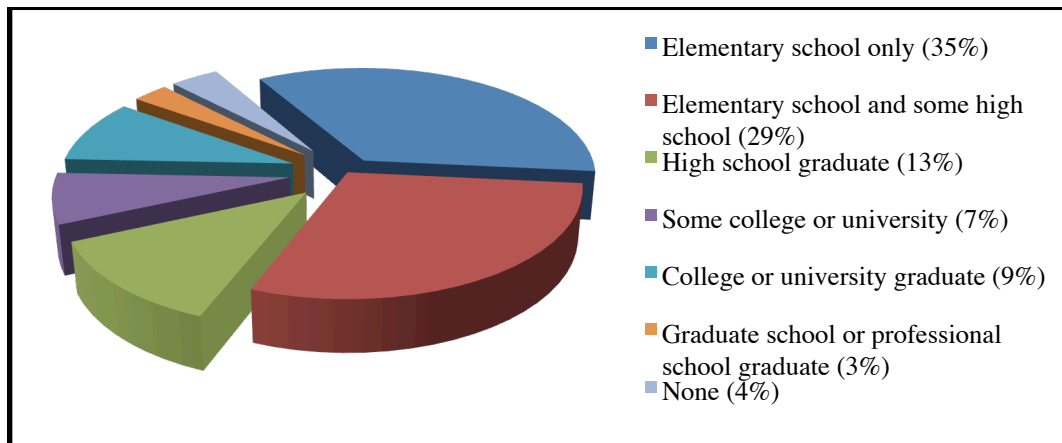


Figure 12. Level of schooling achieved (Q1.7)

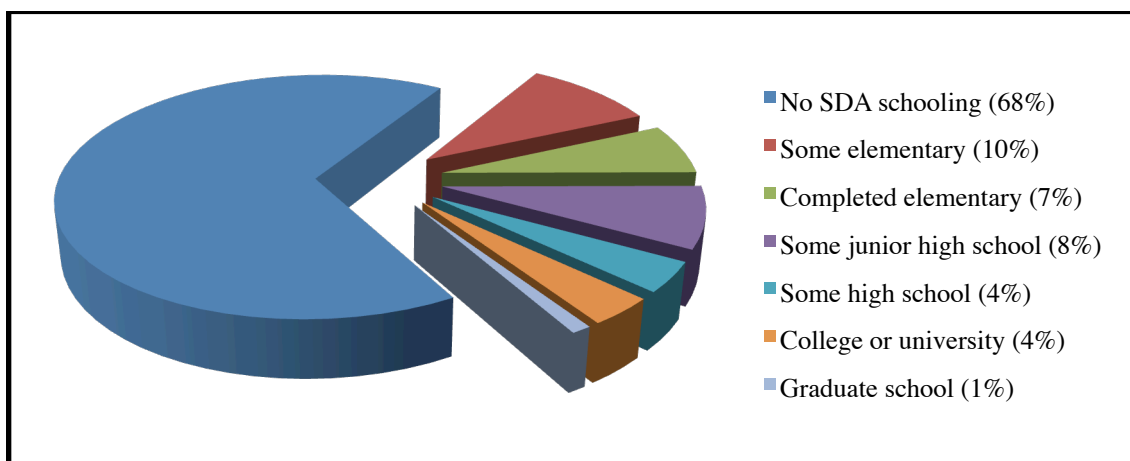


Figure 13. SDA school attendance (Q1.8)

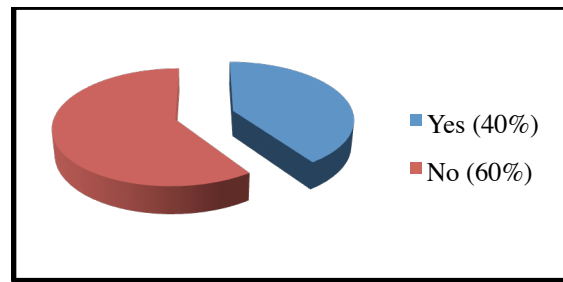


Figure 14. SDA from birth (Q1.9)

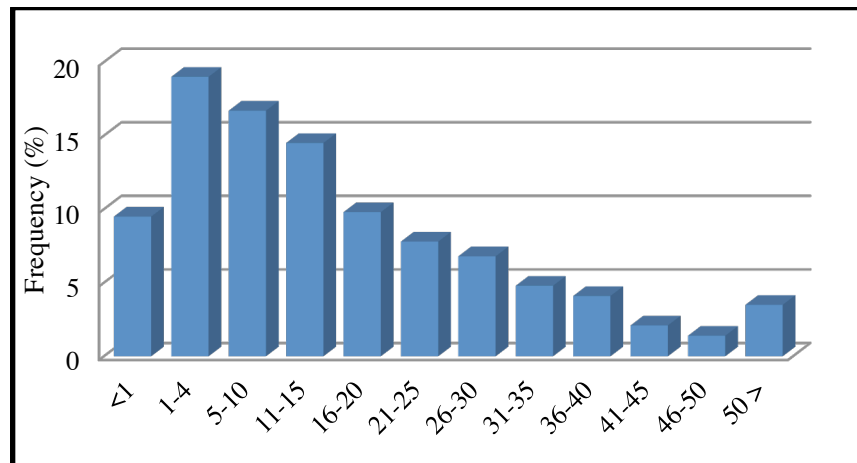


Figure 15. If not an SDA from birth, how long has been a SDA (Q1.10)

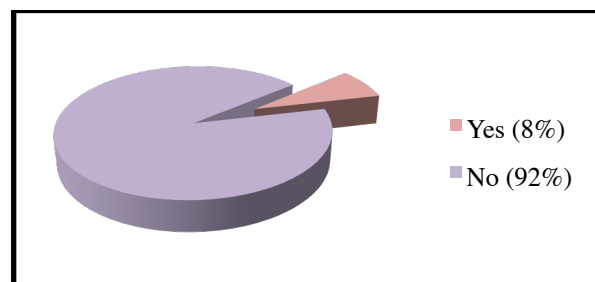


Figure 16. Employed by an institution owned or affiliated with the SDA Church (Q1.11)

5.2.2. Constructs and Factors

The following are the scales used in the instrument. We have identified every scale and the factors that were created. In this section, we present a general descriptive analysis of every factor and items that compound each factor.

5.2.2.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

a) Construct 1: Church experience

Factor 1: Extrinsic aspects

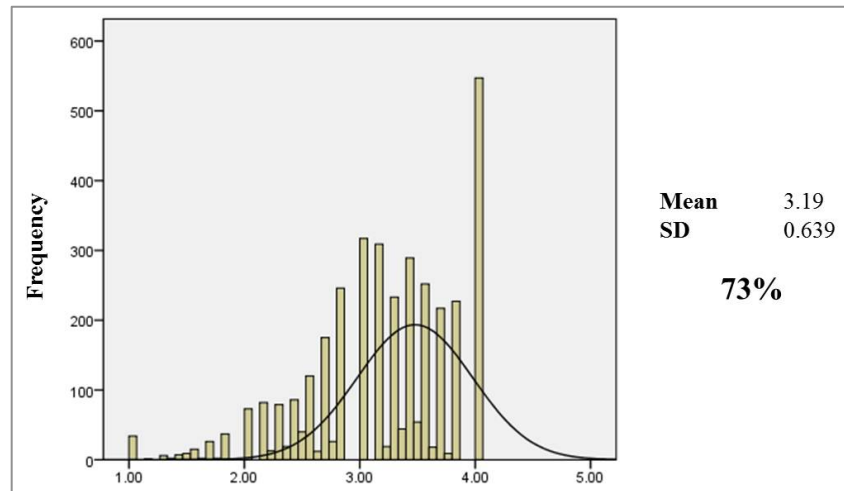


Figure 17. Church experience, extrinsic aspects

Table 8. Statements used for the construction of Factor 1

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q2.13. I can be myself at church.	3.37	.901
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		
Q2.8. Programs at my church are interesting.	3.36	.841
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		
Q2.9. Programs at my church make me think.	3.33	.847
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		
Q2.10. My Sabbath School teachers or leaders know me well.	3.31	.938
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		
Q2.12. The leaders in the church are warm and friendly.	3.19	.905
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		
Q2.14. The leaders in our church care about me.	2.94	1.020
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		
Q2.11. My pastor knows me well.	2.93	1.070
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		

SD: standard deviation

Factor 2: Intrinsic aspects

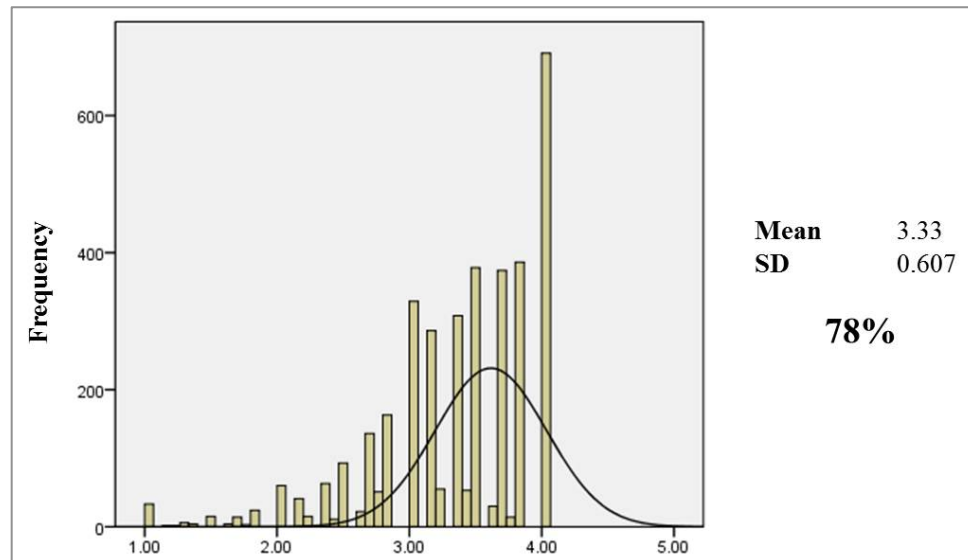


Figure 18. Church experience, intrinsic aspects

Table 9. Statements used for the construction of Factor 2

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q2.16. I go to programs at church because I want to.	3.52	.810
Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always		
Q2.17. My church is helping me grow closer to Christ.	3.51	.798
Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always		
Q2.20. I feel proud of my church and its role and reputation in my community.	3.46	.828
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		
Q2.15. I look forward to going to programs at my church.	3.44	.805
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		
Q2.19. I feel uncomfortable/ guilty when I do not attend church most weekends.	3.33	.982
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		
Q2.18. I attend small group meetings organized by the church.	2.79	1.161
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always		

SD: standard deviation

b) Construct 2: Financial commitment

Factor 1: Through donations for church projects

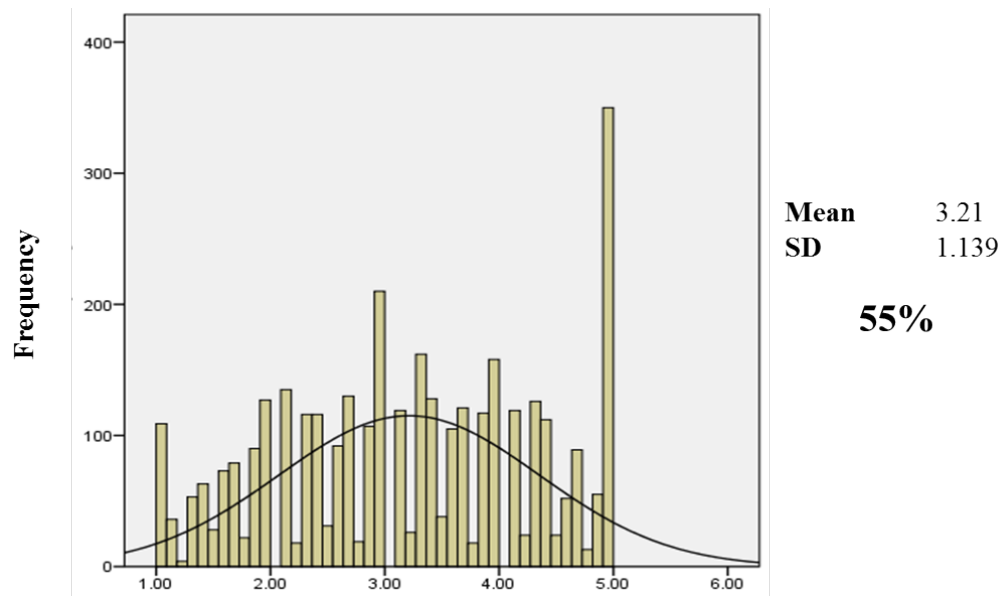


Figure 19. Through donations for church projects

Table 10. Statements used for the construction of Factor 1

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q2.21. Through my tithe. NA-Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/	3.68	1.447
Q2.22. Local church budget. NA-Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes / Often/ Always/	3.26	1.587
Q2.26. The evangelistic projects of the church. NA-Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes / Often/ Always/	3.24	1.552
Q2.24. The church building fund. NA-Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes / Often/ Always/	3.23	1.576
Q2.25. The mission program of the church. NA-Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes / Often/ Always/	3.18	1.548
Q2.27. I provide extra for the 13 th Sabbath offering. NA-Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes / Often/ Always/	3.03	1.600
Q2.23. Christian education. NA-Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes / Often/ Always/	2.89	1.665

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Factor 2: Through donations in wills and for the local church school

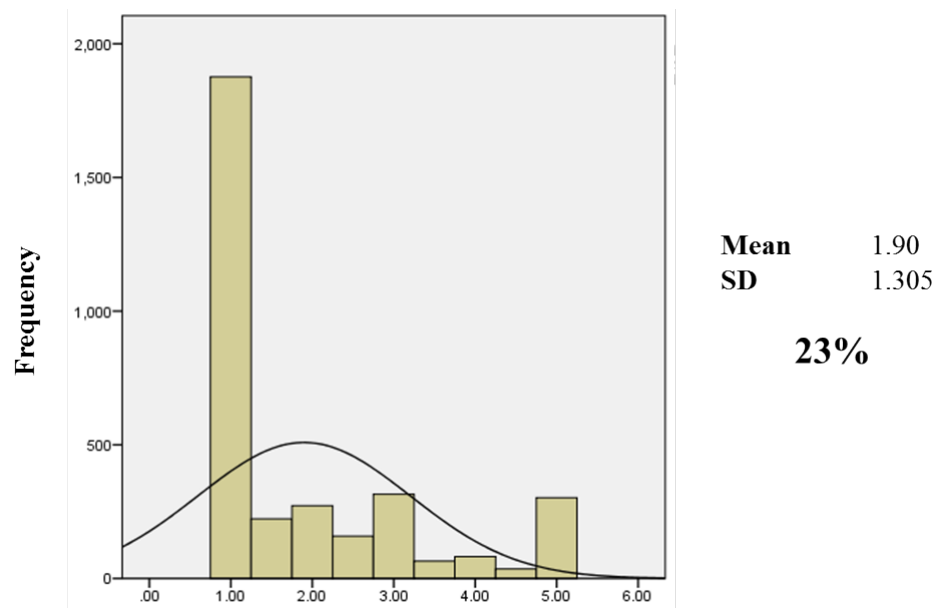


Figure 20. Through donations in wills and for the local church school

Table 11. Statements used for the construction of Factor 2

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q2.29. Through wills and trusts.	2.04	1.515
Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA		
Q2.28. I provide support for the local church school.	1.70	1.379
Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA		

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c) Construct 3: Characteristics of the church pastor

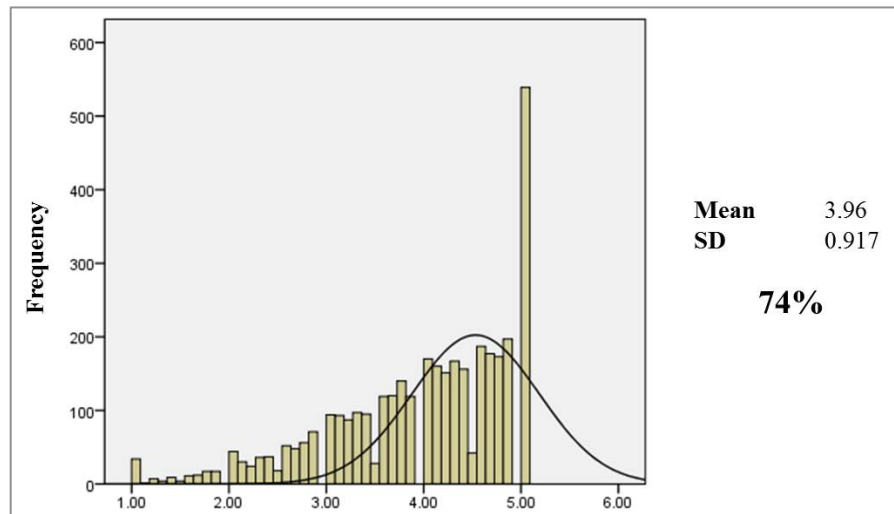


Figure 21. Characteristics of church pastor

Table 12. Statements used for the design of Construct 3

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q2.35 A good preacher.		
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	4.24	1.134
Q2.36. Shows true spiritual leadership in our church community.		
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	4.18	1.119
Q2.30. Enthusiastic about ministry.		
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	4.18	1.184
Q2.31. Helpful in times of need.		
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	4.14	1.138
Q2.32. Inspiring.		
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	4.01	1.227
Q2.37. Receptive of new ideas.		
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	4.00	1.184
Q2.38. Thorough in pastoral duties.		
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	3.97	1.210
Q2.34. Sensitive to the needs of others.		
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	3.82	1.266
Q2.33. Occasionally visits members of the church in their home.		
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	3.24	1.494

SD: standard deviation

d) Construct 4: Local church leaders...

Factor 1: Support the mission of the church and have good relationships.

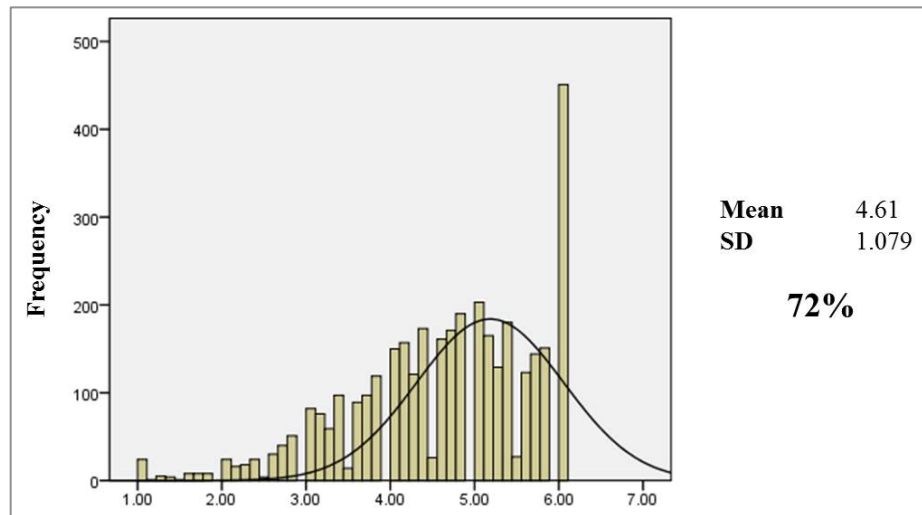


Figure 22. Support the mission of the church and have good relationships

Table 13. Statements used for the construction of Factor 1

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q2.43. ...is active in assisting our local church.	4.82	1.292
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True/ Often true / Always true		
Q2.46. ...is supportive of involving young people in worship services.	4.73	1.369
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True/ Often true / Always true		
Q2.40. ...clearly communicates the mission of the Church.	4.67	1.393
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True/ Often true / Always true		
Q2.41. ...is doing enough to engage members in mission.	4.65	1.397
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True/ Often true / Always true		
Q2.42. ...is easy to talk with.	4.62	1.442
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True/ Often true / Always true		
Q2.47. ...is creative.	4.46	1.456
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True / Often true/ Always true		
Q2.44. ... is responsive to local community needs.	4.39	1.505
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True / Often true/ Always true		
Q2.39. ...is open to new ideas.	4.35	1.490
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True / Often true/ Always true		

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Factor 2: They are responsive to needs of church members and church schools

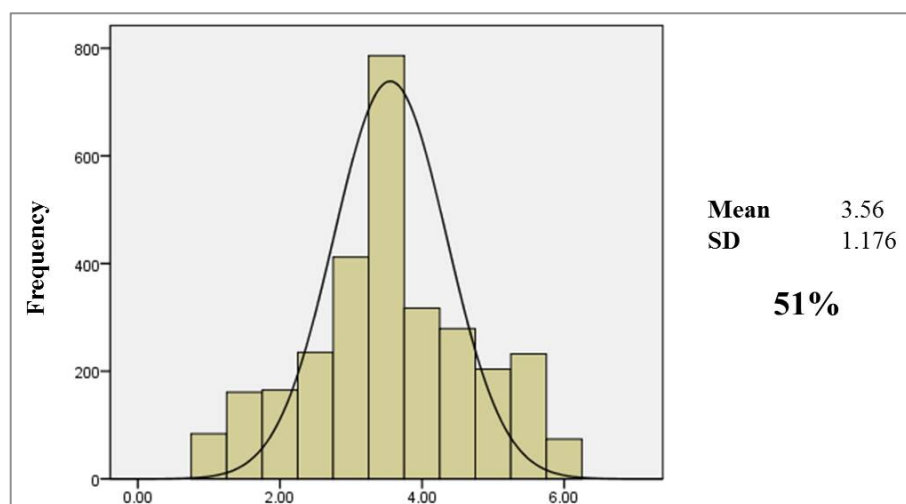


Figure 23. They are responsive to needs of church members and church schools (In this case, there is a 19% loss of data in relation with the number of people who answered the items of Factor 1, namely, 3621 in contrast with 2949).

Table 14. Statements used for the construction of Factor 2

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q2.48. ...is supportive of our local or conference school.		
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True / Often true/ Always true	3.60	1.929
Q2.45. ...is out of touch with our local church needs.		
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true / True/ Often true/ Always true	3.48	1.701

SD: standard deviation

e) Construct 5: Importance of the personal traits in the pastor

Factor 1: Interested in spiritual development and growth

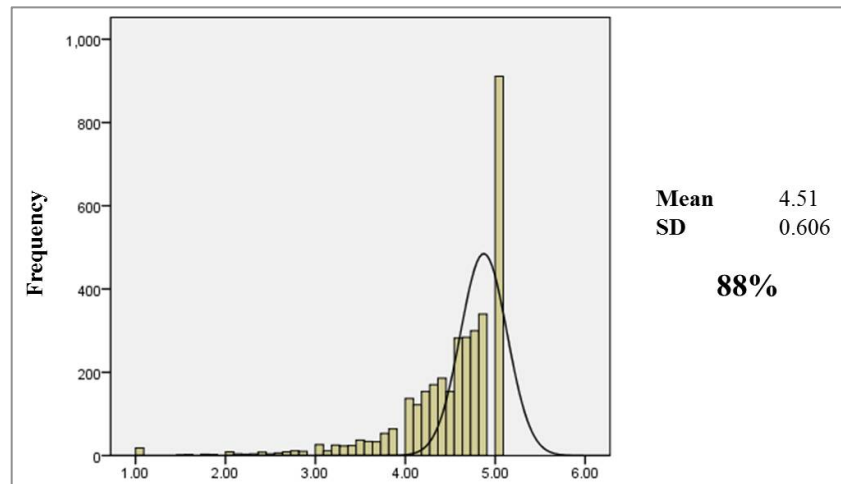


Figure 24. Interested on spiritual development and growth

Table 15. Statements used for the construction of Factor 1

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q2.55. Biblical preaching and teaching.	4.70	.672
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important		
Q2.63. Works hard to accomplish tasks.	4.66	.709
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important		
Q2.59. Strong and decisive decision-maker.	4.56	.810
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important		
Q2.52. Emphasis on spiritual development and growth.	4.55	.796
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important		
Q2.60. Encourages lay decision-making.	4.55	.802
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important		
Q2.51. Expertise in biblical and theological matters.	4.51	.831
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important		
Q2.53. Thought-provoking and challenging.	4.46	.857
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important		
Q2.57. New approaches and ideas.	4.45	.857
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important		
Q2.54. Comforting and reassuring.	4.45	.893
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important		
Q2.56. Preaching and teaching on contemporary issues.	4.41	.897
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important		

SD: standard deviation

Factor 2: Advises and attends the needs of others

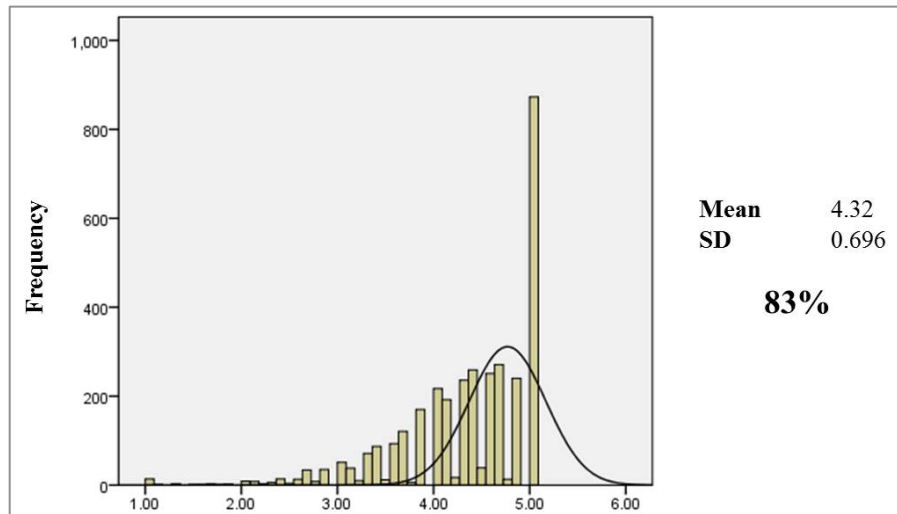


Figure 25. Advises and attends the needs of others

Table 16. Statements used for the construction of Factor 2

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q2.68. Outgoing and socially engaging.		
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	4.55	.830
Q2.70. Gives whole self to the church.		
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	4.49	.890
Q2.69. Maintains a balanced life.		
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	4.47	.849
Q2.66. Advises people what to do.		
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	4.35	.944
Q2.67. Reflective and reserved.		
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	4.26	1.048
Q2.64. Places feelings of others ahead of achieving goals.		
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	4.16	1.117
Q2.65. Helps people figure things out for themselves.		
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	4.02	1.172

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5.2.2.2. Religious Life

f) Construct 6: Activities that contribute to the development of my spiritual life Factor 1: Church and personal activities

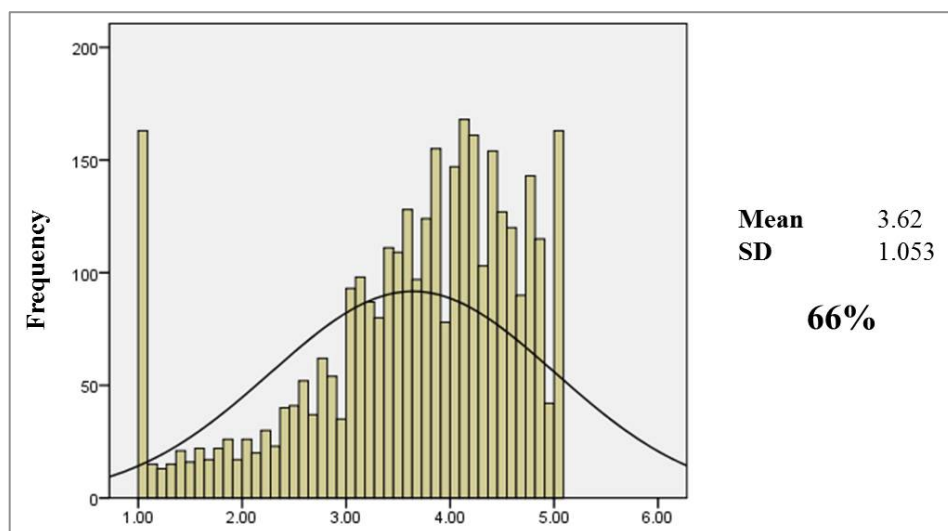


Figure 26. Church and personal activities

Table 17. Statements used for the construction of Factor 1

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.2. Personal Bible study and prayer.	3.93	1.461
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.3. Church worship services.	3.92	1.456
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.6. Weeks of Prayer at church.	3.87	1.453
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.16. The Sabbath School quarterly.	3.83	1.546
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.27. Pastor's sermons.	3.81	1.473
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.22. Family.	3.80	1.505
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.5. Prayer meetings.	3.79	1.452
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.1. Sabbath School.	3.69	1.513
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.17. Evangelistic meetings (Public).	3.64	1.526
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.11. Evangelistic outreach.	3.63	1.510
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.18. Small groups.	3.61	1.568
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.8. Church Community outreach.	3.54	1.509
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much		
Q3.15. The local elders in my church.	3.46	1.442
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much		
Q3.9. Short-term mission projects.	3.46	1.505
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much		
Q3.13. The church pastor.	3.45	1.479
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much		
Q3.7. Church retreats.	3.41	1.613
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much		
Q3.4. Family worship.	3.41	1.632
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much		
Q3.12. Conference-sponsored events.	3.38	1.560
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much		
Q3.23. Friends.	3.31	1.494
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much		

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Factor 2: Media and publications

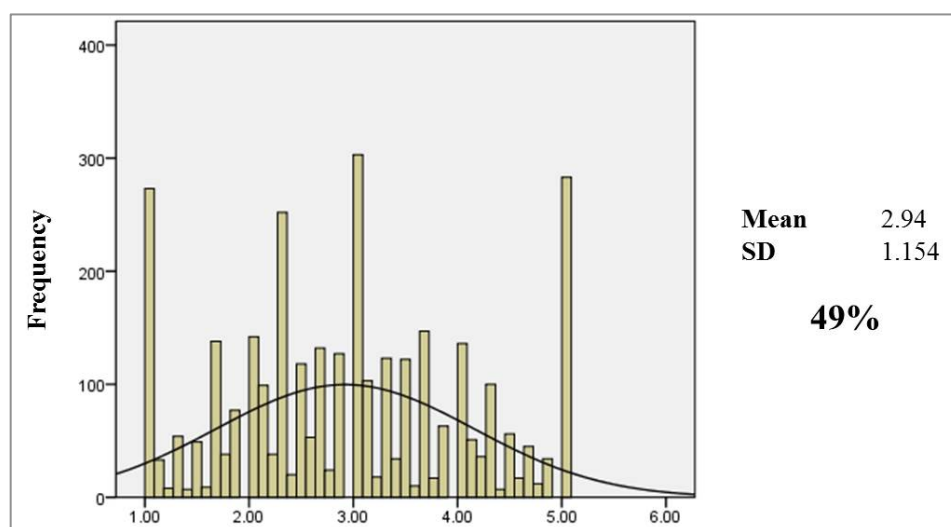


Figure 27. Media and publications

Table 18. Statements used for the construction of Factor 2

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.19. Adventist publications (Union/Division paper).		
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much	3.42	1.593
Q3.20. Adventist publication (Adventist Review/Adventist World).		
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much	3.41	1.578
Q3.25. Adventist Radio.		
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much	3.09	1.744
Q3.21. On-line church publications.		
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much	2.61	1.659
Q3.26. Adventist TV.		
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much	2.54	1.714
Q3.24. Internet sites.		
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much	2.53	1.596

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Factor 3: Adventist school and youth pastor

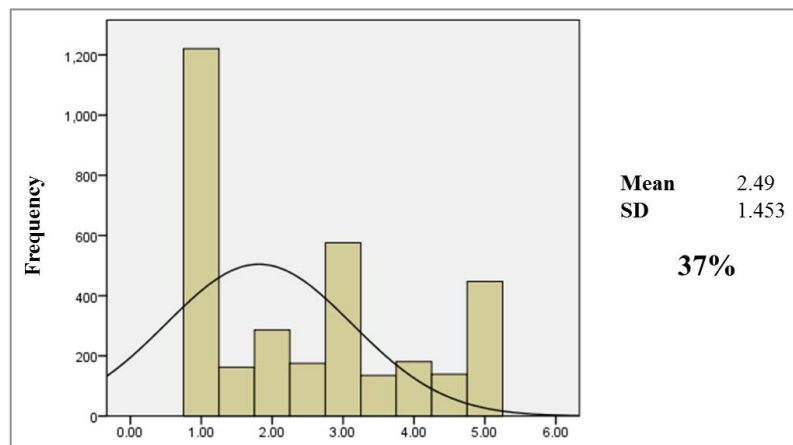


Figure 28. Adventist school and youth pastor

Table 19. Statements used for the construction of Factor 3

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.10. Attending an Adventist school.		
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much	2.54	1.781
Q3.14. The youth pastor.		
Does not apply to me/ Not at all / Sometimes/ Often/ Very much	2.40	1.634

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g) Construct 7: Interpersonal relationships in the church

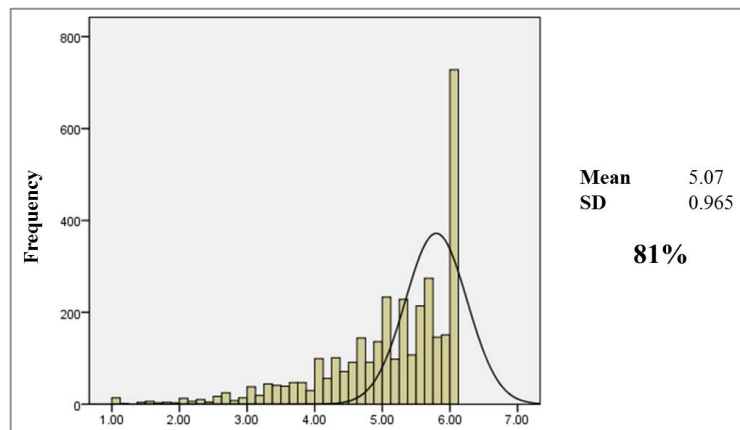


Figure 29. Interpersonal relationships in the church

Table 20. Statements used for the design of Construct 7

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.37. It stretches me in worship.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	5.32	1.191
Q3.30. It accepts people who are different.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	5.28	1.321
Q3.29. I learn a lot.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	5.23	1.295
Q3.35. Strangers feel welcome.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	5.16	1.318
Q3.38. It provides fellowship.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	5.12	1.350
Q3.31. Most members want to be challenged to think about religious issues and ideas.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	5.07	1.356
Q3.34. It encourages me to ask questions.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	5.03	1.374
Q3.36. It expects people to learn and think.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	5.01	1.479
Q3.32. It is friendly.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	4.98	1.399
Q3.33. It challenges my thinking.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	4.93	1.448
Q3.28. It feels “warm”.		
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true	4.90	1.476

SD: standard deviation

h) Construct 8: Personal commitment to God and others

Factor 1: Commitment to my personal life and witness to God

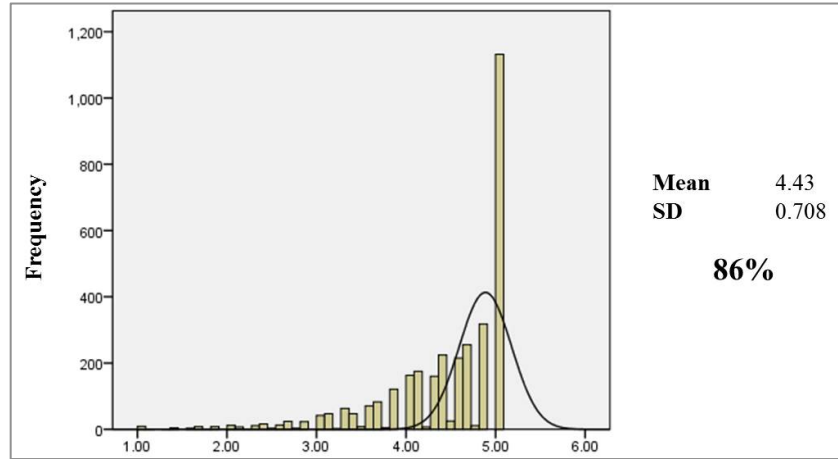


Figure 30. Commitment to my personal life and witness to God

Table 21. Statements used for the construction of Factor 1

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.50. I am spiritually moved by the beauty of God's creation. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	4.74	.700
Q3.50. I have a real sense that God is guiding me. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	4.62	.823
Q3.45. I feel my life is filled with meaning and purpose. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	4.46	.936
Q3.41. I seek out opportunities to help me grow spiritually. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	4.36	1.021
Q3.44. I feel God's presence in my relationships with other people. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	4.33	1.008
Q3.49. I talk with other people about my faith. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	4.28	1.079
Q3.48. The things I do reflect a commitment to Jesus Christ. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	4.26	1.035

