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The Adventist Church counts about 423,000 members worshiping in nearly 2,000 churches. The division’s population is nearly 37 million people. More than 80 percent of the division’s membership lives in Papua New Guinea and Pacific island nations.
“Actual Church growth in 2011 and 2012 shows a decline in membership growth. While there were baptisms throughout the Division territories, there were increasing numbers of missing and non-existing members. This is a challenge for local churches to strategically address in 2013.”

Pastor Lawrence Tanabose
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Australian Union Conference - Membership
New Zealand Pacific Union Conference

![Bar chart showing the number of members from 2008 to 2013. The chart displays a gradual increase in membership from 2008 to 2012, followed by a significant increase in the first quarter of 2013, and a slight decrease in the second quarter of 2013.]

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Papua New Guinea Union Mission - Membership

255,000
250,000
245,000
240,000
235,000
230,000
225,000
220,000
215,000
210,000
205,000

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

1st Qtr 2013
2nd Qtr 2013

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Trans-Pacific Union Mission - Membership

![Bar Chart showing membership growth from 2008 to 2013 (1st and 2nd Qtr)]
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Australian Union Conference
South Pacific Division
Australian Union Conference (Removed & Missing) 2003-2012
Australian Census Data 2011

In comparing the 2011 Australian Census data, 64,002 persons identified themselves as SDA’s while the general church membership according to the membership statistical data as at December 2011 was 56,741 members.
Reconnecting Ministries Launch
March 19-21, 2011

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VISION

TO RE-CONNECT WITH FORMER AND MISSING MEMBERS
MISSION

TO SUPPORT AND RESOURCE CONFERENCES IN THEIR STRATEGY TO RE-CONNECT FORMER MEMBERS TO JESUS AND THE CHURCH
VALUES

COMPASSION

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DEPENDENT

ALWAYS A PLACE AT THE TABLE
GOALS

1. EDUCATE

2. TRAIN

3. PROMOTE

4. RESOURCE
GOAL - EDUCATE

• A BIBLICAL FRAMEWORK FOR RM

• INSPIRE CHURCHES OF THE IMPORTANCE & URGENCY OF RM

• CHURCHES TO EXPERIENCE
  ‘LOVING RELATIONSHIPS’

• PROVIDE SEMINARS ON DISCIPLING AND RM

ALWAYS A PLACE AT THE TABLE
GOAL - TRAIN

- TRAIN AND RESOURCE -

  ADMINISTRATORS
  PASTORS
  ELDERS
  LOCAL CHURCH RM TEAMS
GOAL - PROMOTE

• USE MEDIA TO COMMUNCIATE RM

• NATIONALLY PROMOTE RM STRATEGIES

• DEVELOP A WEB-BASED FORUM FOR RM LEADERSHIP
GOAL - RESOURCE

DEVELOP AND PRODUCE RM RESOURCES
CONFERENCE - PARTICPATION

1. TO FACILITATE A MINISTRY OF RECONNECTING MINISTRY INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE RM COORDINATOR.

ROLE: TO PROMOTE, EDUCATE, TRAIN, ADVISE AND SUSTAIN THE WORK OF RM

DATE: BEGINNING 2012
CONFERENCE - PARTICIPATION

ALL CHURCHES AND REGIONS TO BE TRAINED BY THE END OF 2012

IDENTIFICATION OF FORMER/MISSING MEMBERS

DEVELOP ‘HOMECOMING’ EVENTS
Seven Teaching Modules

1. A Biblical Paradigm
2. Why People Leave the Church
3. First Signs of Leaving
4. Developing a Church Strategy
5. Reconnecting with Former Members
6. The Church as a Caring Community
7. Discipleship
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Nurture and Retention Summit 2013
RECONNECTING MINISTRIES

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