

REFOCUSING ON MISSION



Secretary's Report 2022 Year-End Council

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RECEPTION



Missions Focus



SECRETARIAT MISSION

To provide **administrative leadership** and **strategic direction** to leaders within West-Central Africa Division in **making disciples to reach the unreached**, with **integrity** and in adherence to the organization's **strategic objectives**, **standards**, and **Christian principles**.



SECRETARIAT METHODS

1. **Strategizing mission priorities for the Division**
2. **Promoting awareness of and enthusiasm for mission to the unreached**
3. **Developing a comprehensive mission enterprise following Christ's method**
4. **Facilitating the mobilization of resources for Mission**
5. **Supporting sound administration and fostering good governance**



Secretariat Family Members



RECORD CENTERS/ARCHIVES/STATISTICS

IPRS





STRATEGIC PLAN



6 KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES OF THE SECRETARIAT STRATEGIC PLAN

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6 KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES OF THE SECRETARIAT STRATEGIC PLAN

OBJECTIF

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❖ To revive the concept of worldwide mission and sacrifice for mission as a way of life involving not only **pastors**, but **every church member**, **young** and **old**, in the joy of **witnessing for Christ** and **making disciples**.



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❖ Our Departmental reports will show clearly that our **Women**, **Men**, **Youth** and **Children** are very much involved in the mission of the Church alongside **Pastors**



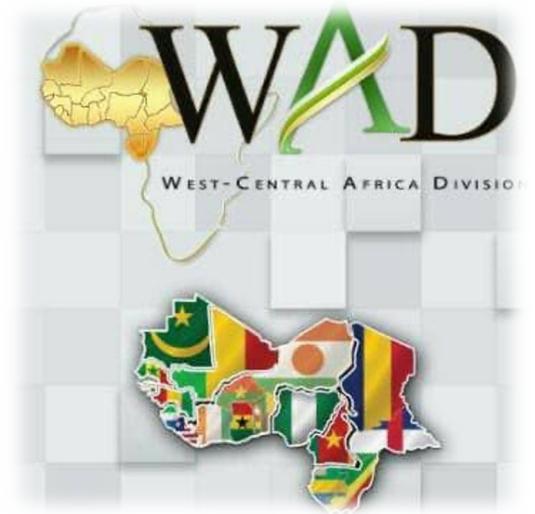
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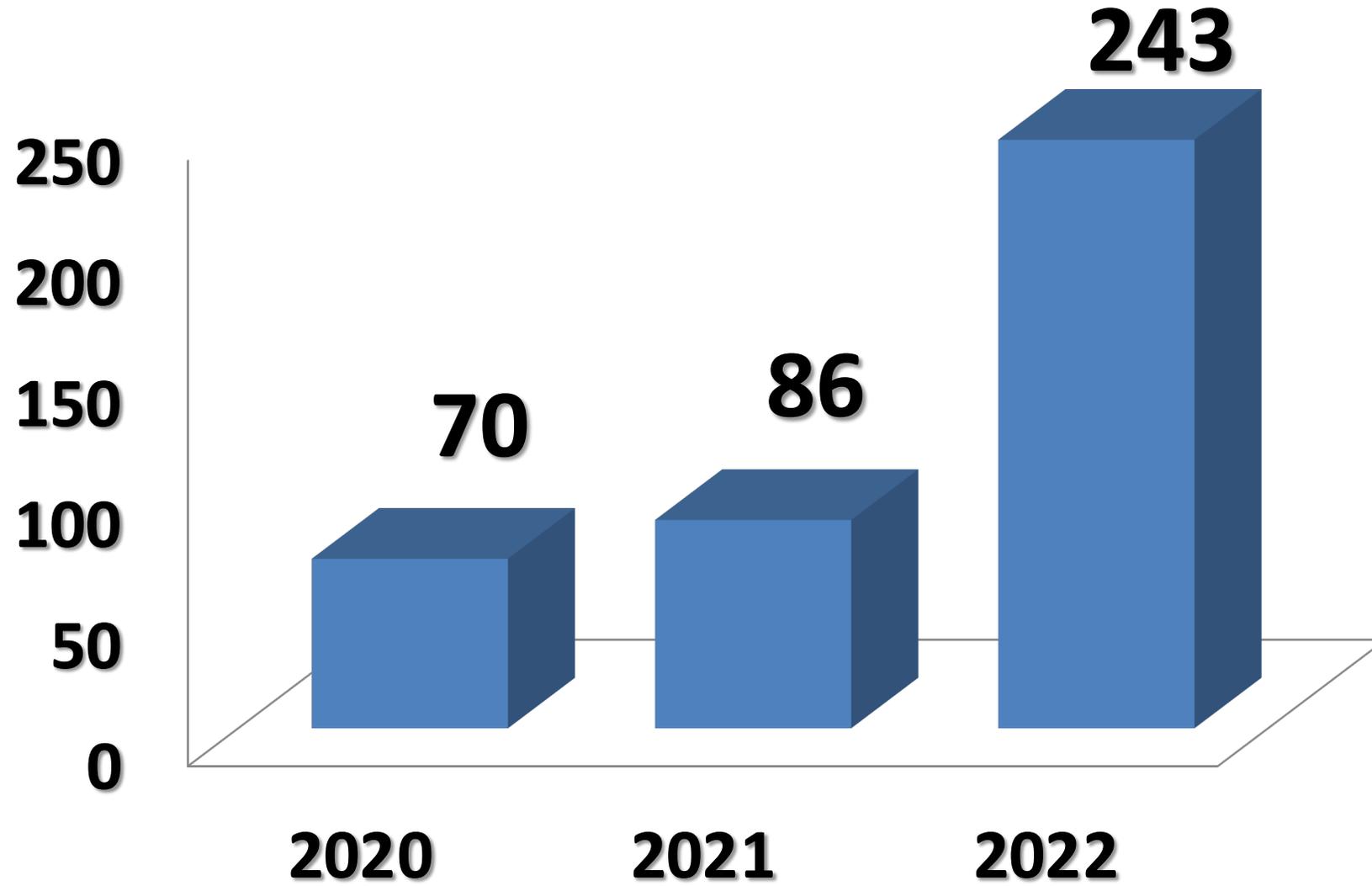
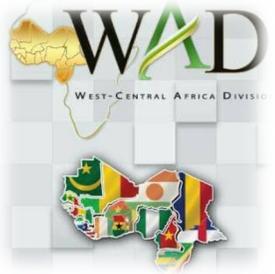
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❖ Increase the percentage of International Service Employees (ISE), **volunteers**, and **Global Mission Pioneers** serving in the 10/40 Window, in large urban areas, and among unreached people groups.



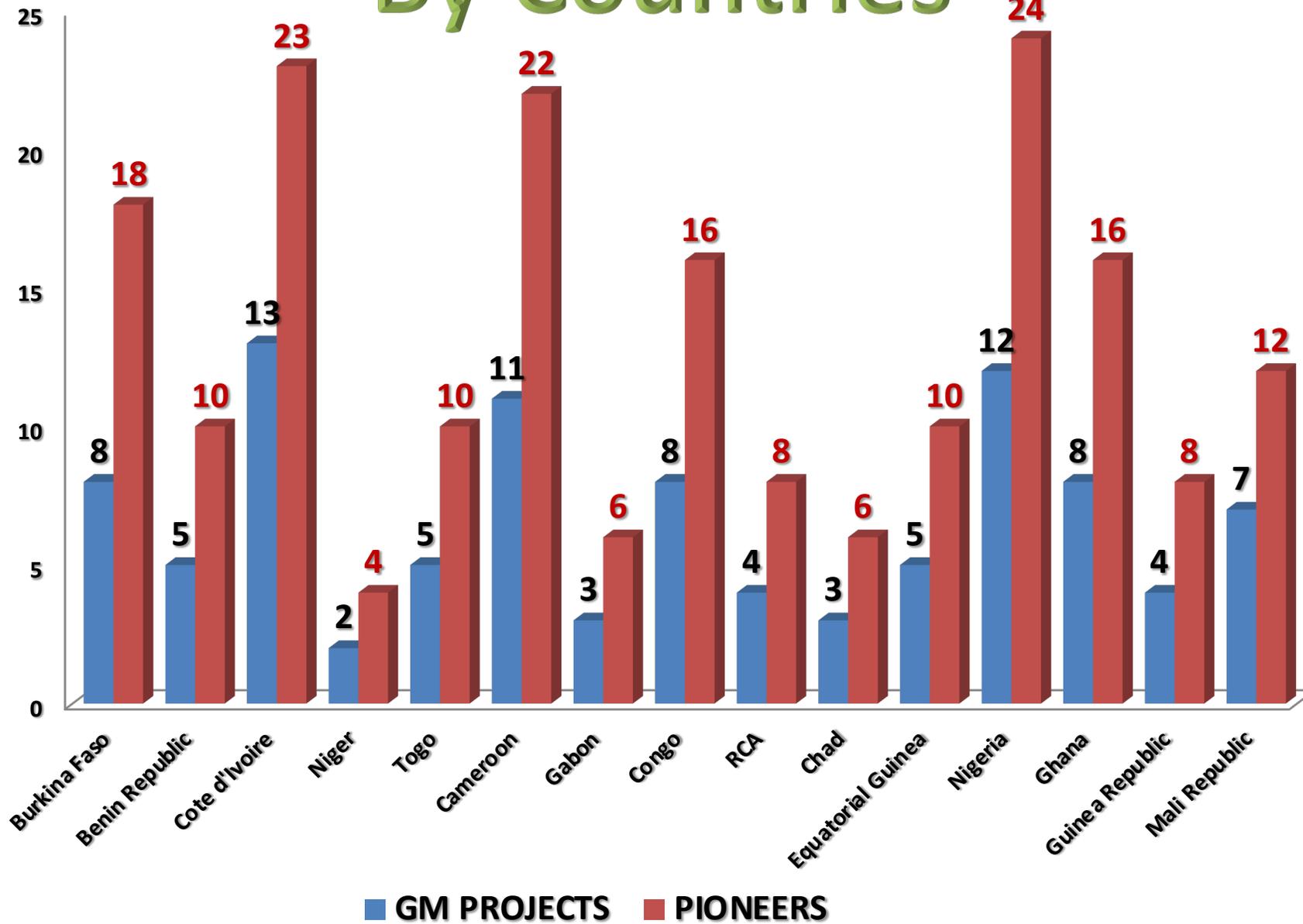
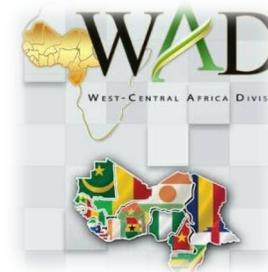


GLOBAL MISSION PIONNERS IN WAD

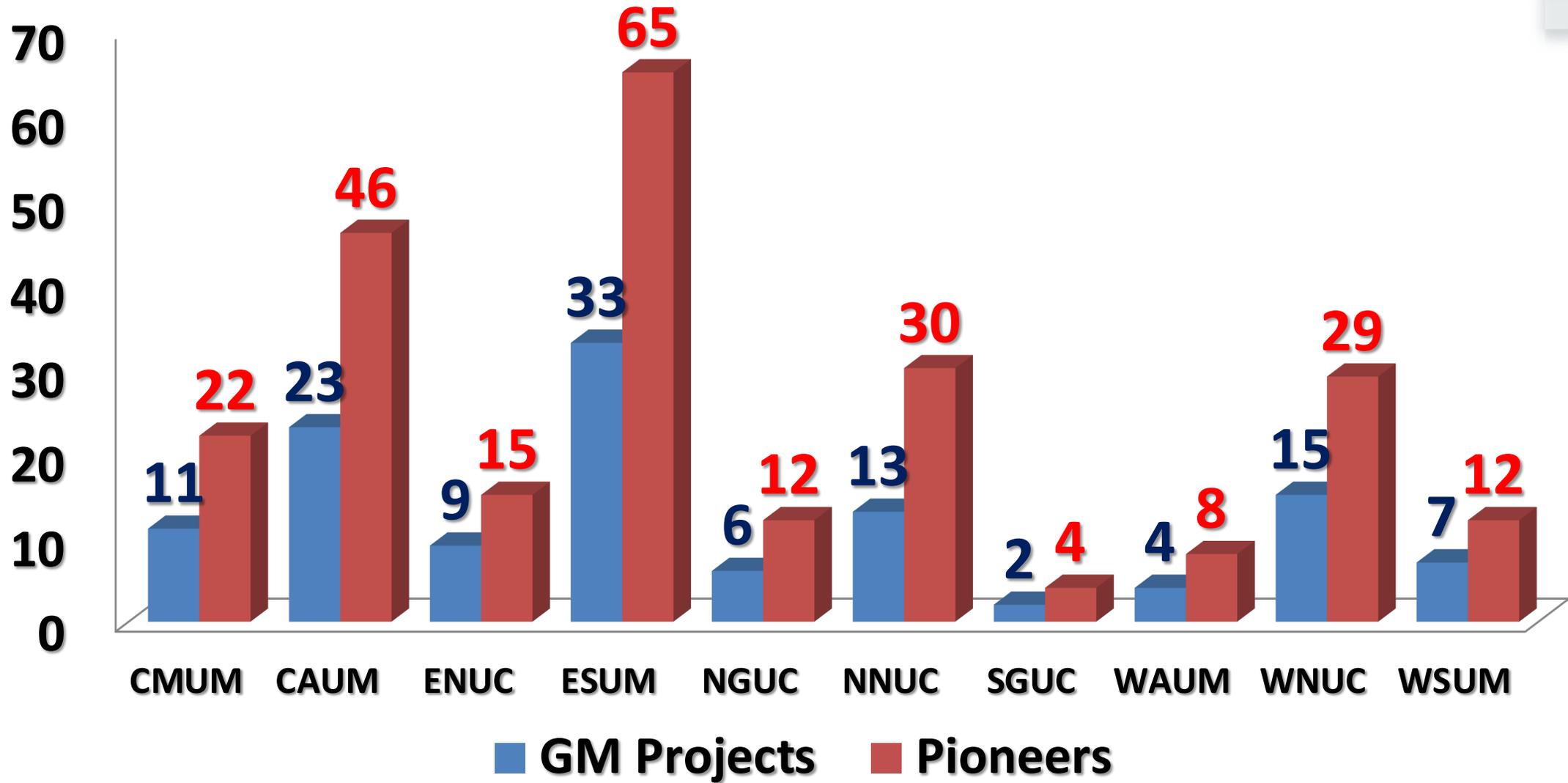
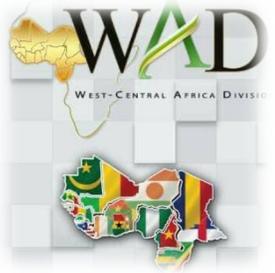