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Factor 2: Commitment to support the needs of others

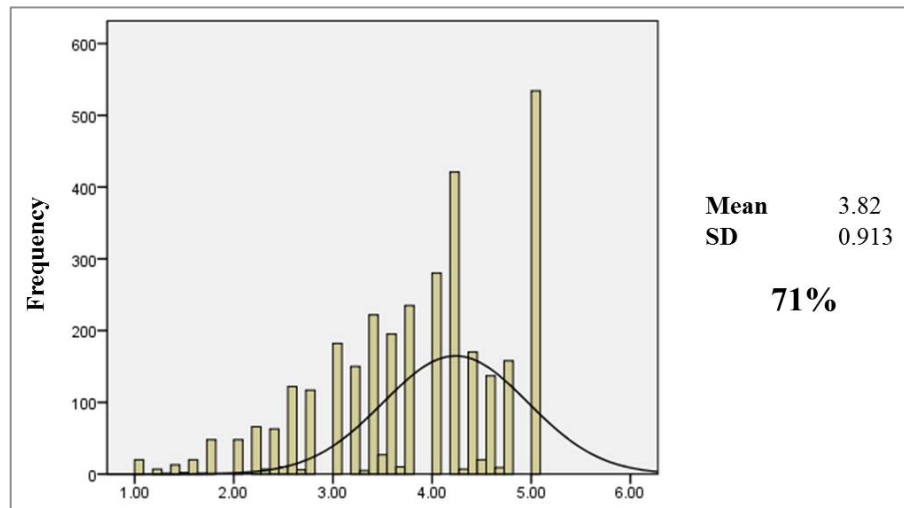


Figure 31. Commitment to support the needs of others

Table 22. Statements used for the construction of Factor 2

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.42. I feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world.	4.31	1.038
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often		
Q3.40. I help others with their religious questions and struggles.	4.02	1.252
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often		
Q3.46. I show that I care a great deal about reducing poverty in my country and throughout the world.	3.90	1.322
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often		
Q3.43. I give significant portions of time and money to help other people.	3.81	1.305
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often		
Q3.47. I apply my faith to political and social issues.	3.04	1.702
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often		

SD: standard deviation

i) Construct 9: Attitudes toward religious experience

Factor 1: Attitude toward external religious experience

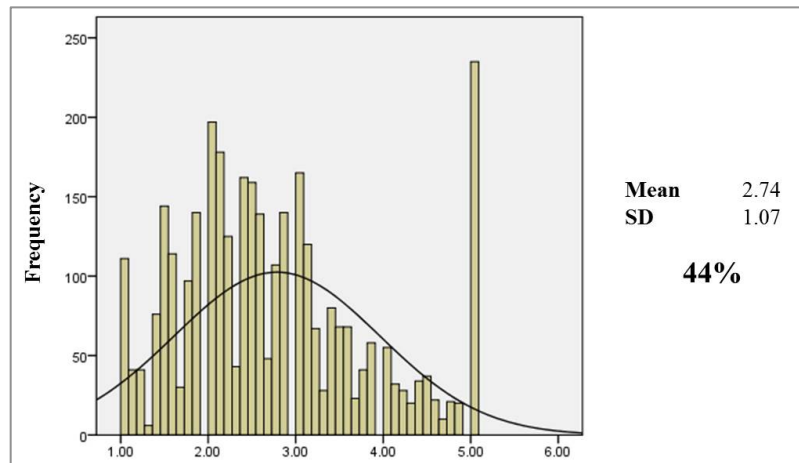


Figure 32. Attitude to external religious experience

Table 23. Statements used for the construction of Factor 1

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.52. I go to church because it helps me to make friends. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3.48	1.486
Q3.63. Although I am religious, I don't let it affect my daily life. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure / I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	3.36	1.602
Q3.53. It doesn't much matter what I believe so long as I am good. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure / I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	2.84	1.620
Q3.68. I pray mainly because I have been taught to pray. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure / I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	2.77	1.632
Q3.67. I go to church mainly because I enjoy seeing people I know there. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree / I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	2.42	1.511
Q3.70. Although I believe in my religion, many other things are more important to me. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree / I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	2.35	1.526
Q3.65. I go to church mostly to spend time with my friends. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree / I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	2.31	1.524
Q3.54. Sometimes I have to disregard my religious beliefs because of what people might think of me. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree / I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	2.26	1.571

SD: standard deviation

Factor 2: Attitude toward internal religious experience

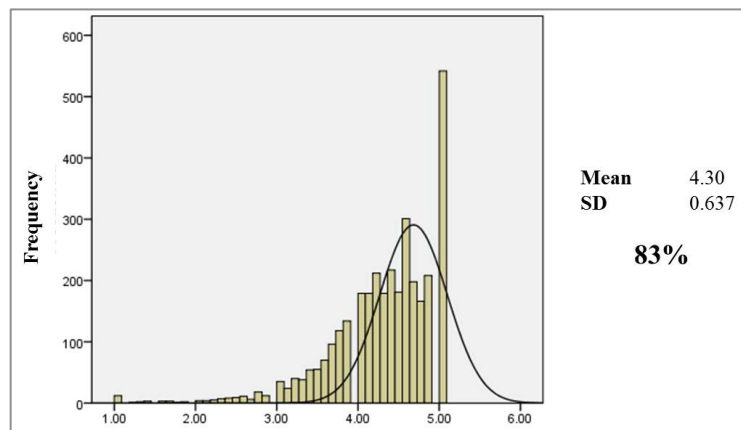


Figure 33. Attitude toward internal religious experience

Table 24. Statements used for the construction of Factor 2

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.60. My religion is important because it answers many questions about the meaning of life. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	4.53	.909
Q3.55. It is important to me to spend time in private thought and prayer. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	4.51	.962
Q3.58. I try hard to live according to my religious beliefs. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	4.47	.885
Q3.56. I have often had a strong sense of God's presence. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	4.46	.922
Q3.51. I enjoy reading about Seventh-day Adventism. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	4.45	.921
Q3.62. Prayer is for peace and happiness. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	4.39	1.081
Q3.64. For quality control purposes, click on "I Strongly agree." I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	4.29	1.264
Q3.69. Prayers I say when I am alone are as important to me as those I say in church. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	4.22	1.233
Q3.66. My whole approach to life is based on my religion. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3.93	1.281
Q3.61. I would rather join a Bible study group than a church social group. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3.89	1.371

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Factor 3: Attitude toward religious experience based on convenience

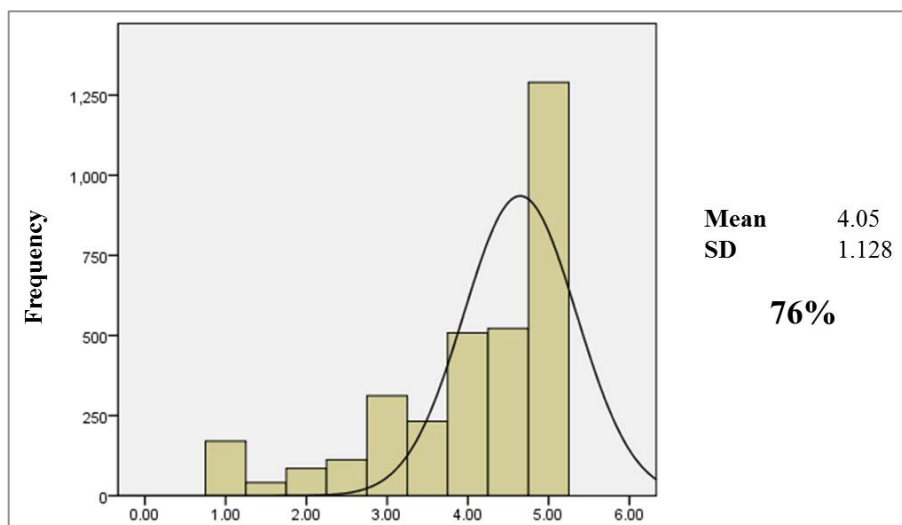


Figure 34. Attitude toward religious experience based on convenience

Table 25. Statements used for the construction of Factor 3

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.57. I pray mainly to gain relief and protection. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	4.14	1.264
Q3.59. What religion offers me most is comfort in difficult times. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3.98	1.319

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j) Construct 10: Activities for personal devotions

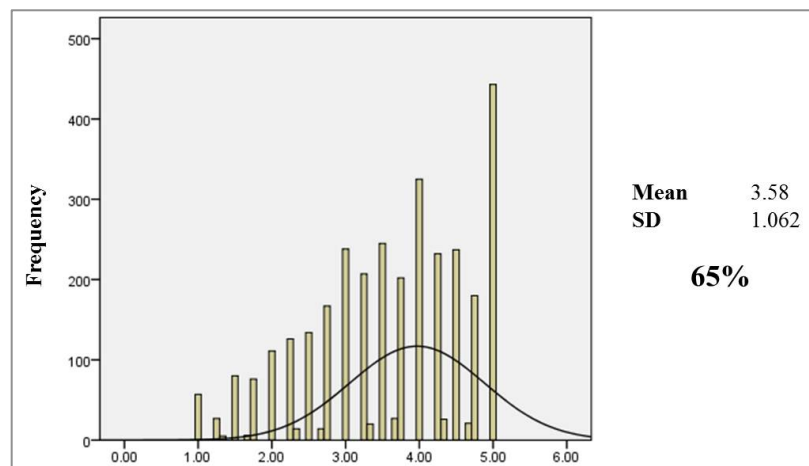


Figure 35. Activities for personal devotions

Table 26. Statements used for the design of Construct 10

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q3.71. Read the Bible.		
Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week/ More than once a week/	4.11	1.133
Daily or more than once a day		
Q3.72. Engage in personal devotions.		
Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week/ More than once a week/	3.89	1.357
Daily or more than once a day		
Q3.74. Have family worship (Prayers or religious devotions you have together as a family away from church)?		
Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week/ More than once a week/	3.32	1.542
Daily or more than once a day		
Q3.73. Read the writings of Ellen G. White.		
Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week/ More than once a week/	2.97	1.477
Daily or more than once a day		

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5.2.2.3. Beliefs

k) Construct 11: Knowledge and acceptance of church beliefs

Factor 1: Fundamental beliefs

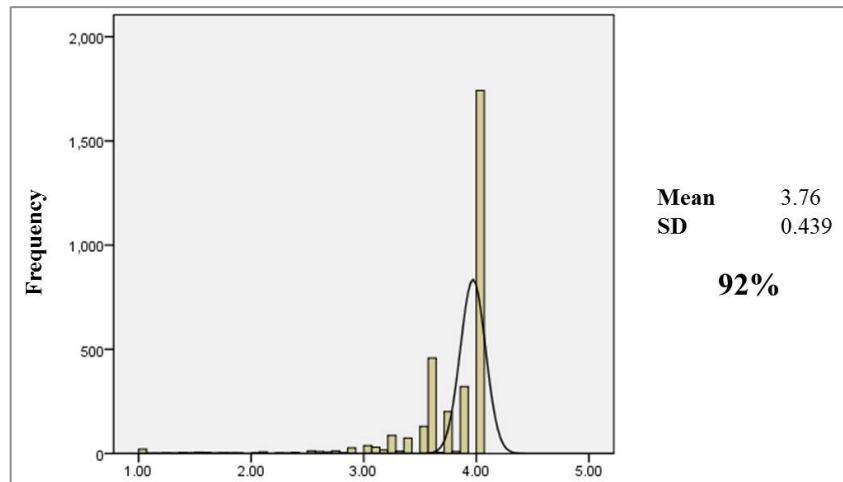


Figure 36. Fundamental beliefs

Table 27. Statements used for the construction of Factor 1

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q4.7. 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. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3.89	.496
Q4.17. The true Sabbath is the seventh day Saturday. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3.89	.501
Q4.14. I believe God created the world. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3.85	.589
Q4.6. I believe that Jesus was born of a virgin. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3.83	.622
Q4.2. I believe in a personal God who seeks a relationship with human beings. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3.77	.709
Q4.4. Christianity is about Jesus giving me power to conquer sin in my life. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3.75	.697
Q4.5. I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3.67	.812

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Factor 2: Beliefs about salvation

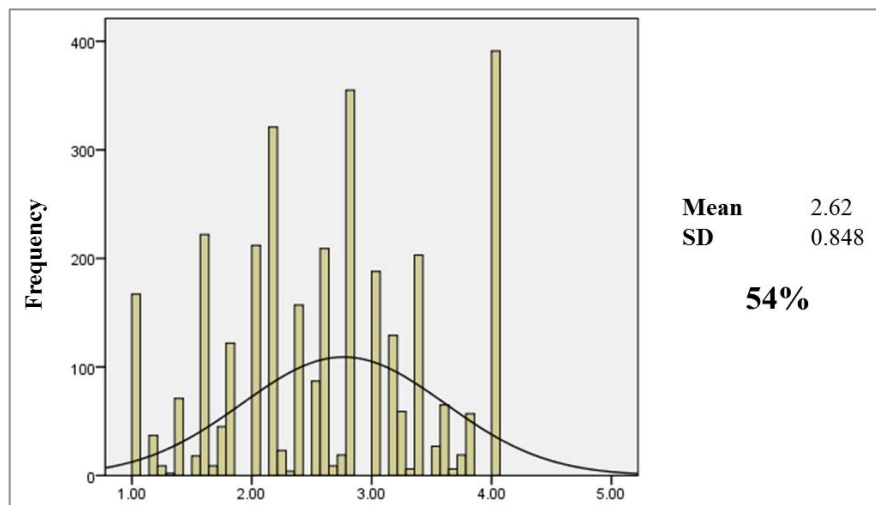


Figure 37. Beliefs about salvation

Table 28. Statements used for the construction of Factor 2

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q4.15. If I am to be saved, I need to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree / Strongly agree	2.98	1.293
Q4.12. If I have been baptized, I will make it to heaven if I remain a good person all my life. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree / Strongly agree	2.94	1.264
Q4.1. God loves everyone, and I should be all right in the end if I am a morally good person. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree / Strongly agree	2.87	1.278
Q4.16. The Adventist church believes in “present truth” which means beliefs might change over time. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree / Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	2.15	1.359
Q4.11. I expect the world as we know it to end within the next 20 years. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree / Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	2.06	1.275

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Factor 3: Beliefs about the relationship with Jesus

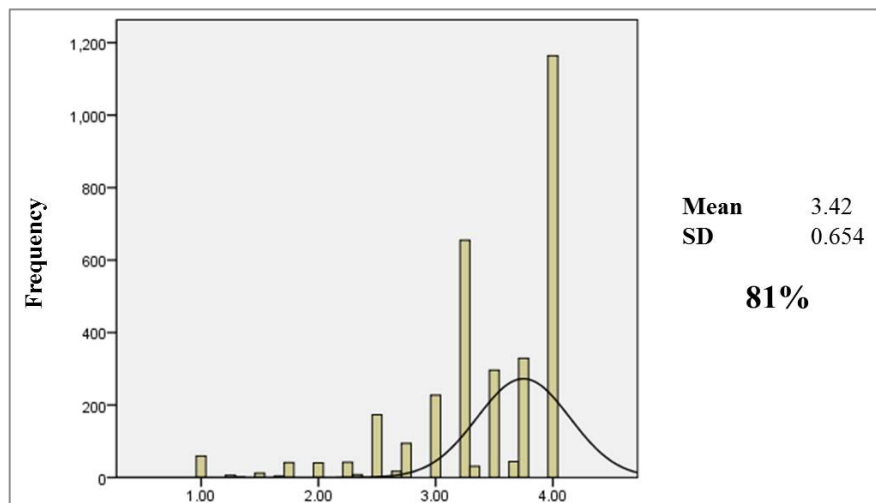


Figure 38. Beliefs about the relationship with Jesus

Table 29. Statements used for the construction of Factor 3

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q4.9. Of all the people on earth, one group has a special relationship with God. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3.68	.796
Q4.3. When you get right down to it, there are only two kinds of people in the world: the righteous, who will be rewarded by God, and the rest, who will not. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3.63	.871
Q4.10. A relationship with Jesus is important, but I will not get to heaven unless I obey God's law. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3.53	.979
Q4.8. There is no body of teaching, or set of scriptures, which is completely without error or contradiction. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree / Strongly agree	2.80	1.271

SD: standard deviation

Factor 4: Beliefs about death

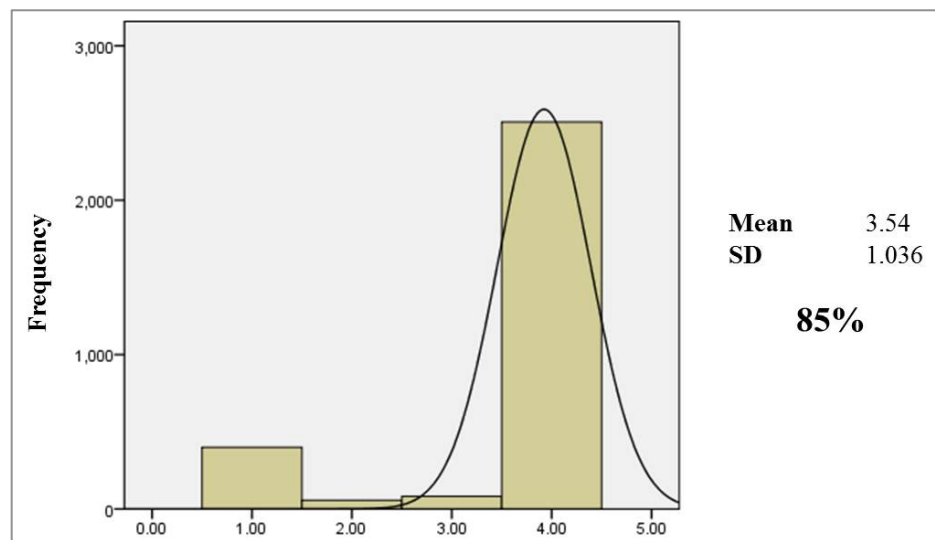


Figure 39. Beliefs about death

Table 30. Statements used for the construction of Factor 4

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q4.18. When a person dies their body remains in the grave and their soul sleeps until the resurrection.	3.54	1.036
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree		

SD: standard deviation

I) Construct 12: Acceptance of particular teachings of the SDA church

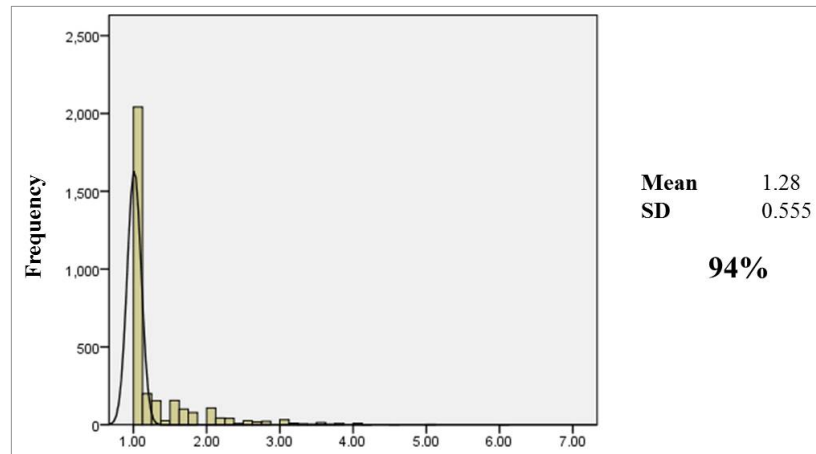


Figure 40. Acceptance of particular teachings of the SDA church

Table 31. Statements used for the design of Construct 12

Question/Answer	Mean	SD
Q4.22. The Investigative or pre-Advent judgment began in 1844.		
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	1.42	1.018
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/		
This question is not important to me		
Q4.26. Adventist teachings regarding modesty and simplicity in dress.		
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	1.32	.876
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/		
This question is not important to me		
Q4.24. Ellen G. White was an inspired messenger to the Adventist church.		
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	1.28	.840
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/		
This question is not important to me		
Q4.23. The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies.		
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	1.26	.762
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/		
This question is not important to me		
Q4.25. Adventist standards regarding healthful living.		
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	1.20	.672
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/		
This question is not important to me		
Q4.21. Jesus Christ is the Son of God.		
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	1.08	.431
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/		
This question is not important to me		

SD: standard deviation

5.3. Comparative Analysis

5.3.1. Constructs by Gender

In general, no significant differences ($p > 0.05$) were observed between male and female respondents regarding the constructs in the three sections of the survey; about church life, Religious Life and beliefs. Only one significant difference ($p < 0.001$) was presented in construct 3 (Characteristics of church pastor), about church life section, but this difference lacks importance ($es < 0.40$).

5.3.1.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

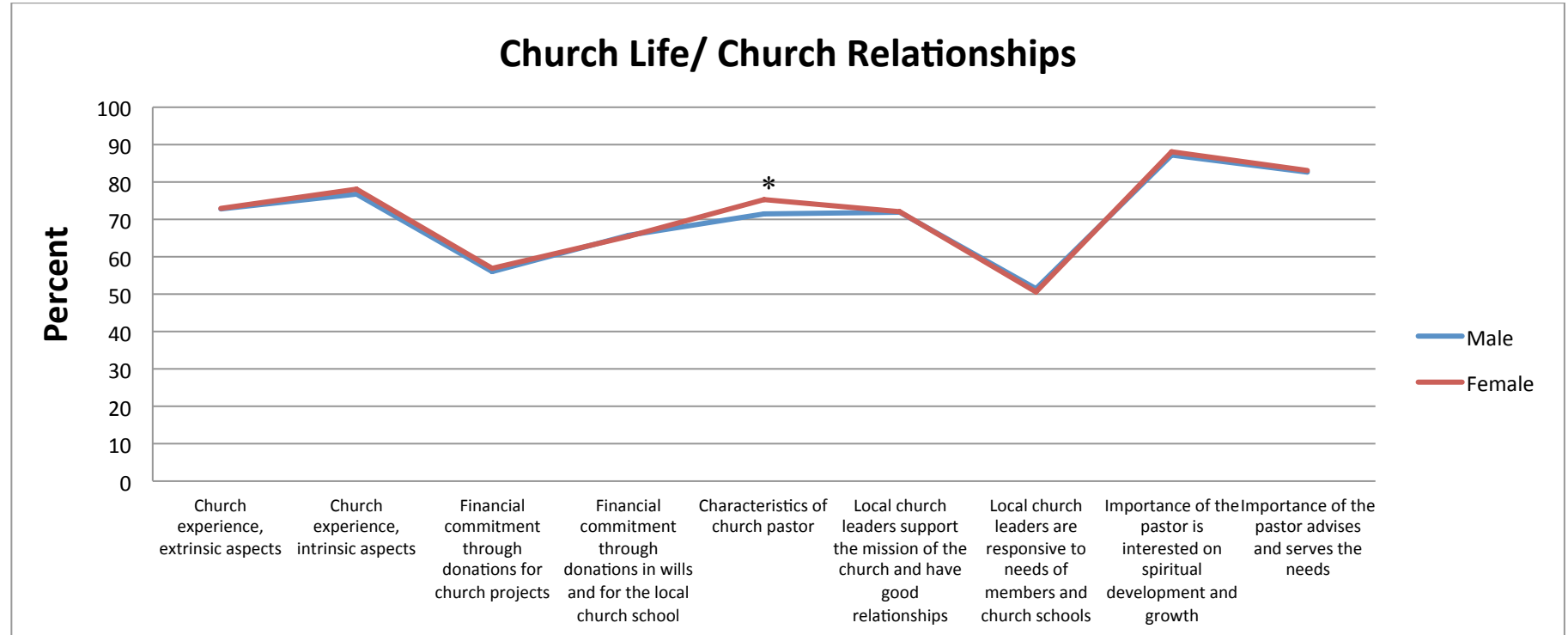


Figure 41. Comparative analysis by gender of Constructs 1-5

5.3.1.2. Religious Life

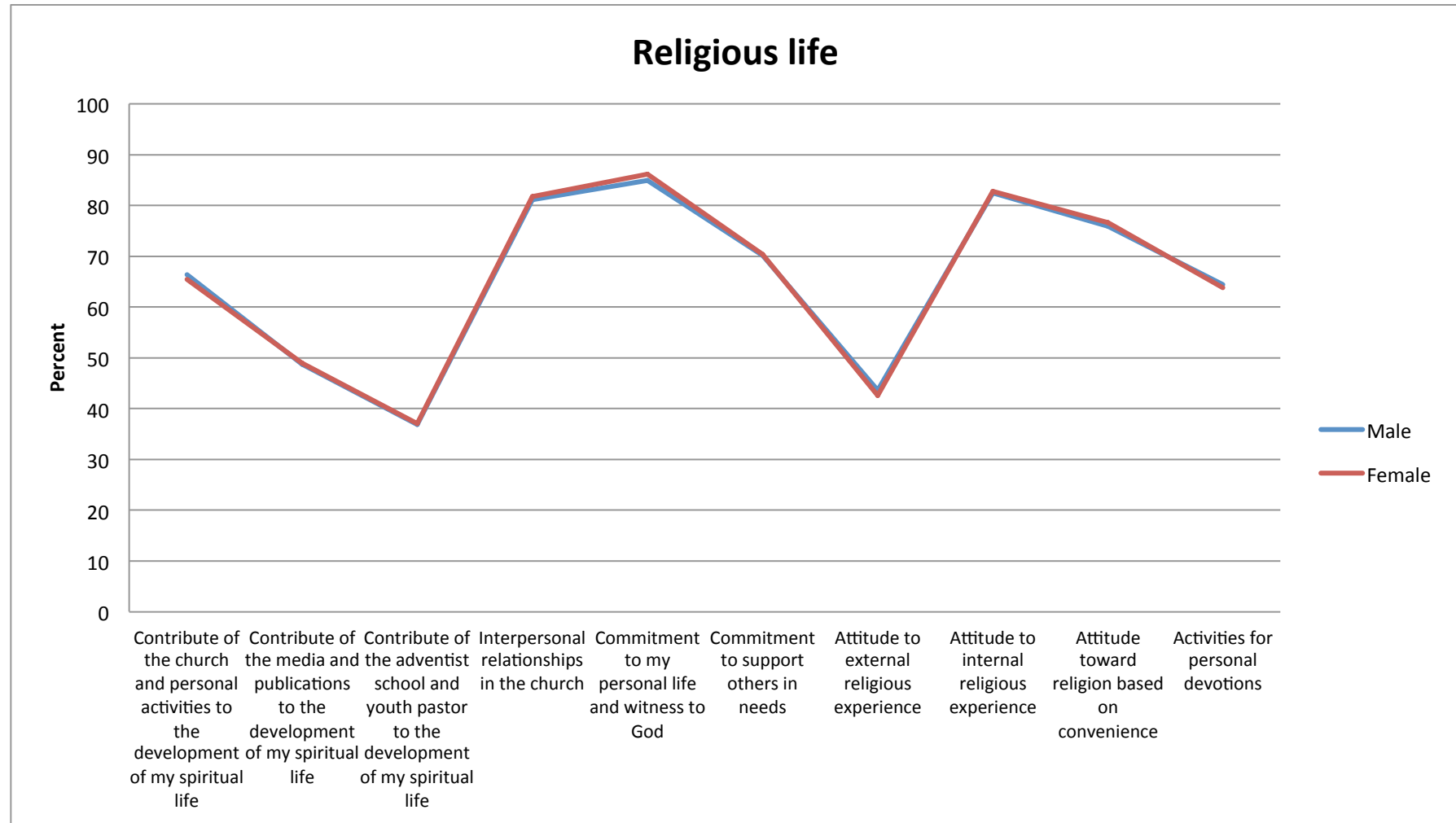


Figure 42. Comparative analysis by gender of Constructs 6-10

In Constructs 6-10, no significant differences ($p > 0.05$) appear between male and female respondents (**Figure 42**).

5.3.1.3. Beliefs

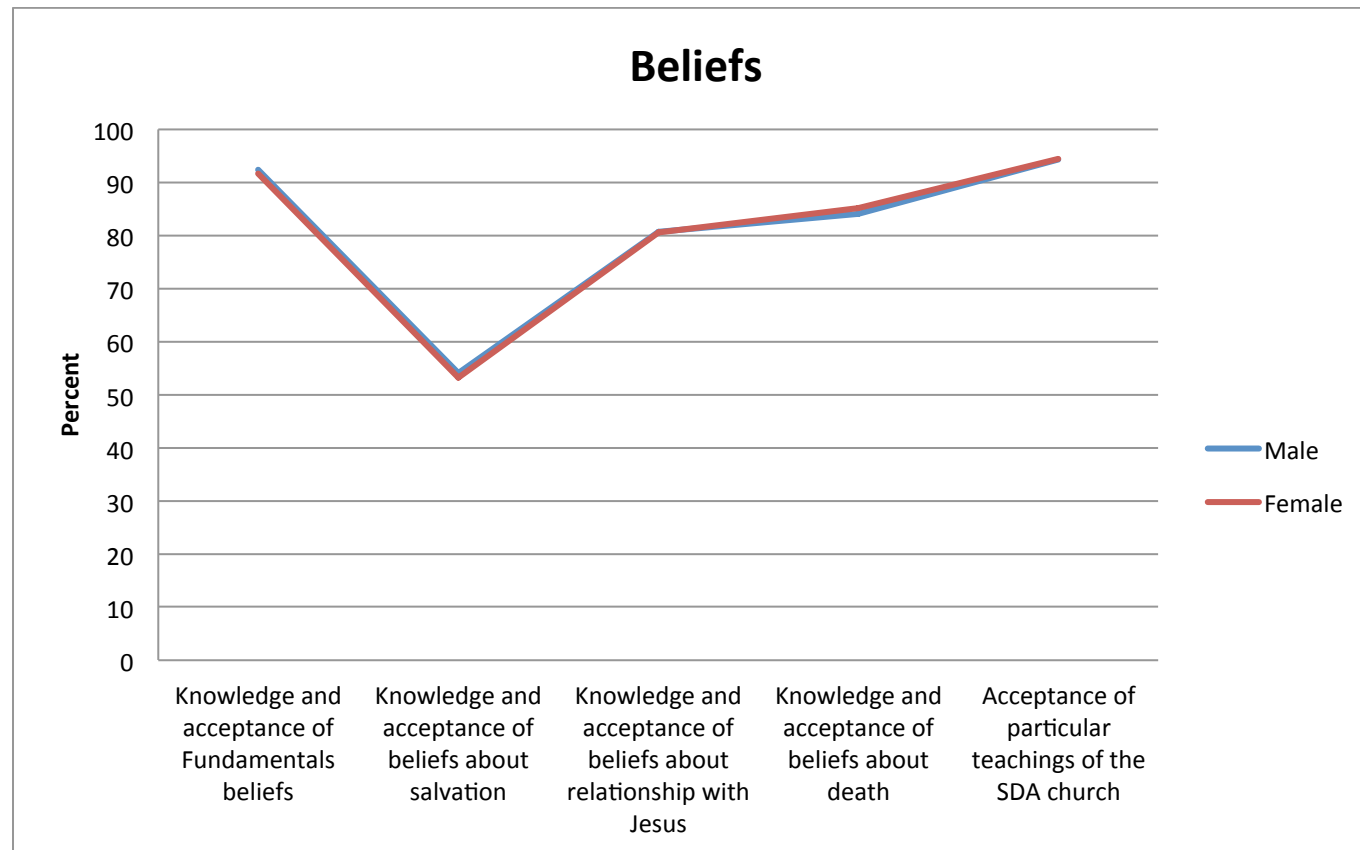


Figure 43. Comparative analysis by gender of Constructs 11-12

In Constructs 11-12, no significant differences ($p > 0.05$) appear between male and female respondents (**Figure 43**).

5.3.2. Constructs by Age Group

In general, significant differences ($p < 0.05$) were observed between age groups regarding constructs, but only factors with importance ($es > 0.40$) were indicated (*).

