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INVESTIGATING DIVERSITY

Exploring Race, Gender, and Unity in the Adventist Church

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Congress is diverse. But what about churches?



The diversity of the 116th U.S. Congress is a hot topic these days. But what about churches? How much do they reflect the demographics of the nation?

In 2014, the Pew Research Center surveyed more than 35,000 Americans from all 50 states about religious issues. Researchers found a wide variety of diversity levels among U.S. religions. Of 30 religious groups – including Muslims, Catholics and Jehovah's

Witnesses – Seventh-day Adventists led the pack as the most racially and ethnically diverse religion in the nation.

But what does that mean, exactly? And how did that diversity come to be?

This week, we launch “Investigating Diversity: Exploring Race, Gender and Unity in the Adventist Church,” a multimedia journalism project led by students in an Interactive Journalism class at Southern Adventist University.

We will drill down into the numbers and uncover the demographic trends driving SDA diversity numbers.

While we work on the project, we’ll share our research, as well as insights from our personal journeys. You might even learn a thing or two about interactive journalism.

In the meantime, what’s your church diversity story?

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