■ **Global Mission Pioneers in WAD**

By Countries



By Unions



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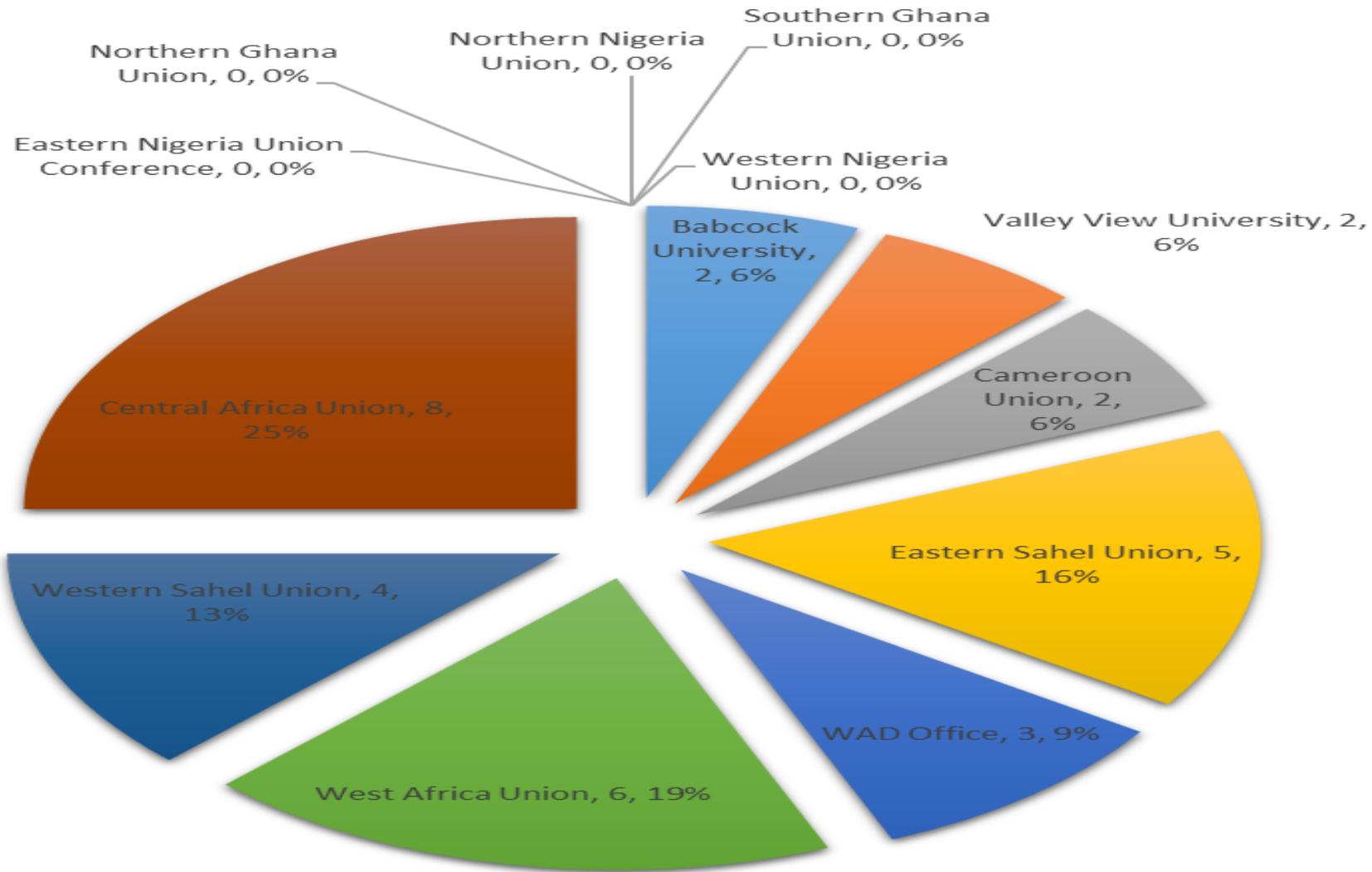
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❖ **To strengthen and diversify Adventist outreach in large cities, across the 10/40 Window, among unreached and under-reached people groups, and to non-Christian religions**



IDES BASED ON UNIONS AND INSTITUTIONS



■ Babcock University

■ Eastern Sahel Union

■ Western Sahel Union

■ Northern Ghana Union

■ Western Nigeria Union

■ Valley View University

■ WAD Office

■ Central Africa Union

■ Northern Nigeria Union

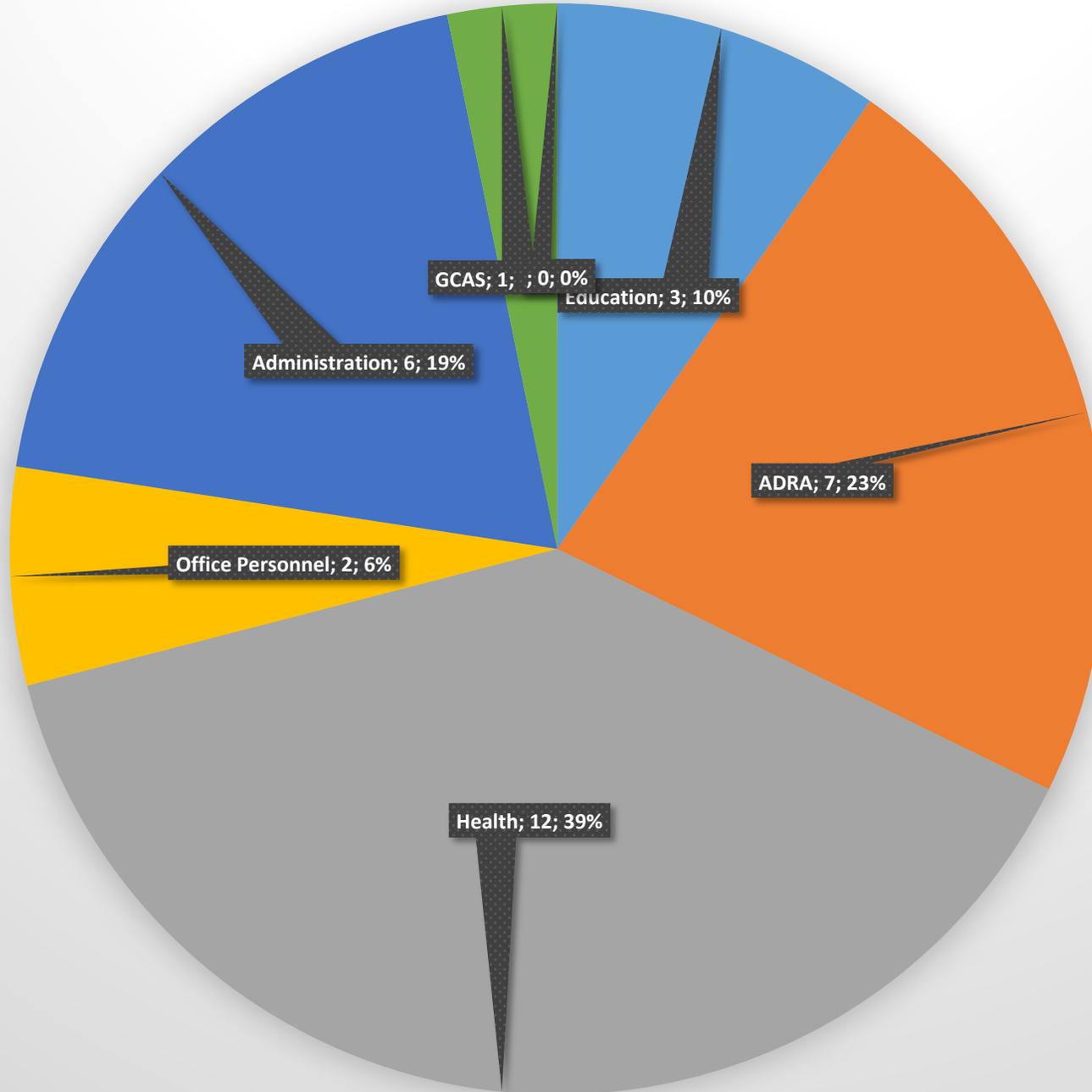
■ Cameroon Union

■ West Africa Union

■ Eastern Nigeria Union Conference

■ Southern Ghana Union

ISEs Fields of Service in WAD



- Education
- ADRA
- Health
- Office Personnel
- Administration
- GCAS
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The Executive Committee of the
West-central Africa Division
Seventh-day Adventist Church

BUILDING BRIDGES FOR THE GREATER GOOD

The Inauguration of



Sunday, May 15, 2022



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❖ **To disciple individuals
and families into spirit-
filled lives.**



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- ❖ 5.1. Significant increase in numbers of church members regularly **praying**, **studying the Bible**, using the **Sabbath School Bible Study Guides**, **reading the writings of Ellen White** and engaging in other **personal devotions**.



**SPIRITUAL LIFE PATTERNS, BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES
OF ORDINARY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
MEMBERS IN
WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION**



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Final Report

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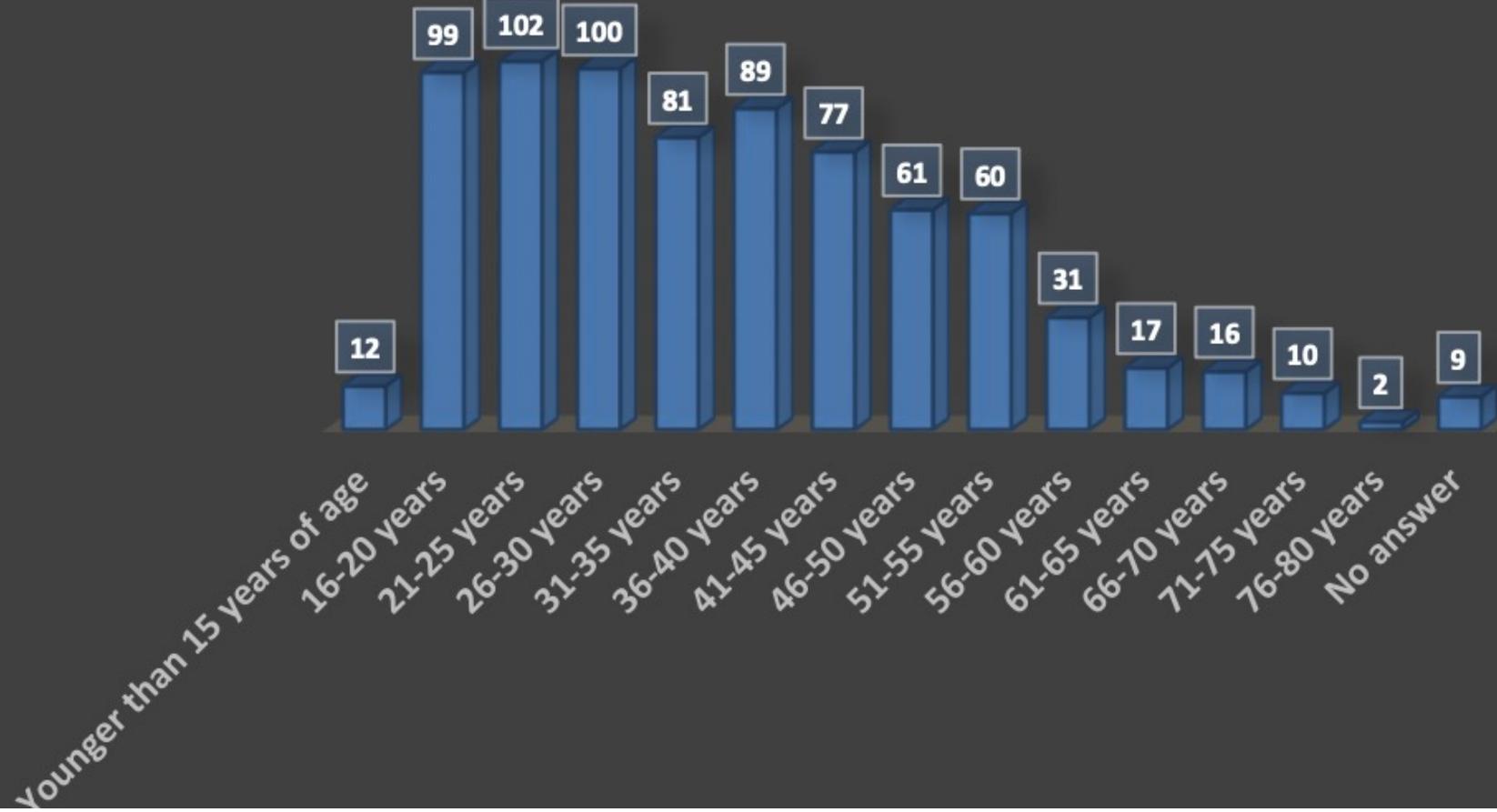
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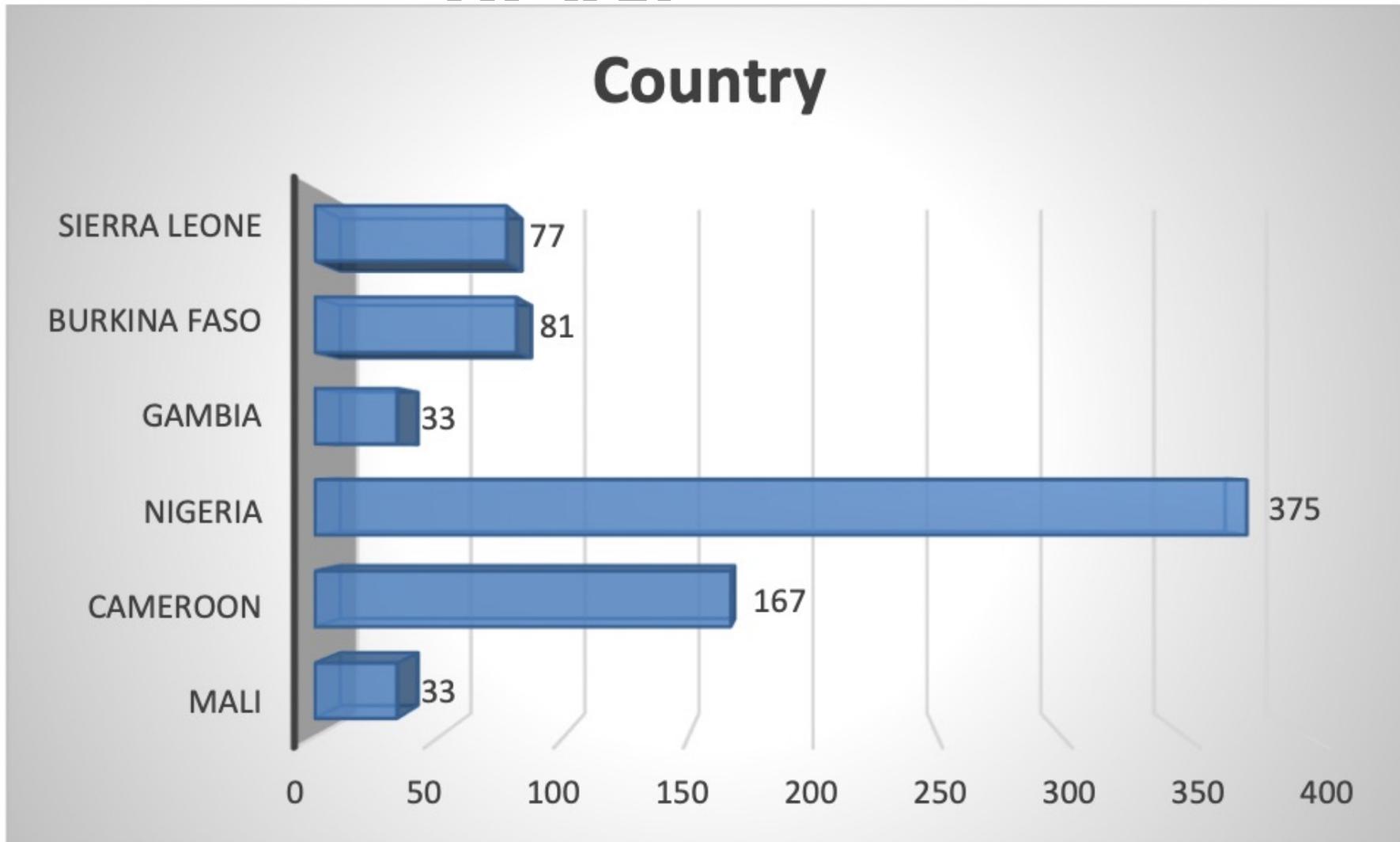