5.3.2.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

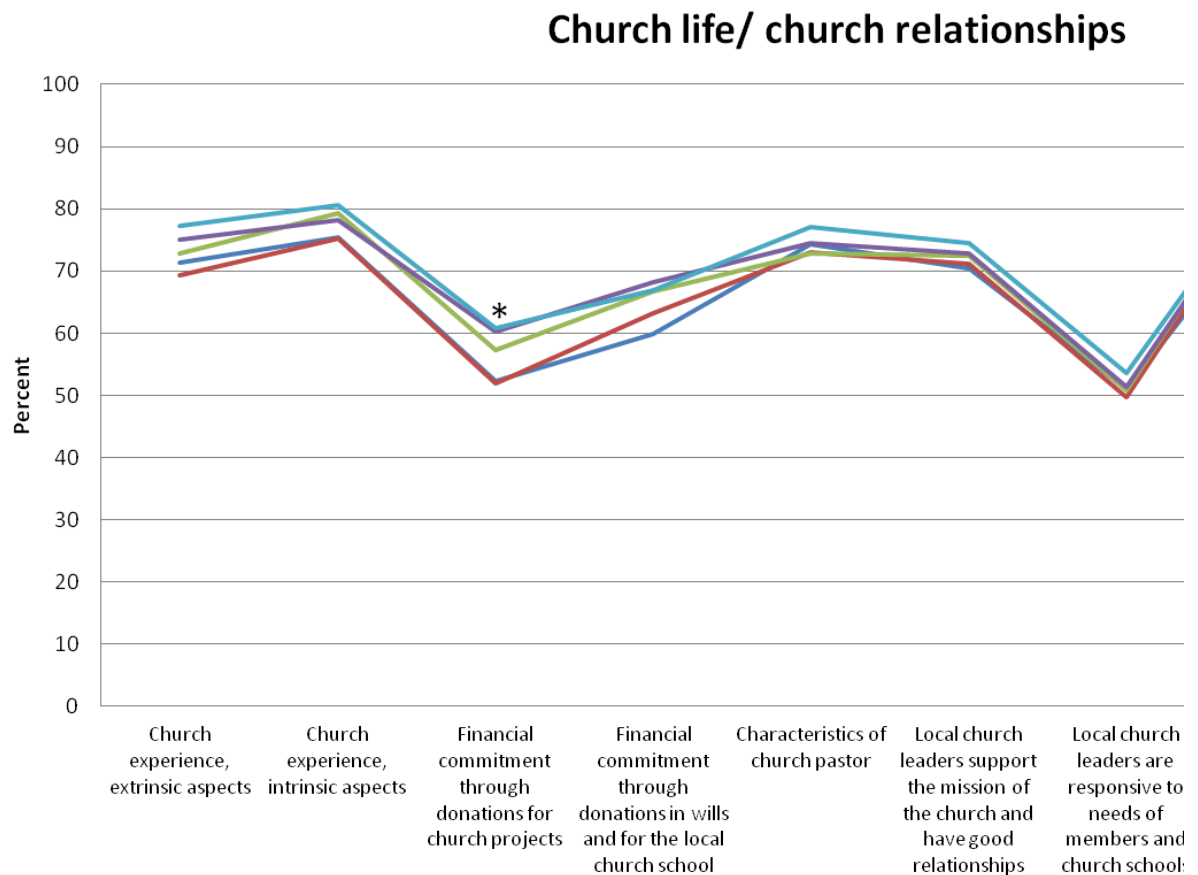


Figure 44. Comparative analysis by age group of Constructs 1-5

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$) Table 32 shows specific age group important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) regarding financial commitment through donations for church projects.*

Table 32. Differences by age groups on donations for church projects

+ / -	< 16	16 - 25
41 - 60		0.40
> 60	0.41	0.43

5.3.2.2. Religious Life

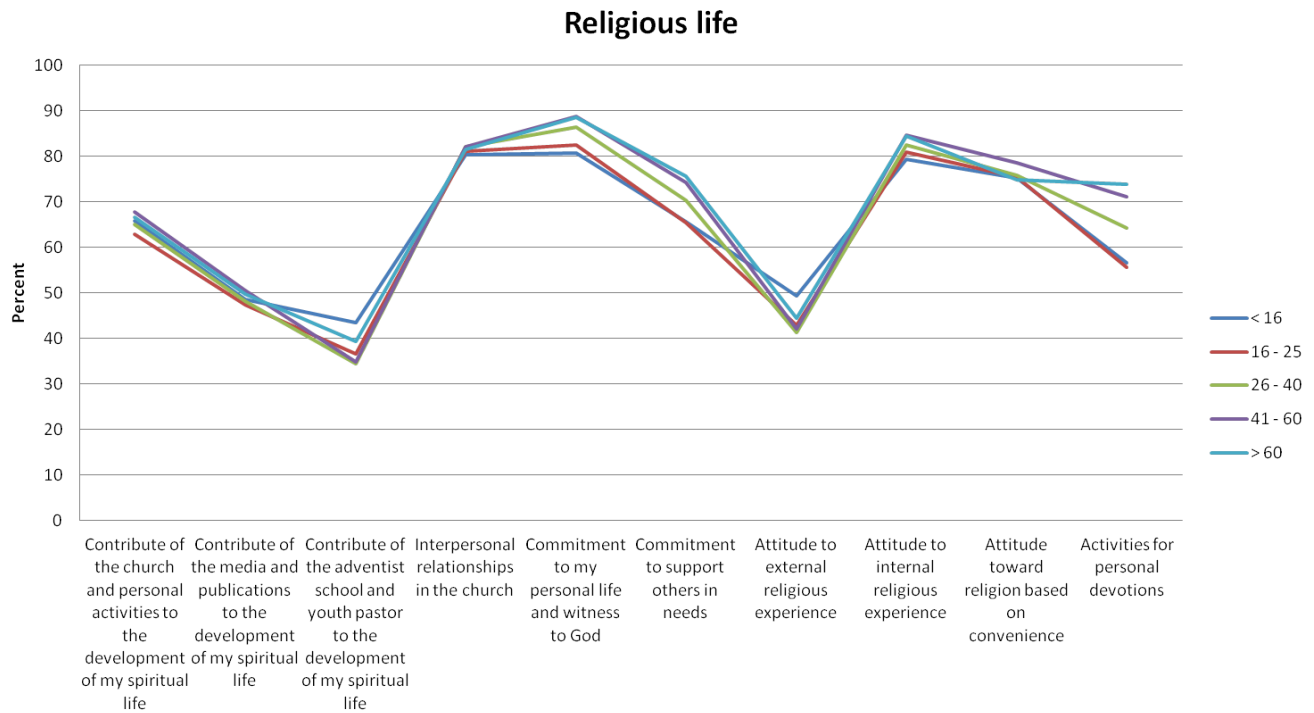


Figure 45. Comparative analysis by age group of Constructs 6-10
No significant differences

5.3.2.3. Beliefs

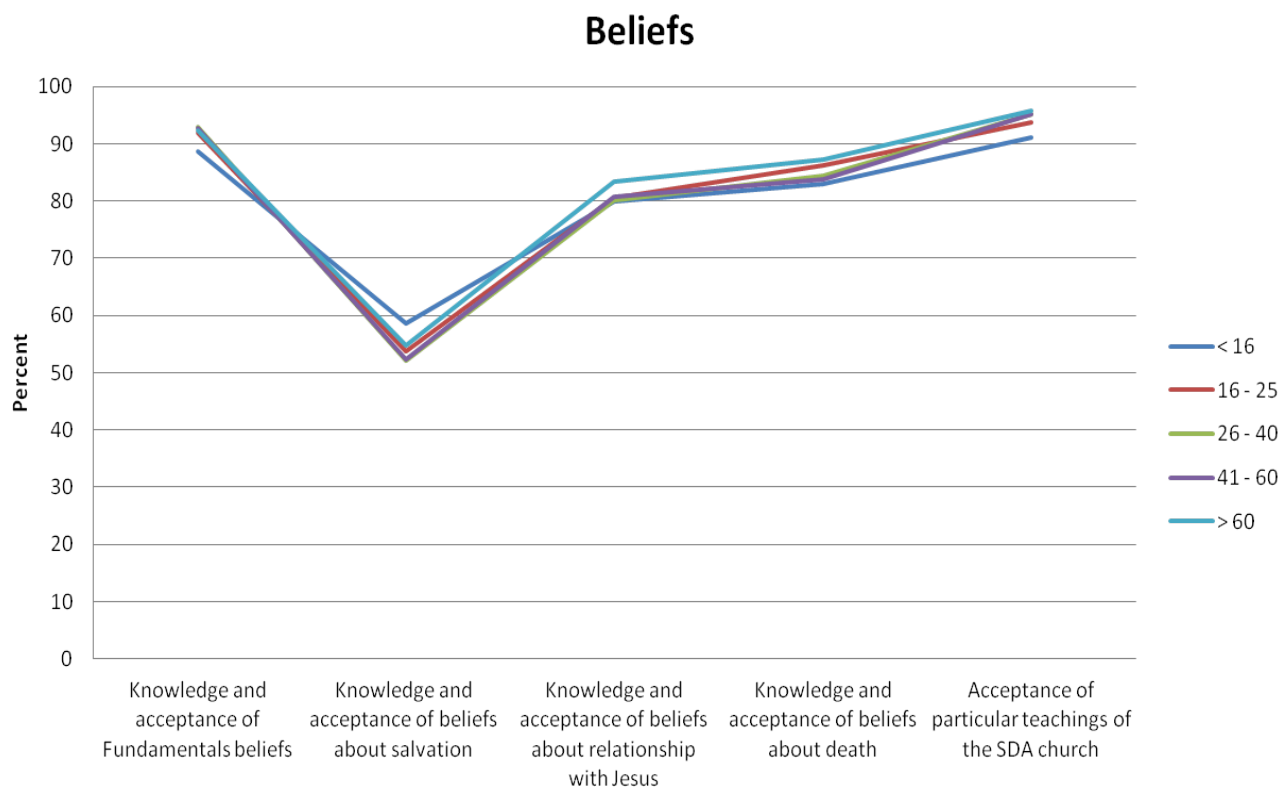


Figure 46. Comparative analysis by age group of Constructs 11-12
No significant differences

5.3.3. Constructs by Country

In general, significant differences ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$) in constructs appear between members of distinct countries.

5.3.3.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

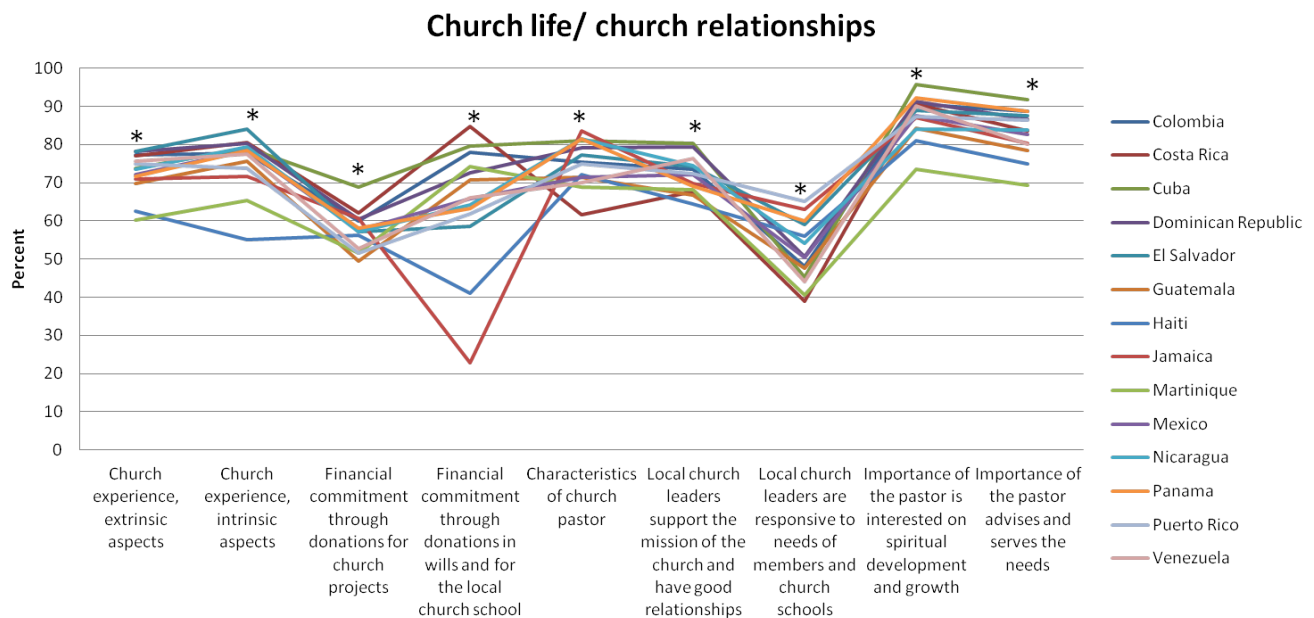


Figure 47. Comparative analysis by country of Constructs 1-5

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 33 shows specific countries with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) regarding extrinsic aspects of church experience. Similarly, in subsequent tables presented, all the important differences of each factor are marked with a star in **Figure 47**.

Table 33. Differences by country about church experience, extrinsic aspects

+/-	Guatemala	Haiti	Martinique
Colombia		0.78	0.87
Costa Rica		0.82	0.92
Dominican Republic	0.41	0.81	0.90
El Salvador	0.42	0.84	0.93
Mexico		0.46	0.56
Nicaragua		0.51	0.61
Puerto Rico		0.67	0.77
Venezuela		0.73	0.83

Table 34. Differences by country about church experience, intrinsic aspects

+ / -	Guatemala	Haiti	Jamaica	Martinique	Puerto Rico
Colombia		1.08		0.62	
Costa Rica		1.26		0.78	
Cuba		1.15			
Dominican Republic		1.18	0.45	0.73	
El Salvador	0.43	1.44	0.68	0.97	0.60
Guatemala		0.89			
Jamaica		0.76			
Mexico		1.08	0.35	0.63	
Nicaragua		1.13		0.68	
Panama		1.14		0.67	
Puerto Rico		0.92			
Venezuela		1.09		0.62	

Table 35. Differences by country about donations for church projects

+ / -	Guatemala	Jamaica	Nicaragua
Colombia	0.55	0.55	
Costa Rica	1.00	1.04	0.63
Dominican Republic	0.75	0.77	0.41
El Salvador	0.58	0.58	
Haiti	0.67	0.68	
Mexico	0.65	0.66	
Puerto Rico	0.64		

Table 36. Differences by country about donations through wills

+ / -	Colombia	Costa Rica	Cuba	Dominican Republic	El Salvador	Guatemala	Jamaica	Nicaragua	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Haiti	0.72	1.36		0.60	0.65	0.75				0.90
Mexico		0.83				0.40				0.52
Panama	0.70	1.18	0.77	0.61	0.65	0.73	0.53	0.47	0.64	0.85

Table 37. Differences by country about characteristics of the church pastor

+ / -	Costa Rica	Guatemala	Haiti	Martinique	Mexico	Venezuela
Colombia	0.65					
Cuba	0.85					
Dominican Republic	0.76					0.41
El Salvador	0.73					
Jamaica	1.06	0.64	0.56	0.83	0.57	0.69
Nicaragua	0.88	0.48			0.43	0.53
Panama	1.00	0.54			0.46	0.61

Table 38. Differences by country on local church leader's support of the mission of the church

+ / -	Guatemala	Haiti	Jamaica	Panama
Cuba	0.68	0.91		
Dominican Republic	0.62	0.84	0.49	0.50
Venezuela	0.53	0.75		

Table 39. Differences by country of local church leaders being responsive to needs of members

+ / -	Colombia	Costa Rica	Cuba	Dominican Republic	Guatemala	Martinique	Mexico	Venezuela
Jamaica	0.67	1.06	0.84	0.52	0.67	0.93	0.59	0.91
Puerto Rico	0.76	1.16	0.94	0.61	0.76	1.01	0.69	1.02

Table 40. Differences by country about importance of the pastor being interested in spiritual development

+ / -	Guatemala	Haiti	Jamaica	Martinique	Nicaragua
Colombia	0.46	0.78		1.16	
Costa Rica				1.28	
Cuba	0.96	1.42	0.79	1.73	0.90
Dominican Republic	0.43	0.71		1.05	
El Salvador		0.57		0.95	
Guatemala				0.60	
Jamaica				0.80	
Mexico		0.44		0.81	
Nicaragua				0.56	
Panama	0.62	0.99		1.36	
Puerto Rico				0.84	
Venezuela	0.43	0.75		1.15	

Table 41. Differences by country on the importance of pastoral advice and attention to the needs of others

+ / -	Guatemala	Haiti	Jamaica	Martinique	Mexico	Venezuela
Colombia	0.62	0.84	0.57	1.06	0.40	0.63
Costa Rica				0.78		
Cuba	0.83	1.06	0.80	1.27	0.62	0.89
Dominican Republic	0.45	0.64		0.86		0.42
El Salvador	0.53	0.73	0.46	0.96		0.51
Jamaica				0.56		
Mexico		0.41		0.66		
Nicaragua				0.69		
Panama	0.66	0.90	0.60	1.13	0.43	0.68
Puerto Rico	0.52	0.75		1.00		
Venezuela				0.58		

5.3.3.2. Religious Life

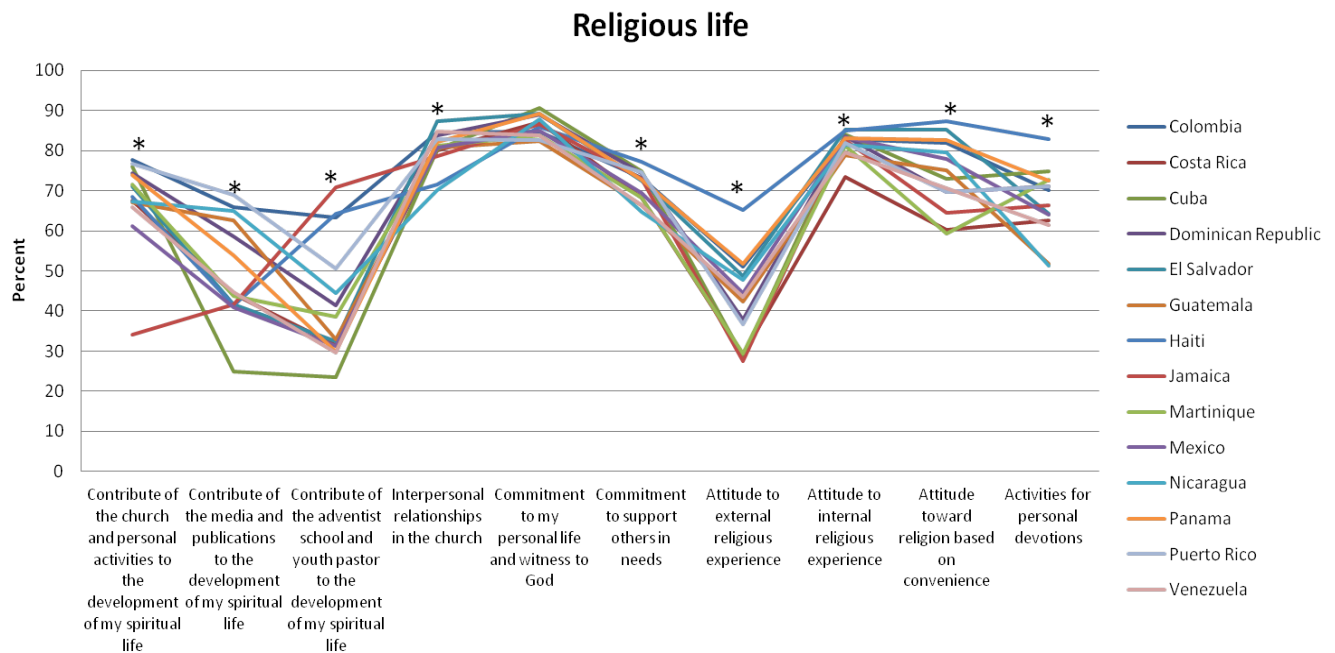


Figure 48. Comparative analysis by country of Constructs 6-10

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 42 shows specific countries with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) as to the contribution of the church and personal activities to the development of spiritual life. Similarly, subsequent tables presented all the important differences of each factor marked with a star in **Figure 48**.

Table 42. Differences by country about church and personal activities for development of spiritual life

+ / -	Guatemala	Jamaica	Mexico	Venezuela
Colombia	0.48	2.13	0.65	0.59
Costa Rica		1.99		
Cuba		2.22	0.62	
Dominican Republic		1.89	0.50	
El Salvador		1.82		
Guatemala		1.62		
Haiti		1.96		
Martinique		2.19		
Mexico		1.13		
Nicaragua		1.75		
Panama		2.01	0.51	
Puerto Rico		2.36	0.67	
Venezuela		1.76		

Table 43. Differences by country about media and publications for development of spiritual life

+ / -	Costa Rica	Cuba	El Salvador	Haiti	Jamaica	Martinique	Mexico	Panama	Venezuela
Colombia	0.78	1.48	0.97	0.95	0.88	0.81	0.88	0.46	0.83
Dominican Republic		1.32	0.75	0.73	0.67	0.59	0.68		0.60
El Salvador		0.70							
Guatemala	0.64	1.32	0.81	0.80	0.73	0.67	0.74		0.68
Jamaica		0.64							
Mexico		0.59							
Nicaragua	0.81	1.58	1.03	1.00	0.92	0.85	0.92		0.87
Panama	1.15		0.55				0.51		
Puerto Rico	1.01	1.82	1.27	1.23	1.12	1.05	1.12	0.66	1.09
Venezuela		0.81							

Table 44. Differences by country about Adventist schools and youth pastors in the development of spiritual life

+/-	Costa Rica	Cuba	Dominican Republic	El Salvador	Guatemala	Martinique	Mexico	Nicaragua	Panama	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Colombia	1.01	1.13	0.58	0.85	0.83	0.64	0.89		0.93		0.99
Haiti	1.32	1.43	0.74	1.08	1.04	0.81	1.13		1.18		1.26
Jamaica	1.39	1.48	0.86	1.16	1.13	0.92	1.21	0.85	1.25	0.64	1.33
Puerto Rico		1.13		0.85	0.83		0.89		0.93		0.99

Table 45. Differences by country on interpersonal relationships

+ / -	Haiti	Jamaica	Nicaragua
Colombia	0.65		0.75
Dominican Republic	0.61		0.71
El Salvador	0.86	0.48	0.98
Guatemala	0.45		0.54
Mexico	0.44		0.53
Panama	0.56		0.66
Puerto Rico	0.60		0.71
Venezuela	0.70		0.81

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Table 46. Differences by country about commitment to support others in needs

+ / -	Guatemala
Haiti	0.45

Table 47. Differences by country about attitude to external religious experience

+ / -	Colombia	Costa Rica	Cuba	Dominican Republic	El Salvador	Guatemala	Jamaica	Martinique	Mexico	Nicaragua	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Colombia		0.89	0.84	0.51			0.96	0.80			0.52	
Dominican Republic							0.50					
El Salvador		0.93	0.87	0.50			1.02	0.83				
Guatemala							0.67					
Haiti	0.95	2.26	2.08	1.75	1.23	1.45	2.37	2.02	1.25	1.31	1.63	1.39
Mexico		0.64	0.60				0.72	0.58				
Nicaragua			0.84				0.99	0.80				
Panama		0.97	0.91	0.58			1.05	0.88			0.57	
Venezuela							0.73					

Table 48. Differences by country about attitude to internal religious experience

+ / -	Costa Rica
Dominican Republic	0.74
El Salvador	0.85
Haiti	0.75
Mexico	0.68

Table 49. Differences by country about attitude toward religion based on convenience

+ / -	Costa Rica	Dominican Republic	Guatemala	Jamaica	Martinique	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Colombia	0.87	0.45		0.60	0.79		
El Salvador	1.08	0.61	0.42	0.76	0.97	0.66	0.61
Guatemala					0.50		
Haiti	1.18	0.69	0.51	0.84	1.05	0.74	0.70
Mexico	0.65			0.43	0.61		
Nicaragua					0.71		
Panama	0.89	0.47		0.62	0.81		

Table 50. Differences by country about activities for personal devotion

+ / -	Colombia	Costa Rica	Dominican Republic	El Salvador	Guatemala	Jamaica	Mexico	Nicaragua	Venezuela
Colombia					0.73			0.79	
Cuba					0.90			0.97	
Dominican Republic					0.76			0.82	
El Salvador					0.47				
Haiti	0.60	0.82	0.55	0.81	1.26	0.74	0.79	1.34	0.95
Jamaica					0.56			0.61	
Martinique					0.85			0.92	
Mexico					0.44			0.48	
Panama					0.81			0.87	
Puerto Rico					0.68			0.73	

5.3.3.3. Beliefs

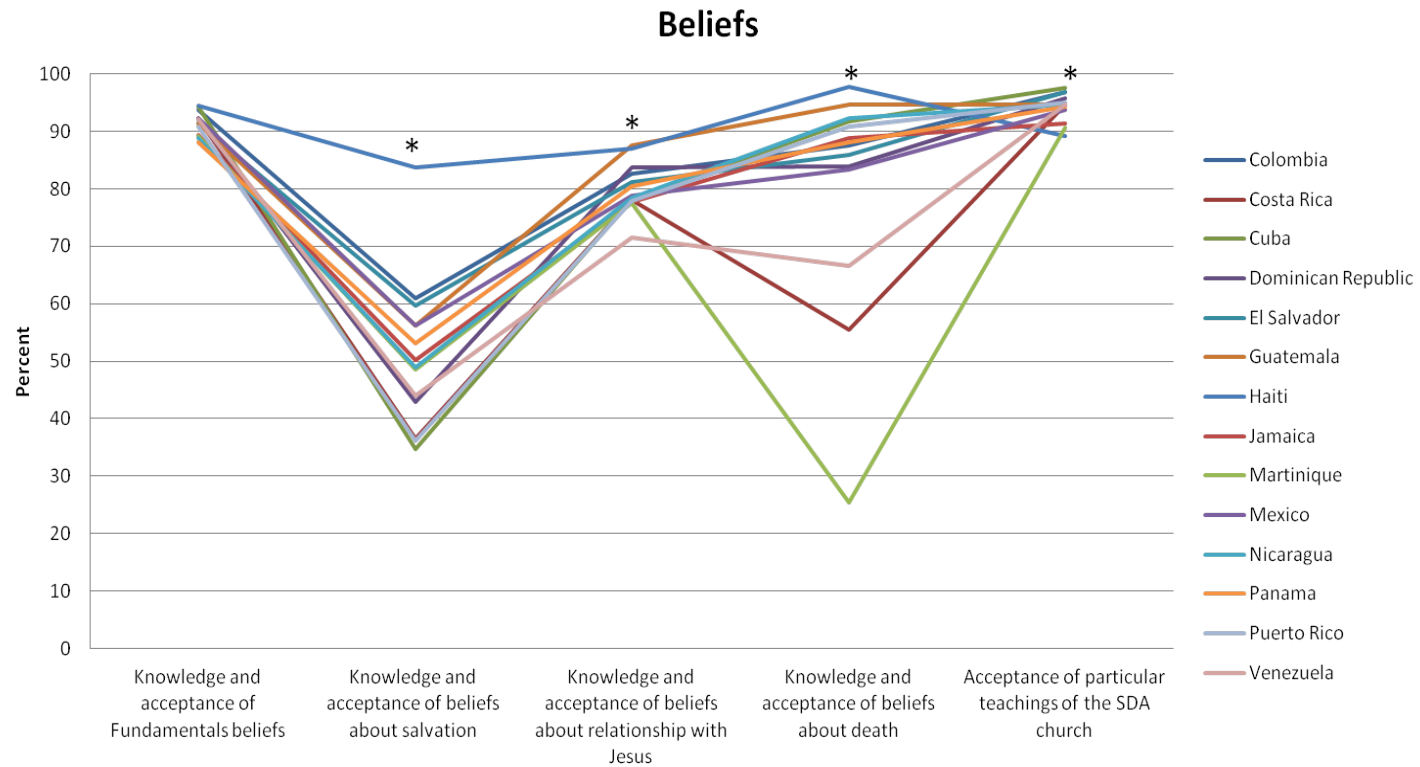


Figure 49. Comparative analysis by country of Constructs 11-12

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 51 shows specific countries with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) as to the knowledge and acceptance of beliefs about salvation. Similarly, subsequent tables presented all the important differences of each factor marked with a star in **Figure 49**.

Table 51. Differences by country about beliefs on salvation

+ / -	Colombia	Costa Rica	Cuba	Dominican Republic	El Salvador	Guatemala	Jamaica	Martinique	Mexico	Nicaragua	Panama	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Colombia		0.77	0.89	0.63								0.87	0.59
El Salvador		0.84	0.98	0.69								0.97	0.63
Guatemala		0.69	0.81	0.52								0.78	0.47
Haiti	0.91	1.87	2.10	1.85	1.15	1.24	1.54	1.75	1.16	1.65	1.28	2.15	1.76
Mexico		0.65	0.76	0.49								0.74	0.45
Panama			0.65									0.62	

Table 52. Differences by country about the beliefs in the relationship with Jesus

+ / -	Jamaica	Mexico	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Colombia				0.47
Dominican Republic				0.55
El Salvador				0.43
Guatemala	0.55	0.42	0.54	0.71
Haiti				0.69

Table 53. Differences by country about beliefs on death

+ / -	Costa Rica	Dominican Republic	Martinique	Mexico	Venezuela
Colombia	0.79		1.74		0.53
Costa Rica			0.68		
Cuba	0.95		2.00		0.68
Dominican Republic	0.67		1.58		0.42
El Salvador	0.74		1.69		0.49
Guatemala	1.11	0.38	2.29	0.40	0.83
Haiti	1.37		2.80	0.60	1.06
Jamaica	0.86		1.87		0.59
Mexico	0.65		1.54		0.41
Nicaragua	0.97		2.02		0.70
Panama	0.80		1.76		0.55
Puerto Rico	0.92		1.95		0.65
Venezuela			0.97		

Table 54. Differences by country about particular teachings

+ / -	Haiti	Jamaica	Martinique
Colombia	0.64	0.52	
Cuba	0.79		
Dominican Republic	0.53		0.41
El Salvador	0.57	0.45	

5.3.4. Constructs by SDA Member From Birth

No significant differences ($p \geq 0.05$) or importance ($es \leq 0.40$) appeared between SDA from birth and SDA members after birth respect the constructs.

5.3.4.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

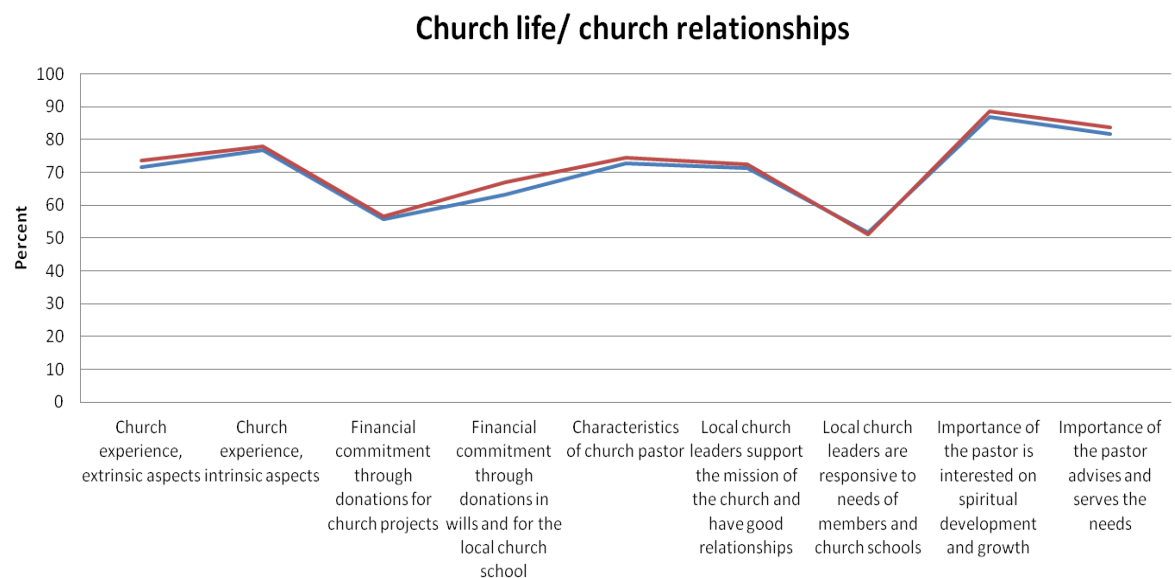


Figure 50. Comparative analysis by SDA members of birth, Constructs 1-5

No significant differences

5.3.4.2. Religious Life

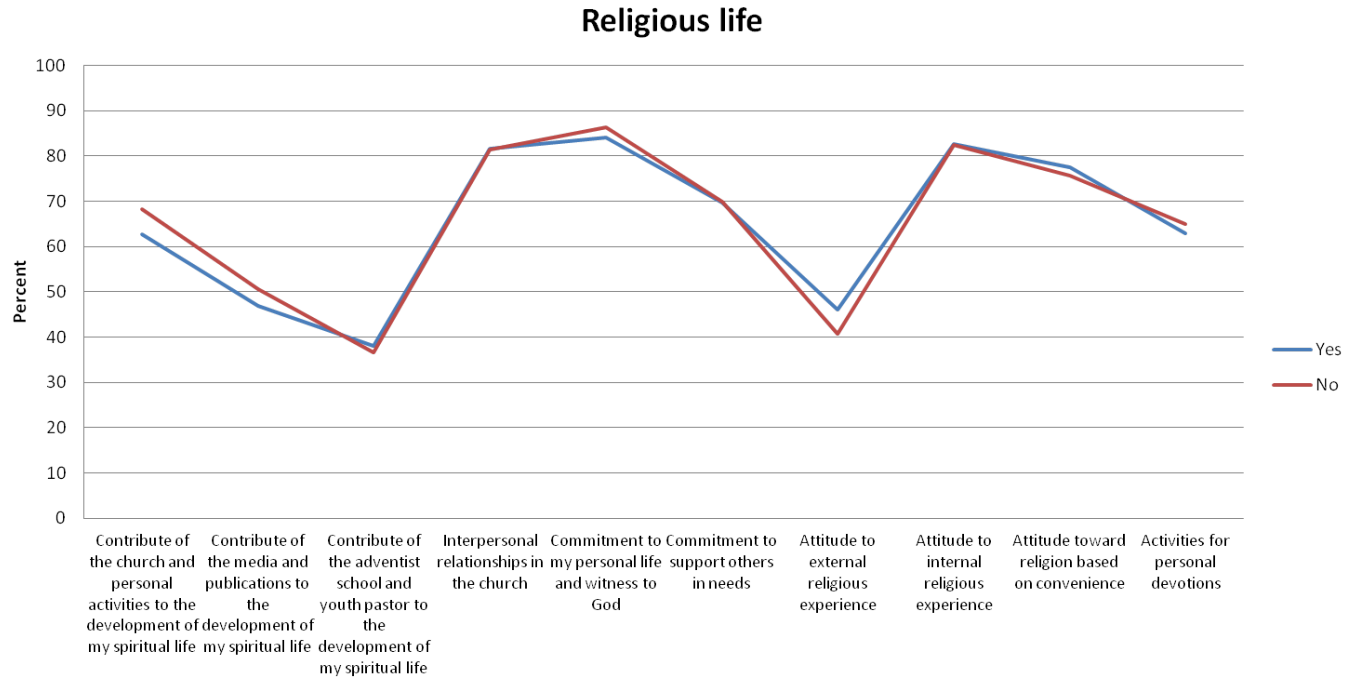


Figure 51. Comparative analysis by SDA members by birth, Constructs 6-10
No significant differences

5.3.4.3. Beliefs

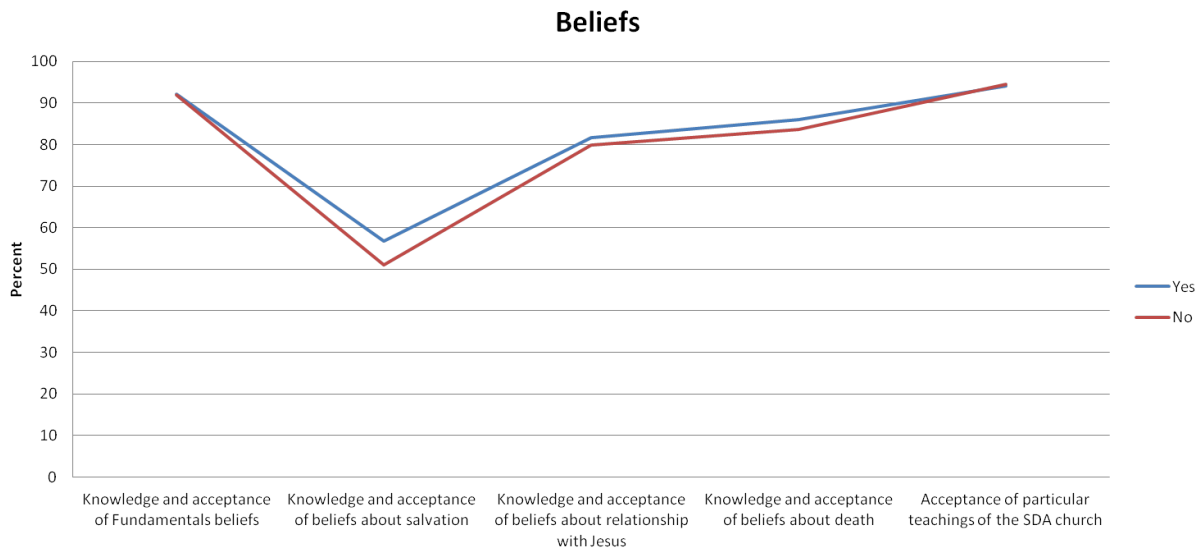


Figure 52. Comparative analysis by SDA members by birth, Constructs 11-12
No significant differences

5.3.5. Constructs by Years of Baptism of SDA Church Members

Few significant differences ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$) appeared between members related to the number of years of being a baptized SDA, regarding the constructs.

