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Five hundred years ago this month, Martin Luther, nailed to the door of Wittenburg Castle Church his list of 95 theses...
Season of Anniversaries

In 11 days' time, October 22nd, it will be the 173rd anniversary of the “Great Disappointment” of 1844
On October 22nd, it will also be 154 years & 16 weeks since the formal establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist church in May 1863.
Dangers of Forgetting

'We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history.'

Life Sketches (1915), 196
ASTR... is in the business of remembering.
We are also concerned with strengthening and developing Adventist identity.
And we strive to improve mission planning
ASTR brings together the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s past and present in order to inspire for the future.
ASTR staff
(photographed last week)
Data... helps us understand our identity and plan for mission.
Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook and Annual Statistical Report
Recent Growth in Church Organizational Units

- **Divisions**
  - 2004: 13
  - 2017: 13

- **Unions**
  - 2004: 102
  - 2017: 136

- **Conferences/Missions**
  - 2004: 567
  - 2017: 709

Legend:
- **2004**
- **2017**
Recent Growth in Church Organizational Church

Employees

Institutions

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2004

1,436

1,684

43,009

52,494
Documents—the historical record
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In the last three years, an average of 962,453 pages was scanned annually.
The distance from Baltimore, MD to Jersey City, NJ is 167 miles – or the exact length of 962,453 annually scanned pages of material
Five major projects in 2011–13, in which more than 40,000 church members were surveyed, formed the basis of the world Church strategic plan *Reach the World*
Currently

Surveys of church members in *every* division and church administrators from *every* union: this research will form the basis of the 2020-2025 world Church strategic plan.
INFORM
Theological Student Pays $50 Fine for Rum Running

Forced to Quit College Because of Money Shortage, He Still Plans to Become Missionary After Federal Court Conviction.

A student who is planning to become a foreign missionary was fined $50 by Judge Minton in U.S. Court Friday for attempting to smuggle liquor into the United States.

He is Floyd Mootz, 24, a student at Howard University in Washington, D.C., who had been a student at Howard for about two years. He was fined and has been forced to discontinue his studies. He was forced to borrow funds from his relatives to pay his fine.

Last June he was arrested by agents of the Customs Bureau at the Port Island when they seized him with a barrel and two cases of whiskey. He was released on bail, but when it was time to appear in court he failed to show up. Federal authorities lost track of him until a few days ago, when his name appeared in a list of those enrolled in the court.

In response to the court's order, he said, "I will pay the fine, but I cannot continue in school unless I have the money to do so." He added that he still planned to become a missionary.

Asked if he were planning to return to school, he said, "Yes, certainly. I expect to go back right away, complete my course, and begin my missionary work."
First baptism Kalambezi Mission.
Note the arrangement of the boats while baptising to avoid dangers of crocodiles.
China Mission Film

www.adventistarchives.org/chinahomemovie

On April 6, 1896, twin sons were born to William and Mary White in Goulburn, Australia. Named Herbert Clarence and James Henry, the latter went by Henry from a young age. They left Australia as young children and grew up in California. With Ellen White as grandmother, “foreign mission service was ever kept before them as the most desirable life objective,” as one of their friends later remembered, and both brothers responded to calls to serve as missionaries in China. Henry in 1912, Herbert in 1913, bringing their young families along with them. Herbert managed the church publishing house and did other administrative work, while Henry worked in education. Both families returned home in 1919. Sadly, both brothers died young: Henry in 1934, and Herbert in 1932.

Henry White was a keen amateur movie-maker and photographer. He sold photographs commercially, and he is the filmmaker behind the 16mm footage you see here. He took many movies in China, both of the local people and of missionaries. The footage was donated to the Adventist Archives last year by Henry’s daughter, Baphne Odell, and her daughter, Marilyn Cook, and was
Note what James White says after all the parliamentary maneuvering...
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**Bro. White.** Bro Chairman (you will permit me to call you brother chairman as Mr. is so exceedingly cold), I wish to make a very few re-
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