# STATISTICAL REPORT

### **Mission trends** and progress



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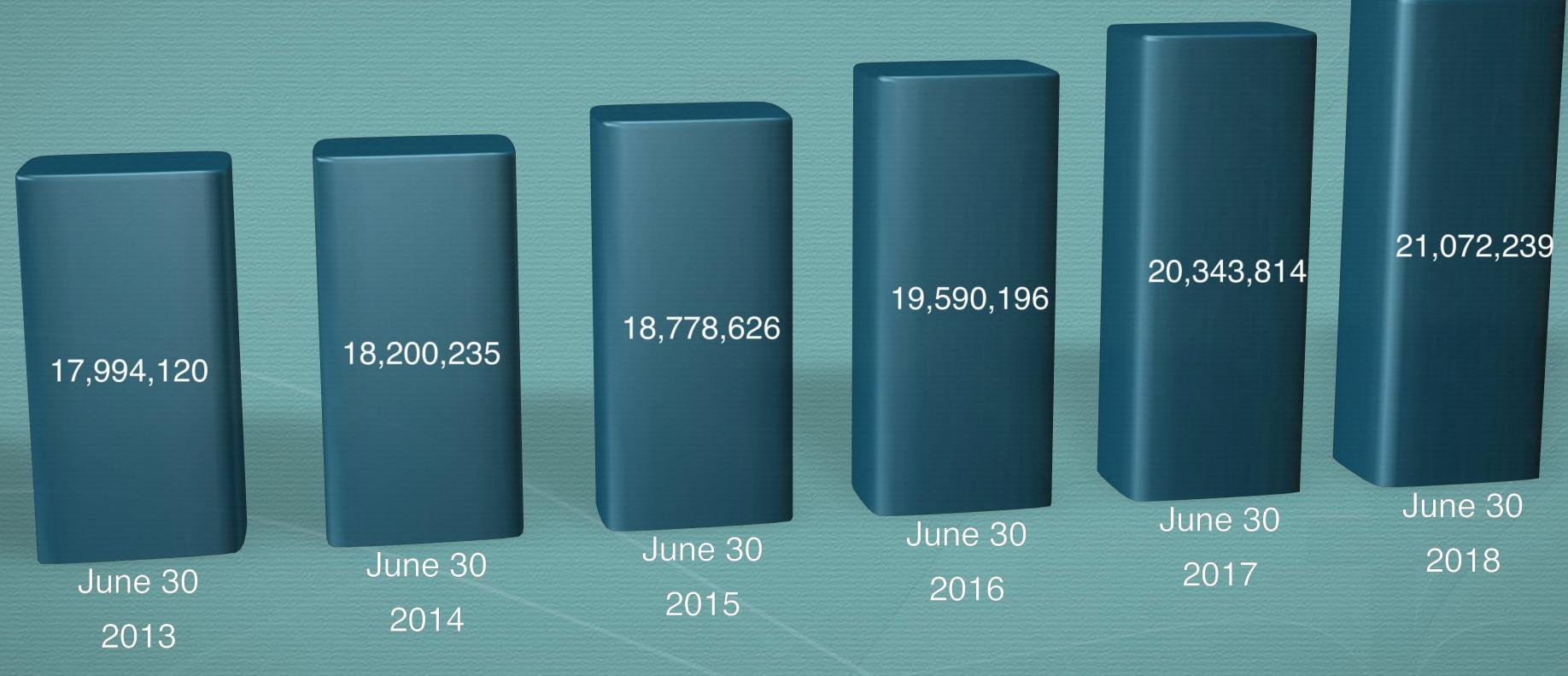
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# RESOURCES





## MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

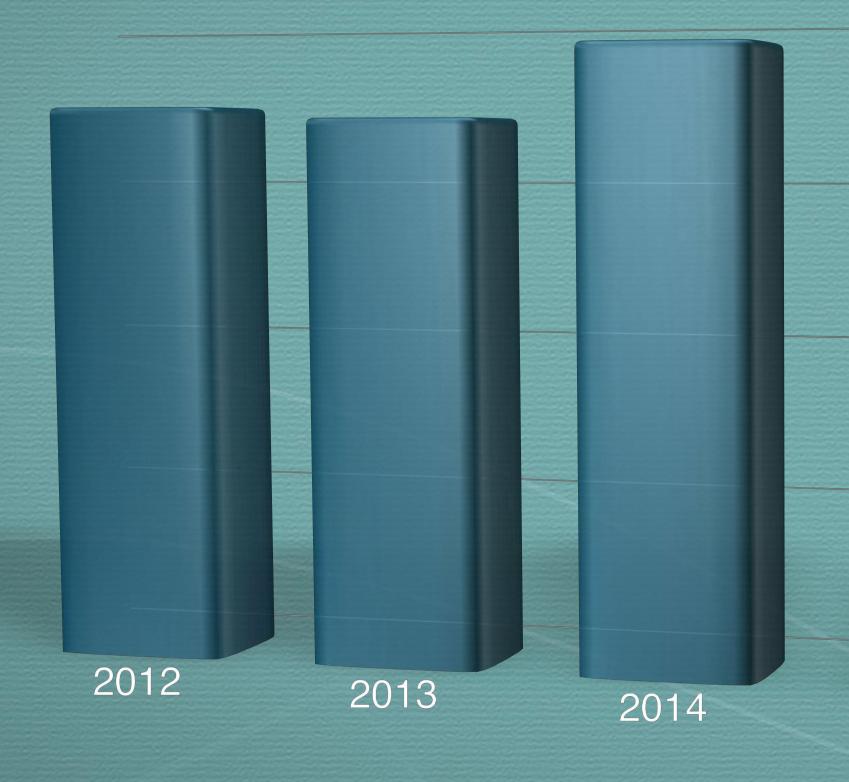


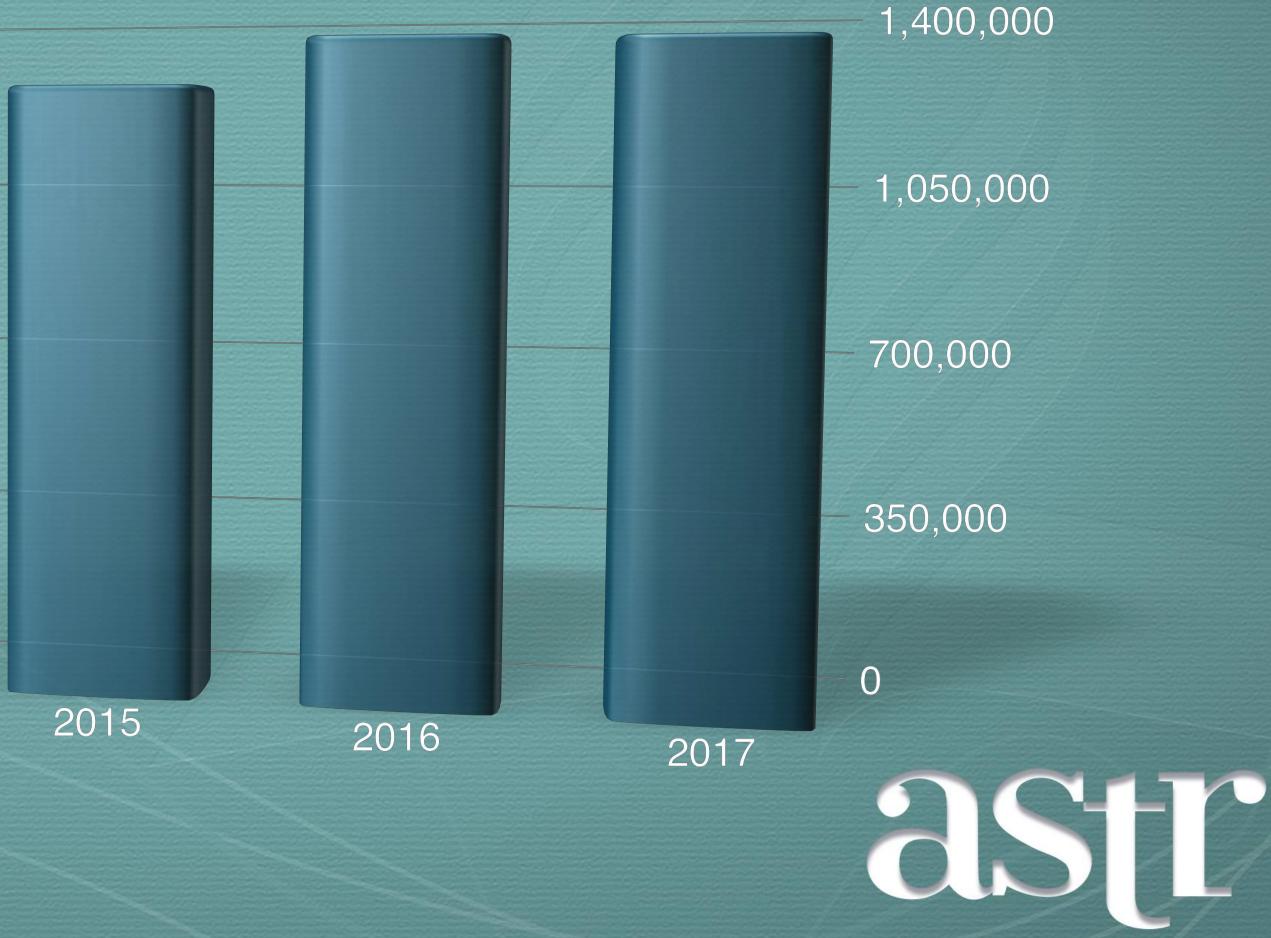






## ACCESSIONS Year-End Through 2017







## ACCESSIONS CALENDAR YEAR 2017

27,412 ····· 44,696 ······

### .....1,280,823

Baptisms
Profession of Faith
Adjustments

Total 2017 Accessions: 1,352,931