5.3.5.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

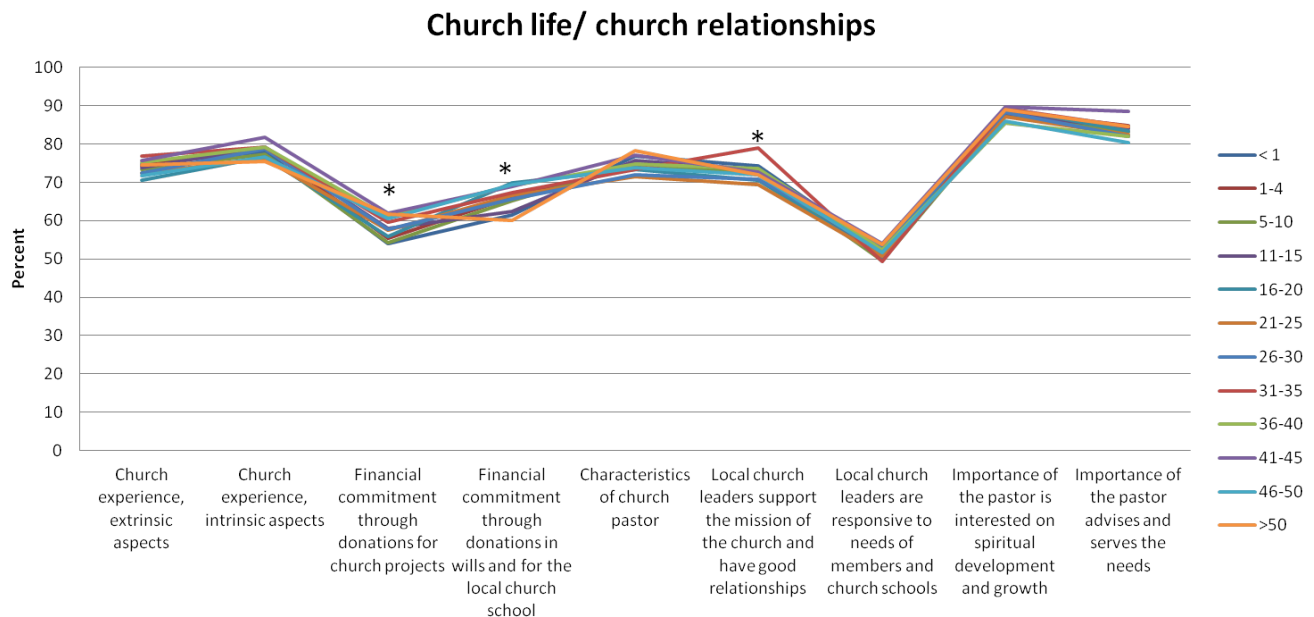


Figure 53. Comparative analysis by years of baptism in the church, Constructs 1-5

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 55 shows specific years of having been baptized with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) as to the financial commitment through donations for church projects. Similarly, subsequent tables that present all the important differences of each factor are marked with a star in **Figure 53**.

Table 55. Differences by years of baptism and donations for church projects

+ / -	< 1	1-4	5-10	11-15	16-20
21-25	0.46				
26-30	0.57				
31-35	0.58				
36-40	0.70	0.50	0.48		
41-45	0.98	0.77	0.75	0.55	0.56
>50	0.61	0.41	0.40		

Table 56. Differences by years of baptism and donations through wills and trusts

+ / -	< 1	1-4	5-10
41-45	0.58	0.60	0.63
>50	0.47	0.49	0.52

Table 57. Differences by years of baptism and local church leader's support of the mission

+ / -	16-20	21-25
31-35	0.40	0.48

5.3.5.2. Religious Life

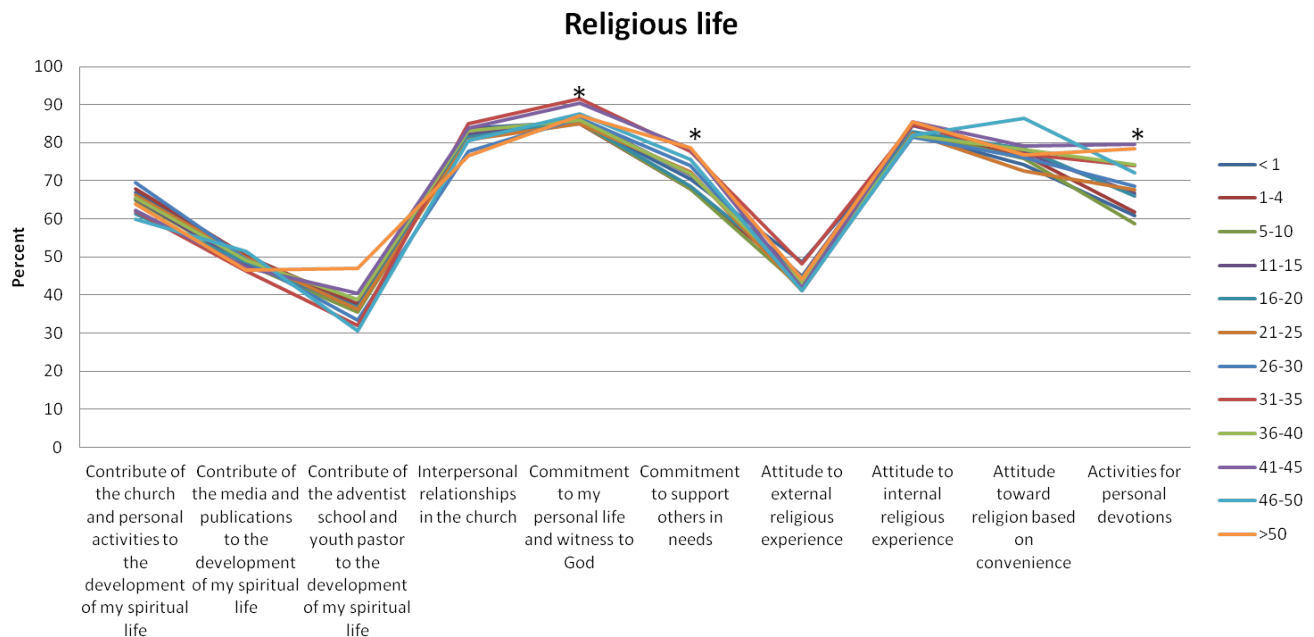


Figure 54. Comparative analysis by years of baptism in the church, Constructs 6-10

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 58 shows specific years of baptism with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) as to the commitment toward personal life, God and witness. Similarly, subsequent tables that presented all the important differences of each factor are marked with a star in **Figure 54**.

Table 58. Differences by years of baptism and commitment toward God and their personal life

+ / -	1-4	5-10	21-25
31-35	0.45	0.43	0.45

Table 59. Differences by years of baptism and commitment to support others in need

+ / -	1-4	5-10	16-20
31-35	0.45	0.46	0.42
41-45	0.49		
>50	0.49	0.50	0.46

Table 60. Differences by years of baptism and activities for personal devotion

+ / -	< 1	1-4	5-10	11-15	16-20
31-35	0.53	0.49	0.60		
36-40	0.53	0.50	0.61		
41-45	0.80	0.76	0.87		0.57
>50	0.77	0.73	0.85	0.53	0.53

5.3.5.3. Beliefs

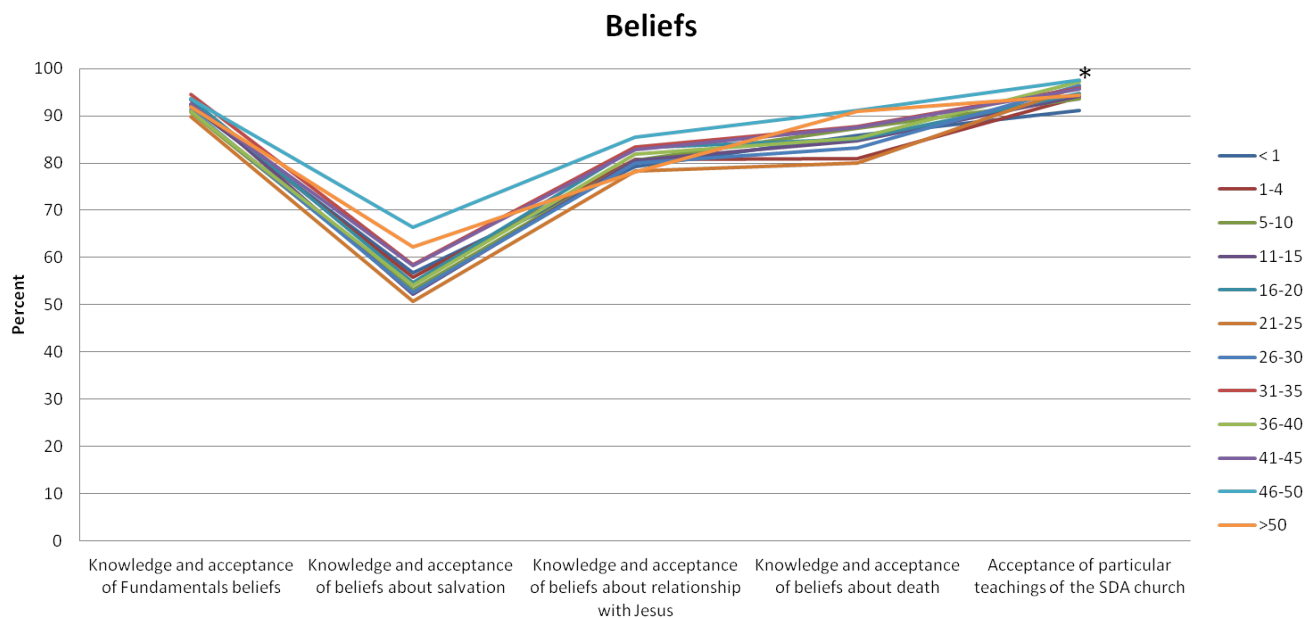


Figure 55. Comparative analysis by years of baptism in the church, Constructs 11-12

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 61 shows specific years of baptism with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) as to acceptance of particular teachings of the SDA church.

Table 61. Differences by years of baptism and particular teachings

+ / -	< 1
21-25	0.43
26-30	0.47
31-35	0.41
36-40	0.56

5.3.6. Constructs by Employee for the SDA Church

A single significant ($p < 0.05$) and important difference ($es > 0.40$) appeared between members depending if are employed by any SDA institution in regards to the constructs.

5.3.6.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

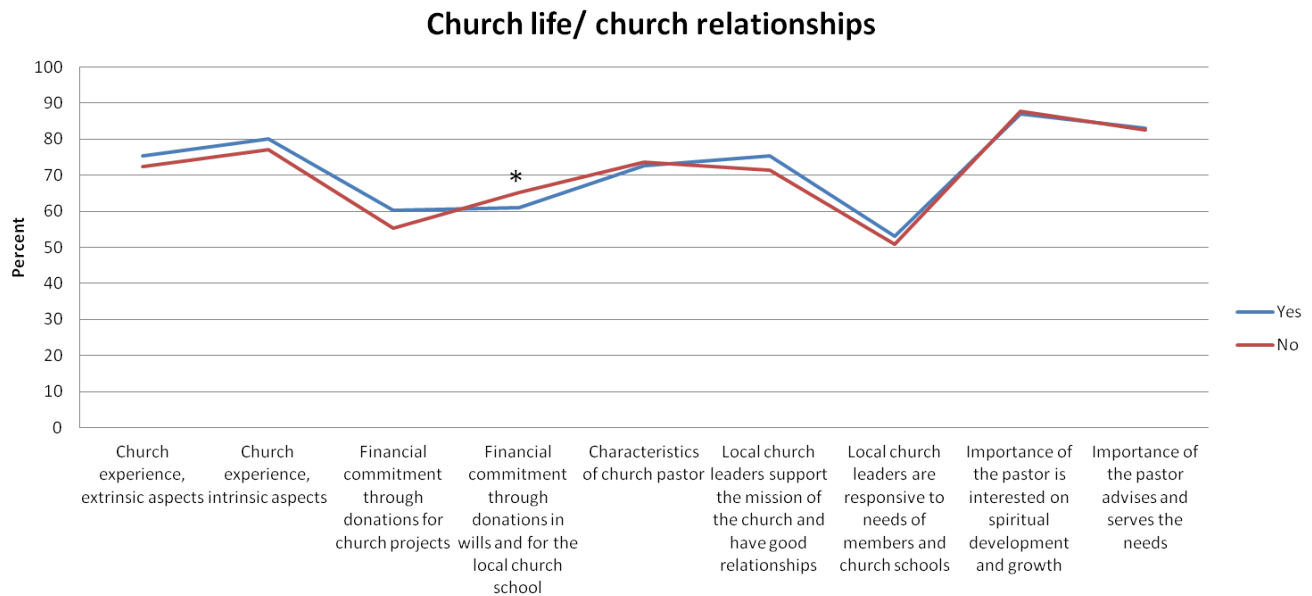


Figure 56. Comparative analysis depending on the respondent's employability in an SDA institution, Constructs 1-5

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 62 shows an important difference ($es \geq 0.40$) in regards to respondent's employability in an SDA institution and their donations through wills and trusts.

Table 62. Difference depending on SDA employment and donations through wills and trusts

+/-	No
Yes	0.55

5.3.6.2. Religious Life

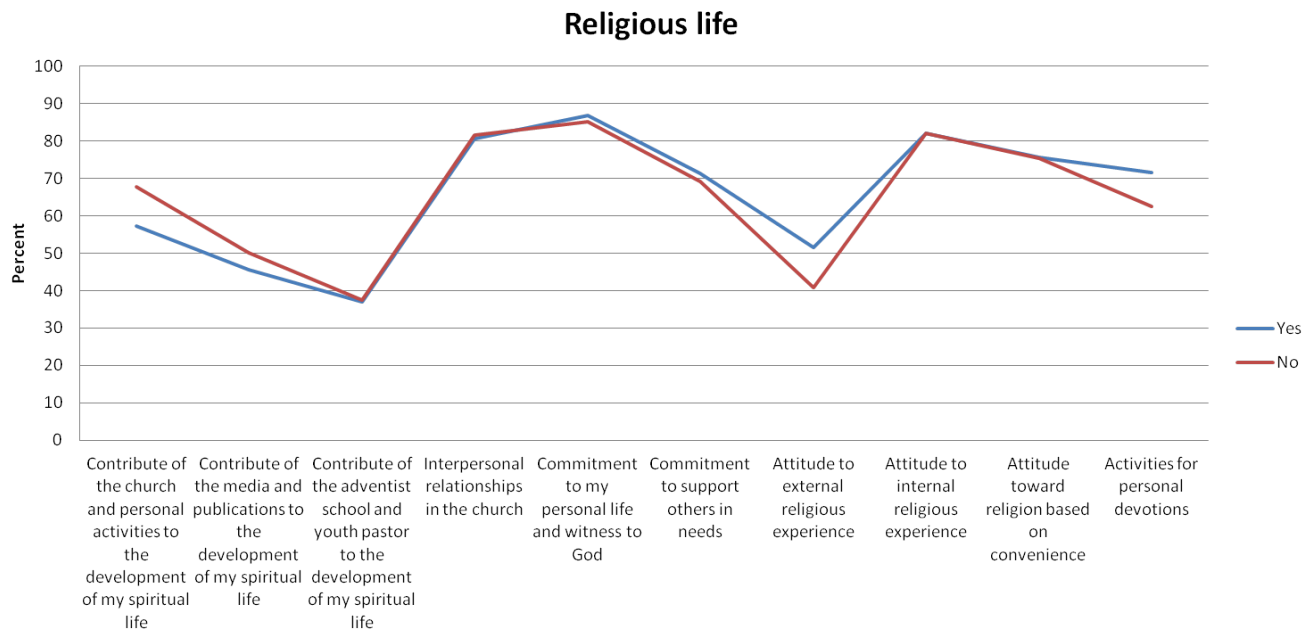


Figure 57. Comparative analysis depending on employment for a SDA institution, Constructs 6-10
None statistical significance ($p>0.05$) or importance ($es<0.40$)

5.3.6.3. Beliefs

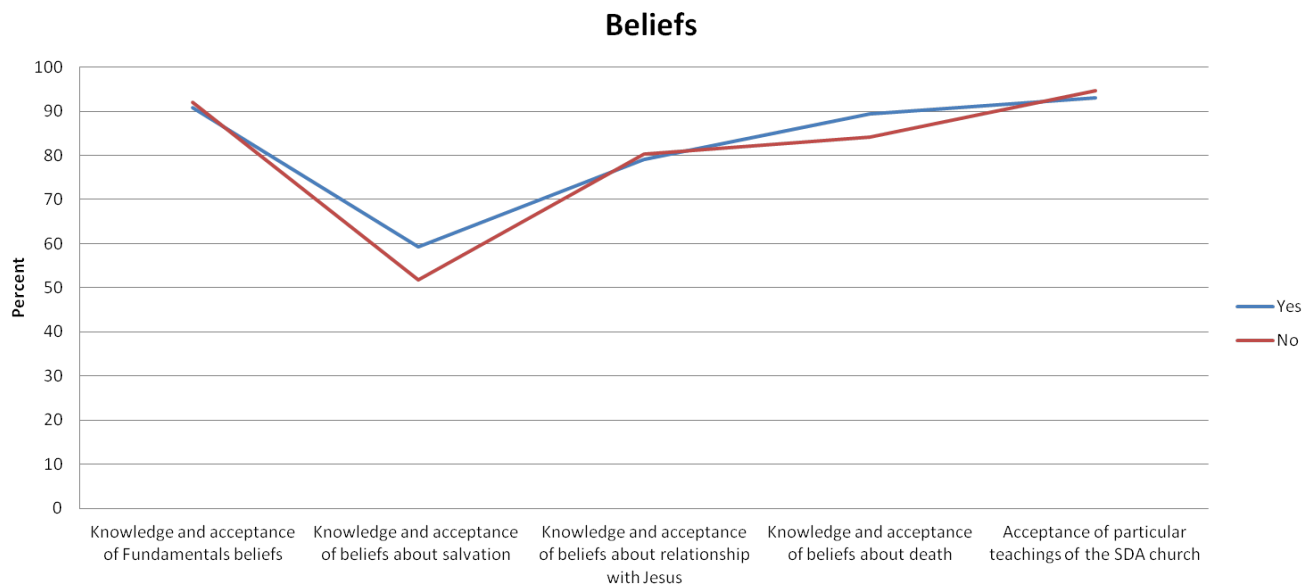


Figure 58. Comparative analysis depending if are employed for a SDA institution, Constructs 11-12
None statistical significance ($p>0.05$) or importance ($es<0.40$)

5.3.7. Constructs by Attendance to Worship Services at Church

Few significant differences ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$) appeared between members depending on their attendance to worship services at church in regards to the constructs.

5.3.7.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

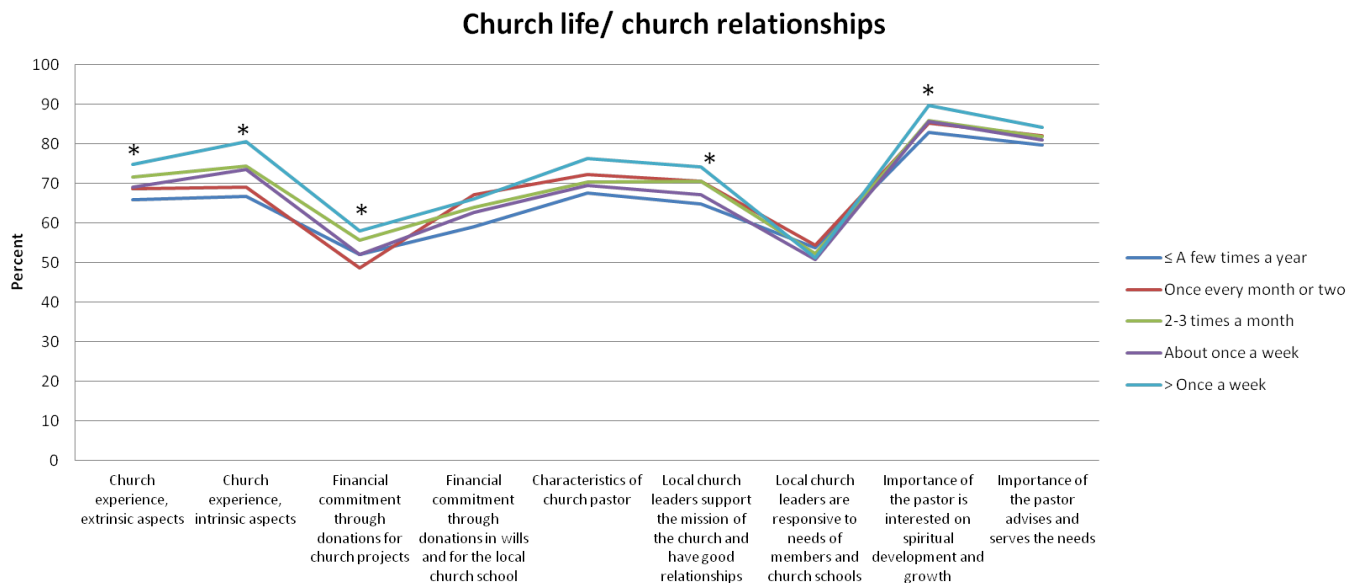


Figure 59. Comparative analysis by attendance to worship services at church, Constructs 1-5.

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 63 shows the frequency of attendance to worship services with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) in regards to the extrinsic aspects of the church experience. Similarly, subsequent tables present all the important differences of each factor marked with a star in **Figure 59**.

Table 63. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function to extrinsic aspects in church experience

+ / -	≤ A few times a year
> Once a week	0.41

Table 64. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function to intrinsic aspects in church experience

+ / -	≤ A few times a year	Once every month or two
> Once a week	0.70	0.58

Table 65. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function of donations for church projects

+ / -	≤ A few times a year	Once every month or two
2-3 times a month	0.41	
> Once a week	0.59	0.40

Table 66. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function of local church leader's support to the mission of the church

+ / -	≤ A few times a year
> Once a week	0.41

Table 67. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function of perceived importance that the pastor is interested in spiritual development

+ / -	≤ A few times a year
> Once a week	0.44

5.3.7.2. Religious Life

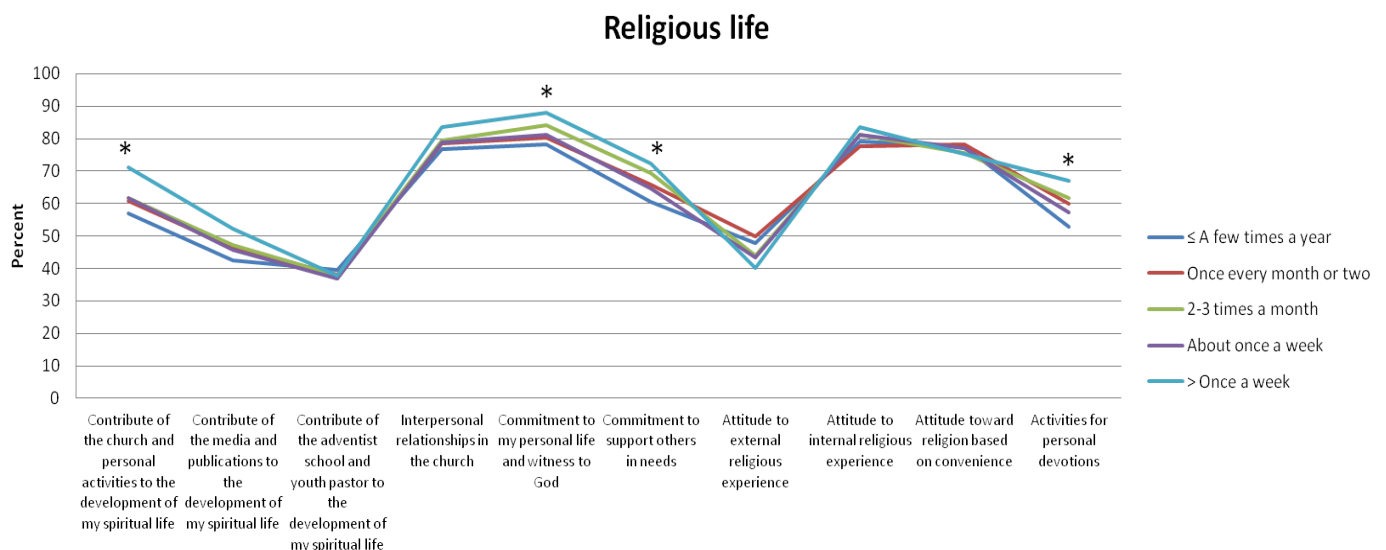


Figure 60. Comparative analysis by frequency of attendance to worship services at church, Constructs 6-10

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 68 shows frequency of attendance to worship services with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) in regards to the participation in church and personal activities that contribute to the development of spiritual life. Similarly, subsequent tables present all the important differences of each factor marked with a star in **Figure 60**.

Table 68. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function of church and personal activities and spiritual life development

+ / -	≤ A few times a year	Once every month or two
> Once a week	0.58	0.42

Table 69. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function of the commitment with God and their personal life

+ / -	≤ A few times a year	Once every month or two
> Once a week	0.54	0.44

Table 70. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function of the commitment to support others

+ / -	≤ A few times a year
> Once a week	0.50

Table 71. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function of their activities for personal devotions

+ / -	≤ A few times a year
> Once a week	0.51

5.3.7.3. Beliefs

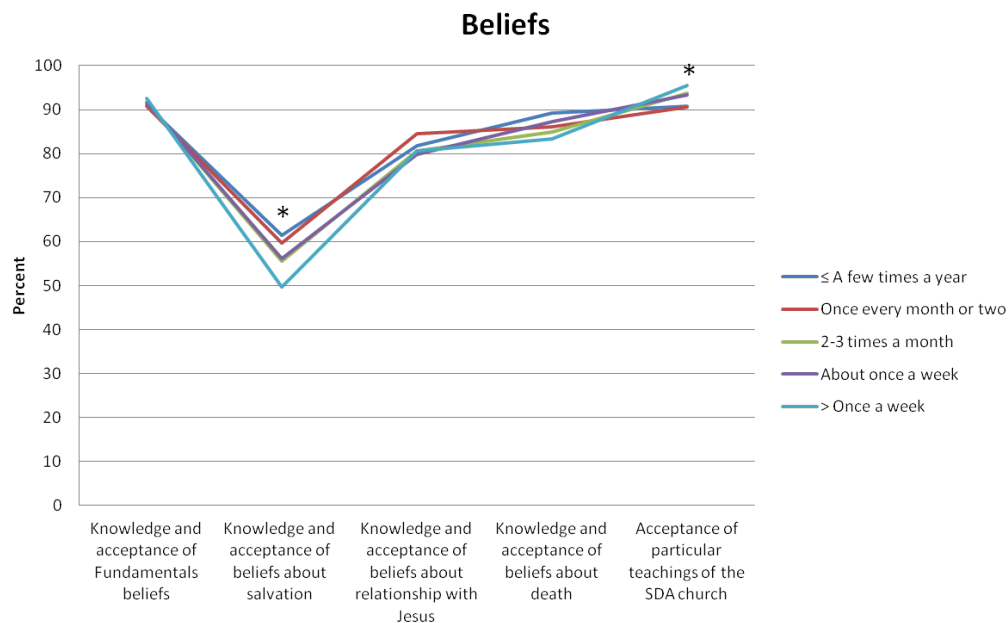


Figure 61. Comparative analysis by frequency of attendance to worship services at church, Constructs 11-12

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 72 shows the frequency of attendance to worship services with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) in regards to knowledge and acceptance of salvation beliefs. Similarly, **Table 73** presents the important difference of the other factor, and is marked with a star in **Figure 61**.

Table 72. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function of salvation beliefs

+ / -	> Once a week
$\leq$ A few times a year	0.44

Table 73. Differences by frequency of attendance to worship services in function of particular teachings

+ / -	Once every month or two
> Once a week	0.41

5.3.8. Constructs by Involvement in the Church

Few significant differences ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$) appeared between members in function to their involvement in the church regarding the constructs.

5.3.8.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

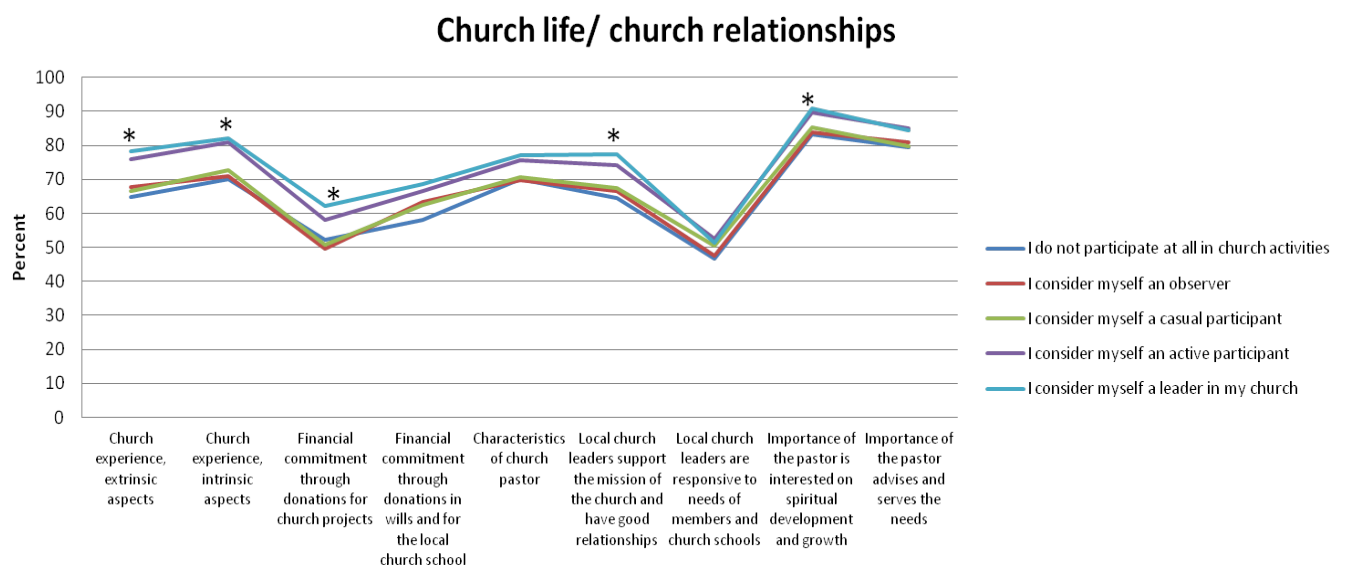


Figure 62. Comparative analysis by involvement in the church, Constructs 1-5

*Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and effect size importance ($es > 0.40$)

Table 74 shows specific levels of involvement in the church with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) as to extrinsic aspects in the church experience. Similarly, subsequent tables present all the important differences of each factor marked with a star in **Figure 62**.

Table 74. Differences by involvement in the church regarding extrinsic aspects in the church experience

+ / -	I do not participate at all in church activities	I consider myself an observer	I consider myself a casual participant
I consider myself an active participant	0.53	0.42	0.47
I consider myself a leader in my church	0.64	0.53	0.59

Table 75. Differences by involvement in the church regarding intrinsic aspects in the church experience

+ / -	I do not participate at all in church activities	I consider myself an observer	I consider myself a casual participant
I consider myself an active participant	0.54	0.50	0.43
I consider myself a leader in my church	0.60	0.56	0.50

Table 76. Differences by involvement in the church regarding donations for church projects

+ / -	I do not participate at all in church activities	I consider myself an observer	I consider myself a casual participant
I consider myself an active participant	0.69	0.63	0.47
I consider myself a leader in my church	1.01	0.95	0.80

Table 77. Differences by involvement in the church regarding local church leader's support for the mission of the church

+ / -	I do not participate at all in church activities	I consider myself an observer	I consider myself a casual participant
I consider myself an active participant	0.44		
I consider myself a leader in my church	0.60	0.53	0.50

Table 78. Differences by involvement in the church regarding the perceived importance that the pastor is interested in spiritual development

+ / -	I do not participate at all in church activities	I consider myself an observer	I consider myself a casual participant
I consider myself an active participant	0.41		
I consider myself a leader in my church	0.50	0.46	0.42

5.3.8.2. Religious Life

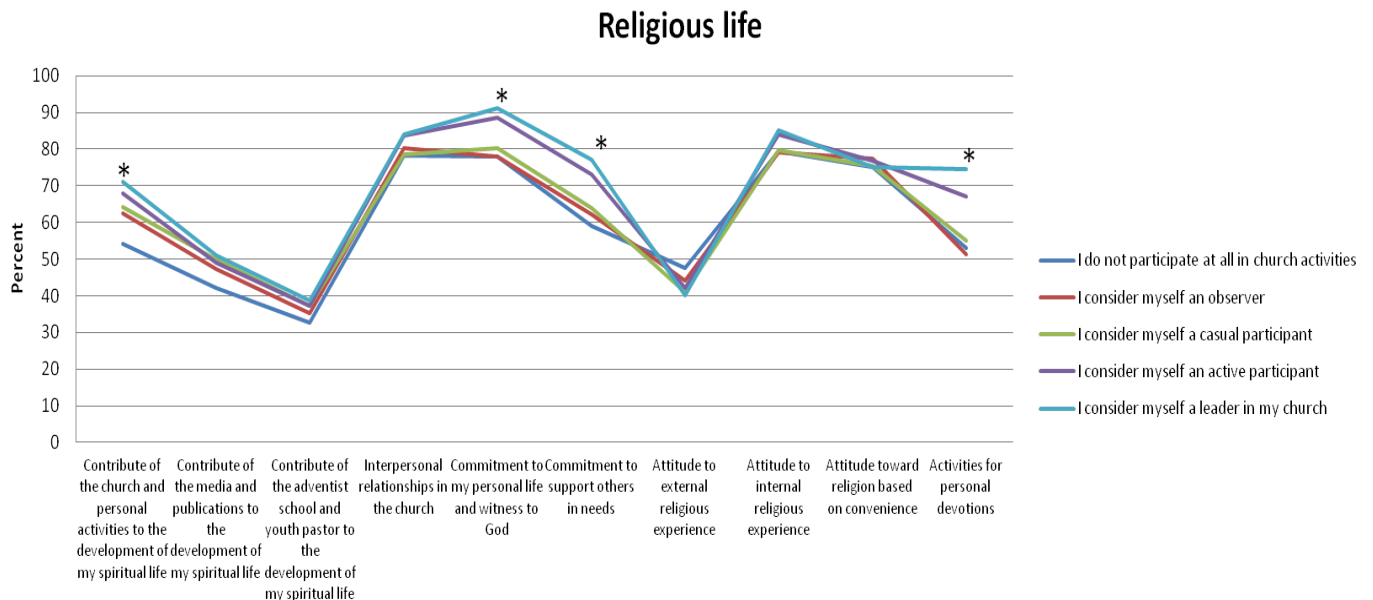


Figure 63. Comparative analysis by involvement in the church, Constructs 6-10

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 79 shows specific levels of involvement in the church with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) as to the church and personal activities and its contribution to the development of spiritual life. Similarly, subsequent tables present all the important differences of each factor marked with a star in **Figure 63**.

Table 79. Differences by involvement in the church in regards to church and personal activities and its contribution to the development of spiritual life

+ / -	I do not participate at all in church activities
I consider myself a casual participant	0.43

I consider myself an active participant	0.53
I consider myself a leader in my church	0.64

Table 80. Differences by involvement in the church in regards to their commitment God and their personal life

+ / -	I do not participate at all in church activities	I consider myself an observer	I consider myself a casual participant
I consider myself an active participant	0.59	0.58	0.49
I consider myself a leader in my church	0.76	0.76	0.67

Table 81. Differences by involvement in the church in regards to their commitment to support others

+ / -	I do not participate at all in church activities	I consider myself an observer	I consider myself a casual participant
I consider myself an active participant	0.59	0.48	0.42
I consider myself a leader in my church	0.79	0.68	0.62

Table 82. Differences by involvement in the church in regards to their activities for personal devotion

+ / -	I do not participate at all in church activities	I consider myself an observer	I consider myself a casual participant
I consider myself an active participant	0.51	0.58	0.47
I consider myself a leader in my church	0.85	0.94	0.83

5.3.8.3. Beliefs

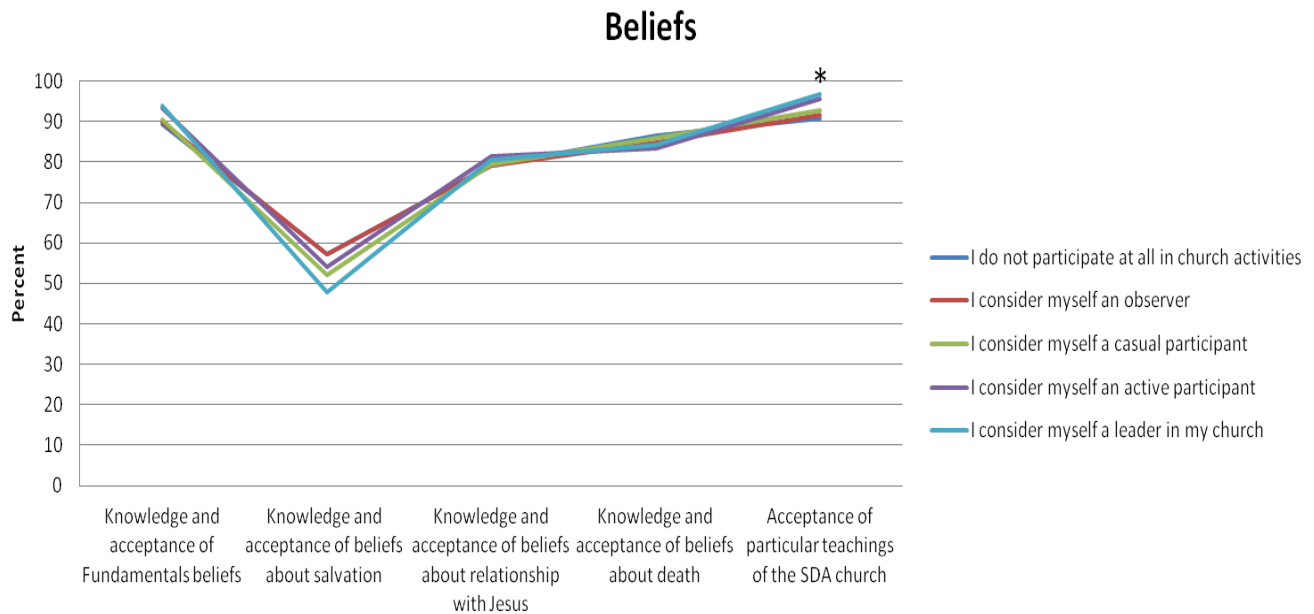


Figure 64. Comparative analysis by involvement in the church, Constructs 11-12

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 83 shows specific levels of involvement in the church with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) as to acceptance of particular teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Table 83. Differences by involvement in the church in regards to particular teachings

+ / -	I do not participate at all in church activities	I consider myself an observer	I consider myself a casual participant
I consider myself an active participant	0.42		
I consider myself a leader in my church	0.57	0.48	0.41

5.3.9. Constructs by the Church's Efforts in Caring and Nurturing

A single significant difference ($p < 0.05$) and importance ($es > 0.40$) was appeared between members depending the church's efforts in caring and nurturing respect the constructs.