7 KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES OF THE SECRETARIAT STRATEGIC PLAN

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Implementation



Entity	RECORDED ATTENDANCE (Average)				
	Actual 3rd Qtr 2022	Sabbath School Attendance 3rd Qtr 2022	Church Attendance 3rd Qtr 2022	% of Sabbath School attendants compared to Membership	% of Divine Service attendants compared to Membership
Cameroon Union Mission	125,589	68,695	76,331	55%	61%
Central african Union Mission	17,592	8,161	9,094	46%	52%
Eastern Nigeria Union Conference	177,892	130,291	129,606	73%	73%
Eastern Sahel Union Mission	31,014	28,068	29,928	90%	96%
Northern Ghana Union Conference	208,950	80,079	125,457	38%	60%
Northern Nigeria Union Conference	55,087	67,525	72,586	123%	132%
Southern Ghana Union Conference	190,230	83,761	101,749	44%	53%
West African Union Mission	47,680	23,109	23,828	48%	50%
Western Nigeria Union Conference	63,654	38,805	40,107	61%	63%
Western Sahel Union Mission	17,578	3,270	3,571	19%	20%
WAD	935,266	531,762	612,256	57%	65%

6 KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES OF THE SECRETARIAT STRATEGIC PLAN

OBJECTIF

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❖ **To strengthen the discipleship role of pastors, teachers, and other frontline workers and provide them with regular growth opportunities**



6 KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES OF THE SECRETARIAT STRATEGIC PLAN

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- ❖ Increase the number of missionary care programs funded by WAD including more involvement of Division personnel;
- ❖ Reestablish regular prayer sessions for ISEs in Secretariat/IPRS especially addressing their challenges as well as sending them personalized messages



6 KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES OF THE SECRETARIAT STRATEGIC PLAN

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- ❖ **WAD ISE Coordinator regularly writes ISEs and call them to see to it that they are doing well.**
- ❖ **Whenever a Secretariat Staff visits a field having an ISE, he or she endeavors to visit the missionary.**



6 KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES OF THE SECRETARIAT STRATEGIC PLAN

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- ❖ Increase by 10 percent the re-employment of ISE/IUEs within six months of returning home who were previously denominationally employed
- ❖ By God's grace, all IUEs who disengaged with WAD after GC Session got employment within six months of returning home.



6 KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES OF THE SECRETARIAT STRATEGIC PLAN

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❖ **To align world
church resources
with strategic
objectives**



6 KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES

OF THE SECRETARIAT STRATEGIC PLAN

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❖ **Every organization systematically reviews and aligns resources in light of the worldwide mission priorities**





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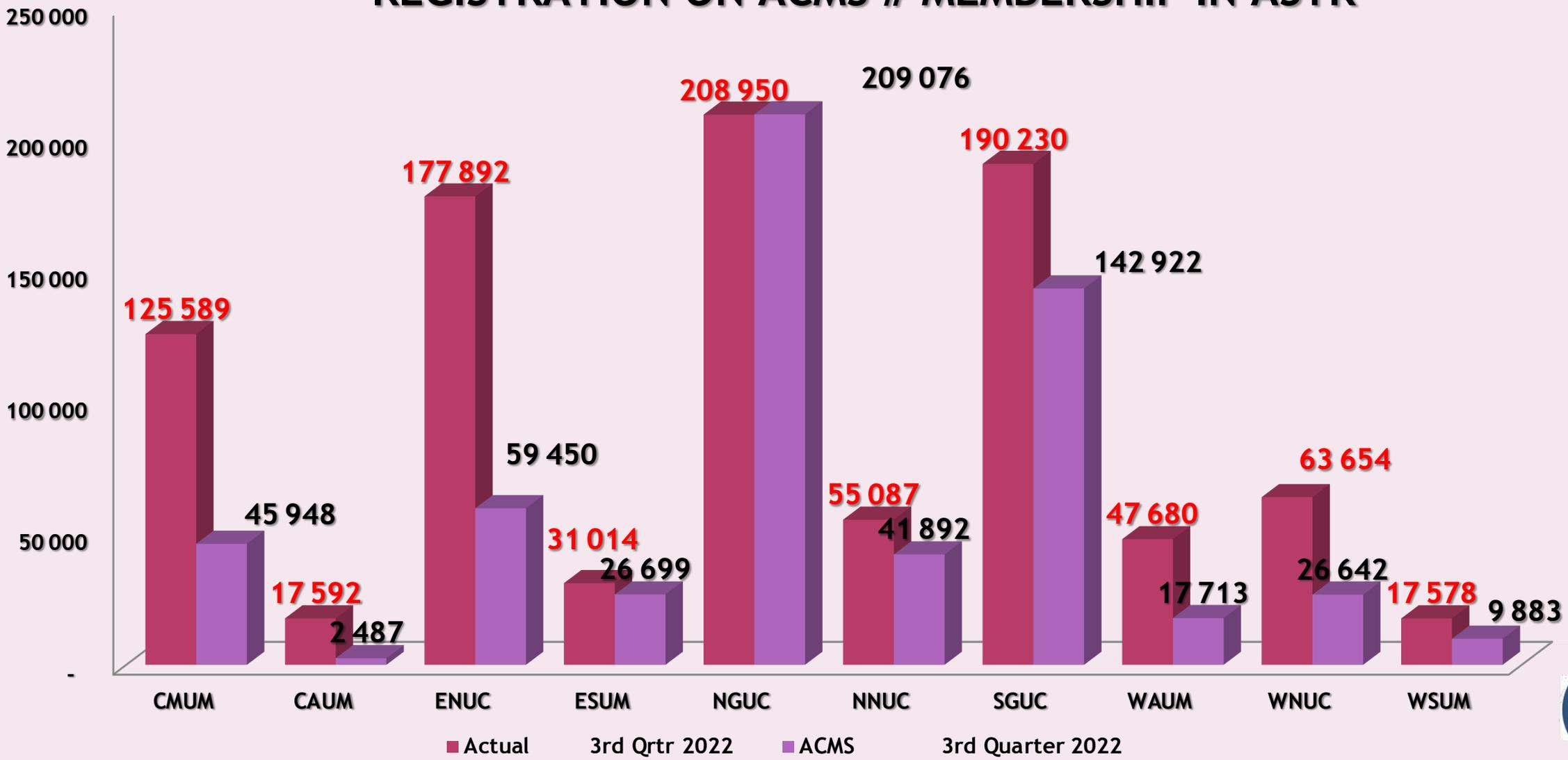
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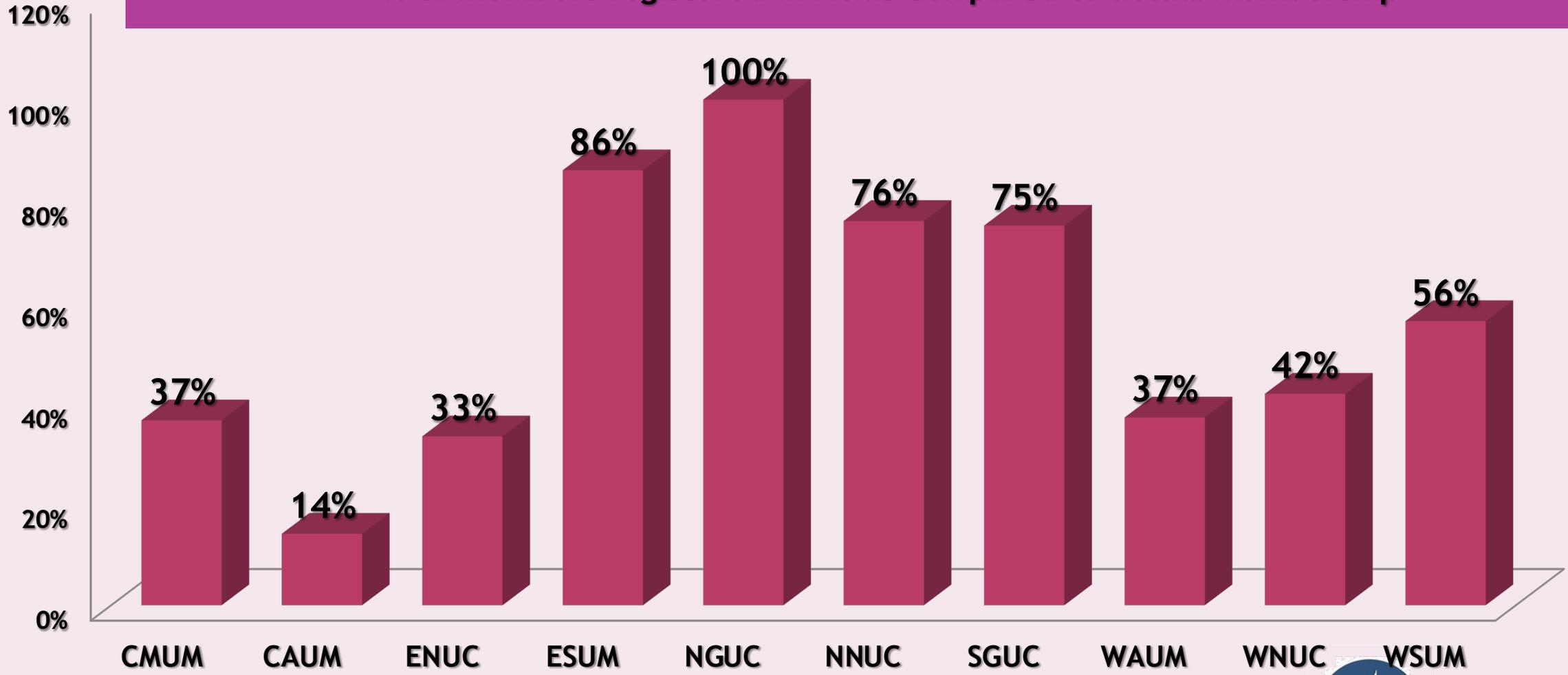
❖ **To enhance the transparency, accountability, and credibility of denominational organization, operations, and mission initiatives**