## LIVING LOSSES CALENDAR YEAR 2017 Dropped 197,761

### Adjustments 159,739

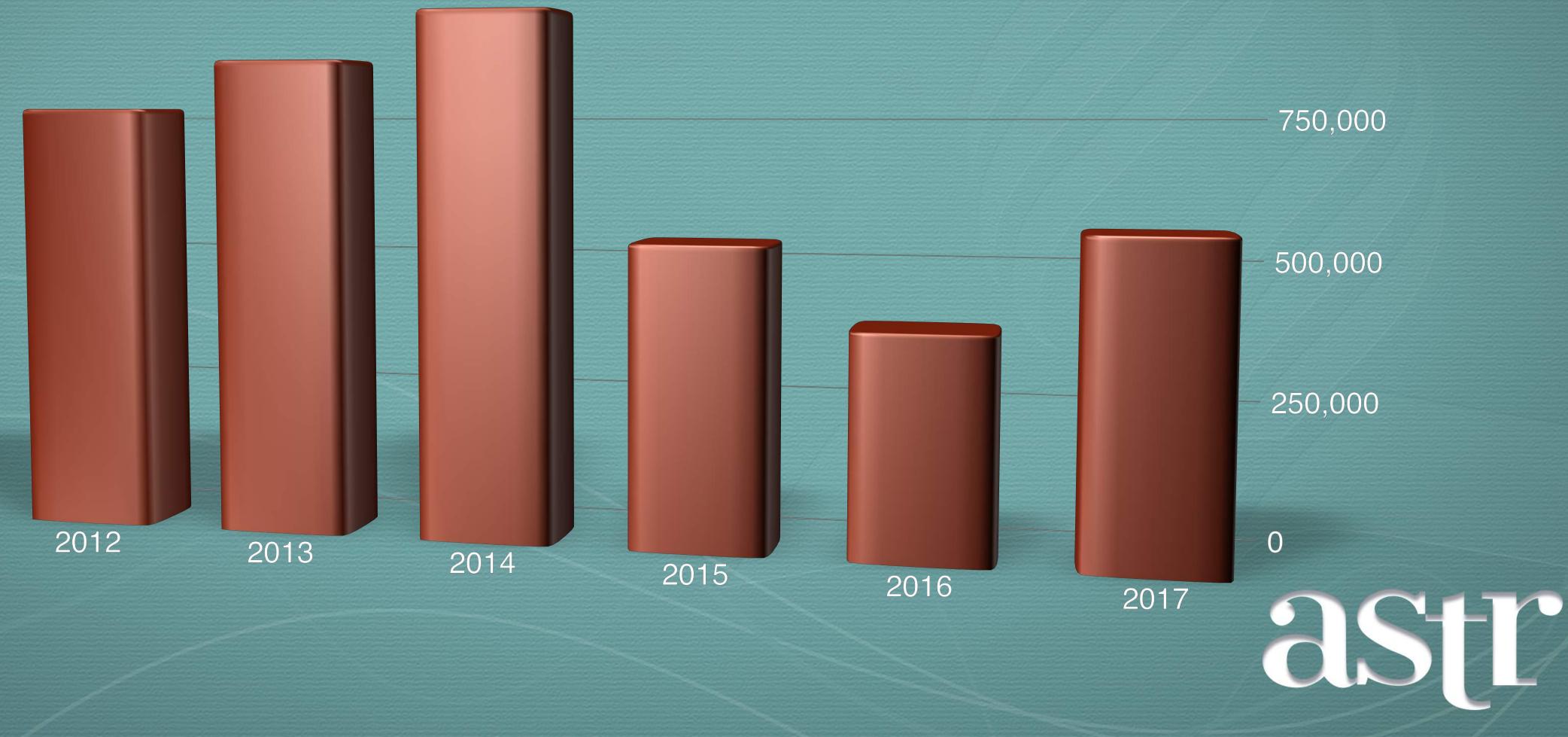
Dropped
Missing
Adjustments

Total 2017
Losses: 563,205

Missing 205,705







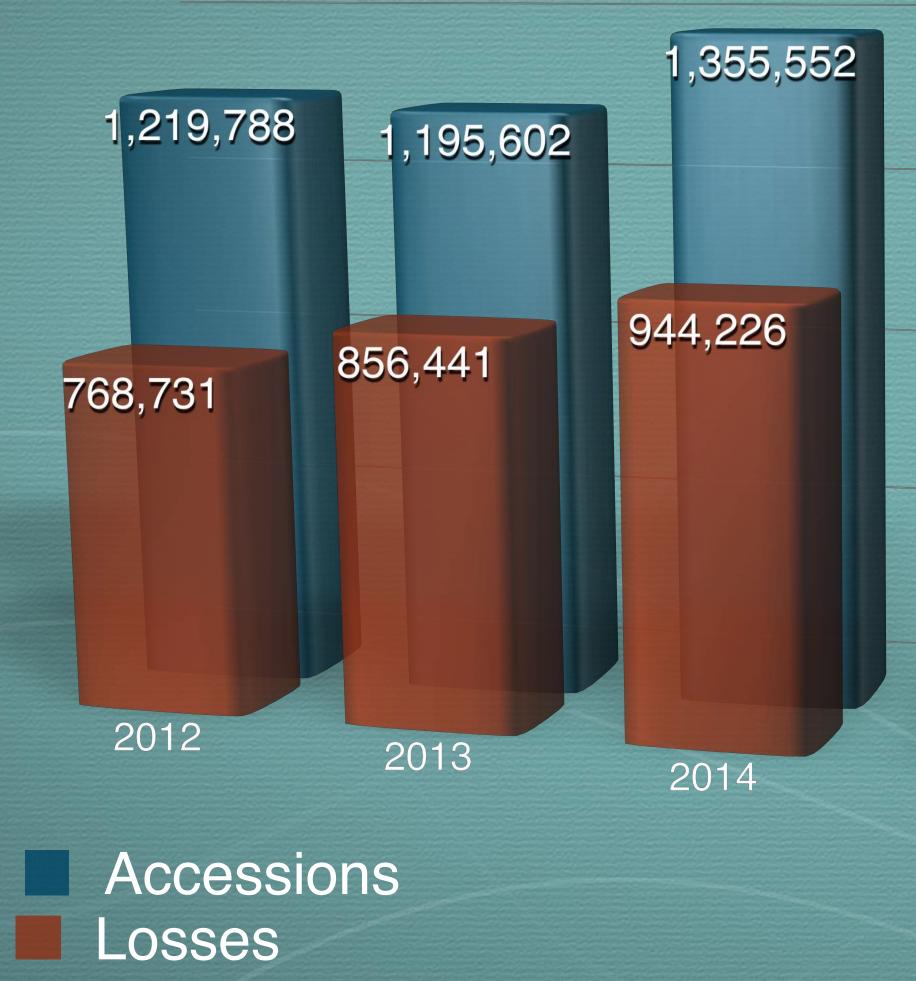


### Year-End Through 2017





## GAINS AND LOSSES



			1,400,000
1,260,880	1,356,476	1,352,931	
			1,050,000
			700,000
536,713	394,248	563,205	350,000