5.3.9.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

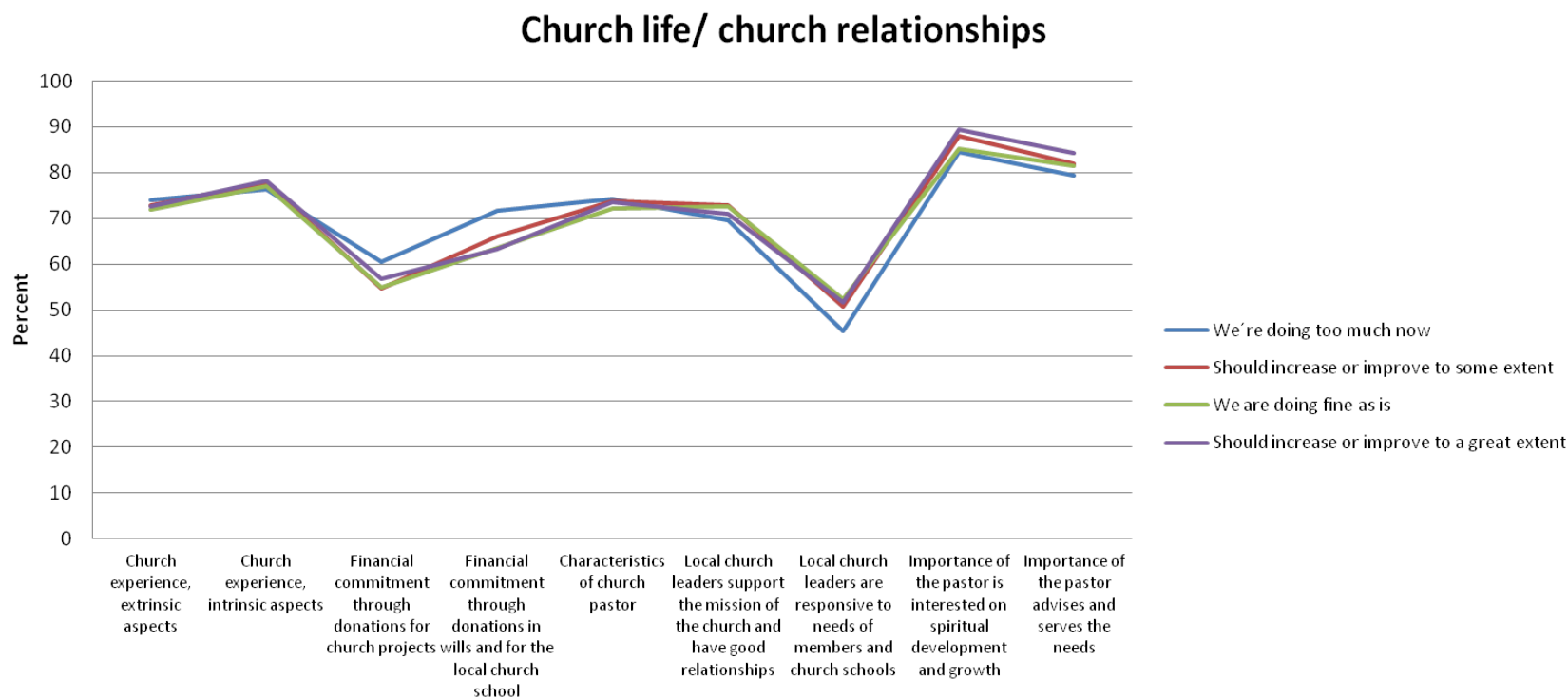


Figure 65. Comparative analysis by the church's effort in caring and nurturing, Constructs 1-5
None statistical significance ($p > 0.05$) or importance ($es < 0.40$)

5.3.9.2. Religious Life

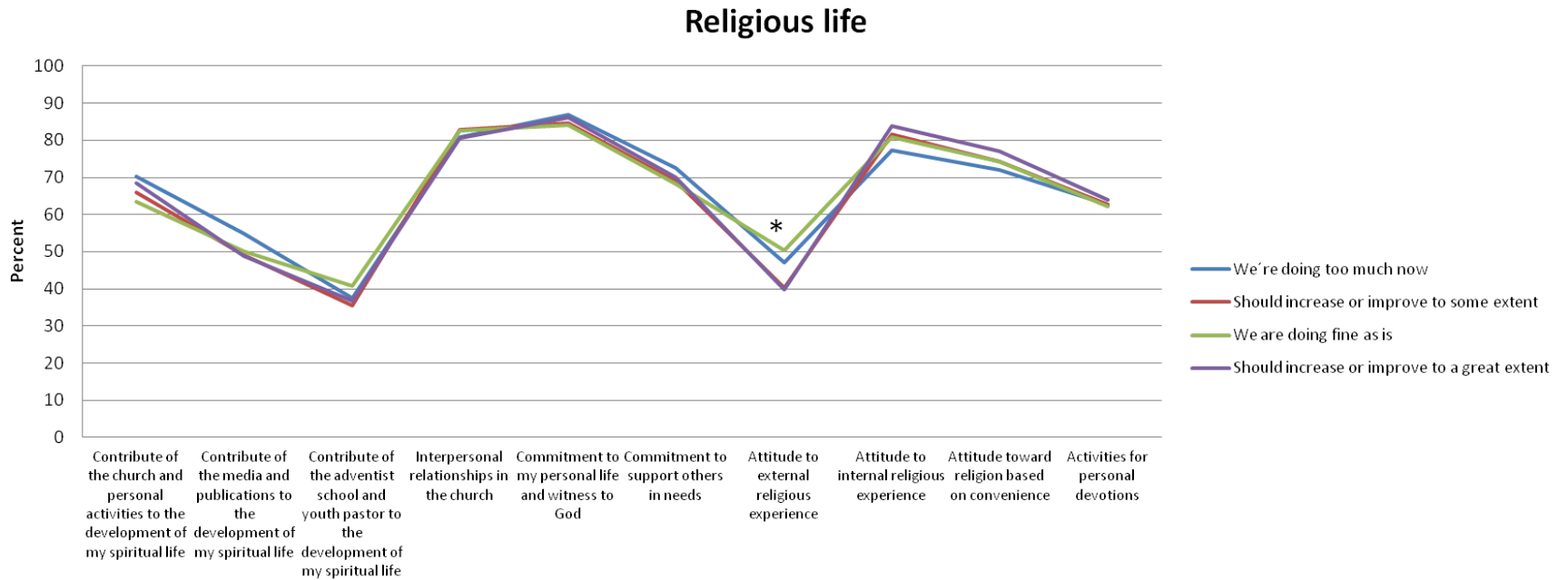


Figure 66. Comparative analysis by the church's effort in caring and nurturing, Constructs 6-10

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) or importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 84 shows specific levels of the church's efforts in caring and nurturing with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) as to their attitude to external religious experiences.

Table 84. Differences by the church's efforts in caring in regards to their attitude to external religious experiences

+ / -	Should increase or improve to a great extent
We are doing fine as is	0.41

5.3.9.3. Beliefs

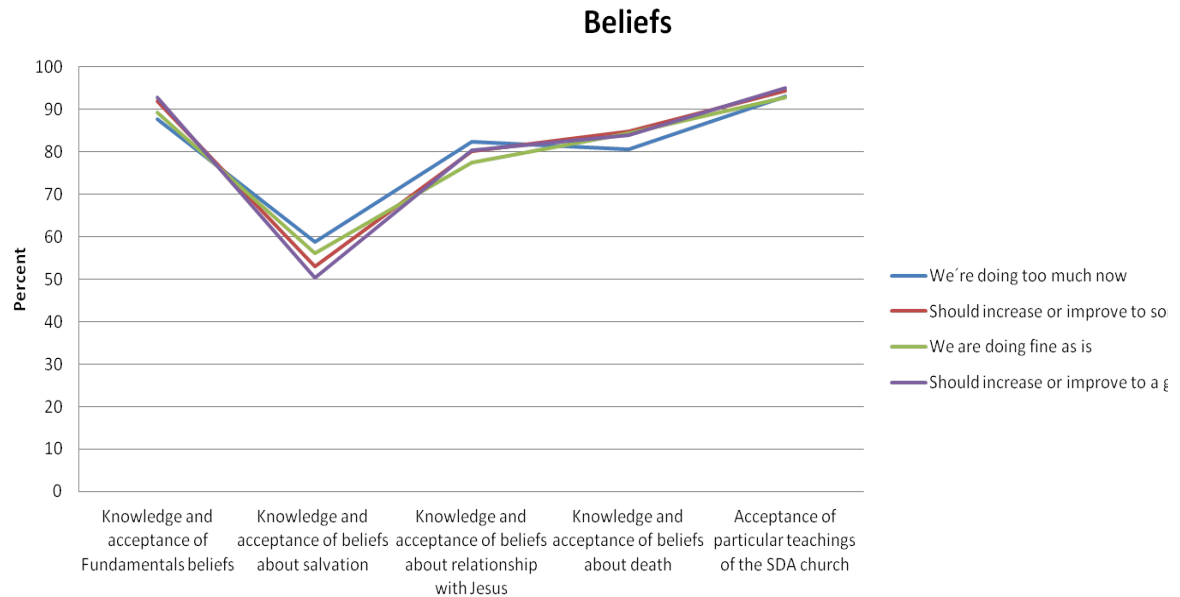


Figure 67. Comparative analysis by the church's effort in caring and nurturing, Constructs
None statistical significance ($p>0.05$) or importance ($es<0.40$)

5.3.10. Constructs by the Church's Involvement in Outreach

Several significant differences ($p<0.05$) and importance ($es>0.40$) appeared between based on the church's involvement in outreach in regards to the constructs.

5.3.10.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

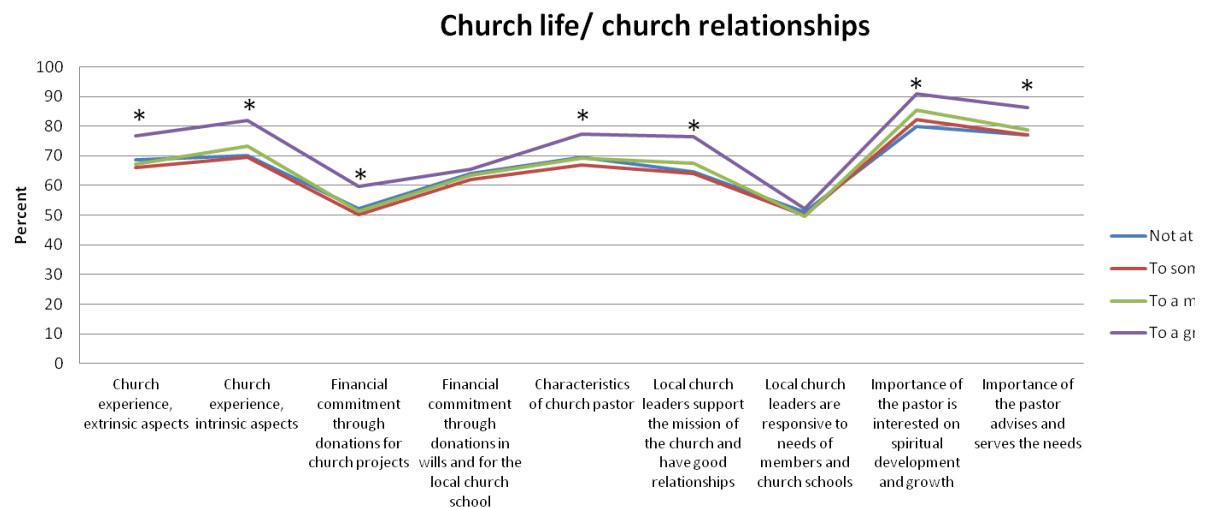


Figure 68. Comparative analysis by the church's involvement in outreach, Constructs 1-5

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) or importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 85 shows specific levels of the church's involvement in outreach with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) as to extrinsic aspects in the church experience. Similarly, subsequent tables present all the important differences of each factor marked with a star in **Figure 68**.

Table 85. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to extrinsic aspects of the church experience

+ / -	To some extent	To a moderate extent
To a great extent	0.53	0.48

Table 86. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to intrinsic aspects of the church experience

+ / -	Not at all	To some extent	To a moderate extent
To a great extent	0.52	0.63	0.45

Table 87. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to donations for church projects

+ / -	Not at all	To some extent	To a moderate extent
To a great extent	0.63	0.69	0.45

Table 88. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to characteristics of church pastors

+ / -	To some extent
To a great extent	0.45

Table 89. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to the local church leader's support to the mission of the church

+ / -	Not at all	To some extent	To a moderate extent
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To a great extent	0.50	0.60	0.46
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Table 90. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to importance of the pastor is interested on spiritual development

+ / -	Not at all	To some extent	To a moderate extent
To a great extent	0.60	0.63	0.44

Table 91. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to the importance of pastoral advice and attention to the needs of others

+ / -	Not at all	To some extent	To a moderate extent
To a great extent	0.48	0.56	0.47

5.3.10.2. Religious Life

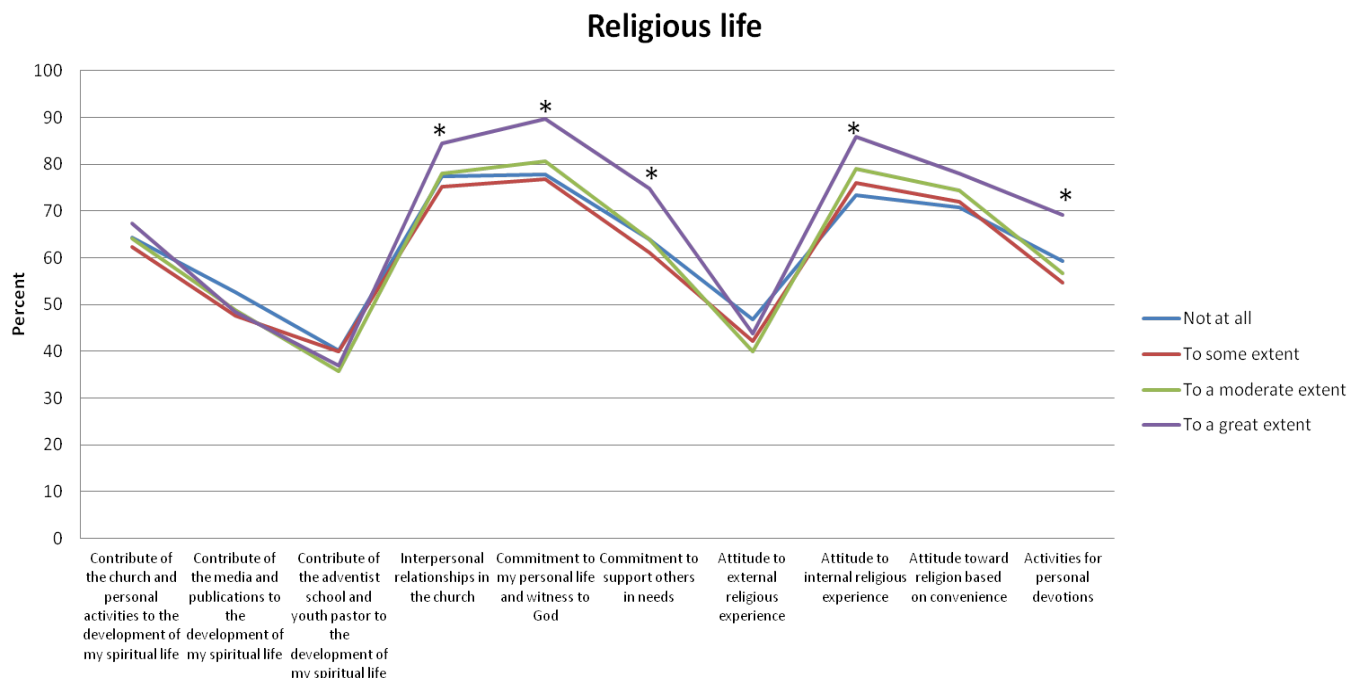


Figure 69. Comparative analysis by the church's involvement in outreach, Constructs 6-10

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) or importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 92 shows specific levels of the church's involvement in outreach with important differences (es ≥ 0.40) in regards to the interpersonal relationships in the church. Similarly, subsequent tables present all the important differences of each factor marked with a star in **Figure 69**.

Table 92. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to interpersonal relationships

+ / -	To some extent
To a great extent	0.47

Table 93. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to their commitment to God and their personal life

+ / -	Not at all	To some extent	To a moderate extent
To a great extent	0.63	0.71	0.56

Table 94. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to their commitment to support others

+ / -	Not at all	To some extent	To a moderate extent
To a great extent	0.47	0.61	0.50

Table 95. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to their attitude to internal religious experience

+ / -	Not at all	To some extent	To a moderate extent
To a great extent	0.70	0.64	0.50

Table 96. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to activities for personal devotion

+ / -	To some extent	To a moderate extent
To a great extent	0.54	0.50

5.3.10.3. Beliefs

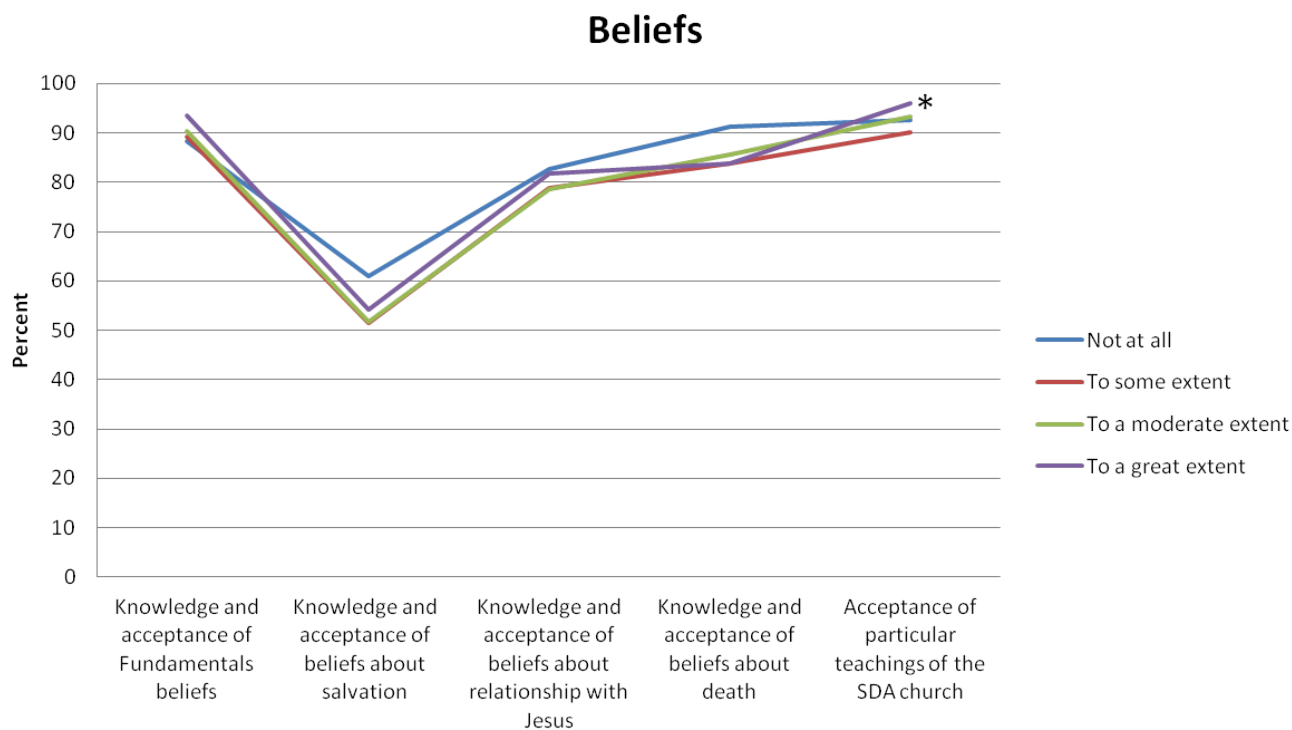


Figure 70. Comparative analysis by the church's involvement in outreach, Constructs 11-12

**Statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) or importance ($es > 0.40$)*

Table 97 shows specific levels of the church's involvement in outreach with important differences ($es \geq 0.40$) in regards to their attitude to the acceptance of particular teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Table 97. Differences by the church's involvement in outreach in regards to the church's particular teachings

+/ -	To some extent
To a great extent	0.51

6. Conclusions

Four clusters of Seventh-day Adventist church members in the Inter-American Division were formed by their distribution in different levels; high, medium-high, medium-low and low. A higher proportion (38%) of SDA members conserved a high level of beliefs, but medium-high levels of aspects in church and Religious Life. It is relevant to note, that only less than a third of church members maintain high levels in all aspects.

7. Appendix

Descriptive statistics were used to analyze the survey. First, we presented a report of means and standard deviation of all data, in second place we show the frequencies of general data, and then all frequencies with significant differences by gender and by age group. Finally, we presented a completed copy of survey instrument.

7.1. Means and Standard Deviation of the General Data

The following is a table that includes every question, the number of respondents (N), means and standard deviation (SD).

7.1.1. Church Life/ Church Relationships

Table S1. Church life and relationship

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Q2.1. How often do you attend worship services at your church?			
A few times a year or less/ Once every month or two/ Two or three times a month/ About once a week/ More than once a week	3384	4.32	1.056
Q2.2. I would prefer to go to church:			
A few times a year or less/ Once every month or two/ Two or three times a month/ About once a week/ More than once a week	3329	4.59	.902
Q2.3. How do you consider your involvement in your church?			
I do not participate at all in church activities/ I consider myself an observer/ I consider myself a casual participant/ I consider myself an active participant/ I consider myself a leader in my church	3419	3.58	1.112
Q2.4. How satisfied are you with the church you attend?			
Very dissatisfied/ Neutral/ Very satisfied	3425	8.39	2.235

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Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
<i>Q2.5. What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local SDA church to worship in another congregation of a different faith?</i>			
Q2.5A. When sermons are boring.	3403	.04	.205
No/ Yes			
Q2.5B. When church is cold and unfriendly.	3403	.16	.369
No/ Yes			
Q2.5C. When there are no activities beyond weekend services.	3406	.05	.217
No/ Yes			
Q2.5D. When worship services are not meaningful.	3405	.10	.295
No/ Yes			
Q2.5E. No longer in agreement with the beliefs of the SDA church.	3404	.20	.403
No/ Yes			
<i>Q2.6. What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local SDA church to worship in another SDA church?</i>			
Q2.6A. When sermons are boring.	3350	.05	.226
No/ Yes			
Q2.6B. When church is cold and unfriendly.	3349	.25	.431
No/ Yes			
Q2.6C. When worship services are not meaningful.	3349	.10	.304
No/ Yes			
Q2.6D. When there are no activities beyond weekend services.	3351	.08	.269
No/ Yes			
<i>Q2.7. What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local SDA church to worship at home?</i>			
Q2.7A. When sermons are boring.	3176	.06	.234
No/ Yes			
Q2.7B. When worship services are not meaningful.	3176	.13	.337
No/ Yes			
Q2.7C. When church is cold and unfriendly.	3178	.21	.408
No/ Yes			
Q2.7D. When there are no activities beyond weekend services.	3170	.08	.276
No/ Yes			
<i>Think about your experience with your church. For each of these statements, how true it is for you.</i>			
Q2.8. Programs at my church are interesting.	3398	3.36	.841
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always			
Q2.9. Programs at my church make me think.	3358	3.33	.847
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always			

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Q2.10. My Sabbath School teachers or leaders know me well. Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	3378	3.31	.938
Q2.11. My pastor knows me well. Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	3383	2.93	1.070
Q2.12. The leaders in the church are warm and friendly. Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	3405	3.19	.905
Q2.13. I can be myself at church. Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	3391	3.37	.901
Q2.14. The leaders in our church care about me. Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	3439	2.94	1.020
Q2.15. I look forward to going to programs at my church. Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	3469	3.44	.805
Q2.16. I go to programs at church because I want to. Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	3488	3.52	.810
Q2.17. My church is helping me grow closer to Christ. Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	3498	3.51	.798
Q2.18. I attend small group meetings organized by the church. Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	3486	2.79	1.161
Q2.19. I feel uncomfortable/ guilty when I do not attend church most weekends. Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	3443	3.33	.982
Q2.20. I feel proud of my church and its role and reputation in my community. Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	3488	3.46	.828
<i>Your involvement in the financial activities of your local church.</i>			
Q2.21. Through my tithe. Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA	3372	4.07	1.343
Q2.22. Local church budget. Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA	3205	3.91	1.552
Q2.23. Christian education. Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA	3201	3.89	1.729
Q2.24. The church building fund. Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA	3280	3.82	1.566
Q2.25. The mission program of the church. Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA	3263	3.71	1.566
Q2.26. The evangelistic projects of the church. Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA	3240	3.67	1.565
Q2.27. I provide extra for the 13 th Sabbath offering.	3258	3.61	1.663

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA			
Q2.28. I provide support for the local church school.	3137	4.14	2.008
Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA			
Q2.29. Through wills and trusts.	3077	4.40	2.078
Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often / Always/ NA			
<i>How well do each of these describe your pastor?</i>			
Q2.30. Enthusiastic about ministry.	3468	4.18	1.184
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4 / Very much			
Q2.31. Helpful in times of need.	3446	4.14	1.138
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4 / Very much			
Q2.32. Inspiring.	3416	4.01	1.227
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4 / Very much			
Q2.33. Occasionally visits members of the church in their home.	3406	3.24	1.494
Not at all/ 2/ 3 / 4/ Very much			
Q2.34. Sensitive to the needs of others.	3390	3.82	1.266
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4 / Very much			
Q2.35 A good preacher.	3405	4.24	1.134
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4 / Very much			
Q2.36. Shows true spiritual leadership in our church community.	3428	4.18	1.119
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4 / Very much			
Q2.37. Receptive of new ideas.	3400	4.00	1.184
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4 / Very much			
Q2.38. Thorough in pastoral duties.	3423	3.97	1.210
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4 / Very much			
<i>Your local church leadership...</i>			
Q2.39. ...is open to new ideas.	3443	4.35	1.490
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True / Often true/ Always true			
Q2.40. ...clearly communicates the mission of the Church.	3448	4.67	1.393
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True/ Often true / Always true			
Q2.41. ...is doing enough to engage members in mission.	3413	4.65	1.397
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True/ Often true / Always true			
Q2.42. ...is easy to talk with.	3444	4.62	1.442
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True/ Often true / Always true			
Q2.43. ...is active in assisting our local church.	3452	4.82	1.292
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True/ Often true / Always true			
Q2.44. ... is responsive to local community needs.	3420	4.39	1.505
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True / Often true/ Always true			
Q2.45. ...is out of touch with our local church needs.	3291	3.48	1.701

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true / True/ Often true/ Always true			
Q2.46. ...is supportive of involving young people in worship services.	3304	4.73	1.369
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True/ Often true / Always true			
Q2.47. ...is creative.	3325	4.46	1.456
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True / Often true/ Always true			
Q2.48. ...is supportive of our local or conference school.	3096	3.60	1.929
No opinion/ Never true/ Rarely true/ True / Often true/ Always true			
<i>Q2.49. What originally attracted you to attend this congregation?</i>			
Q2.49A. My friends are there.	3441	.12	.320
No/ Yes			
Q2.49B. The church's reputation.	3441	.12	.319
No/ Yes			
Q2.49C. Adult education program.	3443	.06	.241
No/ Yes			
Q2.49D. Child and Youth program.	3442	.19	.394
No/ Yes			
Q2.49E. The music program.	3441	.09	.286
No/ Yes			
Q2.49F. The community outreach.	3443	.06	.231
No/ Yes			
Q2.49G. The worship style.	3442	.29	.454
No/ Yes			
Q2.49H. An evangelism program.	3441	.15	.360
No/ Yes			
Q2.49I. The doctrines of the church.	3441	.41	.518
No/ Yes			
Q2.49J. The denominational ties.	3444	.05	.218
No/ Yes			
Q2.49K. The minister.	3318	.06	.241
No/ Yes			
Q2.49L. The self-help groups.	3444	.05	.214
No/ Yes			
Q2.49M. Proximity to where I live.	3442	.14	.343
No/ Yes			
<i>Q2.50. What is the foremost reason you remain a part of this congregation?</i>			
Q2.50A. My friends are there.	3349	.10	.294
No/ Yes			

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Q2.50B. The church's reputation.	3347	.10	.303
No/ Yes			
Q2.50C. Adult education program.	3350	.06	.235
No/ Yes			
Q2.50D. Child and Youth program.	3348	.18	.382
No/ Yes			
Q2.50E. The music program.	3349	.08	.323
No/ Yes			
Q2.50F. The community outreach.	3350	.06	.234
No/ Yes			
Q2.50G. The worship style.	3349	.29	.454
No/ Yes			
Q2.50H. The self-help groups.	3349	.07	.252
No/ Yes			
Q2.50I. The doctrines of the church.	3348	.45	.498
No/ Yes			
Q2.50J. The denominational ties.	3348	.06	.235
No/ Yes			
Q2.50K. The minister.	3234	.06	.243
No/ Yes			
Q2.50L. An evangelism program.	3348	.14	.349
No/ Yes			
<i>How important are the following personal traits in your pastoral leadership in your local church?</i>			
Q2.51. Expertise in biblical and theological matters.	3291	4.51	.831
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important			
Q2.52. Emphasis on spiritual development and growth.	3332	4.55	.796
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important			
Q2.53. Thought-provoking and challenging.	3296	4.46	.857
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important			
Q2.54. Comforting and reassuring.	3303	4.45	.893
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important			
Q2.55. Biblical preaching and teaching.	3321	4.70	.672
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important			
Q2.56. Preaching and teaching on contemporary issues.	3263	4.41	.897
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important			
Q2.57. New approaches and ideas.	3302	4.45	.857
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important			

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Q2.58. Does things as they have always been done. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	3271	3.76	1.329
Q2.59. Strong and decisive decision-maker. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	3278	4.56	.810
Q2.60. Encourages lay decision-making. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	3296	4.55	.802
Q2.61. Relaxed interpersonal style. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	3234	4.03	1.214
Q2.62. Formal interpersonal style. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	3240	4.27	1.023
Q2.63. Works hard to accomplish tasks. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	3306	4.66	.709
Q2.64. Places feelings of others ahead of achieving goals. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	3303	4.16	1.117
Q2.65. Helps people figure things out for themselves. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	3262	4.02	1.172
Q2.66. Advises people what to do. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	3282	4.35	.944
Q2.67. Reflective and reserved. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	3263	4.26	1.048
Q2.68. Outgoing and socially engaging. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	3294	4.55	.830
Q2.69. Maintains a balanced life. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	3310	4.47	.849
Q2.70. Gives whole self to the church. Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	3289	4.49	.890
<i>Other questions.</i>			
Q2.71. Overall, to what extent do you think the congregation needs to increase or improve its efforts in outreach? We're doing too much now/ We are doing fine as is/ Should increase or improve to some extent / Should increase or improve to a great extent	3002	3.14	.948
Q2.72. Overall, to what extent do you think the congregation needs to increase or improve its efforts in caring and nurture? We're doing too much now/ We are doing fine as is/ Should increase or improve to some extent / Should increase or improve to a great extent	3005	3.14	.959
Q2.73. To what extent would you personally be willing to get more involved in outreach by your congregation? Not at all/ To some extent/ To a moderate extent / To a great extent	3131	3.42	.826

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Q2.74. Without the support of the worship service in my local church, I feel my faith might gradually fade away...	3169	2.71	1.222
Not at all/ To some extent/ To a moderate extent / To a great extent			
Q2.75. I use information from the internet (World Wide Web) as a way to grow my faith:	3191	1.86	1.117
Not at all/ To some extent / To a moderate extent/ To a great extent			

7.1.2. Religious Life

Table S2. Religious Life

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
<i>How much has each of the following helped you develop your Religious Life?</i>			
Q3.1. Sabbath School.	3301	3.69	1.513
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.2. Personal Bible study and prayer.	3290	3.93	1.461
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.3. Church worship services.	3271	3.92	1.456
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.4. Family worship.	3233	3.41	1.632
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.5. Prayer meetings.	3250	3.79	1.452
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.6. Weeks of Prayer at church.	3224	3.87	1.453
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.7. Church retreats.	3234	3.41	1.613
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.8. Church Community outreach.	3236	3.54	1.509
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.9. Short-term mission projects.	3205	3.46	1.505
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.10. Attending an Adventist school.	3180	2.54	1.781
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.11. Evangelistic outreach.	3254	3.63	1.510
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.12. Conference-sponsored events.	3184	3.38	1.560
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.13. The church pastor.	3208	3.45	1.479

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.14. The youth pastor.	3108	2.40	1.634
Does not apply to me/ Not at all / Sometimes/ Often/ Very much			
Q3.15. The local elders in my church.	3202	3.46	1.442
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.16. The Sabbath School quarterly.	3275	3.83	1.546
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.17. Evangelistic meetings (Public).	3236	3.64	1.526
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.18. Small groups.	3263	3.61	1.568
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.19. Adventist publications (Union/Division paper).	3230	3.42	1.593
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.20. Adventist publication (Adventist Review/Adventist World).	3214	3.41	1.578
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.21. On-line church publications.	3132	2.61	1.659
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.22. Family.	3228	3.80	1.505
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
Q3.23. Friends.	3175	3.31	1.494
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.24. Internet sites.	3097	2.53	1.596
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.25. Adventist Radio.	3163	3.09	1.744
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.26. Adventist TV.	3157	2.54	1.714
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much			
Q3.27. Pastor's sermons.	3182	3.81	1.473
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much			
<i>Think about the local church that you attend. How true of your church are each of these statements?</i>			
Q3.28. It feels "warm".	3233	4.90	1.476
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
Q3.29. I learn a lot.	3242	5.23	1.295
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
Q3.30. It accepts people who are different.	3215	5.28	1.321
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
Q3.31. Most members want to be challenged to think about religious issues and ideas.	3196	5.07	1.356