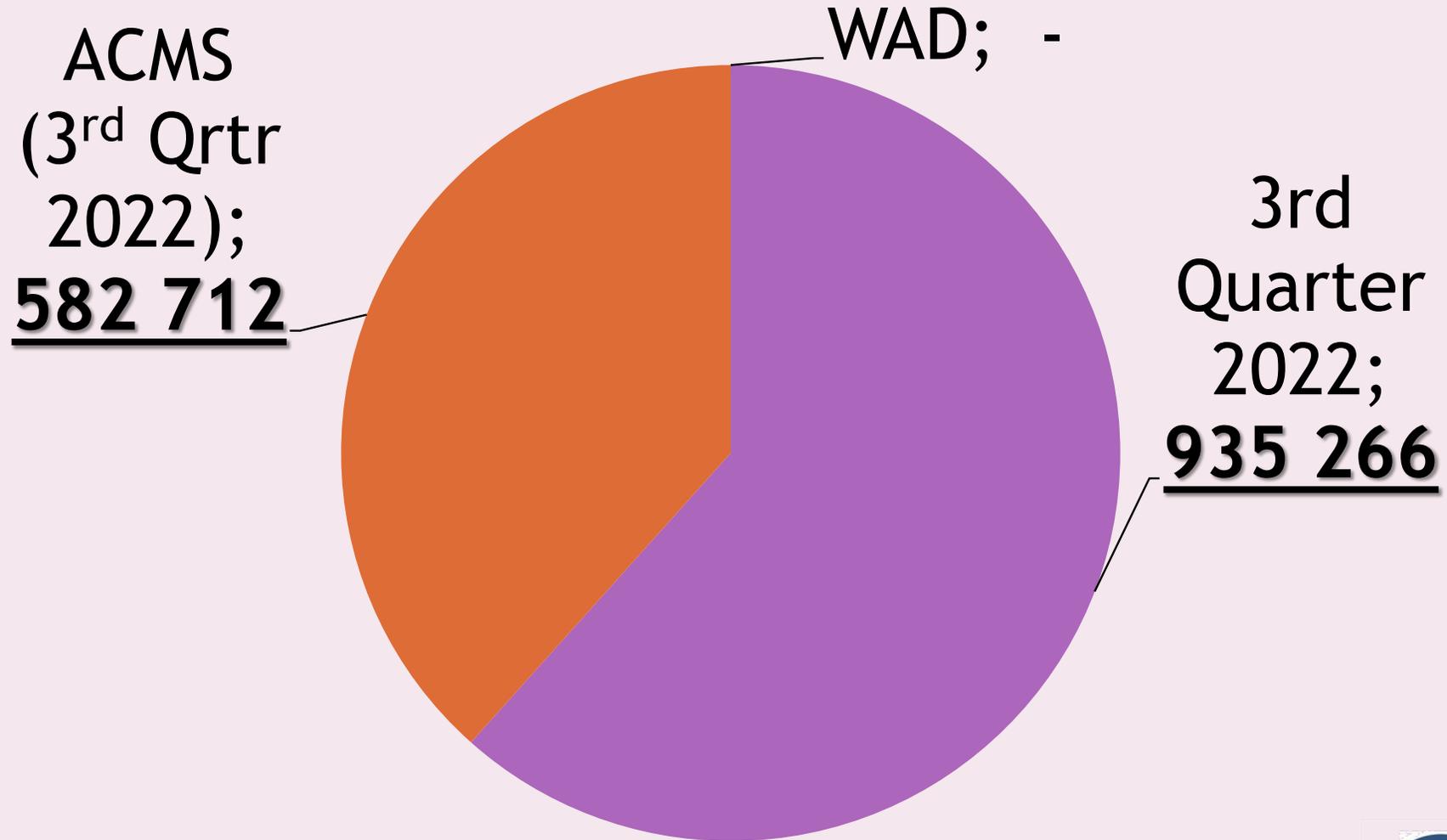


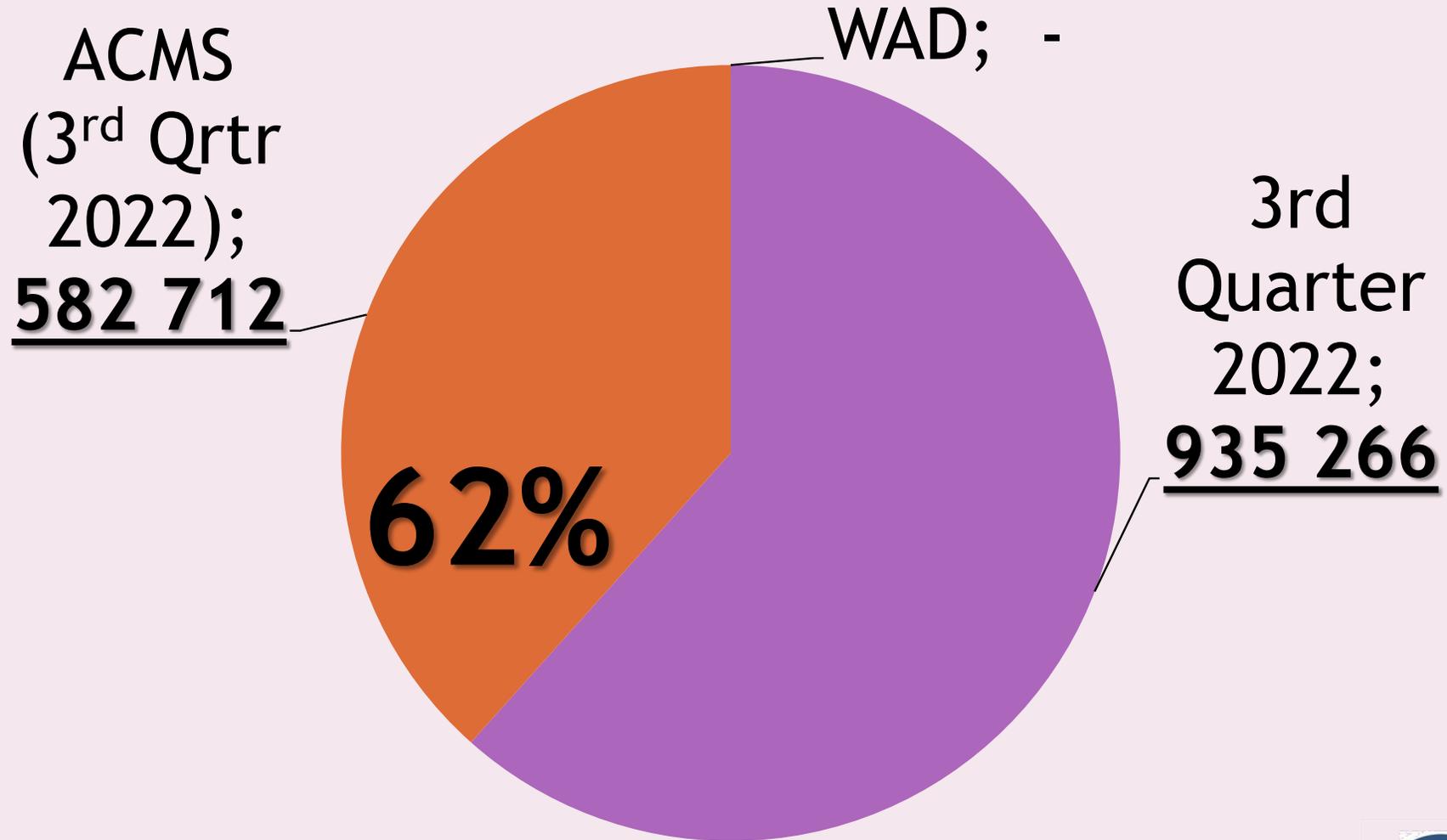
REGISTRATION ON ACMS # MEMBERSHIP IN ASTR



■ % of members registered in ACMS compared to actual Membership







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- ❖ **An orientation process for officers and executive committee members of all units of denominational structure is developed and widely implemented**



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- ❖ **WAD Secretariat conducted an orientation session for the new Executive Committee & WADCOM members (August 3-4, 2022)**
- ❖ **Another orientation was conducted for all newly elected and appointed officers of the Division (August 1-4, 2022)**



6 KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES

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- ❖ Evidence that pastors and church leaders demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and ethical behavior in interpersonal relations and finances

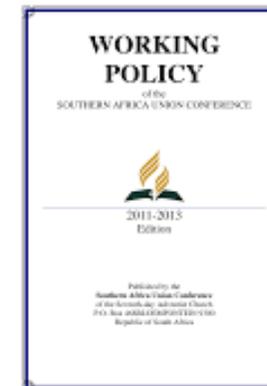
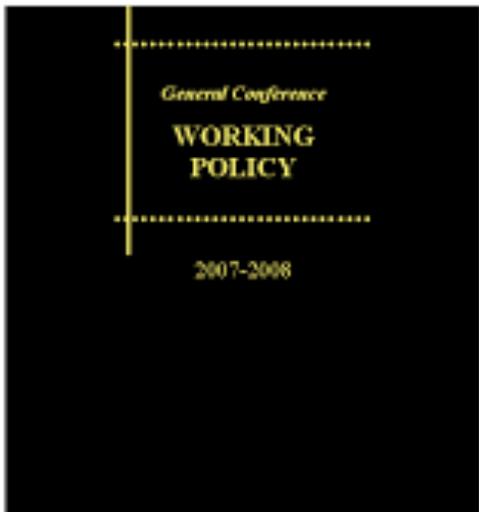


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❖ **Training Church leaders
on the importance of
Policy Compliance.**





FACTS ABOUT WAD AS WE REFOCUS ON MISSION



WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION
Organized **2003**; reorganized **2013**





FACTS ABOUT WAD AS WE REFOCUS ON MISSION



Territory: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo (**22 countries**)





FACTS ABOUT WAD FOR ENHANCED MISSION

WAD: (5 Union Conferences, 5 Union Missions)

**Statistics (June 30, 2022): Churches, 5,082;
Companies: 5,427; membership, 935,266;
population, 472,062,000 (online statistics).**





10 UNIONS





West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WAS THE UNION FIRST ORGANIZED?

CAMEROON UNION MISSION

(Formerly part of the Central African Union Mission)

Organized **1949**; territory divided, and renamed **2013**; reorganized **2018, 2020**



West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WAS THE UNION FIRST ORGANIZED?

CAMEROON UNION MISSION

Territory: Cameroon; comprising the Adamaoua-Mayo Rey, Central-South Cameroon, East Cameroon, Mbam-Sanaga, North Cameroon, Nyong-Afamba, and West Cameroon Conferences; and the Benoue-Faro Mission.

(7 Conferences, 1 Mission)



West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WAS THE UNION FIRST ORGANIZED?

CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION MISSION

(The countries of this union as well as Cameroon previously made up the old Central African Union Mission. Cameroon became a separate union in 2013, and the remaining countries retained the name, Central African Union Mission.)

Organized 1949; reorganized, and territory divided 2013



West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WAS THE UNION FIRST ORGANIZED?

CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION MISSION

Territory: Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, and Gabon; comprising the Central African Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, and Gabon Missions; and the Congo Region. (4 Missions, 1 Region)



EASTERN NIGERIAN UNION CONFERENCE

West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

EASTERN NIGERIA UNION CONFERENCE

Organized 2004; reorganized 2013, 2015



EASTERN NIGERIAN UNION CONFERENCE

West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

EASTERN NIGERIA UNION CONFERENCE

Territory: The Nigerian states of Abia, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bayelsa, Cross River, Ebonyi, Enugu, Imo, and Rivers; comprising the Aba East, Aba North, Aba South, Abia North-Central, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Ebonyi, Enugu, Imo, Port Harcourt, Rivers East, and Rivers West Conferences; and the Aba West, Anambra, Bayelsa, and Northern Cross River Missions.

(12 Conferences, 4 Missions)



West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

EASTERN SAHEL UNION MISSION

(Formerly known as the Sahel Union Mission)

Organized 1981; territory divided, and renamed
2013



West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

EASTERN SAHEL UNION MISSION

Territory: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger, and Togo; comprising the Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, and Togo Conferences; Burkina Faso Mission; and Niger Region. (3 Conferences, 3 Missions, 1 Region)



West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

NORTHERN GHANA UNION CONFERENCE

(Formerly part of Ghana Union Conference)

Organized 2013; reorganized 2015, 2021



West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

NORTHERN GHANA UNION CONFERENCE

Territory: The northern portion of Ghana; comprising the Ashanti Central Ghana, Ashanti South Ghana, Central Ghana, Green View Ghana, Mid-Central Ghana, Mid-North Ghana, Mid-West Ghana, Mountain View Ghana, and South Central Ghana Conferences; and the North Ghana Mission. (9 Conferences, 1 Mission)



NORTHERN NIGERIA UNION CONFERENCE

West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

NORTHERN NIGERIA UNION CONFERENCE

(Formerly part of North-Western Nigeria Union Mission)

Organized 2013



NORTHERN NIGERIA UNION CONFERENCE

West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

NORTHERN NIGERIA UNION CONFERENCE

Territory: The Nigerian states of Adamawa, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Nasarawa, Niger, Plateau, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, and Zamfara; and the Federal Capital Territory; comprising the North Central Nigeria, North East Nigeria, and North West Nigeria Conferences.

(3 Conferences)



SOUTHERN GHANA

SOUTHERN GHANA UNION CONFERENCE

West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

SOUTHERN GHANA UNION CONFERENCE

(Formerly Ghana Union Conference)

Organized 2000; territory divided, and renamed
2013; reorganized 2017



SOUTHERN GHANA

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West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

SOUTHERN GHANA UNION CONFERENCE

Territory: The Central, Eastern, Greater Accra, Western, and Volta regions in southern Ghana; comprising the Accra City, Diamond Field Ghana, East Ghana, Eastern View Ghana, Meridian Ghana, Mid-South Ghana, Pioneer Ghana, South West Ghana, West-Central Ghana, and Western North Ghana Conferences; and the Volta Ghana, and Oti Ghana Missions.