2015	2016		0
	2016	2017	aSt







**10M** -15M -10M -5M **5**M **15M** 20M 0 14,521,088 22,617,796

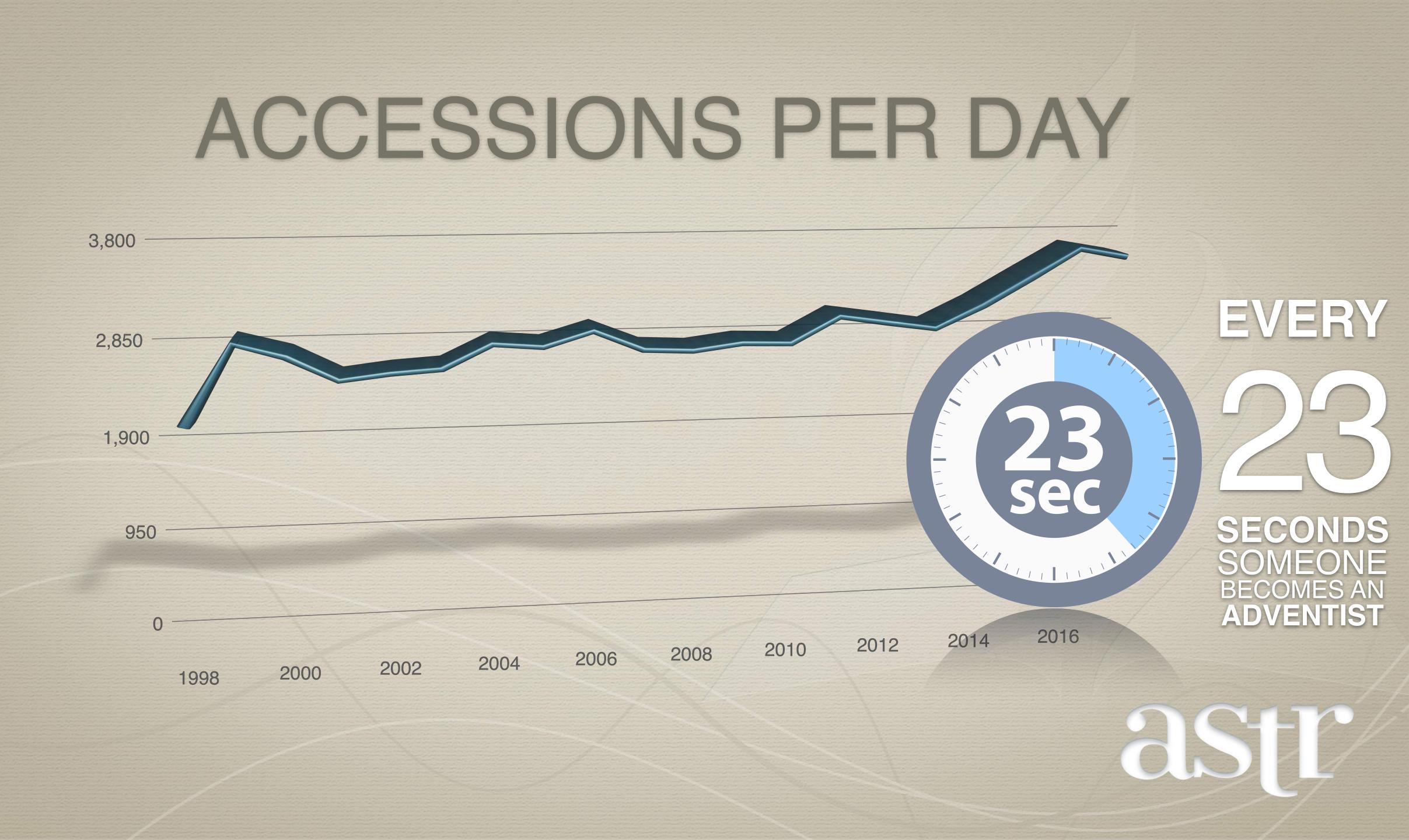
Since 1965, 37,138,884 people have been members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Of those, 14,521,088 have chosen to leave. Our net loss rate is 42%. In effect, 4 of every 10 church members are slipping away.