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
Q3.32. It is friendly.	3204	4.98	1.399
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
Q3.33. It challenges my thinking.	3158	4.93	1.448
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
Q3.34. It encourages me to ask questions.	3154	5.03	1.374
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
Q3.35. Strangers feel welcome.	3209	5.16	1.318
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
Q3.36. It expects people to learn and think.	3210	5.01	1.479
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
Q3.37. It stretches me in worship.	3263	5.32	1.191
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
Q3.38. It provides fellowship.	3220	5.12	1.350
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true			
<i>Other question.</i>			
Q3.39. Which of the following best describes your commitment to Jesus Christ:			
I am not committed to Christ/ I am not sure if I am committed to Christ/			
I committed my life to Christ at a specific moment in my life, but it didn't last/	3106	4.27	1.587
My commitment to Christ has developed gradually over a period of time/			
My commitment to Christ came suddenly and I was changed/			
I've been committed to Christ since I was a young child and continue to be committed to Him.			
<i>How true is each of the following statements for you personally?</i>			
Q3.40. I help others with their religious questions and struggles.	3219	4.02	1.252
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often			
Q3.41. I seek out opportunities to help me grow spiritually.	3220	4.36	1.021
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often			
Q3.42. I feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world.	3211	4.31	1.038
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often			
Q3.43. I give significant portions of time and money to help other people.	3199	3.81	1.305
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often			
Q3.44. I feel God's presence in my relationships with other people.	3215	4.33	1.008
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often			
Q3.45. I feel my life is filled with meaning and purpose.	3199	4.46	.936
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often			

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Q3.46. I show that I care a great deal about reducing poverty in my country and throughout the world. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	3168	3.90	1.322
Q3.47. I apply my faith to political and social issues. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	3123	3.04	1.702
Q3.48. The things I do reflect a commitment to Jesus Christ. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	3173	4.26	1.035
Q3.49. I talk with other people about my faith. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	3193	4.28	1.079
Q3.50. I have a real sense that God is guiding me. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	3214	4.62	.823
Q3.50. I am spiritually moved by the beauty of God's creation. Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	3231	4.74	.700
<i>The following are a few questions about your attitude toward religion.</i>			
Q3.51. I enjoy reading about Seventh-day Adventism. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3181	4.45	.921
Q3.52. I go to church because it helps me to make friends. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3175	3.48	1.486
Q3.53. It doesn't much matter what I believe so long as I am good. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure / I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	3104	2.84	1.620
Q3.54. Sometimes I have to disregard my religious beliefs because of what people might think of me. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree / I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	3090	2.26	1.571
Q3.55. It is important to me to spend time in private thought and prayer. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	3164	4.51	.962
Q3.56. I have often had a strong sense of God's presence. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3174	4.46	.922
Q3.57. I pray mainly to gain relief and protection. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3179	4.14	1.264
Q3.58. I try hard to live according to my religious beliefs. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3138	4.47	.885
Q3.59. What religion offers me most is comfort in difficult times. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3126	3.98	1.319
Q3.60. My religion is important because it answers many questions about the meaning of life. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	3176	4.53	.909
Q3.61. I would rather join a Bible study group than a church social group. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3115	3.89	1.371

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Q3.62. Prayer is for peace and happiness. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3169	4.39	1.081
Q3.63. Although I am religious, I don't let it affect my daily life. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure / I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	3102	3.36	1.602
Q3.64. For quality control purposes, click on "I Strongly agree." I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	2909	4.29	1.264
Q3.65. I go to church mostly to spend time with my friends. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree / I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	3103	2.31	1.524
Q3.66. My whole approach to life is based on my religion. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3086	3.93	1.281
Q3.67. I go to church mainly because I enjoy seeing people I know there. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree / I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	3104	2.42	1.511
Q3.68. I pray mainly because I have been taught to pray. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure / I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	3049	2.77	1.632
Q3.69. Prayers I say when I am alone are as important to me as those I say in church. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	3079	4.22	1.233
Q3.70. Although I believe in my religion, many other things are more important to me. I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree / I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	3064	2.35	1.526
<i>How often do you do any of the following?</i>			
Q3.71. Read the Bible. Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week/ More than once a week / Daily or more than once a day	3121	4.11	1.133
Q3.72. Engage in personal devotions. Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week/ More than once a week / Daily or more than once a day	3082	3.89	1.357
Q3.73. Read the writings of Ellen G. White. Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week / More than once a week/ Daily or more than once a day	3017	2.97	1.477
Q3.74. Have family worship (Prayers or religious devotions you have together as a family away from church)? Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week / More than once a week/ Daily or more than once a day	3063	3.32	1.542

7.1.3. Beliefs

Table S3. Beliefs

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
<i>You are in disagree or agree with the following statements?</i>			
Q4.1. God loves everyone, and I should be all right in the end if I am a morally good person.	3089	2.87	1.278
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree / Strongly agree			
Q4.2. I believe in a personal God who seeks a relationship with human beings.	3147	3.77	.709
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree			
Q4.3. When you get right down to it, there are only two kinds of people in the world: the righteous, who will be rewarded by God, and the rest, who will not.	3147	3.63	.871
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree			
Q4.4. Christianity is about Jesus giving me power to conquer sin in my life.	3151	3.75	.697
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree			
Q4.5. I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me.	3132	3.67	.812
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree			
Q4.6. I believe that Jesus was born of a virgin.	3159	3.83	.622
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree			
Q4.7. 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.	3180	3.89	.496
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree			
Q4.8. There is no body of teaching, or set of scriptures, which is completely without error or contradiction.	2948	2.80	1.271
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree / Strongly agree			
Q4.9. Of all the people on earth, one group has a special relationship with God.	3117	3.68	.796
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree			
Q4.10. A relationship with Jesus is important, but I will not get to heaven unless I obey God's law.	3123	3.53	.979
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree			
Q4.11. I expect the world as we know it to end within the next 20 years.	3036	2.06	1.275
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree / Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree			
Q4.12. If I have been baptized, I will make it to heaven if I remain a good person all my life.	3056	2.94	1.264
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree / Strongly agree			

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Q4.13. I believe God created the world in exactly six days of 24 hours each in the relatively recent past. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree / Strongly agree	3051	3.46	1.052
Q4.14. I believe God created the world. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3126	3.85	.589
Q4.15. If I am to be saved, I need to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree / Strongly agree	3102	2.98	1.293
Q4.16. The Adventist church believes in “present truth” which means beliefs might change over time. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree / Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	2998	2.15	1.359
Q4.17. The true Sabbath is the seventh day Saturday. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3069	3.89	.501
Q4.18. When a person dies their body remains in the grave and their soul sleeps until the resurrection. Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	3046	3.54	1.036
<i>Other questions.</i>			
Q4.19. Read the following statements carefully; then mark next to the statement that is closest to your understanding of what the Bible is. Contains no more truth or wisdom than do the religious books of other world religions/ Is the work of people who collected stories that had been created to explain the mysteries of life. It contains a great deal of wisdom about the human experience/ Is the work of people who genuinely loved God and who wanted to share their understanding of God’s activity in the world/ Is the work of people who were inspired by God and who represented God’s message in terms of their own place and time/ Is the work of people who copied what God told them word for word, and who wrote without being influenced by their own place and time 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	2717	5.42	1.133
Q4.20. Read the following statements carefully; then mark next to the one that is closest to your understanding of the writings of Ellen G. White. I don’t know who Ellen G. White is/ Is writings contain no more truth or wisdom than do the religious works written by leaders of other denominations/ Was a person who created stories of supernatural guidance in order to explain the mysteries of life, her writings contain a great deal of wisdom about the human experience/ Was inspired by God and presented God’s message in terms of her own place and time Copied what God told her word for word, and wrote without being influenced by her own place and time	2911	4.02	.889
<i>To what extent do you accept the following individual teachings of the SDA church?</i>			
Q4.21. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I embrace it wholeheartedly / I accept it because the church teaches it/ I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don’t accept it/ This question is not important to me	2943	1.08	.431

Question/Answer	N	Mean	SD
Q4.22. The Investigative or pre-Advent judgment began in 1844.			
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	2863	1.42	1.018
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/			
This question is not important to me			
Q4.23. The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies.			
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	2878	1.26	.762
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/			
This question is not important to me			
Q4.24. Ellen G. White was an inspired messenger to the Adventist church.			
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	2892	1.28	.840
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/			
This question is not important to me			
Q4.25. Adventist standards regarding healthful living.			
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	2922	1.20	.672
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/			
This question is not important to me			
Q4.26. Adventist teachings regarding modesty and simplicity in dress.			
I embrace it wholeheartedly/ I accept it because the church teaches it/	2861	1.32	.876
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/ I don't accept it/			
This question is not important to me			
<i>Other question.</i>			
Q4.27. How would you describe your attitude toward religion and spirituality?			
I'm religious but not spiritual/ I am both spiritual and religious/ I'm spiritual but not religious/	2921	2.03	.546
I am neither spiritual nor religious			

7.2. Frequencies in General Data

7.2.1. Demographics

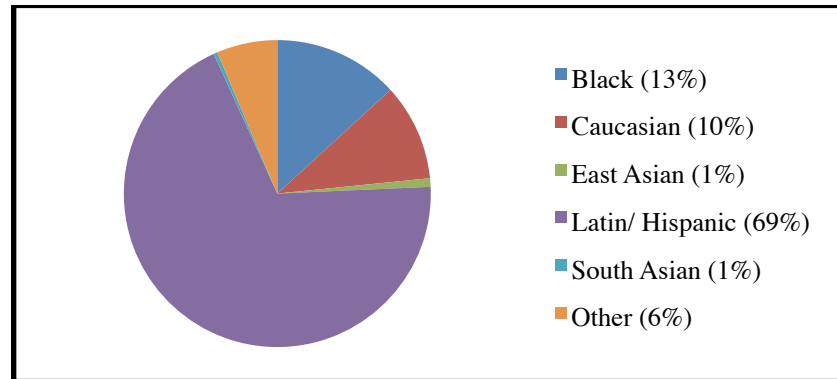


Figure S1. Race (Q1.1)

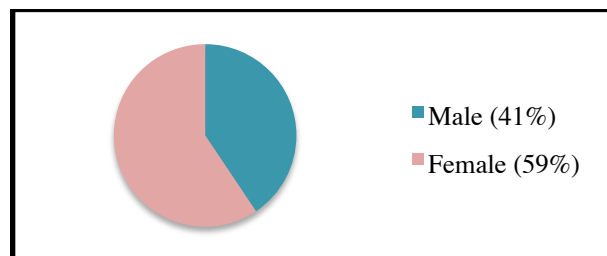


Figure S2. Gender (Q1.2)

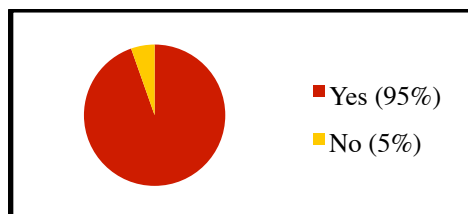


Figure S3. Baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist church (Q1.3)

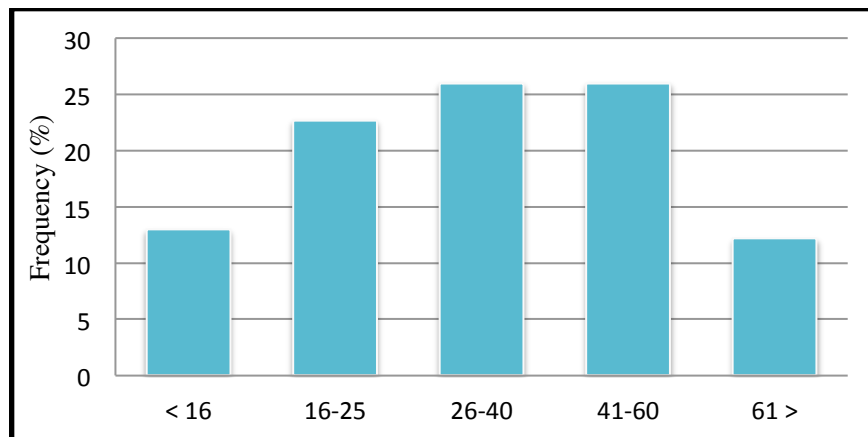


Figure S4. Years of age (Q1.4)

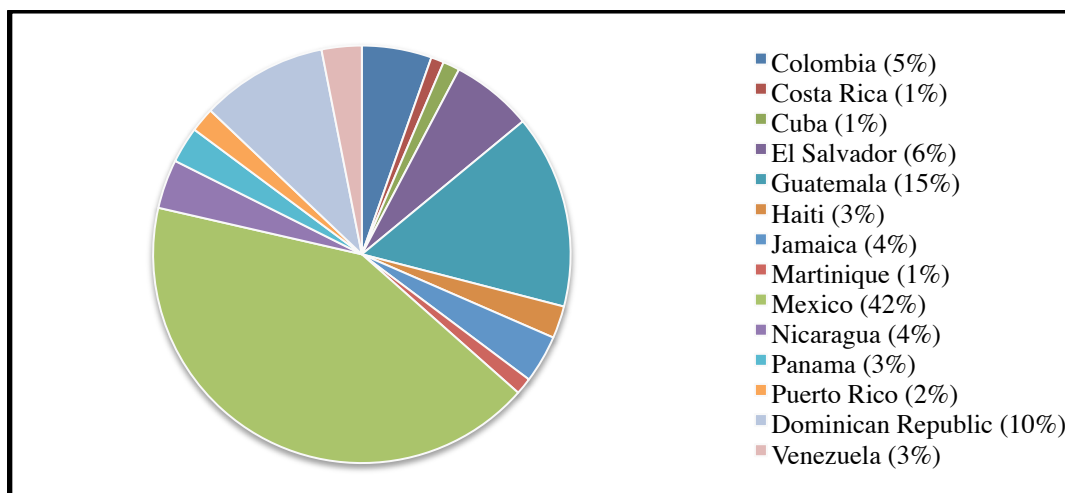


Figure S5. Country of residence (Q1.5)

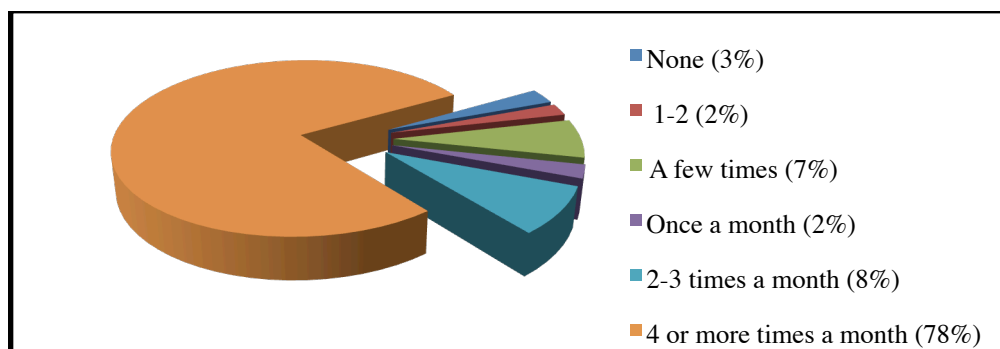


Figure S6. Times church service was attended during the last year (Q1.6)

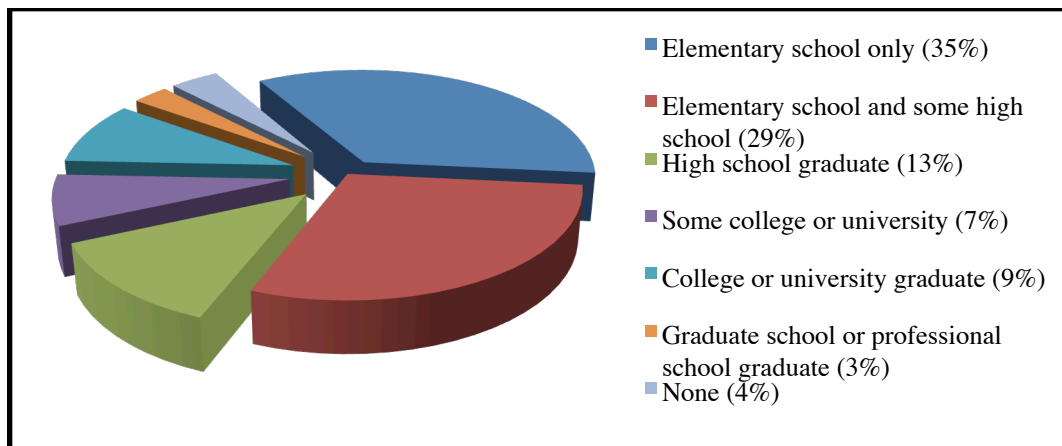


Figure S7. Level of schooling achieved (Q1.7)

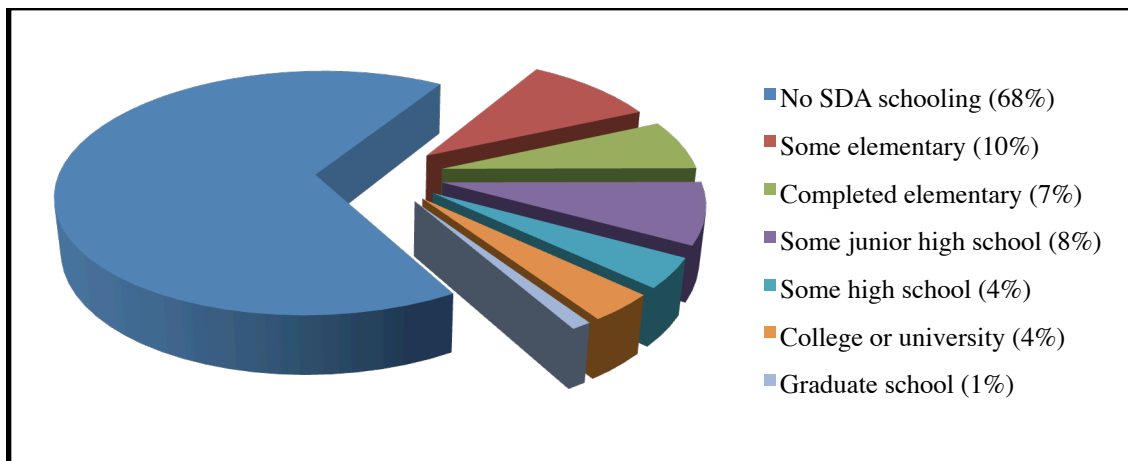


Figure S8. SDA school attendance (Q1.8)

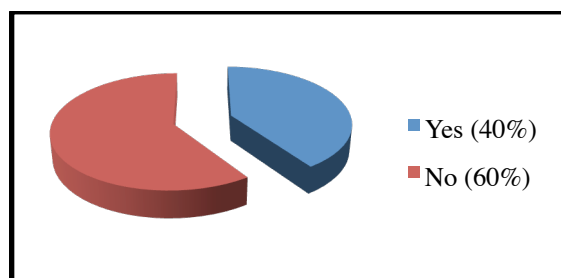


Figure S9. SDA from birth (Q1.9)

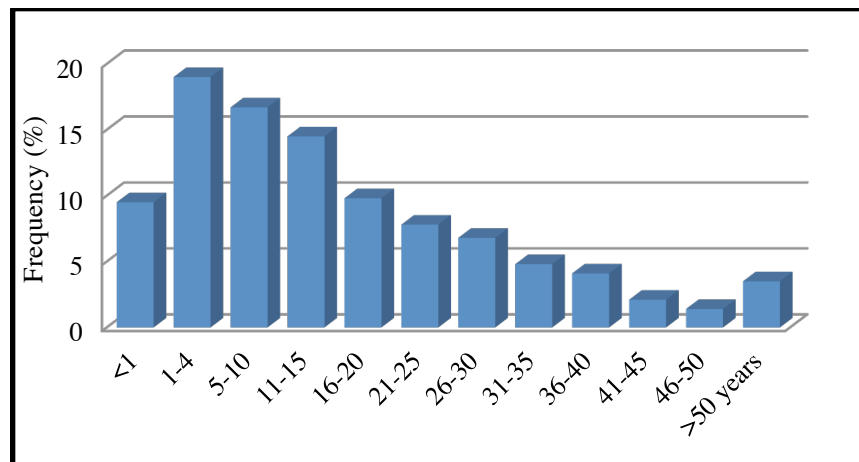


Figure S10. If not an SDA from birth, how long have been a SDA (Q1.10)

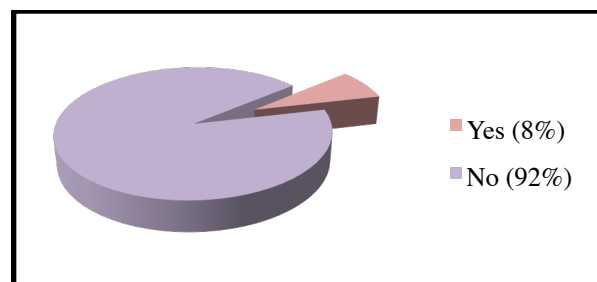


Figure S11. Employed by an institution owned or affiliated with the SDA Church (Q1.11)

7.2.2. Church Life/ Church Relationships

Table S4. Statements about attendance at church (Q2.1-2.2)

Statements	Few times a year or less	Once every month or two	Two or three times a month	Once a week	More than once a week
	%				
Real attendance to worship services at church	4	3	10	22	61
Would prefer to go to church	2	3	7	10	78

(Q2.3) Regarding the involvement and attachment to the church, 43% of members surveyed are considered active participants, 23% are considered casual participants, 19% are considered leaders in the church, 8% of members surveyed no involved at all in church activities and only 7% are considered observers.

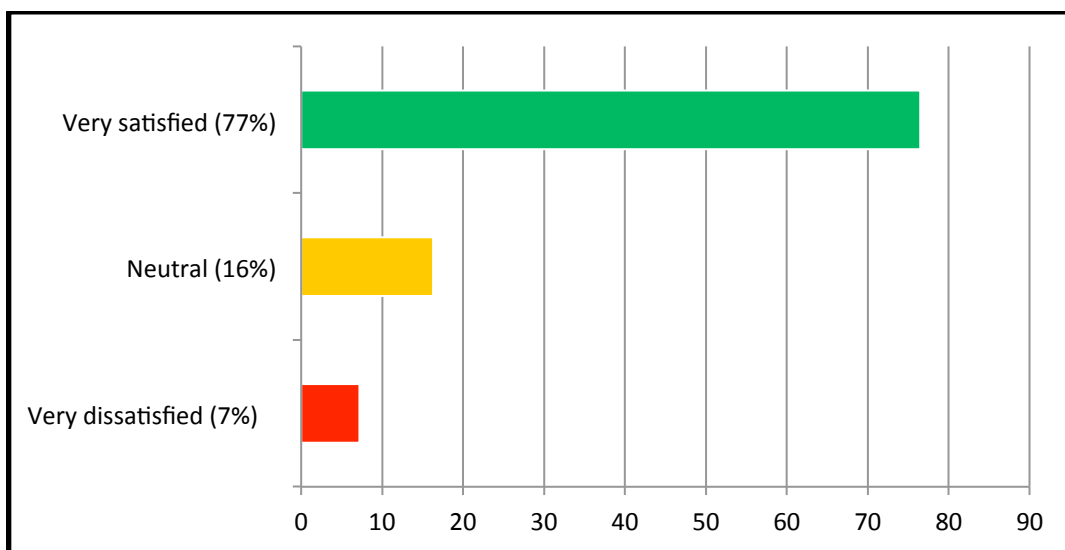


Figure S12. Satisfaction with the church you attend (Q2.4)

Table S5. Characteristics of church life that would make you consider leaving local Seventh-day Adventist church to worship in another congregation of a different faith (Q2.5)

Characteristics	%
No longer in agreement with the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	20
When church is cold and unfriendly	16
When worship services are not meaningful	10
When there are no activities beyond weekend services	5
When sermons are boring	4

Table S6. Characteristics of church life that would make you consider leaving local Seventh-day Adventist church to worship in another Seventh-day Adventist church (Q2.6)

Characteristics	%
When church is cold and unfriendly	25
When worship services are not meaningful	10
When there are no activities beyond weekend services	8
When sermons are boring	5

Table S7. Characteristics of church life that would make you consider leaving local Seventh-day Adventist church to worship at home (Q2.7)

Characteristics	%
When church is cold and unfriendly	21
When worship services are not meaningful	13
When there are no activities beyond weekend services	8
When sermons are boring	6

Table S8. Statements about your experience with the church (Q2.8-2.20)

Statements	Almost always	Often	Some- times	Never
	%			
I go to programs at church because I want to	69	19	8	4
My church is helping me grow closer to Christ	67	20	10	3
I feel proud of my church and its role and reputation in my community	64	21	11	4
I look forward to going to programs at my church	62	23	12	3
I feel uncomfortable/guilty when I do not attend church most weekends	62	18	12	8
I can be myself at church	60	23	11	6
Programs at my church are interesting	58	23	17	2
My Sabbath School teachers or leaders know me well	58	22	14	6
Programs at my church make me think	55	26	16	3
The leaders in the church are warm and friendly	48	28	20	4
My pastor knows me well	41	24	22	13
I attend small group meetings organized by the church	40	19	22	19
The leaders in our church care about me	39	26	25	10

Table S9. Your involvement in financial activities of the local church (Q2.21-2.29)

Donations	Always	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	N/A
%						
Tithes	44	16	16	11	5	8
Offering						
Budget	35	13	16	13	10	13
Church building fund	34	13	17	13	11	12
Evangelistic projects	33	14	17	15	12	9
Mission program	32	14	18	15	11	10
13th Sabbath	31	11	15	17	15	11
Christian education	30	10	14	12	14	20
Local church school	16	5	8	10	19	42
Wills and trusts	12	4	3	5	22	54

N/A: does not apply

Table S10. Description of your pastor (Q2.30-2.38)

Characteristics	Very much	4	3	2	Not at all
%					
A good preacher	61	18	11	6	4
Enthusiastic about ministry	58	20	11	5	6
True spiritual leadership	55	22	13	6	4
Helpful in times of need	53	24	12	7	4
Inspiring	49	23	14	8	6
Receptive of new ideas	46	26	15	8	5
Thorough in pastoral duties	46	24	16	8	6
Sensitive to the needs of others	41	24	17	11	7
Occasionally visits members in their home	29	20	17	14	20

Table S11. Description of your local church leadership (Q2.39-2.48)

Characteristics	Always	Often	True	Rarely	Never	N/O
	true	true		true	true	
	%					
Active in assisting church	40	26	18	9	4	3
Supportive of involving young people in worship services	40	24	18	10	5	3
Easy to talk with	38	23	16	13	6	4
Doing enough to engage members in mission	37	26	16	13	5	3
Clearly communicates the mission of the church	37	25	19	11	4	4
Creative	32	24	19	14	8	3
Responsive to local community needs	31	24	18	14	7	6
Open to new ideas	27	27	20	14	5	7
Supportive of our local or conference school	25	15	14	10	12	24
Out of touch with our local church needs*	17	17	13	15	25	13

*N/O: no opinion; *items have not been reverse scored*

Table S12. Your motives for attending this congregation (Q2.49)

Motives	%
The doctrines of the church	41
The worship style	29
Child and Youth program	19
An evangelism program	15
Proximity to where I live	14
My friends are there	12
The church's reputation	12
The music program	9
Adult education program	6
The minister	6
The community outreach	6
The denominational ties	5
The self-help groups	5

Table S13. Your motives for remaining in this congregation (Q2.50)

Motives	%
The doctrines of the church	45
The worship style	29
Child and Youth program	18
An evangelism program	14
The church's reputation	10
My friends are there	10
The music program	8
The self-help groups	7
Adult education program	6
The community outreach	6
The minister	6
The denominational ties	6

Table S14. Personal traits in pastoral leadership and its relevance to the local church (Q2.51-2.70)

Personal traits	Very important	Quite important	Fairly important	Slightly important	Not important
			%		
iblical preaching and teaching	79	15	4	1	1
/orks hard to accomplish tasks	76	17	5	1	1
trong and decisive decision-maker	71	19	7	2	1
utgoing and socially engaging	71	19	6	2	2
ncourages lay decision-making	69	21	7	2	1
mphasis on spiritual development and growth	69	21	7	2	1
ives whole self to the church	68	20	8	2	2
xpertise in biblical and theological matters	67	22	8	1	2
aintains a balanced life	65	22	10	2	1
hought-provoking and challenging	64	24	8	3	1
omforting and reassuring	64	23	8	3	2
ew approaches and ideas	63	24	9	3	1
reaching and teaching on contemporary issues	61	25	9	4	1
dvices people what to do	59	24	12	3	2
eflective and reserved	57	23	12	5	3
ormal interpersonal style	56	24	12	5	3
laces feelings of others ahead of achieving goals	54	23	13	6	4
elaxed interpersonal style	49	24	14	6	7
elps people figure things out for themselves	48	23	16	8	5
oes things as they have always been done	41	22	16	12	9

Q2.71) Regarding the need to increase or improve the church's efforts in outreach, 50% of members surveyed believe their congregation should increase or improve their efforts to a great extent, 31% think they should increase or improve to some extent, 16% believe that your congregation is doing fine as is and only 3% of the members surveyed believe they are doing too much.

(Q2.72) As for the need to increase or improve the church's efforts in caring and nurture, 51% of members surveyed believe their congregation should increase or improve their efforts to a great extent, the 34% think they should increase or improve in some extent, 13% believe that their congregation is

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doing fine as is and only 2% of the members surveyed believe they are doing too much in providing care and protection to the needy in their community.

(Q2.73) On the disposition of the church members to become more involved in outreach by his congregation, 61% of those surveyed want to be involved to a great extent while 24% were willing to engage in a moderate extent, 12% of respondents church members could be involved to some degree. About 3% of the members are definitely not willing to engage in outreach.

(Q2.74) Regarding the support provided by worship services in the strengthening of their faith, 40% of members surveyed believe that over time, their faith might fade largely without the support of worship in your local church, 21% believe that their faith might fade to some degree, 15% believe that their faith might fade moderately, while 24% of members surveyed believe that his faith would not eventually fade to nothing without the worship services.

(Q2.75) Regarding the use of information from the Internet as a way to increase the faith, a little more than half of the members (56%) do not use information from the Internet as a way to increase their faith, however, 16% of the members use this tool to some degree as a means o increase their faith, another 14% say they use it in moderation as a way to increase their faith, while 14% of the members surveyed use this strategy to a great extent to increase their faith.

7.2.3. Religious Life

Table S15. Things and activities that help develop my Religious Life (Q3.1-3.27)

Activities	Very much	Often	Some-times	Not at all	N/A
	%				
Personal Bible study and prayer	56	14	11	5	14
Church worship services	56	14	11	5	14
The Sabbath School quarterly	56	11	10	6	17
Family	53	12	13	7	15
Weeks of Prayer at church	52	15	13	6	14
Pastor's sermons	51	14	14	6	15
Prayer meetings	48	17	14	7	14
Sabbath School	48	13	15	8	16
Evangelistic meetings (Public)	46	15	14	8	17
Small groups	46	14	14	7	19
Evangelistic outreach	45	14	18	6	17
Family worship	41	14	13	8	24
Church retreats	41	13	14	9	23

Activities	Very much	Often	Some-times	Not at all	N/A
%					
Church Community outreach	40	17	17	9	17
Adventist publications (Union/Division paper)	40	13	16	9	22
Adventist publication (Adventist Review/Adventist World)	39	14	17	8	22
Adventist Radio	38	9	10	9	34
Short-term mission projects	37	17	19	8	19
Conference-sponsored events	37	15	18	9	21
The church pastor	36	17	20	10	17
The local elders in my church	35	18	20	12	15
Friends	32	17	20	12	19
Attending an Adventist school	29	6	6	7	52
Adventist TV	26	7	9	10	48
On-line church publications	24	10	12	10	44
Internet sites	21	10	14	12	43
The youth pastor	20	10	10	10	50

N/A: does not apply

Table S16. Statements about my local church (Q3.28-3.38)

Statements	Very true	5	4	3	Not at all true	N/A
%						
It accepts people who are different	69	12	5	6	5	3
It stretches me in worship	66	16	7	6	3	2
I learn a lot	64	16	8	6	3	3
Strangers feel welcome	62	15	9	6	6	2
It expects people to learn and think	61	13	8	7	8	3
It provides fellowship	60	17	9	6	6	2
Most members want to be challenged to think about religious issues and ideas	57	18	10	8	4	3

It encourages me to ask questions	56	17	10	8	7	2
It is friendly	54	18	11	8	7	2
It challenges my thinking	54	17	10	9	8	2
It feels “warm”	54	17	10	8	8	3
<i>N/A: do not attend church</i>						

(Q3.39) As for their commitment to Jesus Christ, 40% of the members surveyed reported that their commitment has developed gradually over time, 25% of them reported that their engagement happened when they were children and still remain committed to Christ, 24% of the members experienced sudden engagement and immediate change, 5% of the individuals were once committed to Christ but the experience did not last, 4% are not certain to be committed to Christ and, finally, 2% of the respondents are not committed to Christ.

Table S17. Statements about the members (Q3.40-3.50)

Statements	Often	4	3	2	Never
	%				
I am spiritually moved by the beauty of God’s creation	84	10	4	1	1
I have a real sense that God is guiding me	77	14	6	2	1
I feel my life is filled with meaning and purpose	68	18	9	3	2
I seek out opportunities to help me grow spiritually	63	20	10	4	3
I feel God’s presence in my relationships with other people	60	22	11	5	2
I talk with other people about my faith	60	21	10	5	4
I feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world	60	20	12	5	3
The things I do reflect a commitment to Jesus Christ	57	22	13	5	3
I help others with their religious questions and struggles	51	21	14	7	7
I show that I care a great deal about reducing poverty in my country and throughout the world	48	20	15	8	9
I give significant portions of time and money to help other people	42	23	17	9	9
I apply my faith to political and social issues	33	14	11	8	34

Table S18. Attitudes toward religion (Q3.51-3.70)

Attitudes	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Not sure	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
	%				
My religion is important because it answers many questions about the meaning of life	71	20	4	2	3
It is important to me to spend time in private thought and prayer	71	19	4	2	4
Prayer is for peace and happiness	67	19	5	4	5
I have often had a strong sense of God's presence	65	24	6	2	3
I try hard to live according to my religious beliefs	64	25	6	2	3
I enjoy reading about Seventh-day Adventism	64	25	6	2	3
Prayers I say when I am alone are as important to me as those I say in church	61	20	6	6	7
I pray mainly to gain relief and protection	56	25	5	5	9
Sometimes I have to disregard my religious beliefs because of what people might think of me*	18	8	7	15	52
What religion offers me most is comfort in difficult times	50	24	9	7	10
I would rather join a Bible study group than a church social group	48	22	12	7	11
My whole approach to life is based on my religion	45	27	12	8	8
I go to church mostly to spend time with my friends*	17	9	7	22	45
Although I believe in my religion, many other things are more important to me*	17	9	9	21	44
I go to church mainly because I enjoy seeing people I know there*	17	11	9	24	39
I go to church because it helps me to make friends	35	23	12	13	17
It doesn't much matter what I believe so long as I am good*	25	15	11	16	33
I pray mainly because I have been taught to pray	26	13	7	20	34
Although I am religious, I don't let it affect my daily life*	37	19	10	11	23

* Items have not been reverse scored

Table S19. Actions concerning the personal devotion (Q3.71-3.74)

Actions	Daily	More than	About	Less than	Never
	or more	once a week	once a week	once a month	
%					
Read the Bible	51	25	14	6	4
Engage in personal devotions	48	22	12	7	11
Have family worship (away from church)	33	20	14	12	21
Read the writings of Ellen G. White	22	20	16	19	23

7.2.4. Beliefs

Table S20. Beliefs of the church members (Q4.1-4.18)

Beliefs	Strongly agree	Agree more than disagree	Disagree more than agree	Strongly disagree
	%			
The true Sabbath is the seventh day Saturday	95	2	1	2
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	94	3	1	2
I believe God created the world	93	3	1	3
I believe that Jesus was born of a virgin	92	3	1	4
I believe in a personal God who seeks a relationship with human beings	88	5	2	5
Christianity is about Jesus giving me power to conquer sin in my life	85	9	2	4
Of all the people on earth, one group has a special relationship with God	83	8	3	6
I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me	82	9	3	6
When you get right down to it, there are only two kinds of people in the world: the righteous, who will be rewarded by God, and the rest, who will not	82	7	3	8
When a person dies their body remains in the grave and their soul sleeps until the resurrection	82	3	2	13

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Beliefs	Strongly agree	Agree more than disagree	Disagree more than agree	Strongly disagree
	%			
A relationship with Jesus is important, but I will not get to heaven unless I obey God's law	78	8	3	11
I believe God created the world in exactly six days of 24 hours each in the relatively recent past	76	8	3	13
If I am to be saved, I need to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church	57	10	7	26
The Adventist church believes in "present truth" which means beliefs might change over time*	31	9	5	55
There is no body of teaching, or set of scriptures, which is completely without error or contradiction*	45	18	9	28
God loves everyone, and I should be all right in the end if I am a morally good person*	49	15	9	27
If I have been baptized, I will make it to heaven if I remain a good person all my life*	52	15	8	25
I expect the world as we know it to end within the next 20 years	24	13	9	54

** Items have not been reverse scored*

Table S21. Statements about the Bible (Q4.19)

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	75
The work of people who were inspired by God and who represented God's message in terms of their own place and time	15
The work of people who copied what God told them word for word, and who wrote without being influenced by their own place and time	4
The work of people who genuinely loved God and who wanted to share their understanding of God's activity in the world	3
Contains no more truth or wisdom than do the religious books of other world religions	2
The work of people who collected stories that had been created to explain the mysteries of life. It contains a great deal of wisdom about the human experience	1

Table S22. Statements about the writings of Ellen G. White (Q4.20)

Ellen G. White...	%
Was inspired by God and presented God's message in terms of her own place and time	67
Copied what God told her word for word, and wrote without being influenced by her own place and time	23
I don't know who Ellen G. White is	6
Was a person who created stories of supernatural guidance in order to explain the mysteries of life. Her writings contain a great deal of wisdom about the human experience	3
His writings contain no more truth or wisdom than do the religious works written by leaders of other denominations	1

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Table S23. Acceptance of individual teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (Q4.21-4.26)

Teachings	Embrace it whole- heartedly	Accept it because the church teaches it	Have some questions about it	Have major doubts about it	Don't accept it	N/I
			%			
Jesus Christ is the Son of God	95	3	1	1	0	0
Adventist standards regarding healthful living	89	7	2	1	1	0
The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies	86	7	3	2	1	1
Ellen G. White was an inspired messenger to the Adventist church	85	8	2	2	2	1
Adventist teachings regarding modesty and simplicity in dress	84	7	4	3	1	1
The Investigative or pre-Advent judgment began in 1844	80	9	5	4	1	1
<i>N/I: not important to me</i>						

(Q4.27) Concerning the attitude toward religion and spirituality, most of the members (75%) describe themselves as both spiritual and religious, 12% describe themselves as religious but not spiritual, 11% as spiritual but not religious and finally 2% describe themselves as neither spiritual nor religious.