(10 Conferences, 2 Missions)



West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

WEST AFRICAN UNION MISSION

Organized 1973, reorganized 2000, 2013

Territory: Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone; comprising the South-West Liberia Conference; the Central Liberia, Sierra Leone, and South-East Liberia Missions; and the Guinea Region.

(2 Conferences, 2 Missions, 1 Region)



WESTERN NIGERIAN UNION CONFERENCE

West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

WESTERN NIGERIA UNION CONFERENCE

(Formerly known as North-Western Nigeria Union Mission)

Organized 1972; reorganized 2004, 2013; territory divided, and renamed 2013



WESTERN NIGERIAN UNION CONFERENCE

West-Central Africa Division



WHEN WERE UNIONS FIRST ORGANIZED?

WESTERN NIGERIA UNION CONFERENCE

Territory: The Nigerian states of Delta, Edo, Ekiti, Kogi, Kwara, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, and Oyo; comprising the Delta, Edo, Ekiti, Kwara, Lagos Atlantic, Lagos Mainland, Ogun, Osun, and Oyo Conferences; the Ondo Mission; and the Kogi Region.

(9 Conferences, 1 Mission, 1 Region)



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WESTERN SAHEL UNION MISSION

(Formerly part of **Sahel Union Mission**)

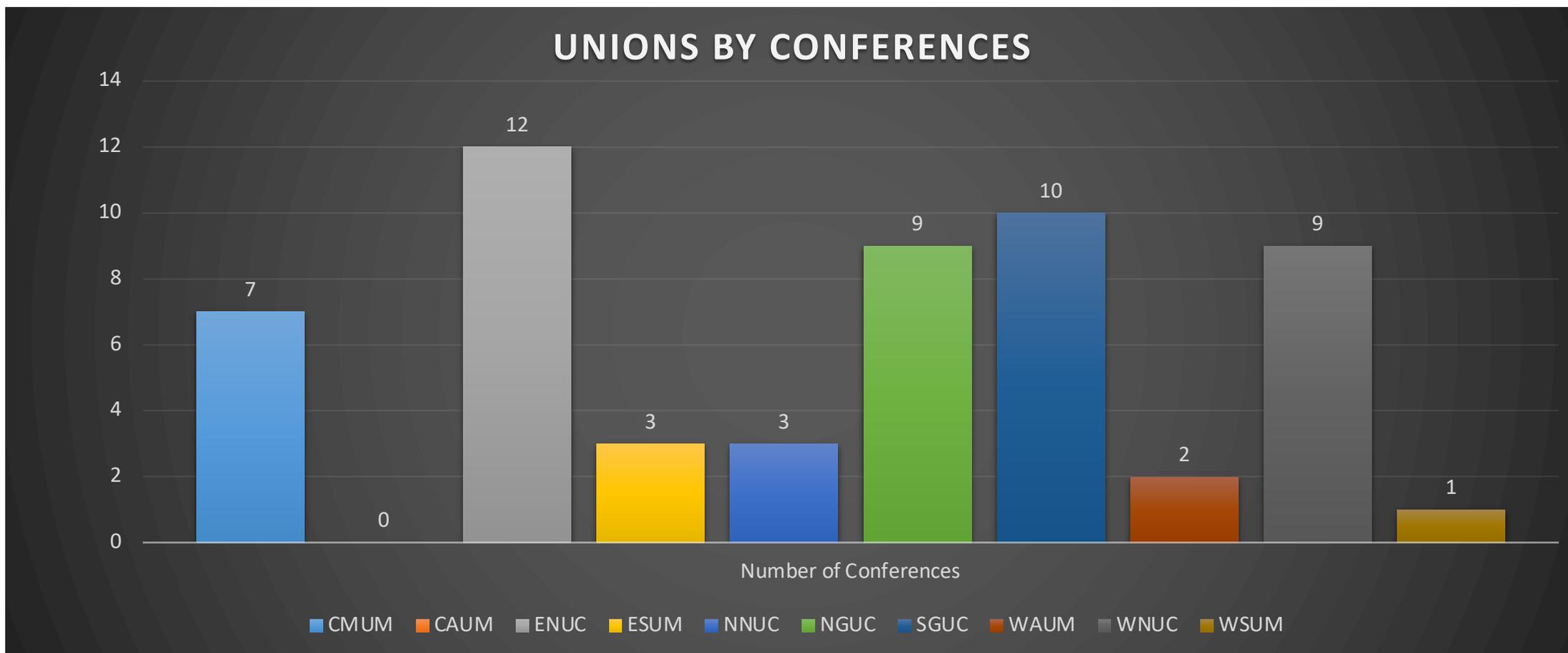
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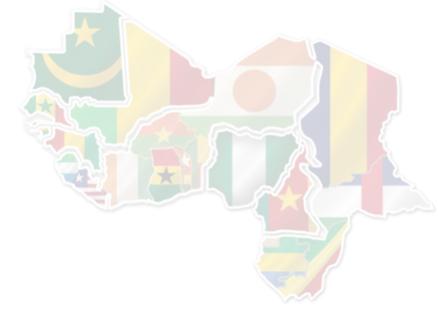
Territory: Cabo Verde, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, and Senegal; comprising the Cabo Verde Conference; the Guinea-Bissau, Mali, and Senegal/Mauritania Missions; and the Gambia Region.

(1 **Conference**, 3 **Missions**, 1 **Region**)