# MEMBERS WHO LEAVE

Members who left Members who stayed

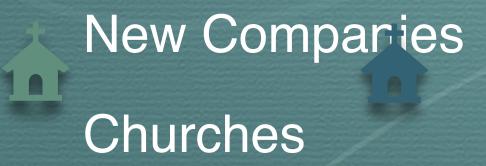






## NEW CONGREGATIONS (IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS)

1,998



New







# NEW CONGREGATIONS

1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008

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New Companies

**Twenty-Year Trend** New Churches

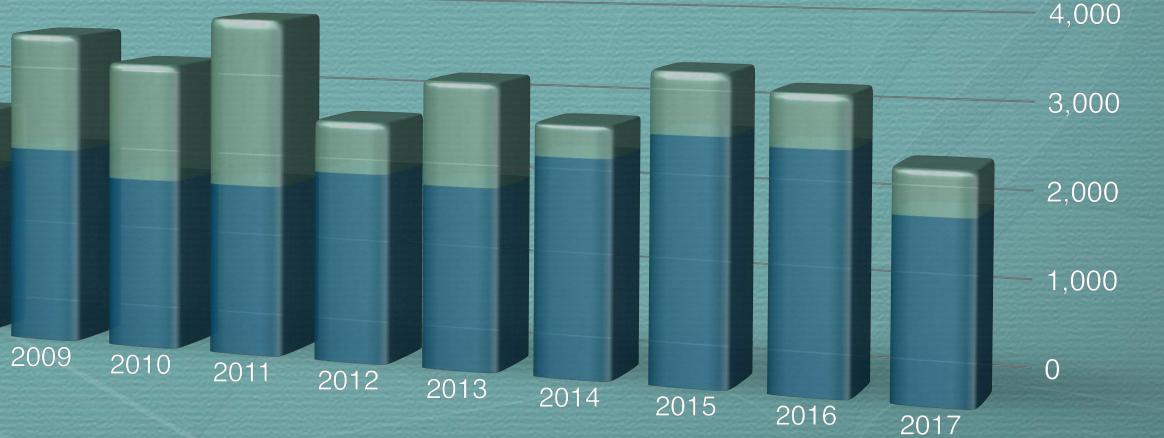
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8,000

