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The basic purpose of this session is to describe a research partnership between the NAD and Andrews University as it applies to one study call the State of the Church Survey

During this session we will:

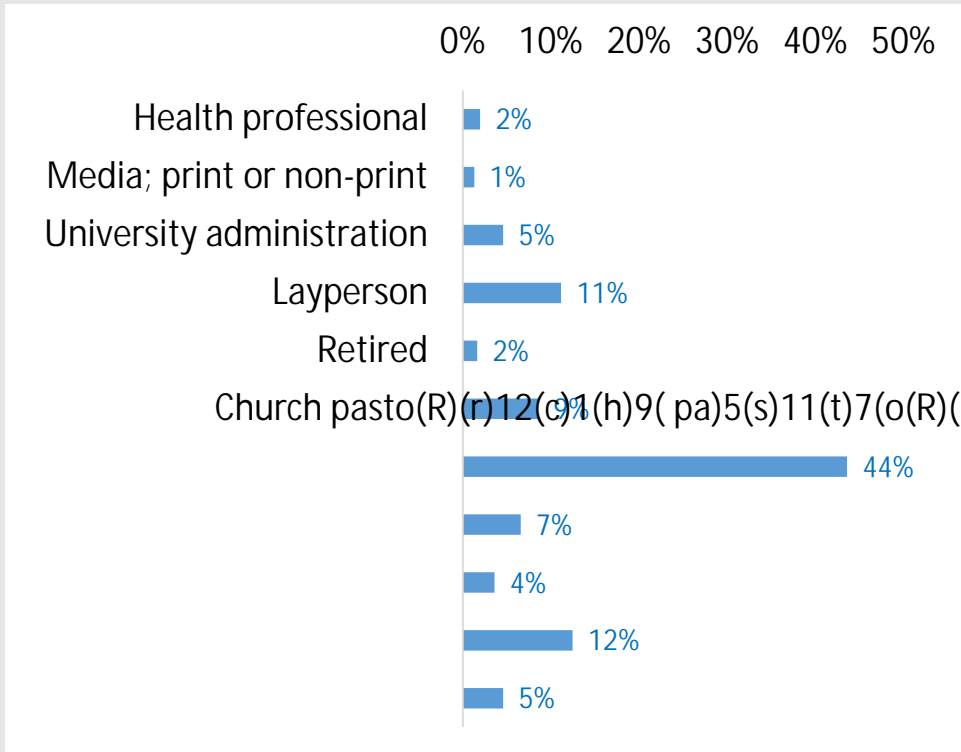
1. Discuss a vision of Andrews University as a research arm of the Adventist Church

- A few years ago the GC, the NAD and Andrews University made a deliberate decision to work together to conduct key research projects for the Church. Some would be via RFP's and some directed.
- Has great benefits for the Church, Andrews and students:
  - i. Use our professional skills to advance the church's mission,
  - ii. Research data to analysis, present and publish for faculty and students,
  - iii. Collaboration provides access to study Churches/members/power structure that would be impossible otherwise,
  - iv. Can work into Andrews focus on

- The North American Division's motivation for the study
- First discussions between Dr. Brantley & McBride in January of 2014
- Issues faced in developing an MOU:
  - i. The needed research time-line and academic schedules – report was need by mid-May of 2014.
  - ii. Academic commitment to presenting and publishing and Church concerns with publicity.