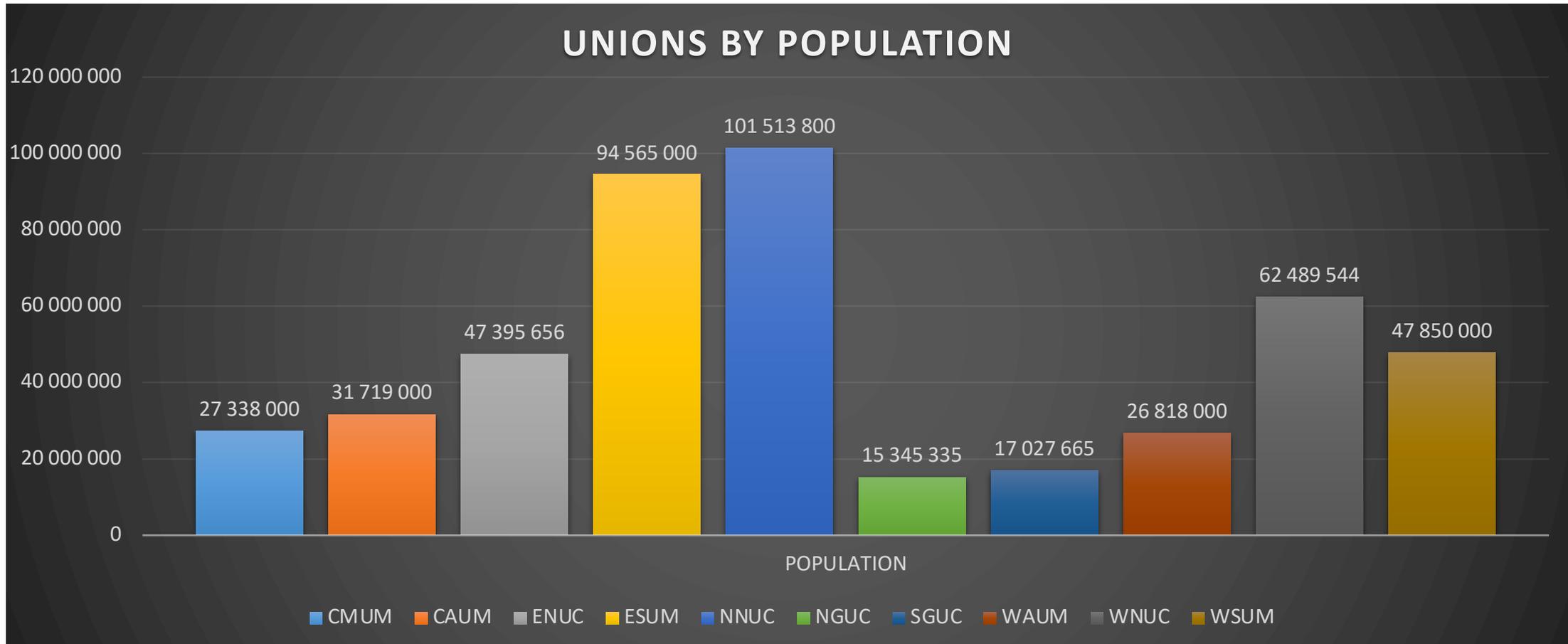


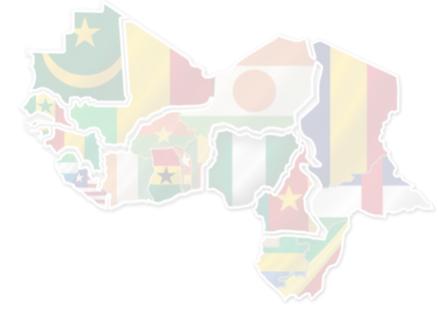
UNIONS BY NUMBER OF CONFERENCES





UNIONS BY POPULATION

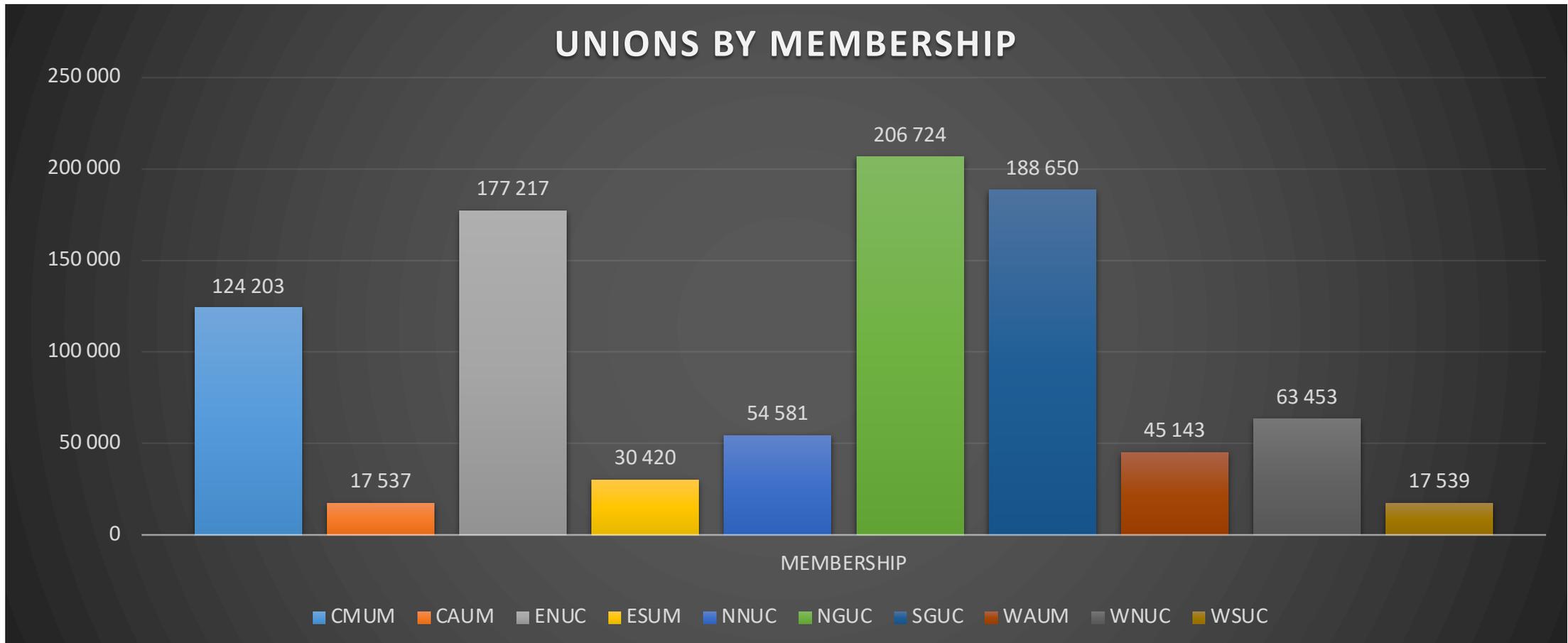


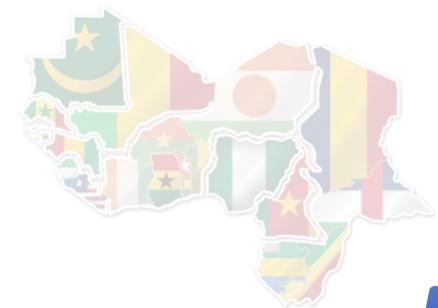


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UNIONS BY MEMBERSHIP

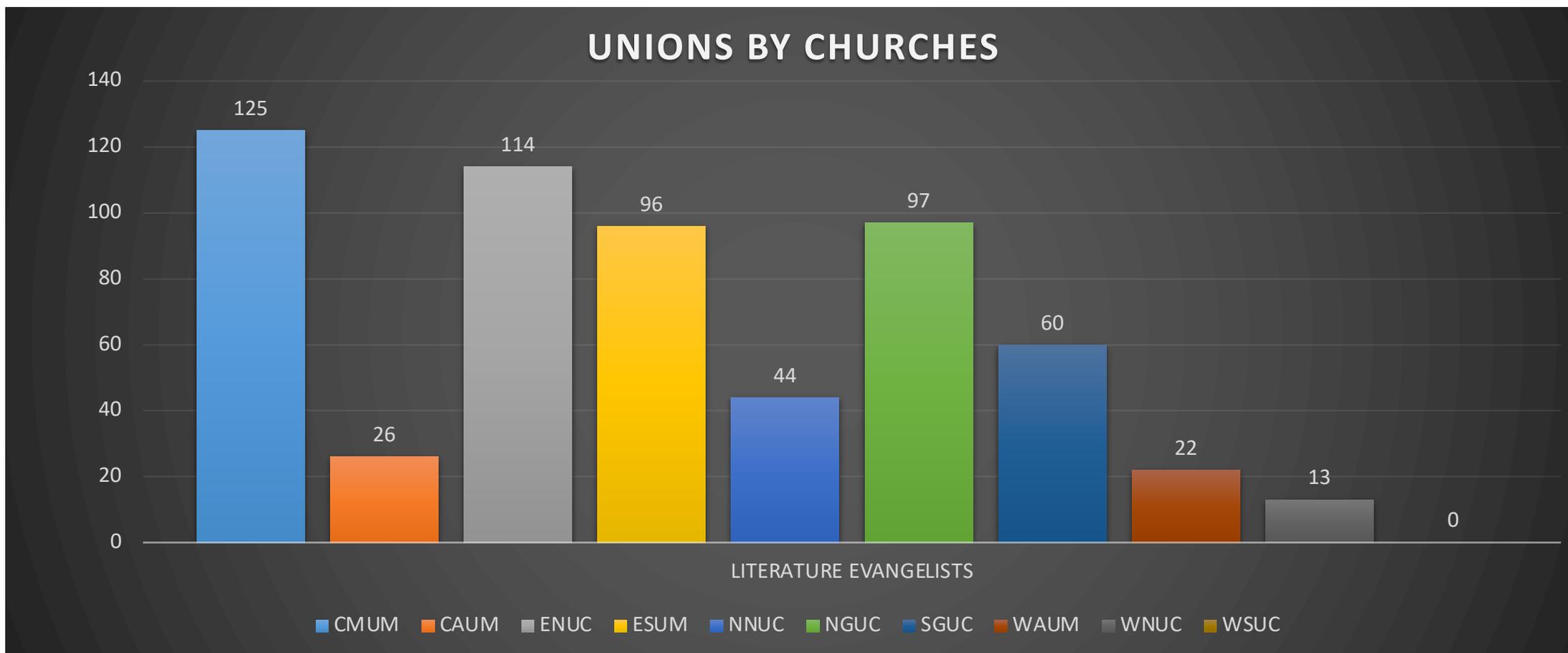


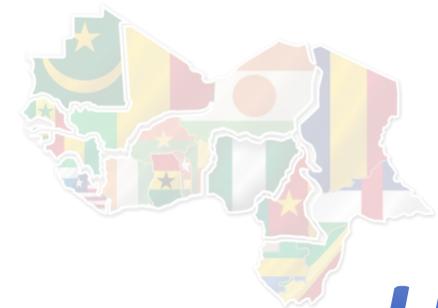


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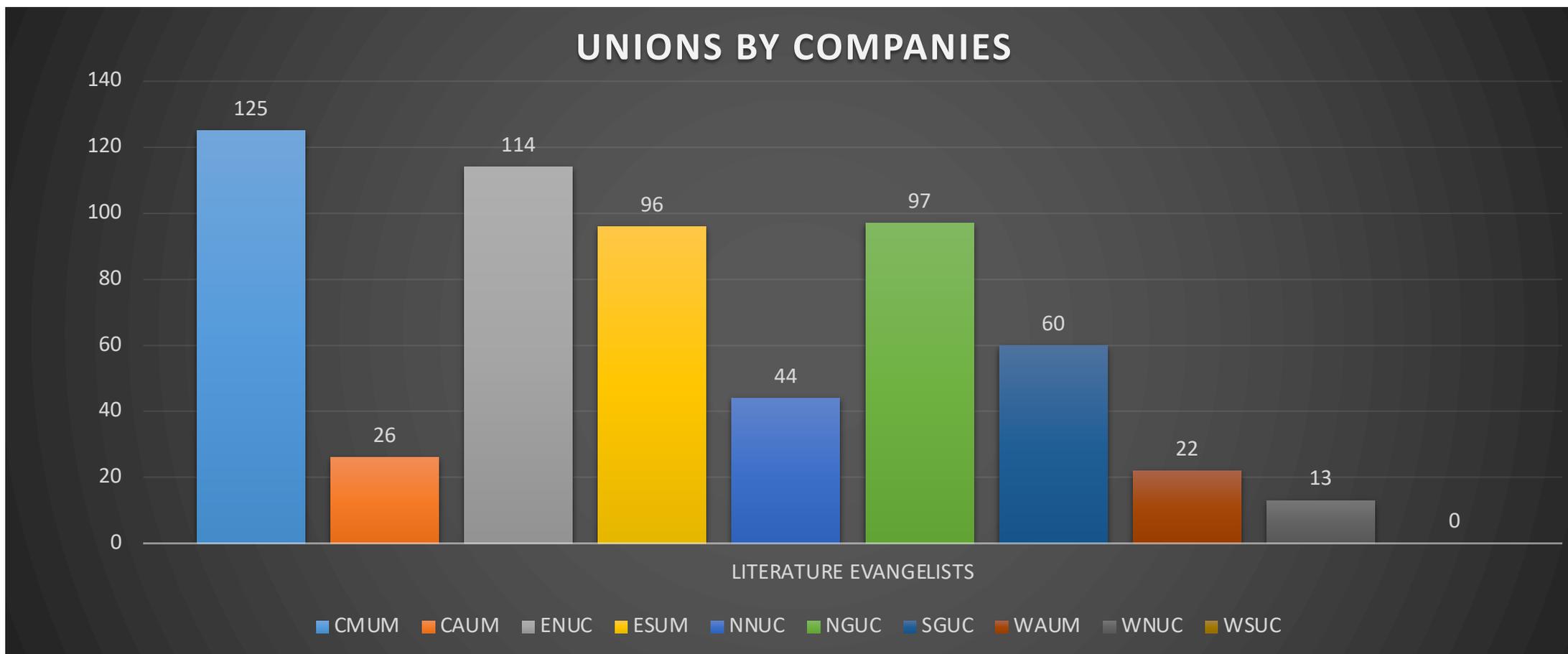


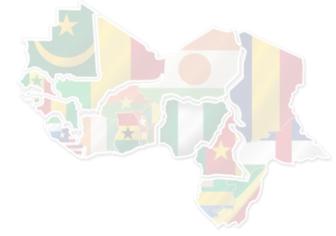
UNIONS BY NUMBER OF CHURCHES





UNIONS BY NUMBER OF COMPANIES





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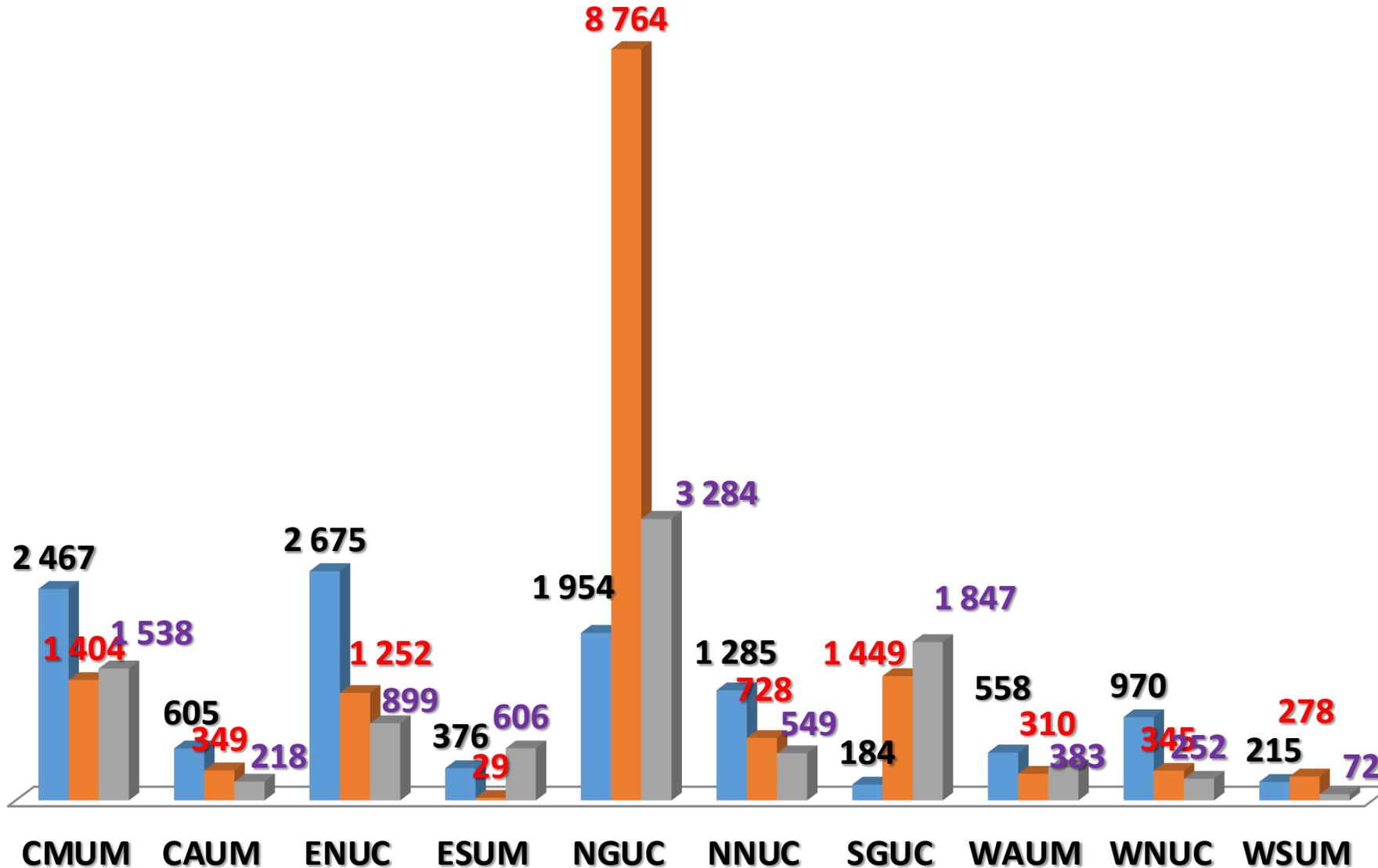
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■ 1st Quarter 2022

■ 2nd Quarter 2022

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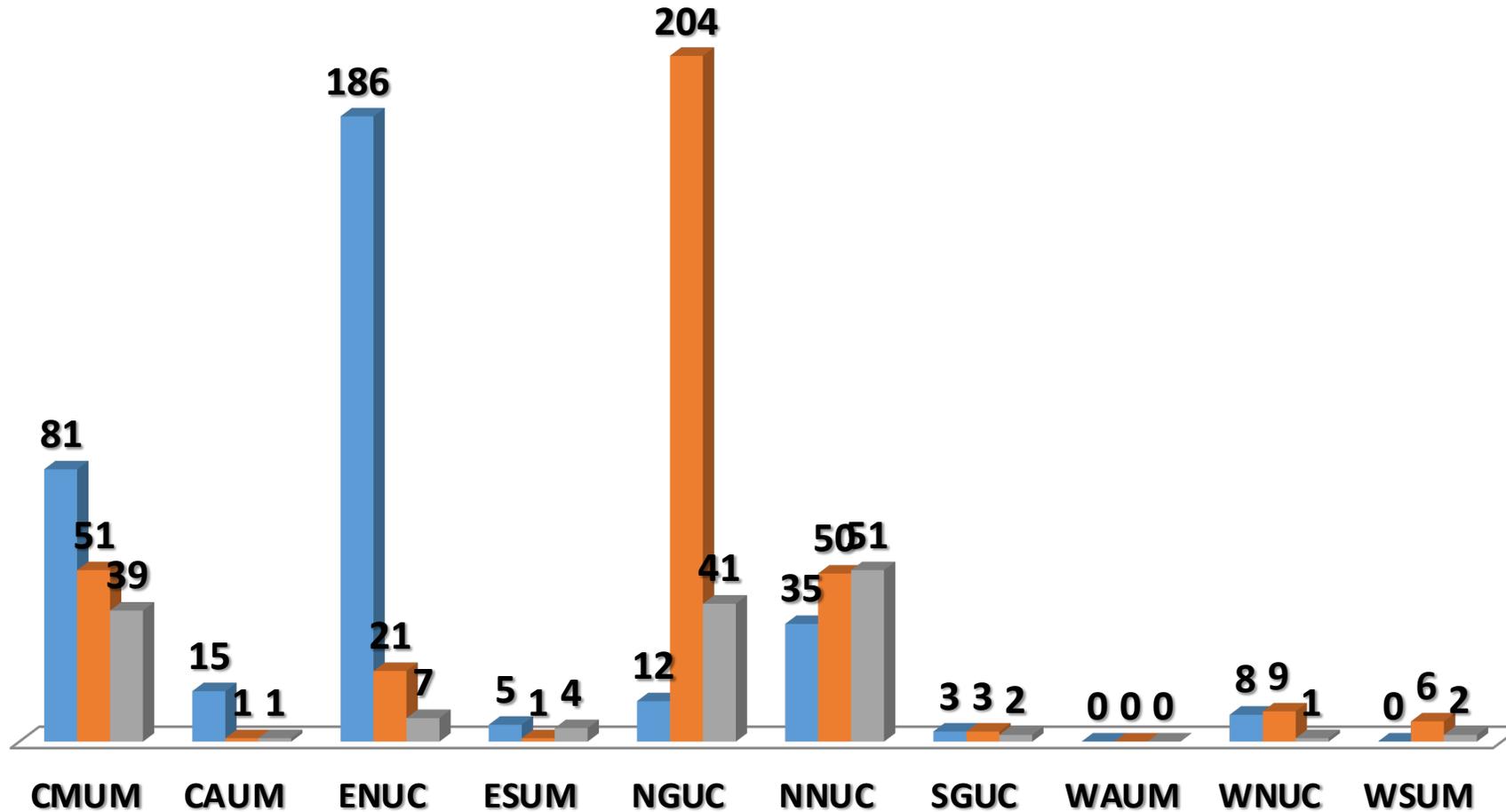