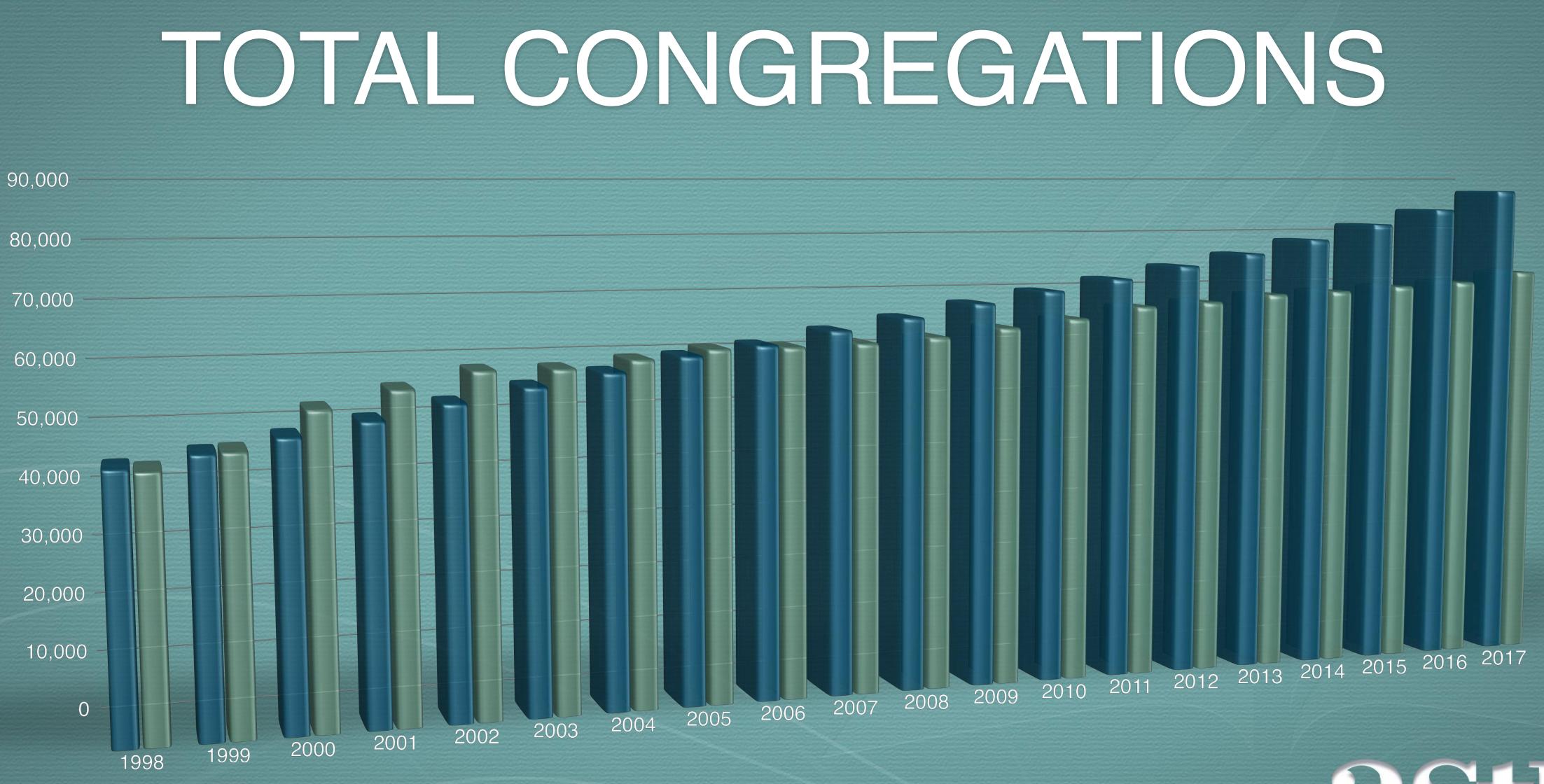
7,000

6,000









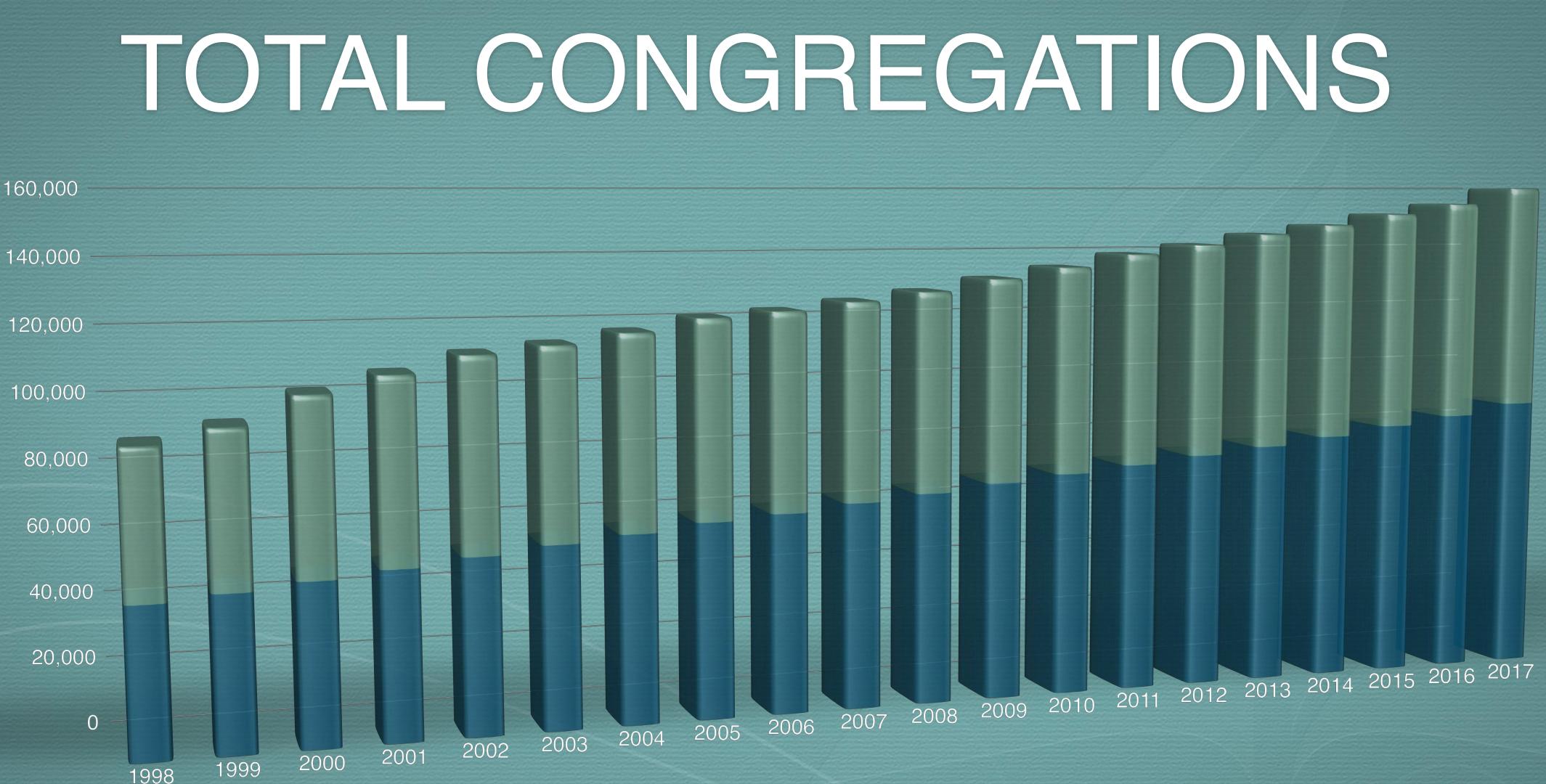
Total Companies

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### **Total Churches**







Total Companies