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7.3. Frequencies by Gender

7.3.1. Demographics

Table S24. Demographics

Question/Answer	Gender	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
Q1.6. How many times have you attended church services during the last year?	Male	1374	5.39	1.277	0.013
None/ 1-2/ A few times/ Once a month/ 2-3 times a month/ 4 or more times a month	Female	1992	5.50	1.164	

SD: standard deviation

7.3.2. Church Life/ Church Relationships

Table S25. Church life and relationship

Question/Answer	Gender	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
Q2.3. How do you consider your involvement in your church?					
I do not participate at all in church activities/ I consider myself an observer/	Male	1355	3.69	1.094	0.000
I consider myself a casual participant/ I consider myself an active participant/	Female	1974	3.49	1.118	
I consider myself a leader in my church					
Q2.5. What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local SDA church to worship in another congregation of a different faith?					
Q2.5C. When there are no activities beyond weekend services.	Male	1350	.06	.238	0.032
No/ Yes	Female	1956	.04	.203	
Q2.6. What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local SDA church to worship in another SDA church?					
Q2.6A. When sermons are boring.	Male	1336	.07	.249	0.019
No/ Yes	Female	1916	.05	.212	
Q2.7. What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local SDA church to worship at home?					
Q2.7B. When worship services are not meaningful.	Male	1262	.15	.355	0.026
No/ Yes	Female	1823	.12	.325	
Q2.7C. When church is cold and unfriendly.	Male	1262	.23	.421	0.045
No/ Yes	Female	1825	.20	.400	
Think about your experience with your church. For each of these statements, how true it is for you.					
Q2.8. Programs at my church are interesting.	Male	1341	3.32	.853	0.018

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Question/Answer	Gender	N	Mean	SD	p
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	Female	1951	3.39	.830	
Q2.15. I look forward to going to programs at my church.	Male	1374	3.40	.811	0.005
Never/ Sometimes/ Often / Almost always	Female	1986	3.48	.798	
Q2.16. I go to programs at church because I want to.	Male	1381	3.47	.845	0.001
Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	Female	1996	3.57	.774	
<i>How well do each of these describe your pastor?</i>					
Q2.30. Enthusiastic about ministry.	Male	1368	4.08	1.191	0.000
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	Female	1989	4.23	1.179	
Q2.31. Helpful in times of need.	Male	1360	4.05	1.164	0.000
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	Female	1973	4.20	1.120	
Q2.32. Inspiring.	Male	1340	3.92	1.243	0.002
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	Female	1961	4.06	1.214	
Q2.33. Occasionally visits members of the church in their home.	Male	1348	3.13	1.481	0.007
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	Female	1945	3.28	1.500	
Q2.34. Sensitive to the needs of others.	Male	1338	3.71	1.280	0.000
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	Female	1938	3.90	1.250	
Q2.35 A good preacher.	Male	1331	4.19	1.134	0.034
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	Female	1959	4.27	1.132	
Q2.36. Shows true spiritual leadership in our church community.	Male	1349	4.09	1.141	0.001
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	Female	1961	4.22	1.098	
Q2.37. Receptive of new ideas.	Male	1343	3.92	1.190	0.002
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	Female	1941	4.05	1.170	
Q2.38. Thorough in pastoral duties.	Male	1345	3.86	1.224	0.000
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	Female	1961	4.04	1.198	
<i>Q2.49. What originally attracted you to attend this congregation?</i>					
Q2.49G. The worship style.	Male	1358	.25	.434	0.000
No/ Yes	Female	1958	.32	.467	
Q2.49M. Proximity to where I live.	Male	1359	.11	.319	0.001
No/ Yes	Female	1957	.15	.361	
<i>How important are the following personal traits in your pastoral leadership in your local church?</i>					
Q2.55. Biblical preaching and teaching.	Male	1309	4.67	.722	0.004
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	Female	1896	4.74	.626	
Q2.58. Does things as they have always been done.	Male	1296	3.69	1.348	0.039
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	Female	1860	3.79	1.318	
Q2.67. Reflective and reserved.	Male	1295	4.19	1.077	0.005
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important / Very important	Female	1860	4.30	1.030	

SD: standard deviation

7.3.3. Religious Life

Table S26. Religious Life

Question/Answer	Gender	N	Mean	SD	p
<i>How much has each of the following helped you develop your Religious Life?</i>					
Q3.13. The church pastor.	Male	1266	3.53	1.432	0.038
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often / Very much	Female	1823	3.42	1.492	
Q3.23. Friends.	Male	1254	3.38	1.468	0.036
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes / Often/ Very much	Female	1807	3.27	1.503	
<i>Other question.</i>					
Q3.39. Which of the following best describes your commitment to Jesus Christ:	Male	1250	4.35	1.550	0.004
I am not committed to Christ/ I am not sure if I am committed to Christ/					
I committed my life to Christ at a specific moment in my life, but it didn't last/					
My commitment to Christ has developed gradually over a period of time/					
My commitment to Christ came suddenly and I was changed/	Female	1740	4.19	1.601	
I've been committed to Christ since I was a young child and continue to be committed to Him.					
<i>How true is each of the following statements for you personally?</i>					
Q3.49. I talk with other people about my faith.	Male	1256	4.20	1.156	0.002
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	Female	1813	4.33	1.019	
Q3.50. I am spiritually moved by the beauty of God's creation.	Male	1264	4.70	.733	0.006
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	Female	1843	4.78	.656	
<i>The following are a few questions about your attitude toward religion.</i>					
Q3.52. I go to church because it helps me to make friends.	Male	1250	3.54	1.458	0.015
I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree / I strongly agree	Female	1808	3.41	1.506	
Q3.68. I pray mainly because I have been taught to pray.	Male	1209	2.83	1.624	0.016
I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure / I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	Female	1728	2.69	1.628	
<i>How often do you do any of the following?</i>					
Q3.73. Read the writings of Ellen G. White.	Male	1194	3.06	1.467	0.001
Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week / More than once a week/					
Daily or more than once a day	Female	1717	2.87	1.469	

SD: standard deviation

7.3.4. Beliefs

Table S27. Beliefs

Question/Answer	Gender	N	Mean	SD	p
<i>You are in disagree or agree with the following statements?</i>					
Q4.13. I believe God created the world in exactly six days of 24 hours each in the relatively recent past.	Male	1214	3.51	1.001	0.033
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	Female	1724	3.43	1.086	
Q4.16. The Adventist church believes in “present truth” which means beliefs might change over time.	Male	1203	2.20	1.361	0.026
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree / Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	Female	1693	2.08	1.351	

SD: standard deviation

7.4. Frequencies by Age Group

7.4.1. Demographics

Table S28. Demographics

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
Q1.6. How many times have you attended church services during the last year?	<16	444	5.11 ^a	1.523	≤0.010
	16-25	779	5.38 ^b	1.237	
	26-40	889	5.55 ^{bc}	1.094	
	41-60	857	5.58 ^c	1.076	
	>60	378	5.50 ^{bc}	1.195	
None/ 1-2/ A few times/ Once a month/ 2-3 times a month/ 4 or more times a month					

Means with different letters are significantly different (Bonferroni, p<0.05); SD: standard deviation

7.4.2. Church Life/ Church Relationships

Table S29. About church life

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
Q2.2. I would prefer to go to church:	<16	432	4.47 ^a	1.085	
	16-25	760	4.65 ^b	.823	
A few times a year or less/ Once every month or two/	26-40	856	4.64 ^b	.819	≤0.018
Two or three times a month/	41-60	813	4.62 ^{ab}	.894	
About once a week/ More than once a week	>60	368	4.50 ^{ab}	.948	
Q2.3. How do you consider your involvement in your church?	<16	440	3.29 ^a	1.028	
I do not participate at all in church activities/ I consider myself an observer/	16-25	770	3.41 ^{ad}	1.097	
I consider myself a casual participant/	26-40	874	3.68 ^{bc}	1.105	≤0.003
I consider myself an active participant/	41-60	841	3.81 ^b	1.096	
I consider myself a leader in my church	>60	377	3.57 ^{cd}	1.138	

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p	
Q2.4. How satisfied are you with the church you attend?	<16	429	8.55 ^{ab}	2.177	0.048	
	16-25	785	8.26 ^a	2.081		
	26-40	865	8.33 ^{ab}	2.223		
	41-60	848	8.38 ^{ab}	2.393		
	>60	377	8.66 ^b	2.198		
<i>Q2.5. What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local SDA church to worship in another congregation of a different faith?</i>						
Q2.5A. When sermons are boring.	<16	442	.10 ^a	.300	0.000	
	16-25	766	.03 ^b	.160		
	26-40	865	.04 ^b	.189		
	No/ Yes	41-60	837	.04 ^b		.189
	>60	371	.04 ^b	.184		
Q2.5B. When church is cold and unfriendly.	<16	442	.26 ^a	.440	≤0.020	
	16-25	765	.19 ^b	.396		
	26-40	865	.13 ^c	.341		
	No/ Yes	41-60	838	.12 ^c		.327
	>60	371	.13 ^{bc}	.342		
Q2.5D. When worship services are not meaningful.	<16	442	.08 ^a	.267	≤0.020	
	16-25	766	.13 ^b	.339		
	26-40	866	.10 ^{ab}	.304		
	No/ Yes	41-60	839	.08 ^a		.275
	>60	370	.08 ^{ab}	.273		
Q2.5E. No longer in agreement with the beliefs of the SDA church.	<16	441	.17 ^a	.372	≤0.049	
	16-25	766	.22 ^{ab}	.411		
	26-40	865	.22 ^{ab}	.412		
	No/ Yes	41-60	839	.23 ^b		.423
	>60	371	.16 ^a	.364		
<i>Q2.6. What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local SDA church to worship in another SDA church?</i>						
Q2.6A. When sermons are boring.	<16	436	.09 ^a	.282	≤0.009	
	16-25	752	.06 ^{ab}	.245		
	26-40	854	.04 ^b	.196		
	No/ Yes	41-60	819	.04 ^b		.202
	>60	366	.05 ^{ab}	.222		

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
Q2.6B. When church is cold and unfriendly.	<16	435	.30 ^{ab}	.460	≤0.005
	16-25	751	.32 ^a	.468	
	26-40	855	.25 ^{bc}	.431	
	41-60	820	.19 ^{cd}	.394	
	>60	366	.15 ^d	.360	
Q2.6C. When worship services are not meaningful.	<16	435	.10 ^{ab}	.305	0.013
	16-25	753	.13 ^a	.338	
	26-40	854	.10 ^{ab}	.301	
	41-60	820	.10 ^{ab}	.303	
	>60	365	.07 ^b	.253	

Q2.7. What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local SDA church to worship at home?

Q2.7A. When sermons are boring.		<16	427	.09 ^a	.292	≤0.026
		16-25	720	.07 ^{ab}	.254	
		26-40	805	.05 ^b	.215	
	No/ Yes	41-60	765	.05 ^b	.212	
		>60	351	.04 ^b	.203	
Q2.7C. When church is cold and unfriendly.		<16	427	.26 ^a	.440	≤0.015
		16-25	721	.25 ^a	.431	
		26-40	806	.21 ^{ac}	.410	
	No/ Yes	41-60	765	.18 ^{bc}	.381	
		>60	351	.13 ^b	.338	

Think about your experience with your church. For each of these statements, how true it is for you.

Q2.8. Programs at my church are interesting.		<16	435	3.42 ^a	.840	≤0.045
		16-25	771	3.27 ^b	.824	
		26-40	874	3.34 ^{ab}	.842	
	Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	41-60	827	3.39 ^a	.841	
		>60	366	3.40 ^{ab}	.876	
Q2.9. Programs at my church make me think.		<16	438	3.20 ^a	.925	≤0.011
		16-25	770	3.26 ^{ab}	.819	
		26-40	857	3.36 ^{bc}	.810	
	Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	41-60	819	3.37 ^{bc}	.858	
		>60	357	3.50 ^c	.785	

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
Q2.10. My Sabbath School teachers or leaders know me well. Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	<16	436	3.27 ^a	.951	≤0.034
	16-25	768	3.17 ^a	.972	
	26-40	859	3.28 ^a	.930	
	41-60	830	3.44 ^b	.882	
	>60	366	3.46 ^b	.911	
Q2.11. My pastor knows me well. Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	<16	424	2.73 ^{ab}	1.149	≤0.038
	16-25	765	2.73 ^a	1.085	
	26-40	863	2.88 ^b	1.050	
	41-60	835	3.14 ^c	.992	
	>60	365	3.18 ^c	1.001	
Q2.12. The leaders in the church are warm and friendly. Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	<16	437	3.27 ^{ac}	.918	≤0.042
	16-25	771	3.11 ^b	.883	
	26-40	872	3.17 ^{ab}	.893	
	41-60	828	3.18 ^{ab}	.919	
	>60	377	3.34 ^c	.897	
Q2.13. I can be myself at church. Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	<16	437	3.19 ^a	1.035	≤0.004
	16-25	767	3.27 ^a	.938	
	26-40	868	3.44 ^b	.841	
	41-60	831	3.48 ^b	.818	
	>60	376	3.47 ^b	.876	
Q2.14. The leaders in our church care about me. Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	<16	433	2.89 ^{ab}	1.060	≤0.022
	16-25	774	2.79 ^a	1.046	
	26-40	876	2.93 ^{ab}	.994	
	41-60	847	2.99 ^b	1.003	
	>60	382	3.18 ^c	.951	
Q2.15. I look forward to going to programs at my church. Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	<16	436	3.40 ^{ab}	.804	0.012
	16-25	784	3.39 ^a	.809	
	26-40	882	3.46 ^{ab}	.766	
	41-60	852	3.46 ^{ab}	.834	
	>60	387	3.55 ^b	.741	
Q2.16. I go to programs at church because I want to. Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	<16	436	3.37 ^a	.896	≤0.045
	16-25	773	3.52 ^b	.799	
	26-40	894	3.61 ^b	.752	
	41-60	864	3.57 ^b	.755	
	>60	389	3.52 ^b	.833	

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p	
Q2.17. My church is helping me grow closer to Christ.	<16	444	3.52 ^{ab}	.796	0.004	
	16-25	773	3.43 ^a	.828		
	26-40	887	3.52 ^{ab}	.787		
	Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	41-60	868	3.51 ^{ab}		.801
	>60	391	3.61 ^b	.743		
Q2.18. I attend small group meetings organized by the church.	<16	442	2.85 ^a	1.153	≤0.003	
	16-25	777	2.60 ^b	1.178		
	26-40	889	2.84 ^a	1.126		
	Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	41-60	865	2.88 ^a		1.160
	>60	383	2.92 ^a	1.149		
Q2.19. I feel uncomfortable/ guilty when I do not attend church most weekends.	<16	438	3.05 ^a	1.073	≤0.033	
	16-25	780	3.31 ^b	.969		
	26-40	880	3.46 ^c	.879		
	Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	41-60	839	3.33 ^b		1.025
	>60	381	3.41 ^{bc}	.957		
Q2.20. I feel proud of my church and its role and reputation in my community.	<16	435	3.37 ^a	.898	≤0.033	
	16-25	773	3.40 ^a	.832		
	26-40	885	3.46 ^a	.827		
	Never/ Sometimes/ Often/ Almost always	41-60	867	3.47 ^{ab}		.814
	>60	390	3.61 ^b	.726		
Your involvement in the financial activities of your local church.						
Q2.21. Through my tithe.	<16	415	3.61 ^a	1.569	≤0.034	
	16-25	738	3.84 ^b	1.439		
	26-40	868	4.18 ^c	1.216		
	Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often/ Always/ NA	41-60	839	4.30 ^c		1.164
	>60	382	4.25 ^c	1.317		
Q2.22. Local church budget.	<16	408	3.63 ^a	1.813	≤0.012	
	16-25	704	3.70 ^a	1.612		
	26-40	814	3.95 ^b	1.484		
	Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often/ Always/ NA	41-60	790	4.11 ^b		1.400
	>60	363	4.10 ^b	1.449		
Q2.23. Christian education.	<16	404	3.91 ^{ab}	1.782	0.020	
	16-25	706	3.72 ^a	1.826		
	26-40	834	3.91 ^{ab}	1.704		
	Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often/ Always/ NA	41-60	784	3.99 ^b		1.641
	>60	341	3.99 ^{ab}	1.704		
Q2.24. The church building fund.	<16	403	3.57 ^a	1.856	≤0.040	

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p	
Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often/ Always/ NA	16-25	709	3.65 ^a	1.678		
	26-40	852	3.87 ^b	1.459		
	41-60	824	3.94 ^b	1.458		
	>60	363	4.02 ^b	1.429		
Q2.25. The mission program of the church.	<16	402	3.48 ^{ab}	1.691	≤0.020	
	16-25	716	3.35 ^a	1.669		
	26-40	858	3.71 ^b	1.515		
	Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often/ Always/ NA	41-60	810	3.98 ^c		1.420
	>60	346	4.01 ^c	1.444		
	Q2.26. The evangelistic projects of the church.	<16	399	3.35 ^a		1.691
16-25		699	3.31 ^a	1.689		
26-40		852	3.71 ^b	1.502		
Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often/ Always/ NA		41-60	811	3.96 ^c	1.397	
>60		351	3.91 ^{bc}	1.481		
Q2.27. I provide extra for the 13 th Sabbath offering.		<16	398	3.45 ^a	1.732	≤0.025
	16-25	711	3.36 ^a	1.748		
	26-40	855	3.58 ^{ab}	1.632		
	Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often/ Always/ NA	41-60	807	3.76 ^{bc}	1.594	
	>60	359	3.91 ^c	1.550		
	Q2.28. I provide support for the local church school.	<16	399	4.02 ^{ab}	2.097	
16-25		709	3.94 ^a	2.106		
26-40		823	4.22 ^{ab}	1.960		
Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often/ Always/ NA		41-60	759	4.24 ^b	1.942	
>60		329	4.23 ^{ab}	1.963		
Q2.29. Through wills and trusts.		<16	401	4.00 ^a	2.170	≤0.030
	16-25	689	4.42 ^b	2.113		
	26-40	798	4.45 ^b	2.058		
	Never/ Seldom/ Sometimes/ Often/ Always/ NA	41-60	749	4.56 ^b	2.019	
	>60	325	4.46 ^b	2.018		
	How well do each of these describe your pastor?					
Q2.33. Occasionally visits members of the church in their home.	<16	434	3.32 ^{abc}	1.556	≤0.047	
	16-25	758	3.16 ^{ab}	1.500		
	26-40	873	3.10 ^a	1.470		
	Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	41-60	838	3.30 ^{bc}		1.454
	>60	371	3.49 ^c	1.486		
	Q2.34. Sensitive to the needs of others.	<16	429	3.75 ^a		1.386

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
Not at all/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Very much	16-25	765	3.78 ^a	1.255	
	26-40	857	3.75 ^a	1.245	
	41-60	848	3.89 ^{ab}	1.231	
	>60	363	4.01 ^b	1.230	
Q2.36. Shows true spiritual leadership in our church community.	<16	436	4.10 ^a	1.214	≤0.025
	16-25	752	4.18 ^{ab}	1.088	
	26-40	877	4.12 ^a	1.135	
	41-60	850	4.19 ^{ab}	1.104	
	>60	377	4.34 ^b	1.050	
Q2.38. Thorough in pastoral duties.	<16	433	3.98 ^{ab}	1.316	0.015
	16-25	759	3.94 ^{ab}	1.208	
	26-40	877	3.91 ^a	1.183	
	41-60	844	3.99 ^{ab}	1.198	
	>60	379	4.14 ^b	1.180	
Your local church leadership...					
Q2.39. ...is open to new ideas.	<16	437	4.35 ^{ab}	1.487	≤0.026
	16-25	765	4.30 ^a	1.479	
	26-40	869	4.28 ^a	1.526	
	41-60	853	4.34 ^a	1.470	
	>60	385	4.61 ^b	1.439	
Q2.40. ...clearly communicates the mission of the Church.	<16	431	4.51 ^a	1.495	≤0.022
	16-25	767	4.60 ^a	1.368	
	26-40	873	4.70 ^{ab}	1.374	
	41-60	853	4.67 ^{ab}	1.375	
	>60	389	4.87 ^b	1.367	
Q2.44. ... is responsive to local community needs.	<16	425	4.27 ^a	1.573	≤0.008
	16-25	761	4.39 ^{ab}	1.473	
	26-40	873	4.34 ^a	1.466	
	41-60	846	4.43 ^{ab}	1.486	
	>60	381	4.65 ^b	1.482	
Q2.48. ...is supportive of our local or conference school.	<16	408	3.56 ^{ab}	1.929	≤0.024
	16-25	694	3.33 ^a	1.910	
	26-40	783	3.57 ^{ab}	1.915	
	41-60	753	3.68 ^{bc}	1.910	
	>60	333	3.99 ^c	1.996	
Q2.49. What originally attracted you to attend this congregation?					

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>	
Q2.49A. My friends are there.	<16	426	.23 ^a	.418	≤0.001	
	16-25	756	.15 ^b	.355		
	26-40	870	.08 ^c	.265		
	No/ Yes	41-60	846	.07 ^c		.259
	>60	390	.11 ^{bc}	.310		
Q2.49B. The church’s reputation.	<16	425	.13 ^{ab}	.333	0.001	
	16-25	757	.11 ^{ab}	.314		
	26-40	870	.08 ^a	.277		
	No/ Yes	41-60	846	.13 ^{ab}		.333
	>60	390	.16 ^b	.366		
Q2.49C. Adult education program.	<16	426	.05 ^{ab}	.212	≤0.025	
	16-25	757	.04 ^a	.189		
	26-40	870	.05 ^{ab}	.226		
	No/ Yes	41-60	847	.08 ^{bc}		.264
	>60	389	.10 ^c	.297		
Q2.49D. Child and Youth program.	<16	426	.36 ^a	.480	0.000	
	16-25	755	.25 ^b	.433		
	26-40	870	.17 ^c	.373		
	No/ Yes	41-60	847	.12 ^c		.328
	>60	390	.14 ^c	.343		
Q2.49E. The music program.	<16	426	.13 ^a	.338	≤0.007	
	16-25	756	.12 ^a	.324		
	26-40	869	.07 ^b	.258		
	No/ Yes	41-60	847	.06 ^b		.236
	>60	389	.09 ^{ab}	.287		
Q2.49H. An evangelism program.	<16	426	.11 ^a	.311	0.008	
	16-25	756	.15 ^{ab}	.358		
	26-40	869	.15 ^{ab}	.357		
	No/ Yes	41-60	847	.16 ^{ab}		.364
	>60	390	.19 ^b	.395		
Q2.49I. The doctrines of the church.	<16	426	.26 ^a	.439	≤0.017	
	16-25	755	.39 ^b	.488		
	26-40	870	.47 ^c	.594		
	No/ Yes	41-60	846	.44 ^{bc}		.497
	>60	390	.47 ^{bc}	.500		
Q2.49J. The denominational ties.	<16	426	.04 ^a	.190	<0.039	

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
No/ Yes	16-25	757	.03 ^a	.182	
	26-40	870	.04 ^a	.199	
	41-60	847	.06 ^a	.231	
	>60	390	.09 ^b	.293	
Q2.49K. The minister.	<16	418	.12 ^a	.330	0.000
	16-25	731	.06 ^b	.233	
	26-40	839	.04 ^b	.192	
	41-60	817	.05 ^b	.218	
	>60	374	.06 ^b	.231	
Q2.50. What is the foremost reason you remain a part of this congregation?					
Q2.50A. My friends are there.	<16	423	.17 ^a	.376	≤0.032
	16-25	741	.12 ^{ac}	.327	
	26-40	847	.08 ^{bd}	.268	
	41-60	813	.06 ^{bd}	.240	
	>60	386	.08 ^{cd}	.272	
Q2.50C. Adult education program.	<16	423	.05 ^{abc}	.217	≤0.028
	16-25	742	.04 ^a	.184	
	26-40	847	.05 ^{ac}	.210	
	41-60	813	.08 ^b	.271	
	>60	386	.08 ^{bc}	.276	
Q2.50D. Child and Youth program.	<16	423	.35 ^a	.477	≤0.005
	16-25	742	.23 ^b	.418	
	26-40	845	.14 ^c	.344	
	41-60	813	.11 ^c	.311	
	>60	386	.14 ^c	.350	
Q2.50E. The music program.	<16	423	.12 ^{ac}	.320	≤0.029
	16-25	741	.09 ^{ab}	.291	
	26-40	847	.08 ^{ab}	.272	
	41-60	813	.05 ^b	.221	
	>60	386	.11 ^{ac}	.577	
Q2.50F. The community outreach.	<16	423	.06 ^{ab}	.245	≤0.025
	16-25	742	.04 ^a	.206	
	26-40	847	.04 ^a	.205	
	41-60	813	.06 ^{ab}	.238	
	>60	386	.09 ^b	.284	
Q2.50I. The doctrines of the church.	<16	422	.29 ^a	.455	0.000
	16-25	742	.46 ^b	.498	

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
No/ Yes	26-40	847	.48 ^b	.500	
	41-60	812	.50 ^b	.500	
	>60	386	.50 ^b	.501	
Q2.50J. The denominational ties.	<16	423	.03 ^a	.166	0.008
	16-25	741	.05 ^{ab}	.221	
	26-40	847	.06 ^{ab}	.231	
No/ Yes	41-60	812	.08 ^b	.264	
	>60	386	.07 ^{ab}	.255	
	<16	416	.14 ^a	.347	
Q2.50K. The minister.	16-25	714	.05 ^b	.216	0.000
	26-40	822	.05 ^b	.207	
	41-60	786	.05 ^b	.228	
No/ Yes	>60	371	.06 ^b	.241	
	<16	421	4.22 ^a	1.040	
	16-25	722	4.53 ^b	.812	
Q2.51. Expertise in biblical and theological matters.	26-40	833	4.56 ^b	.783	0.000
	41-60	822	4.56 ^b	.793	
	>60	363	4.63 ^b	.678	
Q2.52. Emphasis on spiritual development and growth.	<16	424	4.33 ^a	.960	0.000
	16-25	736	4.54 ^b	.778	
	26-40	850	4.64 ^b	.700	
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	41-60	828	4.57 ^b	.783	
	>60	359	4.62 ^b	.763	
	<16	421	4.17 ^a	1.063	
Q2.53. Thought-provoking and challenging.	16-25	733	4.44 ^b	.859	≤0.016
	26-40	834	4.57 ^c	.720	
	41-60	819	4.53 ^{bc}	.771	
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	>60	359	4.47 ^{bc}	.880	
	<16	418	4.29 ^a	1.005	
	16-25	732	4.42 ^{ab}	.874	
Q2.54. Comforting and reassuring.	26-40	841	4.51 ^b	.827	≤0.003
	41-60	824	4.50 ^b	.868	
	>60	360	4.52 ^b	.911	
Q2.55. Biblical preaching and teaching.	<16	422	4.55 ^a	.819	≤0.004
	16-25	738	4.70 ^b	.682	

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	26-40	837	4.77 ^b	.589	
	41-60	821	4.74 ^b	.608	
	>60	370	4.71 ^b	.682	
Q2.56. Preaching and teaching on contemporary issues.	<16	414	4.27 ^a	.994	
	16-25	732	4.40 ^{ab}	.887	
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	26-40	831	4.44 ^b	.860	≤0.028
	41-60	803	4.43 ^b	.895	
	>60	353	4.49 ^b	.863	
Q2.57. New approaches and ideas.	<16	422	4.32 ^a	.966	
	16-25	739	4.47 ^b	.812	
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	26-40	838	4.48 ^b	.825	≤0.022
	41-60	808	4.45 ^{ab}	.852	
	>60	363	4.47 ^{ab}	.861	
Q2.59. Strong and decisive decision-maker.	<16	409	4.43 ^a	.947	
	16-25	728	4.57 ^b	.811	
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	26-40	834	4.57 ^b	.784	≤0.038
	41-60	812	4.61 ^b	.741	
	>60	362	4.59 ^{ab}	.829	
Q2.60. Encourages lay decision-making.	<16	418	4.36 ^a	.990	
	16-25	725	4.55 ^b	.757	
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	26-40	839	4.63 ^b	.691	≤0.001
	41-60	812	4.57 ^b	.778	
	>60	368	4.59 ^b	.817	
Q2.63. Works hard to accomplish tasks.	<16	423	4.53 ^a	.907	
	16-25	735	4.69 ^b	.668	
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	26-40	831	4.68 ^b	.663	≤0.032
	41-60	812	4.71 ^b	.638	
	>60	369	4.67 ^b	.717	
Q2.65. Helps people figure things out for themselves.	<16	413	4.02 ^{ab}	1.267	
	16-25	726	3.94 ^a	1.185	
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	26-40	827	3.96 ^a	1.194	≤0.012
	41-60	809	4.05 ^{ab}	1.130	
	>60	359	4.20 ^b	1.067	
Q2.69. Maintains a balanced life.	<16	422	4.35 ^a	.980	
	16-25	738	4.49 ^{ab}	.799	≤0.042
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	26-40	834	4.48 ^{ab}	.811	

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
Quite important/ Very important	41-60	818	4.50 ^b	.847	
	>60	364	4.54 ^b	.800	
Q2.70. Gives whole self to the church.	<16	420	4.35 ^a	.993	
	16-25	731	4.49 ^{ab}	.915	
	26-40	831	4.53 ^b	.822	≤0.007
Not important/ Slightly important/ Fairly important/ Quite important/ Very important	41-60	817	4.53 ^b	.849	
	>60	360	4.52 ^{ab}	.929	
<i>Other questions.</i>					
Q2.71. Overall, to what extent do you think the congregation needs to increase or improve its efforts in outreach?	<16	388	2.95 ^a	.919	
	16-25	697	3.17 ^b	.972	
We're doing too much now/ We are doing fine as is/ Should increase or improve to some extent/ Should increase or improve to a great extent	26-40	772	3.15 ^b	.966	≤0.010
	41-60	726	3.20 ^b	.931	
	>60	311	3.20 ^b	.905	
Q2.72. Overall, to what extent do you think the congregation needs to increase or improve its efforts in caring and nurture?	<16	396	2.96 ^a	.939	
	16-25	686	3.14 ^b	.954	
We're doing too much now/ We are doing fine as is/ Should increase or improve to some extent/ Should increase or improve to a great extent	26-40	780	3.16 ^b	.971	≤0.038
	41-60	731	3.23 ^b	.949	
	>60	303	3.09 ^{ab}	.967	
Q2.73. To what extent would you personally be willing to get more involved in outreach by your congregation?	<16	404	3.17 ^a	.957	
	16-25	709	3.42 ^b	.774	
	26-40	813	3.48 ^b	.763	0.000
Not at all/ To some extent/ To a moderate extent/ To a great extent	41-60	754	3.50 ^b	.787	
	>60	333	3.42 ^b	.870	
Q2.75. I use information from the internet (World Wide Web) as a way to grow my faith:	<16	406	1.76 ^a	1.095	
	16-25	723	1.99 ^b	1.116	
	26-40	832	1.91 ^{ab}	1.124	≤0.011
Not at all/ To some extent/ To a moderate extent/ To a great extent	41-60	781	1.79 ^a	1.090	
	>60	327	1.80 ^{ab}	1.161	

Means with different letters are significantly different (Bonferroni, $p < 0.05$); SD: standard deviation

7.4.3. Religious Life

Table S30. Religious Life

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
How much has each of the following helped you develop your Religious Life?					
Q3.1. Sabbath School.	<16	415	3.65 ^{ab}	1.531	0.018
	16-25	730	3.59 ^a	1.441	
	26-40	834	3.69 ^{ab}	1.517	
	41-60	822	3.83 ^b	1.490	
	>60	358	3.70 ^{ab}	1.596	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.2. Personal Bible study and prayer.	<16	418	3.83 ^a	1.377	≤0.022
	16-25	725	3.90 ^a	1.452	
	26-40	840	3.89 ^a	1.485	
	41-60	812	4.13 ^b	1.382	
	>60	356	3.82 ^a	1.585	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.3. Church worship services.	<16	411	3.90 ^{ab}	1.378	≤0.034
	16-25	728	3.86 ^a	1.424	
	26-40	834	3.88 ^a	1.496	
	41-60	805	4.09 ^b	1.389	
	>60	359	3.87 ^{ab}	1.569	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.4. Family worship.	<16	409	3.45 ^{ab}	1.587	≤0.016
	16-25	725	3.20 ^a	1.652	
	26-40	825	3.31 ^a	1.648	
	41-60	794	3.56 ^b	1.594	
	>60	348	3.70 ^b	1.599	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.5. Prayer meetings.	<16	407	3.77 ^{ab}	1.428	≤0.011
	16-25	729	3.70 ^a	1.445	
	26-40	837	3.70 ^a	1.492	
	41-60	793	3.94 ^b	1.373	
	>60	350	3.85 ^{ab}	1.486	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.8. Church Community outreach.	<16	409	3.48 ^{ab}	1.485	≤0.012
	16-25	723	3.34 ^a	1.513	
	26-40	822	3.54 ^{ab}	1.516	
	41-60	793	3.69 ^b	1.487	
	>60	356	3.65 ^b	1.490	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
Q3.9. Short-term mission projects.	<16	401	3.53 ^{ab}	1.486	≤0.004
	16-25	709	3.28 ^a	1.513	
	26-40	825	3.35 ^a	1.529	
	41-60	790	3.61 ^b	1.466	
	>60	347	3.71 ^b	1.446	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.10. Attending an Adventist school.	<16	403	2.94 ^a	1.825	≤0.001
	16-25	718	2.51 ^b	1.751	
	26-40	834	2.40 ^b	1.758	
	41-60	774	2.41 ^b	1.762	
	>60	320	2.68 ^{ab}	1.795	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.11. Evangelistic outreach.	<16	405	3.62 ^{ac}	1.507	≤0.027
	16-25	729	3.34 ^b	1.524	
	26-40	833	3.62 ^a	1.511	
	41-60	802	3.85 ^c	1.443	
	>60	350	3.72 ^{ac}	1.503	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.12. Conference-sponsored events.	<16	403	3.64 ^a	1.553	≤0.019
	16-25	711	3.33 ^b	1.563	
	26-40	821	3.28 ^b	1.595	
	41-60	781	3.41 ^{ab}	1.496	
	>60	344	3.37 ^{ab}	1.567	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.16. The Sabbath School quarterly.	<16	403	3.51 ^a	1.658	≤0.015
	16-25	726	3.65 ^a	1.516	
	26-40	833	3.93 ^b	1.517	
	41-60	817	4.04 ^b	1.467	
	>60	363	3.96 ^b	1.565	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.18. Small groups.	<16	408	3.68 ^{ab}	1.554	0.010
	16-25	719	3.44 ^a	1.568	
	26-40	834	3.59 ^{ab}	1.593	
	41-60	810	3.70 ^b	1.534	
	>60	357	3.77 ^b	1.549	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.19. Adventist publications (Union/Division paper).	<16	409	3.38 ^{ab}	1.607	≤0.005
	16-25	715	3.24 ^a	1.582	
	26-40	829	3.35 ^{ab}	1.596	
	41-60	790	3.57 ^b	1.557	
	>60	356	3.60 ^b	1.624	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
Q3.20. Adventist publication (Adventist Review/Adventist World).	<16	411	3.27 ^a	1.603	≤0.029
	16-25	711	3.29 ^a	1.563	
	26-40	817	3.28 ^a	1.610	
	41-60	792	3.66 ^b	1.478	
	>60	353	3.60 ^b	1.615	
Does not apply to me/ Not at all/ Sometimes/ Often/ Very much					
Q3.24. Internet sites.	<16	406	2.61 ^{ab}	1.592	0.043
	16-25	704	2.68 ^a	1.543	
	26-40	802	2.51 ^{ab}	1.594	
	41-60	744	2.44 ^b	1.612	
	>60	314	2.46 ^{ab}	1.646	
Think about the local church that you attend. How true of your church are each of these statements?					
Q3.31. Most members want to be challenged to think about religious issues and ideas.	<16	400	4.85 ^a	1.529	≤0.041
	16-25	713	5.05 ^{ab}	1.276	
	26-40	817	5.09 ^b	1.294	
	41-60	788	5.14 ^b	1.337	
	>60	341	5.13 ^b	1.414	
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true					
Q3.33. It challenges my thinking.	<16	404	4.78 ^a	1.550	≤0.048
	16-25	713	4.84 ^a	1.455	
	26-40	788	4.90 ^a	1.416	
	41-60	788	5.03 ^{ab}	1.395	
	>60	336	5.16 ^b	1.378	
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true					
Q3.34. It encourages me to ask questions.	<16	399	4.81 ^a	1.566	≤0.015
	16-25	707	4.96 ^{ab}	1.343	
	26-40	811	5.07 ^b	1.297	
	41-60	769	5.14 ^b	1.318	
	>60	336	5.07 ^{ab}	1.438	
I do not attend church/ Not at all true/ 3/ 4/ Very true					
Other question.					
Q3.39. Which of the following best describes your commitment to Jesus Christ:	<16	375	3.59 ^a	1.676	≤0.044
	16-25	692	3.96 ^b	1.616	
	26-40	790	4.39 ^{cc}	1.523	
	41-60	773	4.61 ^{de}	1.437	
	>60	339	4.66 ^e	1.475	
I am not committed to Christ/					
I am not sure if I am committed to Christ/					
I committed my life to Christ, but it didn't last/					
My commitment to Christ has developed gradually/					
My commitment to Christ came suddenly and I was changed/					
I've been committed to Christ since I was a young child and continue to be committed					

How true is each of the following statements for you personally?