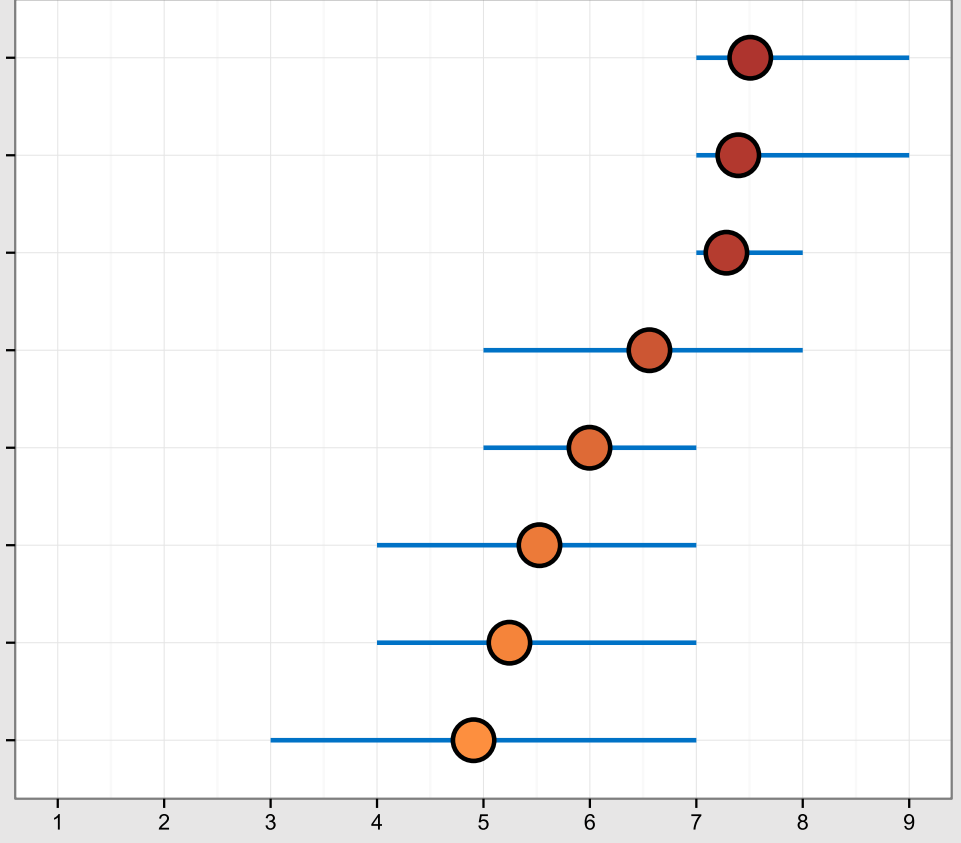
# Demographics



role in the church

age range

Indicate to what extent \_\_\_\_\_ feel concern about the following societal issues and their possible impact on the Church.





Indicate with what extent of \_\_\_\_\_ feel  
the Church should be addressing the following.  
Which issues within the Church need  
attention?



Looking at our system as a whole across the NAD, to what extent is there a need to the following from what we have now?

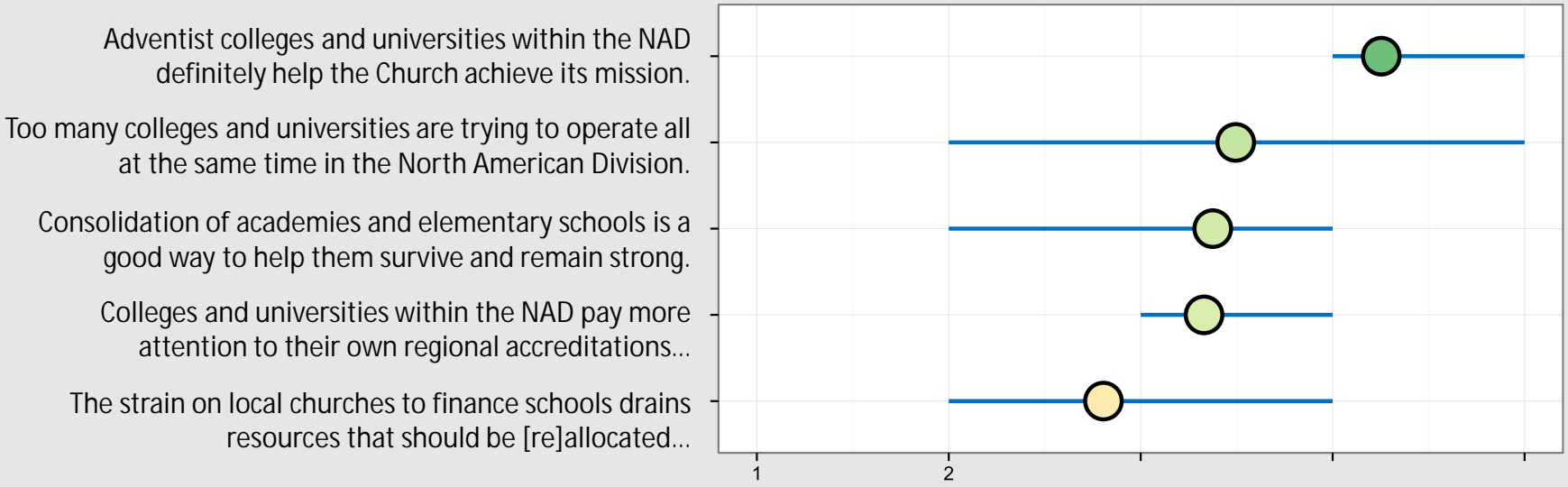


The basic structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has remained essentially the same for the past 100 years. Do you feel this structure is appropriate for today?



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Do you feel that some things of lasting significance will result from this meeting on church structure coming up May 13-15?



1. Societal issues – Trends that impact families and youth, like divorce, media saturation, secularism and addictions are perceived as the external issues of most concern.
2. Internal issues -- The loss of youth and young adults and providing them an Adventist education is the most urgent internal issue facing the NAD.
3. Ordination of women -- A very large majority of the NAD leaders believe that it is urgent that the Church move beyond the ordination of women issues.
4. Structural issues must be faced -- A large majority believe that the NAD must address structural issues such as the numbers and functions of unions/conferences and schools (a lot less certainty as to how.

5.



- The data has been used to help resolve policy issues.
- Findings helped quantify and add precision to general consensus of church leaders.
- Study results initiated three committees to address:
  1. New approaches to evangelism
  2. Viability of Adventist Education
  3. Analysis of church structure

➤ Collegial respect and cooperation – –

- Join the Association for Adventist Human Subjects Research to see what kinds of research that Adventist scholars are engaging in and to meet those in charge of Church issues Requests for Proposals.
- Partner with the various ministries/departments of the NAD and GC.
- Assess your capacity and church needs/interests.
- Work with Gary Burdick to get on RFP distribution list.