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### Total Churches





## **POPULATION RATIO** (Worldwide ratio of one Seventh-day Adventist to every \_\_\_\_\_ people .)

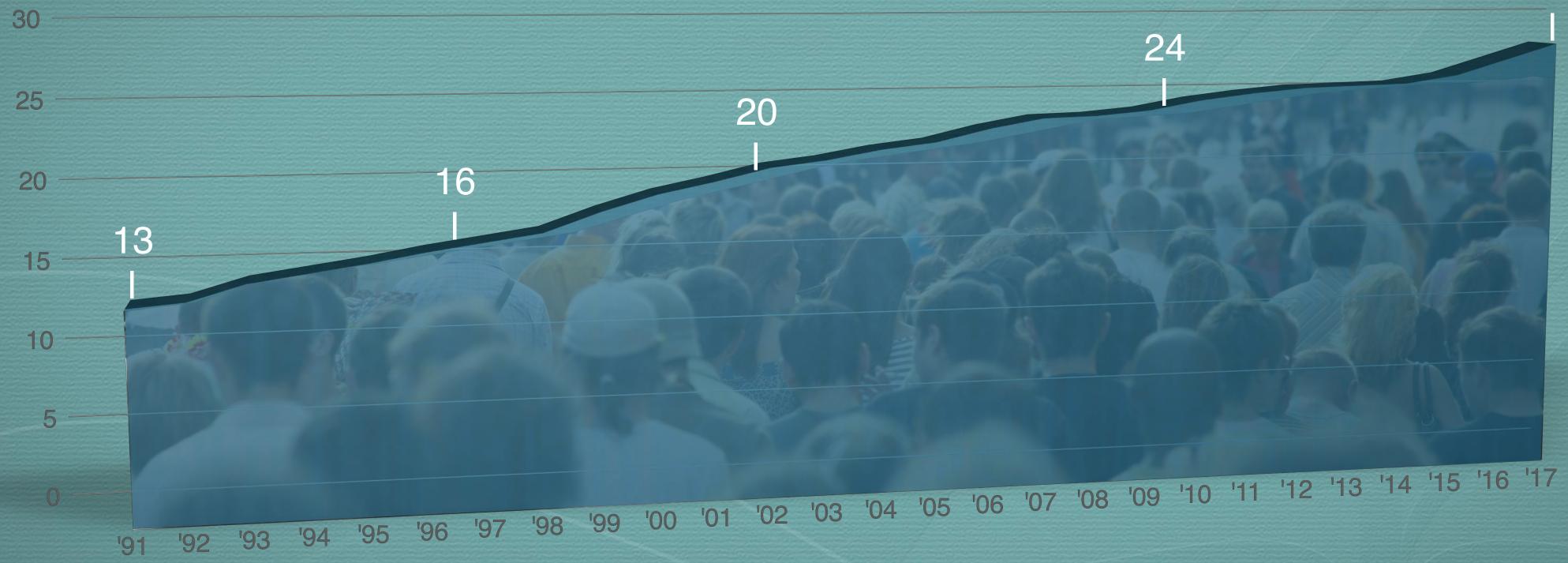


(Lower numbers are better)