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
Q3.40. I help others with their religious questions and struggles.	<16	395	3.65 ^a	1.479	≤0.006
	16-25	702	3.73 ^a	1.298	
	26-40	817	4.06 ^b	1.168	
	41-60	805	4.27 ^c	1.107	
	>60	364	4.25 ^{bc}	1.155	
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often					
Q3.41. I seek out opportunities to help me grow spiritually.	<16	399	4.16 ^a	1.141	≤0.004
	16-25	701	4.22 ^a	1.066	
	26-40	818	4.42 ^b	.979	
	41-60	808	4.50 ^b	.902	
	>60	363	4.45 ^b	1.019	
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often					
Q3.42. I feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world.	<16	396	4.07 ^a	1.246	≤0.036
	16-25	699	4.16 ^a	1.086	
	26-40	815	4.31 ^b	1.023	
	41-60	804	4.43 ^{bc}	.925	
	>60	358	4.55 ^c	.841	
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often					
Q3.43. I give significant portions of time and money to help other people.	<16	399	3.46 ^a	1.544	≤0.035
	16-25	695	3.51 ^a	1.389	
	26-40	811	3.85 ^b	1.207	
	41-60	802	4.08 ^c	1.122	
	>60	360	4.09 ^c	1.218	
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often					
Q3.44. I feel God’s presence in my relationships with other people.	<16	393	4.17 ^a	1.198	≤0.013
	16-25	702	4.15 ^a	1.062	
	26-40	812	4.36 ^b	.914	
	41-60	806	4.47 ^b	.899	
	>60	364	4.48 ^b	.960	
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often					
Q3.45. I feel my life is filled with meaning and purpose.	<16	391	4.21 ^a	1.191	≤0.003
	16-25	699	4.42 ^b	.956	
	26-40	815	4.50 ^b	.858	
	41-60	799	4.54 ^b	.838	
	>60	359	4.58 ^b	.807	
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often					
Q3.46. I show that I care a great deal about reducing poverty in my country and throughout the world.	<16	393	3.97 ^{abc}	1.401	≤0.031
	16-25	697	3.77 ^a	1.354	
	26-40	806	3.83 ^{ac}	1.340	
	41-60	788	3.98 ^{bc}	1.252	
	>60	351	4.09 ^b	1.230	
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often					
Q3.48. The things I do reflect a commitment to Jesus Christ.	<16	391	4.15 ^{ab}	1.156	<0.003

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p	
Never/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Often	16-25	692	4.04 ^a	1.084		
	26-40	805	4.28 ^{bd}	.992		
	41-60	796	4.42 ^{cd}	.921		
	>60	357	4.42 ^{cd}	.987		
Q3.49. I talk with other people about my faith.	<16	393	3.84 ^a	1.364	≤0.024	
	16-25	701	4.13 ^b	1.123		
	26-40	807	4.30 ^c	1.032		
	41-60	803	4.50 ^d	.877		
	>60	357	4.50 ^d	.908		
Q3.50. I have a real sense that God is guiding me.	<16	397	4.51 ^a	.931	≤0.018	
	16-25	698	4.51 ^a	.859		
	26-40	810	4.59 ^{ac}	.864		
	41-60	800	4.75 ^b	.657		
	>60	368	4.69 ^{bc}	.772		
Q3.50. I am spiritually moved by the beauty of God’s creation.	<16	394	4.58 ^a	.891	≤0.018	
	16-25	700	4.67 ^a	.768		
	26-40	816	4.78 ^{bc}	.613		
	41-60	810	4.80 ^c	.643		
	>60	368	4.83 ^c	.551		
The following are a few questions about your attitude toward religion.						
Q3.51. I enjoy reading about Seventh-day Adventism.	<16	399	4.29 ^a	1.023	≤0.049	
	16-25	696	4.33 ^{ab}	.914		
	26-40	800	4.45 ^{bd}	.955		
	I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I’m not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	41-60	792	4.58 ^c		.813
	>60	362	4.60 ^{cd}	.853		
Q3.53. It doesn't much matter what I believe so long as I am good.	<16	389	3.19 ^a	1.591	≤0.035	
	16-25	689	2.80 ^b	1.557		
	26-40	798	2.71 ^b	1.606		
	I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I’m not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	41-60	766	2.79 ^b		1.628
	>60	334	2.84 ^b	1.722		
Q3.54. Sometimes I have to disregard my religious beliefs because of what people might think of me.	<16	386	2.56 ^a	1.587	≤0.006	
	16-25	680	2.14 ^b	1.511		
	26-40	789	2.23 ^b	1.578		
	I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I’m not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	41-60	765	2.13 ^b		1.517
	>60	340	2.37 ^{ab}	1.674		
Q3.55. It is important to me to spend time in private thought and prayer.	<16	389	4.32 ^a	1.053	0.000	
	16-25	695	4.47 ^{ab}	.917		

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	26-40	803	4.58 ^b	.905	
	41-60	796	4.60 ^b	.904	
	>60	345	4.47 ^{ab}	1.097	
Q3.56. I have often had a strong sense of God's presence.	<16	396	4.34 ^a	.953	≤0.005
	16-25	693	4.38 ^a	.927	
	26-40	799	4.48 ^{ab}	.880	
	41-60	791	4.54 ^b	.877	
	>60	359	4.43 ^{ab}	1.055	
Q3.57. I pray mainly to gain relief and protection.	<16	393	4.10 ^{ab}	1.257	0.002
	16-25	695	4.14 ^{ab}	1.162	
	26-40	805	4.16 ^{ab}	1.236	
	41-60	797	4.25 ^a	1.225	
	>60	350	3.96 ^b	1.495	
Q3.58. I try hard to live according to my religious beliefs.	<16	382	4.34 ^a	.913	≤0.021
	16-25	691	4.36 ^a	.873	
	26-40	803	4.51 ^b	.877	
	41-60	783	4.55 ^b	.854	
	>60	343	4.54 ^b	.913	
Q3.60. My religion is important because it answers many questions about the meaning of life.	<16	392	4.38 ^a	1.029	≤0.011
	16-25	692	4.49 ^{ab}	.895	
	26-40	810	4.56 ^b	.875	
	41-60	788	4.59 ^b	.846	
	>60	355	4.61 ^b	.940	
Q3.61. I would rather join a Bible study group than a church social group.	<16	385	3.74 ^a	1.391	≤0.002
	16-25	681	3.73 ^a	1.351	
	26-40	789	3.79 ^a	1.435	
	41-60	788	4.05 ^b	1.339	
	>60	346	4.14 ^b	1.254	
Q3.63. Although I am religious, I don't let it affect my daily life.	<16	385	3.62 ^a	1.435	≤0.037
	16-25	691	3.28 ^b	1.576	
	26-40	782	3.22 ^b	1.634	
	41-60	783	3.33 ^b	1.650	
	>60	331	3.51 ^{ab}	1.604	
Q3.65. I go to church mostly to spend time with my friends.	<16	384	2.56 ^a	1.610	≤0.026
	16-25	686	2.44 ^{ac}	1.508	

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	26-40	798	2.21 ^b	1.499	
	41-60	774	2.15 ^b	1.454	
	>60	335	2.18 ^{bc}	1.552	
Q3.67. I go to church mainly because I enjoy seeing people I know there.	<16	382	2.75 ^a	1.567	
	16-25	689	2.46 ^b	1.464	
	26-40	801	2.36 ^b	1.500	≤0.028
	41-60	776	2.32 ^b	1.483	
I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	>60	325	2.32 ^b	1.558	
Q3.68. I pray mainly because I have been taught to pray.	<16	379	3.04 ^a	1.593	
	16-25	673	2.83 ^{ab}	1.591	
	26-40	785	2.60 ^b	1.626	≤0.048
	41-60	769	2.65 ^{bc}	1.626	
I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	>60	323	2.91 ^{ac}	1.731	
Q3.69. Prayers I say when I am alone are as important to me as those I say in church.	<16	382	4.01 ^a	1.348	
	16-25	679	4.18 ^{ab}	1.163	
	26-40	782	4.21 ^{ab}	1.287	≤0.009
	41-60	767	4.34 ^b	1.149	
I strongly disagree/ I tend to disagree/ I'm not sure/ I tend to agree/ I strongly agree	>60	343	4.31 ^b	1.247	
<i>How often do you do any of the following?</i>					
Q3.71. Read the Bible.	<16	381	3.73 ^a	1.300	
	16-25	682	3.81 ^a	1.153	
	26-40	801	4.12 ^b	1.116	0.000
Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week/	41-60	792	4.37 ^c	.952	
More than once a week/ Daily or more than once a day	>60	342	4.44 ^c	1.025	
Q3.72. Engage in personal devotions.	<16	378	3.57 ^a	1.470	
	16-25	680	3.51 ^a	1.446	
	26-40	783	3.84 ^b	1.331	≤0.010
	41-60	786	4.18 ^c	1.223	
Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week/	>60	336	4.30 ^c	1.157	
More than once a week/ Daily or more than once a day					
Q3.73. Read the writings of Ellen G. White.	<16	373	2.47 ^a	1.546	
	16-25	663	2.62 ^a	1.431	
	26-40	772	3.00 ^b	1.411	≤0.001
	41-60	764	3.28 ^c	1.392	
Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week/	>60	330	3.40 ^c	1.519	
More than once a week/ Daily or more than once a day					
Q3.74. Have family worship (Prayers or religious devotions you have together as a family away from church)?	<16	377	3.27 ^{ac}	1.558	
	16-25	675	2.93 ^b	1.599	≤0.035

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
	26-40	782	3.30 ^a	1.511	
Never/ Less than once a month/ About once a week/	41-60	778	3.52 ^{cd}	1.463	
More than once a week/ Daily or more than once a day	>60	333	3.63 ^d	1.497	

Means with different letters are significantly different (Bonferroni, $p < 0.05$); SD: standard deviation

7.4.4. Beliefs

Table S31. Beliefs

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
<i>You are in disagree or agree with the following statements?</i>					
Q4.1. God loves everyone, and I should be all right in the end if I am a morally good person.	<16	382	3.16 ^a	1.122	
	16-25	673	2.85 ^b	1.244	
	26-40	781	2.77 ^b	1.321	≤ 0.002
	41-60	783	2.78 ^b	1.310	
	>60	343	2.97 ^{ab}	1.295	
Q4.2. I believe in a personal God who seeks a relationship with human beings.	<16	381	3.70 ^a	.768	
	16-25	690	3.72 ^a	.727	
	26-40	796	3.85 ^b	.597	≤ 0.010
	41-60	796	3.76 ^{ab}	.745	
	>60	355	3.75 ^{ab}	.761	
Q4.4. Christianity is about Jesus giving me power to conquer sin in my life.	<16	384	3.62 ^a	.824	
	16-25	683	3.75 ^b	.648	
	26-40	799	3.74 ^b	.711	≤ 0.046
	41-60	797	3.80 ^b	.642	
	>60	356	3.78 ^b	.701	
Q4.5. I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me.	<16	379	3.51 ^a	.941	
	16-25	686	3.61 ^{ab}	.821	
	26-40	791	3.66 ^{bc}	.822	≤ 0.027
	41-60	797	3.75 ^c	.739	
	>60	351	3.70 ^{bc}	.823	
Q4.6. I believe that Jesus was born of a virgin.	<16	380	3.71 ^a	.777	≤ 0.005
	16-25	693	3.85 ^b	.567	

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	26-40	802	3.85 ^b	.601	
	41-60	804	3.87 ^b	.566	
	>60	350	3.81 ^{ab}	.697	
Q4.7. 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.	<16	388	3.81 ^a	.599	
	16-25	692	3.90 ^{ab}	.418	
	26-40	807	3.89 ^{ab}	.498	0.006
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	41-60	806	3.92 ^b	.418	
	>60	356	3.87 ^{ab}	.575	
Q4.12. If I have been baptized, I will make it to heaven if I remain a good person all my life.	<16	376	3.16 ^a	1.167	
	16-25	683	3.00 ^{ac}	1.197	
	26-40	780	2.95 ^{ac}	1.266	≤0.030
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	41-60	770	2.76 ^b	1.325	
	>60	327	2.87 ^{bc}	1.337	
Q4.13. I believe God created the world in exactly six days of 24 hours each in the relatively recent past.	<16	376	3.31 ^a	1.108	
	16-25	673	3.47 ^{ab}	1.009	
	26-40	774	3.51 ^b	1.008	0.019
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	41-60	761	3.46 ^{ab}	1.090	
	>60	341	3.52 ^{ab}	1.033	
Q4.16. The Adventist church believes in "present truth" which means beliefs might change over time.	<16	374	2.39 ^a	1.371	
	16-25	664	2.16 ^{ab}	1.343	
	26-40	757	1.97 ^b	1.311	≤0.050
Strongly disagree/ Disagree more than agree/ Agree more than disagree/ Strongly agree	41-60	757	2.15 ^{ab}	1.372	
	>60	323	2.23 ^a	1.406	
<i>Other questions.</i>					
Q4.19. Read the following statements carefully; then mark next to the statement that is closest to your understanding of what the Bible is.	<16	335	5.17 ^a	1.291	
	16-25	607	5.42 ^b	1.143	
Contains no more truth or wisdom than do the religious books of other world religions/ Is the work of people who collected stories that had been created to explain the mysteries of life. It contains a great deal of wisdom about the human experience/ Is the work of people who genuinely loved God and who wanted to share their understanding of God's activity in the world/ Is the work of people who were inspired by God and who represented God's message in terms of their own place and time/ Is the work of people who copied what God told them word for word, and who wrote without being influenced by their own place and time/ 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	26-40	703	5.52 ^b	1.073	≤0.011
	41-60	676	5.47 ^b	1.096	
	>60	290	5.38 ^{ab}	1.138	
Q4.20. Read the following statements carefully; then mark next to the one that is closest to your understanding of the writings of	<16	360	3.71 ^a	1.160	0.000

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	p
Ellen G. White.	16-25	647	4.00 ^b	.905	
I don't know who Ellen G. White is/	26-40	753	4.07 ^b	.801	
Is writings contain no more truth or wisdom than do the religious works written by leaders of other denominations/	41-60	720	4.11 ^b	.766	
Was a person who created stories of supernatural guidance in order to explain the mysteries of life, her writings contain a great deal of wisdom about the human experience/	>60	312	4.12 ^b	.845	
Was inspired by God and presented God's message in terms of her own place and time/ Copied what God told her word for word, and wrote without being influenced by her own place and time					
<i>To what extent do you accept the following individual teachings of the SDA church?</i>					
Q4.21. Jesus Christ is the Son of God.	<16	369	1.14 ^a	.564	
I embrace it wholeheartedly/	16-25	649	1.08 ^{ab}	.423	
I accept it because the church teaches it/	26-40	746	1.05 ^b	.329	0.011
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/	41-60	743	1.07 ^{ab}	.398	
I don't accept it/ This question is not important to me	>60	317	1.12 ^{ab}	.557	
Q4.22. The Investigative or pre-Advent judgment began in 1844.	<16	357	1.74 ^a	1.328	
I embrace it wholeheartedly/	16-25	626	1.51 ^b	1.100	
I accept it because the church teaches it/	26-40	730	1.38 ^{bc}	.989	≤0.007
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/	41-60	733	1.27 ^c	.764	
I don't accept it/ This question is not important to me	>60	309	1.39 ^{bc}	.996	
Q4.23. The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies.	<16	360	1.48 ^a	.990	
I embrace it wholeheartedly/	16-25	634	1.26 ^b	.791	
I accept it because the church teaches it/	26-40	726	1.21 ^b	.707	0.000
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/	41-60	739	1.23 ^b	.727	
I don't accept it/ This question is not important to me	>60	311	1.16 ^b	.596	
Q4.24. Ellen G. White was an inspired messenger to the Adventist church.	<16	364	1.35 ^{ab}	.949	
I embrace it wholeheartedly/	16-25	635	1.35 ^a	.927	
I accept it because the church teaches it/	26-40	722	1.29 ^{ab}	.876	0.026
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/	41-60	746	1.25 ^{ab}	.770	
I don't accept it/ This question is not important to me	>60	316	1.17 ^b	.621	
Q4.25. Adventist standards regarding healthful living.	<16	365	1.34 ^a	.911	
I embrace it wholeheartedly/	16-25	636	1.22 ^{ab}	.732	
I accept it because the church teaches it/	26-40	741	1.16 ^{bc}	.625	≤0.032
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/	41-60	755	1.20 ^{bc}	.650	
I don't accept it/ This question is not important to me	>60	314	1.09 ^c	.313	
Q4.26. Adventist teachings regarding modesty and simplicity in	<16	361	1.60 ^a	1.182	0.000

Question/Answer	Age	N	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
dress.	16-25	616	1.34 ^b	.875	
I embrace it wholeheartedly/	26-40	720	1.23 ^b	.720	
I accept it because the church teaches it/	41-60	746	1.31 ^b	.897	
I have some questions about it/ I have major doubts about it/	>60	308	1.19 ^b	.641	
I don't accept it/ This question is not important to me					
Q4.27. How would you describe your attitude toward religion and spirituality?	<16	365	1.98 ^{ab}	.613	0.028
	16-25	639	1.98 ^a	.589	
	26-40	754	2.04 ^{ab}	.511	
	41-60	733	2.07 ^b	.500	
	>60	319	2.01 ^{ab}	.495	

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7.5. Survey Instrument

Here is a complete copy of the research instrument.

To what extent do you accept the following individual teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist church? Select your best answer.

4.21 Jesus Christ is the Son of God

- ☐ I embrace it wholeheartedly
- ☐ I accept it because the church teaches it
- ☐ I have some questions about it
- ☐ I have major doubts about it
- ☐ I don't accept it
- ☐ This question is not important to me

4.22 The Investigative or pre-Advent judgment began in 1844

- ☐ I embrace it wholeheartedly
- ☐ I accept it because the church teaches it
- ☐ I have some questions about it
- ☐ I have major doubts about it
- ☐ I don't accept it
- ☐ This question is not important to me

4.23 The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies

- ☐ I embrace it wholeheartedly
- ☐ I accept it because the church teaches it
- ☐ I have some questions about it
- ☐ I have major doubts about it
- ☐ I don't accept it
- ☐ This question is not important to me

4.24 Ellen G. White was an inspired messenger to the Adventist church

- ☐ I embrace it wholeheartedly
- ☐ I accept it because the church teaches it
- ☐ I have some questions about it
- ☐ I have major doubts about it
- ☐ I don't accept it
- ☐ This question is not important to me

4.25 Adventist standards regarding healthful living

- ☐ I embrace it wholeheartedly
- ☐ I accept it because the church teaches it
- ☐ I have some questions about it
- ☐ I have major doubts about it
- ☐ I don't accept it
- ☐ This question is not important to me

4.26 Adventist teachings regarding modesty and simplicity in dress

- ☐ I embrace it wholeheartedly
- ☐ I accept it because the church teaches it
- ☐ I have some questions about it
- ☐ I have major doubts about it
- ☐ I don't accept it
- ☐ This question is not important to me

4.27 How would you describe your attitude toward religion and spirituality?

- ☐ I'm religious but not spiritual
- ☐ I'm spiritual but not religious
- ☐ I am both spiritual and religious
- ☐ I am neither spiritual nor religious

*Thank you for helping us with this Church Member Survey.
We sincerely appreciate your help in this research project.*

Seventh-day Adventist Church— Member Survey

FAITH, BELIEFS, PERCEPTIONS, ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS



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This questionnaire concerns your own beliefs, faith experience, perceptions, attitudes, and involvement in your local church. The information you provide will help church leaders learn how to strengthen your local church and to better understand your religious life. You are one of those selected to take part, and your help is very important. We appreciate your help in this survey.

What you say in this survey is completely anonymous. We do not ask for your name, and there are no codes that can identify you by name.

Please answer ALL questions as honestly as possible. Do not ask anyone else how they think you should answer. We want to know your feelings, your beliefs, and your opinions.

Do not spend too much time on any one question. Answer each question as seems best, then move quickly to the next one. We really want to thank you for helping us.

We need you to know that you have the right not to participate if that is your preference. Your completion of this survey will help to make our findings that much more representative and effective.

I. YOUR INFORMATION

We need to know some important information about you.

1.1 How do you describe yourself?

- ☐ Black
- ☐ Caucasian (White)
- ☐ East Asian
- ☐ Latin/Hispanic
- ☐ South Asian
- ☐ Other

1.2 What is your Gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

1.3 Are you a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist church?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

1.4 How old are you?

- ☐ Younger than 15 years of age
- ☐ 16-20
- ☐ 21-25
- ☐ 26-30
- ☐ 31-35
- ☐ 36-40
- ☐ 41-45
- ☐ 46-50
- ☐ 51-55
- ☐ 56-60
- ☐ 61-65
- ☐ 66-70
- ☐ 71-75
- ☐ 76-80
- ☐ Older than 80

1.5 What country are you living in?

Fill in in the space provided:

1.6 On the average, about how many times have you attended church services during the last year?

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1-2
- ☐ A few times
- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ 2-3 times a month
- ☐ 4 or more times a month

1.7 What is the highest level of school have you completed?

- ☐ Elementary school only
- ☐ Elementary school and some high school
- ☐ High school graduate
- ☐ Some college or university
- ☐ College or university graduate
- ☐ Graduate school or professional school graduate

1.8 Have you attended a Seventh-day Adventist school, college or university? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ No SDA schooling
- ☐ Some SDA elementary
- ☐ Completed SDA elementary
- ☐ Some SDA junior high school
- ☐ Some SDA high school
- ☐ Seventh-day Adventist college or university
- ☐ Seventh-day Adventist graduate school or professional school

1.9 Have you been a Seventh-day Adventist from birth:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

1.10 If not, then for how long have you been a Seventh-day Adventist? (What answer is the best answer for you?)

- ☐ Less than one year
- ☐ 1-4 years
- ☐ 5-10 years
- ☐ 11-15 years
- ☐ 16-20 years
- ☐ 21-25 years
- ☐ 26-30 years
- ☐ 31-35 years
- ☐ 36-40 years
- ☐ 41-45 years
- ☐ 46-50 years
- ☐ More than 50 years

1.11 I am employed by an institution that is owned by or affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4.11 I expect the world as we know it to end within the next 20 years ① ② ③ ④

4.12 If I have been baptized, I will make it to heaven if I remain a good person all my life ① ② ③ ④

4.13 I believe God created the world in exactly six days of 24 hours each in the relatively recent past ① ② ③ ④

4.14 I believe God created the world ① ② ③ ④

4.15 If I am to be saved, I need to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church ① ② ③ ④

4.16 The Adventist church believes in "present truth" which means beliefs might change over time ① ② ③ ④

4.17 The true Sabbath is the seventh day Saturday ① ② ③ ④

4.18 When a person dies their body remains in the grave and their soul sleeps until the resurrection ① ② ③ ④

4.19 Read the following statements carefully; then mark next to the statement that is closest to your understanding of what the Bible is.

- ☐ The Bible contains no more truth or wisdom than do the religious books of other world religions
- ☐ The Bible is the work of people who collected stories that had been created to explain the mysteries of life. It contains a great deal of wisdom about the human experience
- ☐ The Bible is the work of people who genuinely loved God and who wanted to share their understanding of God's activity in the world
- ☐ 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
- ☐ The Bible is the work of people who copied what God told them word for word, and who wrote without being influenced by their own place and time
- ☐ 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

4.20 Read the following statements carefully; then mark next to the one that is closest to your understanding of the writings of Ellen G. White.

- ☐ I don't know who Ellen G. White is
- ☐ Ellen G. White's writings contain no more truth or wisdom than do the religious works written by leaders of other denominations
- ☐ Ellen G. White was a person who created stories of supernatural guidance in order to explain the mysteries of life. Her writings contain a great deal of wisdom about the human experience
- ☐ Ellen G. White was inspired by God and presented God's message in terms of her own place and time
- ☐ Ellen G. White copied what God told her word for word, and wrote without being influenced by her own place and time

- 3.71 My whole approach to life is based on my religion ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
3.72 I go to church mainly because I enjoy seeing people I know there ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
3.73 I pray mainly because I have been taught to pray ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
3.74 Prayers I say when I am alone are as important to me as those I say in church ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
3.75 Although I believe in my religion, many other things are more important to me ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Instructions: How often do you do any of the following?

1= Never 2= Less than once a month 3= About once a week
4= More than once a week 5= Daily or more than once a day

- 3.76 Read the Bible ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
3.77 Engage in personal devotions ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
3.78 Read the writings of Ellen G. White ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
3.79 Have family worship (Prayers or religious devotions you have together as a family away from church)? ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

4. ABOUT WHAT YOU BELIEVE

You are doing great and you are almost finished. This is the last section of our survey.

Choose from these responses. [We do not expect you to agree with all of the following statements.] Choose from these answers.

1= Strongly disagree 2= Disagree more than agree 3= Agree more than disagree
4= Strongly agree

- 4.1 God loves everyone, and I should be all right in the end if I am a morally good person ① ② ③ ④
4.2 I believe in a personal God who seeks a relationship with human beings ① ② ③ ④
4.3 When you get right down to it, there are only two kinds of people in the world: the righteous, who will be rewarded by God, and the rest, who will not ① ② ③ ④
4.4 Christianity is about Jesus giving me power to conquer sin in my life ① ② ③ ④
4.5 I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me ① ② ③ ④
4.6 I believe that Jesus was born of a virgin ① ② ③ ④
4.7 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 ① ② ③ ④
4.8 There is no body of teaching, or set of scriptures, which is completely without error or contradiction ① ② ③ ④
4.9 Of all the people on earth, one group has a special relationship with God ① ② ③ ④
4.10 A relationship with Jesus is important, but I will not get to heaven unless I obey God's law ① ② ③ ④

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2. ABOUT YOUR CHURCH

Think about your local church. How true of your church are each of these statements?

2.1 How often do you attend worship services at your church?

- ☐ A few times a year or less
☐ Once every month or two
☐ Two or three times a month
☐ About once a week
☐ More than once a week

2.2 I would PREFER to go to church:

- ☐ A few times a year or less
☐ Once every month or two
☐ Two or three times a month
☐ About once a week
☐ More than once a week

2.3 How do you consider your involvement in your church? (Mark the answer below that is the closest description of your attachment to your church)

- ☐ I do not participate at all in church activities
☐ I consider myself an observer
☐ I consider myself a casual participant
☐ I consider myself an active participant
☐ I consider myself a leader in my church

2.4 How satisfied are you with the church you attend?

1= Very dissatisfied 5= Neutral 10= Very satisfied

- ☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5
☐ 6
☐ 7
☐ 8
☐ 9
☐ 10

2.5 What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local Seventh-day Adventist church to worship in another congregation of a different faith?

- ☐ When sermons are boring
☐ When church is cold and unfriendly
☐ When there are no activities beyond weekend services
☐ When worship services are not meaningful
☐ No longer in agreement with the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
☐ Other (Add a sentence that answers this)

2.6 What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local Seventh-day Adventist church to worship in another Seventh-day Adventist church?

- ☐ When sermons are boring
☐ When church is cold and unfriendly
☐ When there are no activities beyond weekend services
☐ When worship services are not meaningful
☐ Other (Add a sentence that answers this)

2.7 What characteristics of church life would make you consider leaving your local Seventh-day Adventist church to worship at home?

- ☐ When sermons are boring
☐ When church is cold and unfriendly
☐ When there are no activities beyond weekend services
☐ When worship services are not meaningful
☐ Other (Add a sentence that answers this)

PAG. 3

Think about your experience with your church. (Include Sabbath School, Bible studies, youth programming, outreach ministries, worship services and the like.) For each of these statements, tell how true it is for you.

1 = Never 2 = Sometimes 3 = Often 4 = Almost always

- 2.8 Programs at my church are interesting 1 2 3 4
2.9 Programs at my church make me think 1 2 3 4
2.10 My Sabbath School teachers or leaders know me well 1 2 3 4
2.11 My pastor knows me well 1 2 3 4
2.12 The leaders in the church are warm and friendly 1 2 3 4
2.13 I can be myself at church 1 2 3 4
2.14 The leaders in our church care about me 1 2 3 4
2.15 I look forward to going to programs at my church 1 2 3 4
2.16 I go to programs at church because I want to 1 2 3 4
2.17 My church is helping me grow closer to Christ 1 2 3 4
2.18 I attend small group meetings organized by the church 1 2 3 4
2.19 I feel uncomfortable/guilty when I do not attend church most weekends 1 2 3 4
2.20 I feel proud of my church and its role and reputation in my community 1 2 3 4
2.21 I participate in the activities organized by the youth ministry 1 2 3 4
2.22 My church uses the Adventist youth hymnal 1 2 3 4
2.23 My church sermons include targeting young 1 2 3 4
2.24 My church addresses the issue of music 1 2 3 4
2.25 The pastor and elders are involved in youth ministry 1 2 3 4
2.26 Meet the document Adventist world church is about the philosophy of music 1 2 3 4

Do you support your church with your donations? If Yes, go through options 2.21–2.29; If No, go to question 2.30 Mark the answer that best describes your involvement in the following financial activities of your local church.

Choose from these answers:

1 = Never 2 = Seldom 3 = Sometimes 4 = Often 5 = Always 6 = N/A

- 2.27 Through my tithe 1 2 3 4 5 6
2.28 Local church budget 1 2 3 4 5 6
2.29 Christian education 1 2 3 4 5 6
2.30 The church building fund 1 2 3 4 5 6
2.31 The mission program of the church 1 2 3 4 5 6
2.32 The evangelistic projects of the church 1 2 3 4 5 6
2.33 I provide extra for the 13th Sabbath offering 1 2 3 4 5 6
2.34 I provide support for the local church school 1 2 3 4 5 6
2.35 Through wills and trusts 1 2 3 4 5 6

PAG. 4

How true is each of the following statements for you personally? Score these questions on a scale of one to 5 with 1 being "Never," and 5 being "Often."

1=Never 2 3 4 5=Often

- 3.44 I help others with their religious questions and struggles 1 2 3 4 5
3.45 I seek out opportunities to help me grow spiritually 1 2 3 4 5
3.46 I feel a deep sense of responsibility for reducing pain and suffering in the world 1 2 3 4 5
3.47 I give significant portions of time and money to help other people 1 2 3 4 5
3.48 I feel God's presence in my relationships with other people 1 2 3 4 5
3.49 I feel my life is filled with meaning and purpose 1 2 3 4 5
3.50 I show that I care a great deal about reducing poverty in my country and throughout the world 1 2 3 4 5
3.51 I apply my faith to political and social issues 1 2 3 4 5
3.52 The things I do reflect a commitment to Jesus Christ 1 2 3 4 5
3.53 I talk with other people about my faith 1 2 3 4 5
3.54 I have a real sense that God is guiding me 1 2 3 4 5
3.55 I am spiritually moved by the beauty of God's creation 1 2 3 4 5

The following are a few questions about your attitude toward religion

1=I strongly disagree 2=I tend to disagree 3=I'm not sure 4=I tend to agree
5=I strongly agree

- 3.56 I enjoy reading about Seventh-day Adventism 1 2 3 4 5
3.57 I go to church because it helps me to make friends 1 2 3 4 5
3.58 It doesn't much matter what I believe so long as I am good 1 2 3 4 5
3.59 Sometimes I have to disregard my religious beliefs because of what people might think of me 1 2 3 4 5
3.60 It is important to me to spend time in private thought and prayer 1 2 3 4 5
3.61 I have often had a strong sense of God's presence 1 2 3 4 5
3.62 I pray mainly to gain relief and protection 1 2 3 4 5
3.63 I try hard to live according to my religious beliefs 1 2 3 4 5
3.64 What religion offers me most is comfort in difficult times 1 2 3 4 5
3.65 My religion is important because it answers many questions about the meaning of life 1 2 3 4 5
3.66 I would rather join a Bible study group than a church social group 1 2 3 4 5
3.67 Prayer is for peace and happiness 1 2 3 4 5
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On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being **the lowest** "not at all" and a score of 5 **the highest** being "very much," how well do each of these describe your pastor?

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