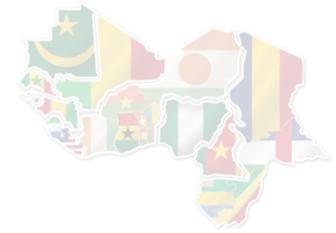
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PROFESSION OF FAITH



■ 1st Quarter 2022 ■ 2nd Quarter 2022 ■ 3rd Quarter 2022



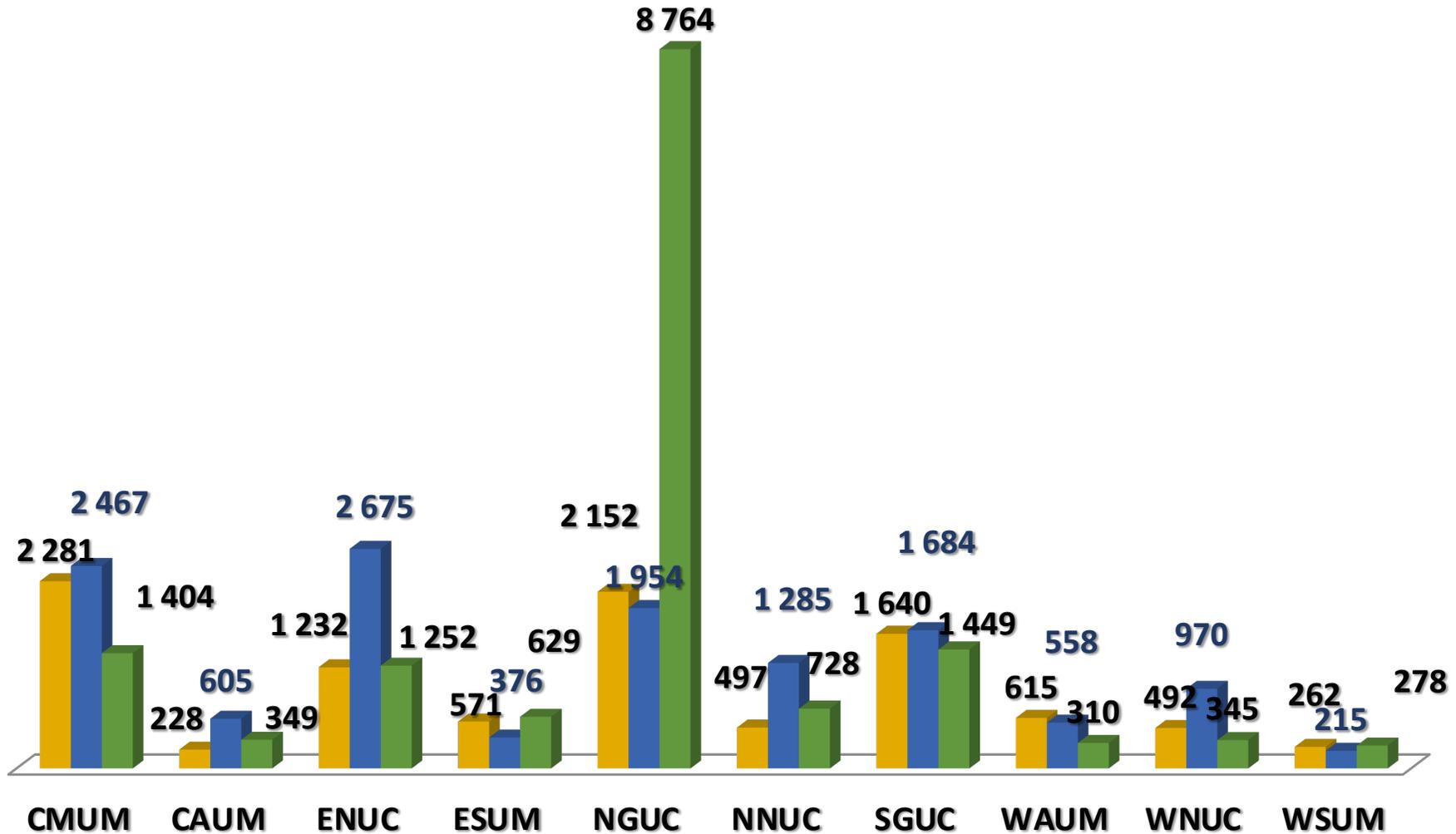


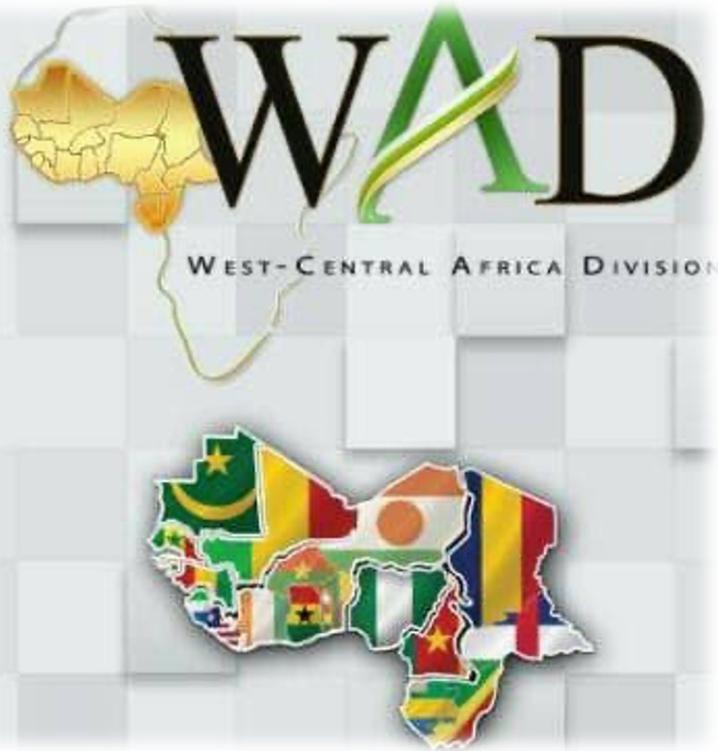
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■ 4th Quarter 2021 ■ 1st Quarter 2022 ■ 2nd Quarter 2022