## MEMBERS PER 10,000 (of General World Population)



24

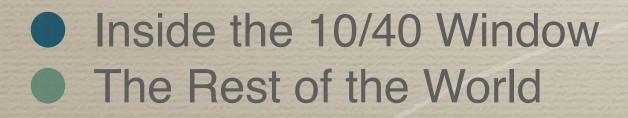


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# INSIDE VS. OUTSIDE THE 10/40 WINDOW

Number of Countries Churches & Companies 23,207 Ordained Ministers 1,650 135,127



(Thousands)

5,007,241

**Estimated Population** 

**Church Membership** 

2,971,633

17,755,714

**33%** 2,527,935

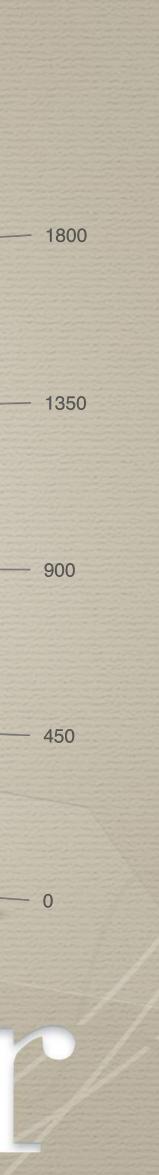
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Population per

**Member Ratio** 

1,685:1

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## DIVISION SHARE OF 2016 WORLD MISSION OFFERING 2017

**Inter-American** 14.93% Euro-Asia 0.53% **East-Central Africa** 2.77% Attd Fields 0.20% **West-Central Africa** 2.03% Trans-European 3.26% Southern Asia-Pacific 3.30% Southern Asia 0.44% S. Africa-Indian Ocean 4.07% South Pacific 6.53%

Inter-European 7.95% =

n EUD + TED = 1.25% membership = 11.25% mission offering

North American 26.06%

EUD + TED + SPD = 3.75% membership = 17.75% mission offering

Northern Asia-Pacific 4.12%

South American CLS 23.80%



### DIVISION SHARE OF WORLD MISSION OFFERING 10-YEAR TREND, 2006-2016

East-Central Africa Euro-Asia Inter-American Inter-European North American Northern Asia-Pacific South American South Pacific S. Africa-Indian Ocean Southern Asia Southern Asia-Pacific Trans-European West-Central Africa Attd Fields

0%

5%







15%

10%



30%



## TOP FIVE DIVISIONS' SHARE OF WORLD MISSION OFFERING, 2006–2016

40%	
35%	
30%	
25%	
20%	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••
15%	
10%	
5%	
	200



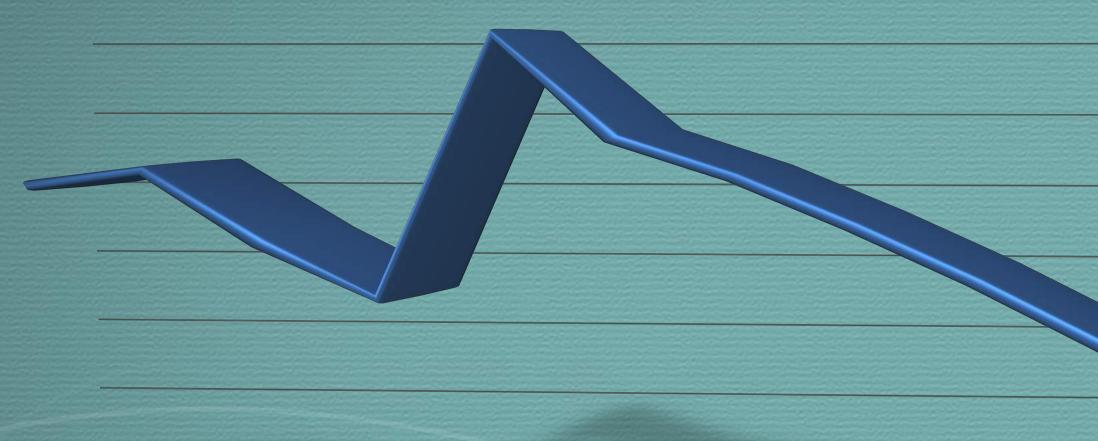
Inter-

Inter-South

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## WORLD GIVING, 1926-2016 World Mission Offering as a Percent of World Tithe



1926 1931 1936 1941 1946 1951 1956 1961 1966 19

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71	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	3% 2016





# CONCLUSION

Counting baptisms and members, or counting churches and companies, or counting tithes and mission offerings: all are means, not ends in themselves.

They are a way to tell us how we are doing in reaching our greater goal.









If we use numbers to identify trends in mission, they can help us

If we rely on numbers to shore up our identity, **they will harm us** 

# CONCLUSION





# "Not by might, nor by power, [nor by numerical strength] but by my Spirit"



-ZECHARIAH 4:6



