



# ANNOUNCEMENT #2

## Small Research Grants

Services to the Local Church

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The NAD's Office of Strategic Planning and Assessment (SP&A) would like to fund small research grants on various aspects of church life in the North American Division. Grants typically range between \$2,000 and \$5,000 although higher and lower grants amounts may be considered based on project scope.

Funding is open to university faculty, graduate and advanced undergraduate students as well as researchers in non-academic settings. Grants are based upon the NAD's research interests.

### Examples of topics of interest

- What do church officers in a variety of congregational settings say about the resources, training, and services they have and need? What has worked well for them?
- How many different independent and supporting ministries can be identified in within the NAD? How are they started? What unique contributions do they feel that they are making
- How do users of various Adventist services, materials, and resources rate the effectiveness of what they've ordered?
- How effective and lasting were various church initiatives planned 10 years ago according to the targeted recipients? (variable number of grants)
- How effective and lasting were various church initiatives planned 1-3 years ago according to the targeted recipients? (variable number of grants)
- What church materials does the typical church member read during the course of a month? How much material do they feel they can digest? Do they want more? Same? Less?
- What Adventist television programs does the typical church member tune in two during the course of a month?
- What is the awareness, attitude, and receptiveness of church members toward the Sabbath school materials provided them?

If you're interested, send us a topic proposal that includes:

- A paragraph indicating your name and level of research experience and other scholars available to assist you on this project; also indicate if you've ever done research on this topic.
- A fairly detailed paragraph stating what topic above you'd like to investigate and why. Indicate what research questions you'd like to answer.
- A paragraph indicating any other research you've found that relates to your topic of interest
- A paragraph indicating your proposed research and sampling methods for answering your research questions; also indicate how you would collect and analyze your data.
- A paragraph explaining how you would assure that your research is accurate (valid, reliable).

**E-MAIL** topic proposal and contact information to [Meredith.Carter@nad.adventist.org](mailto:Meredith.Carter@nad.adventist.org) by April 15, 2014.