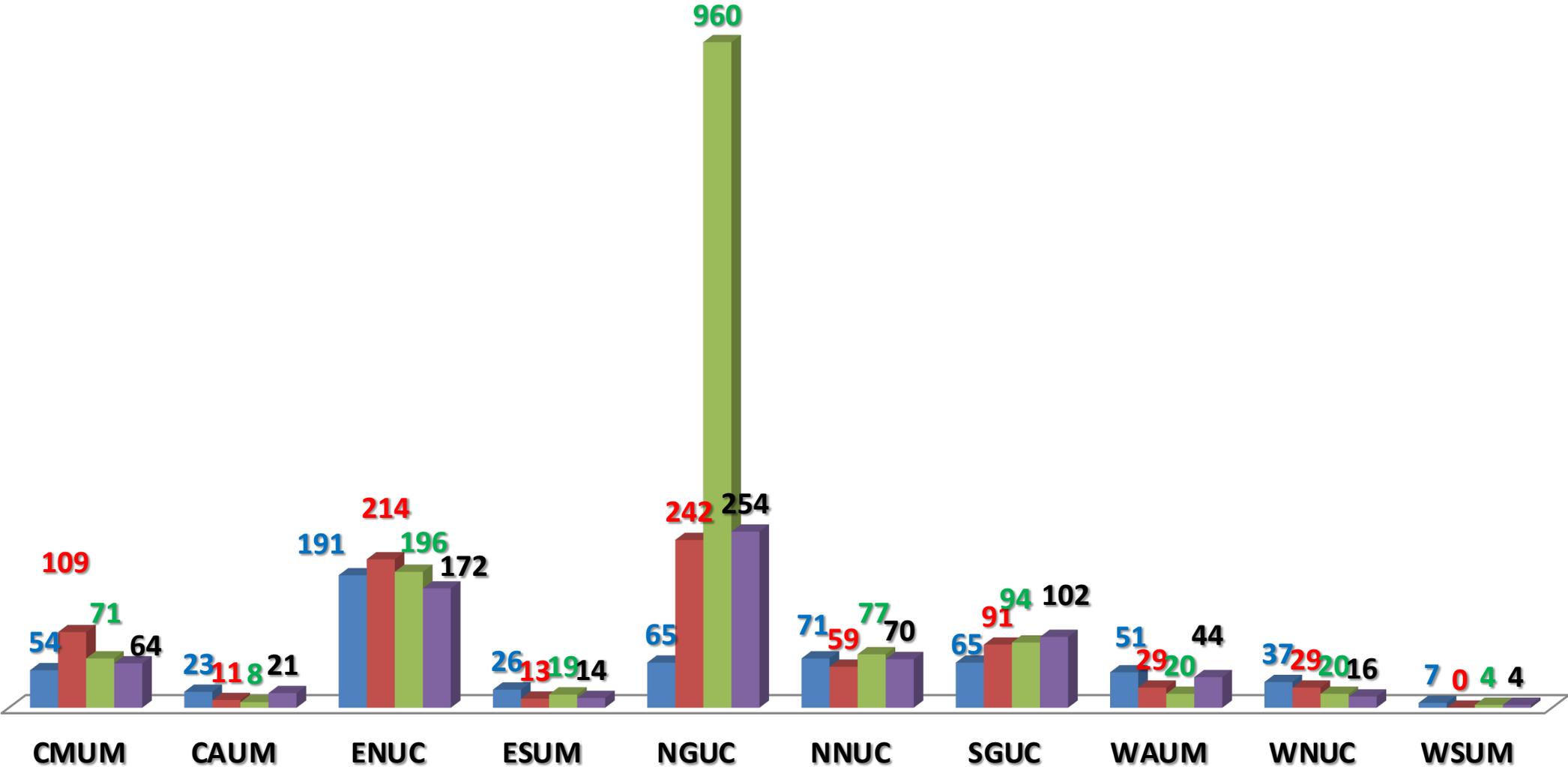


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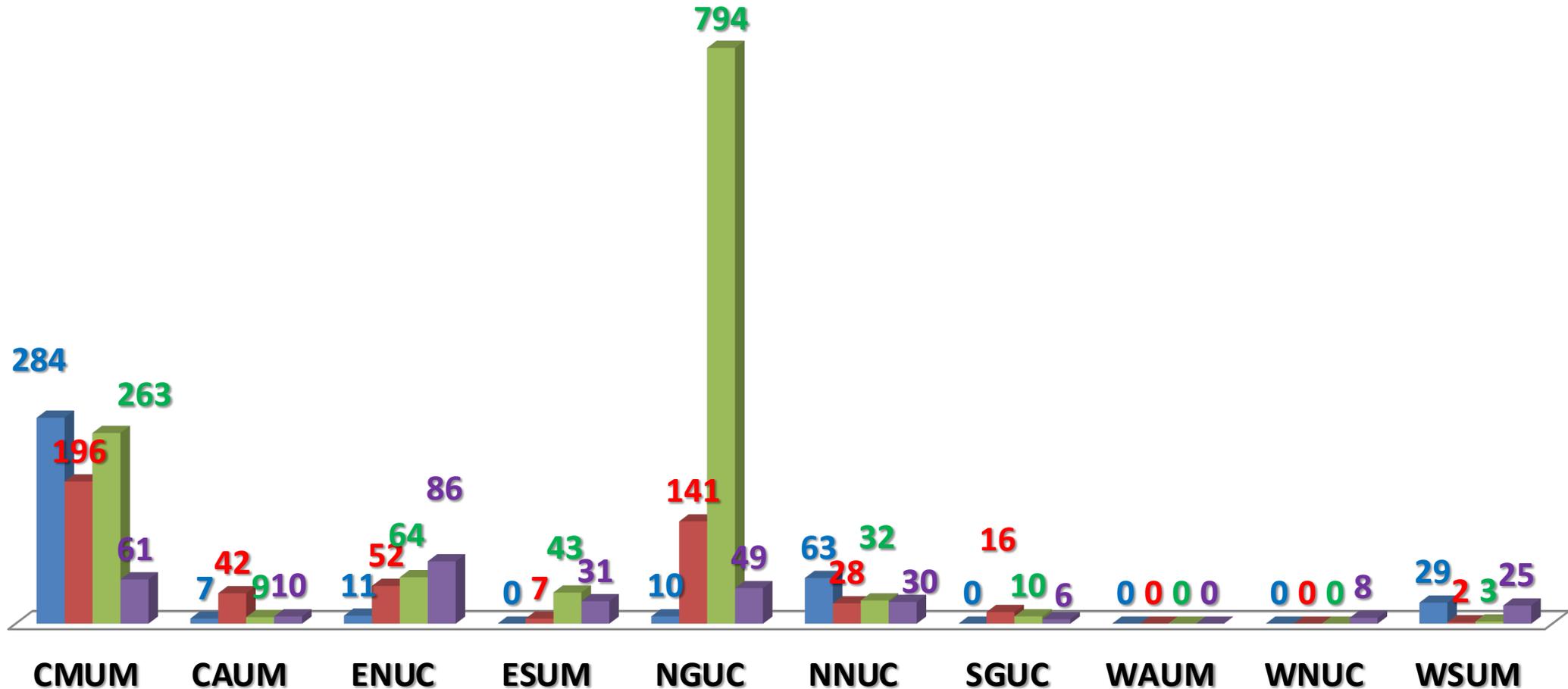
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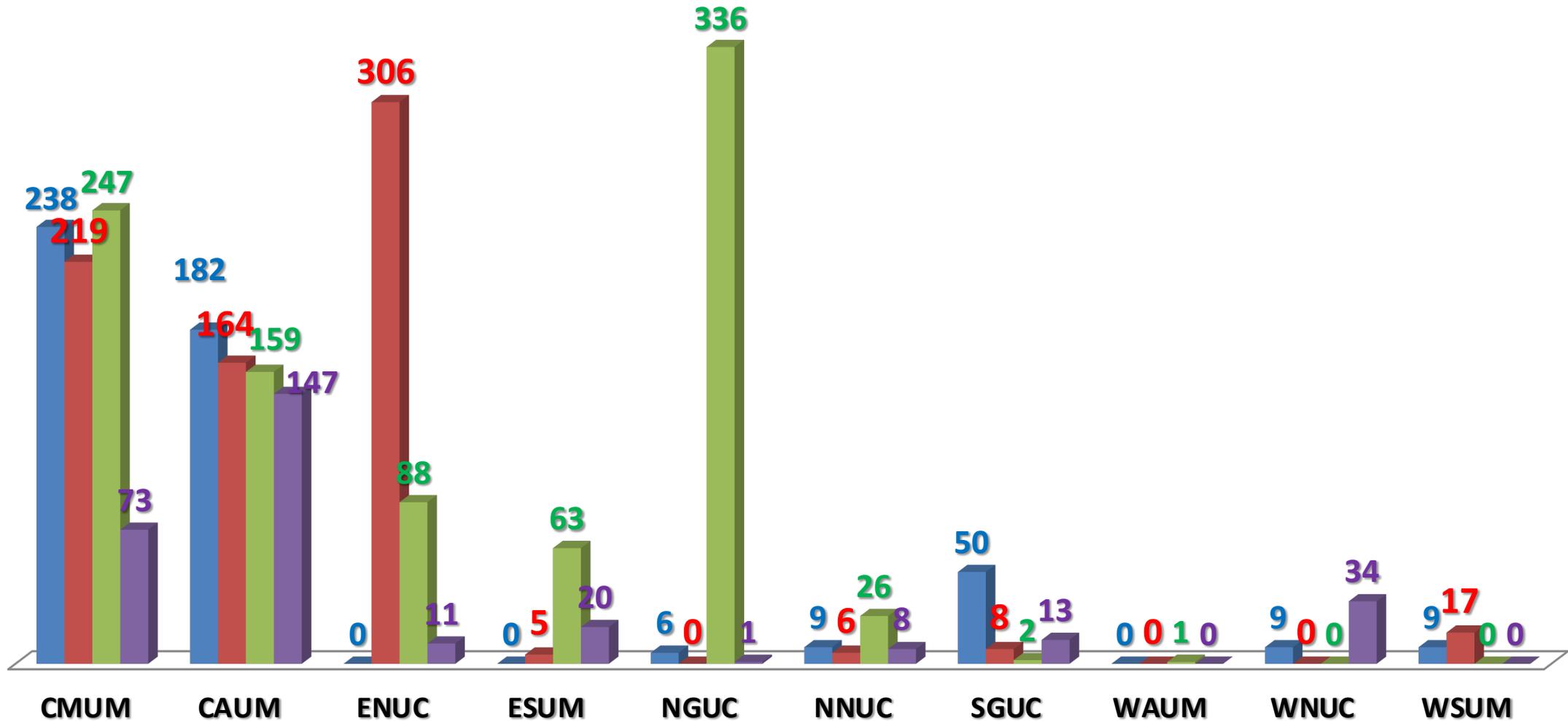
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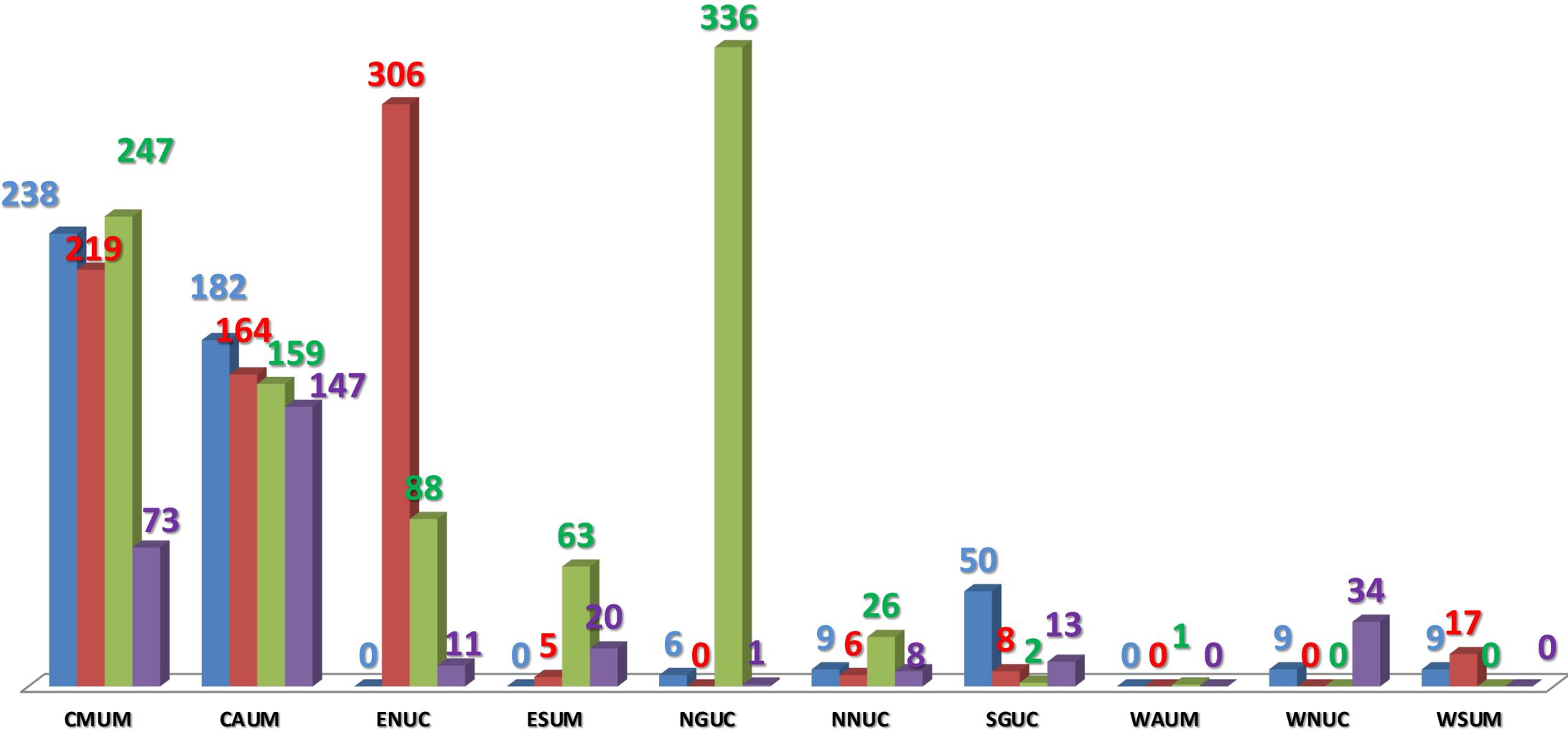
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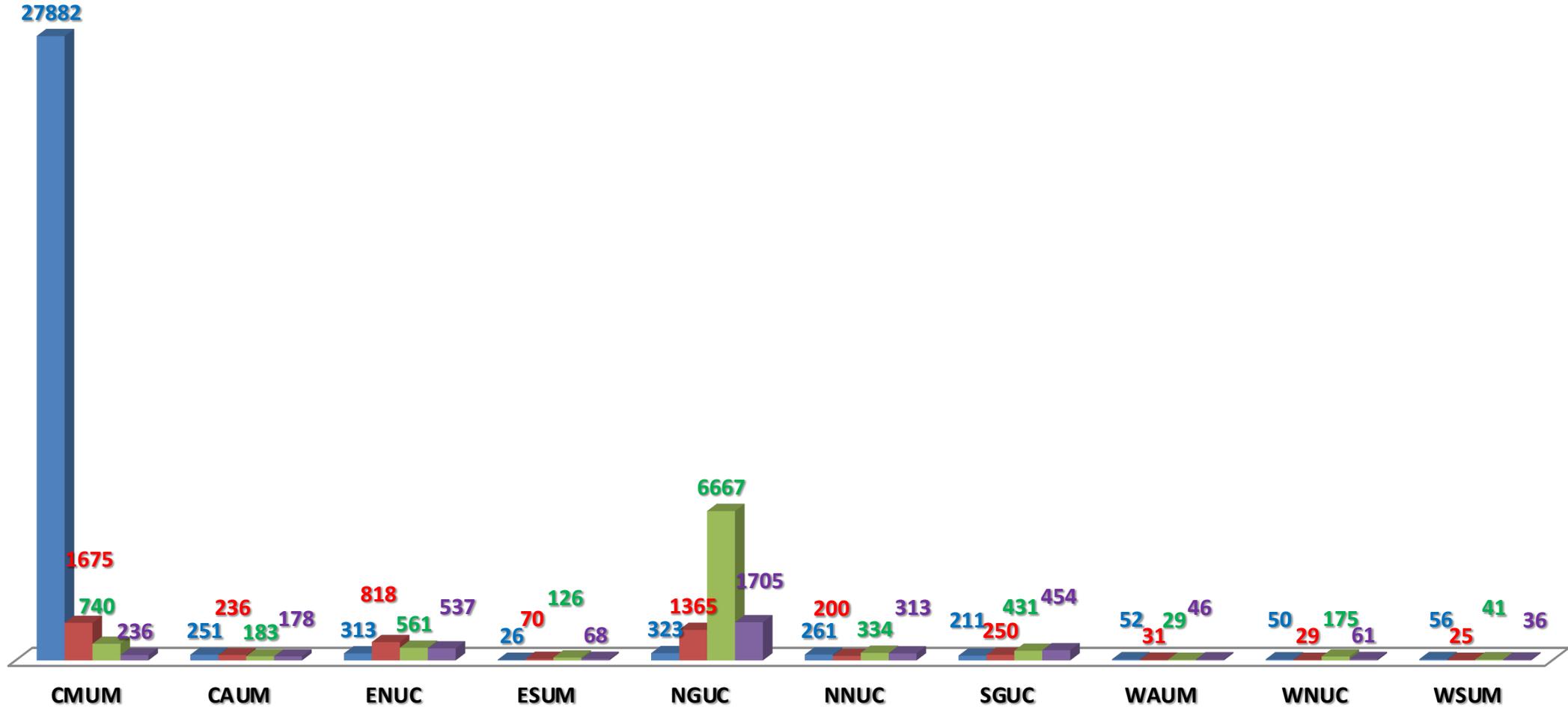
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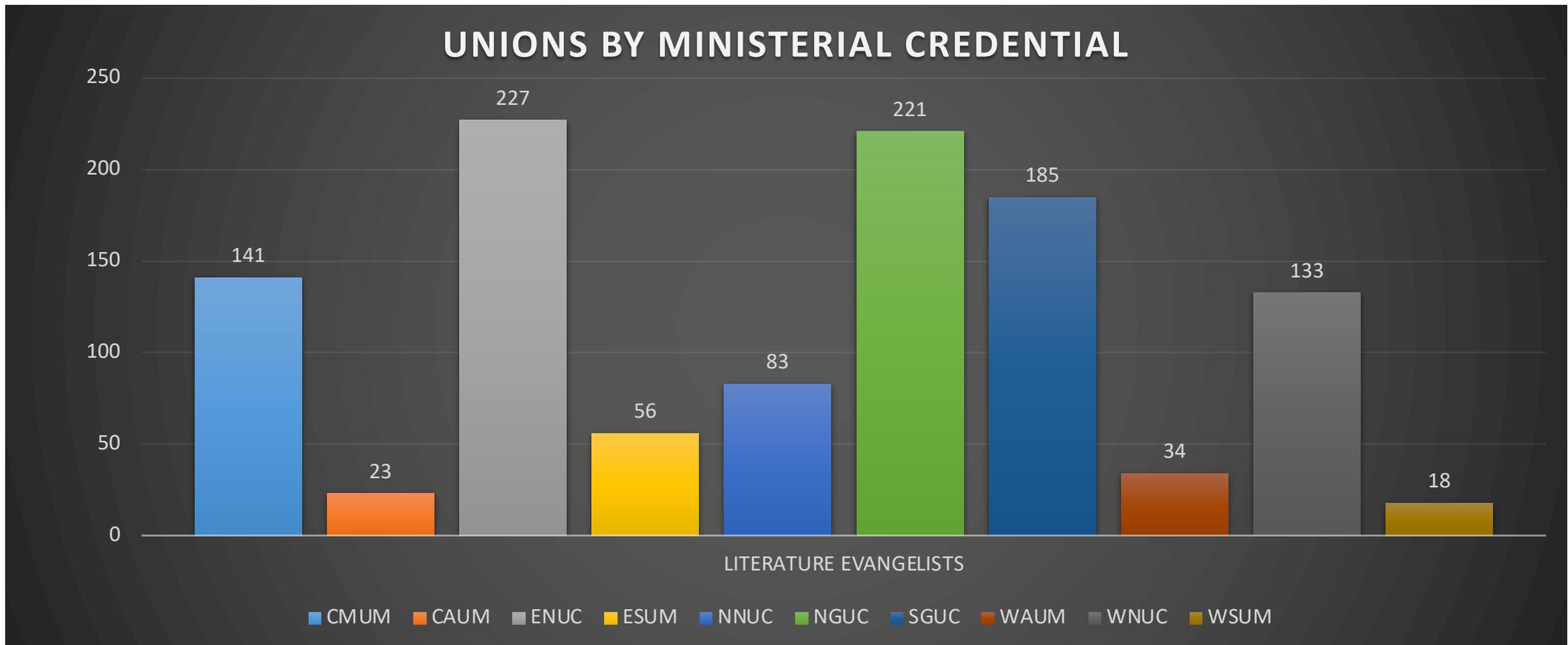
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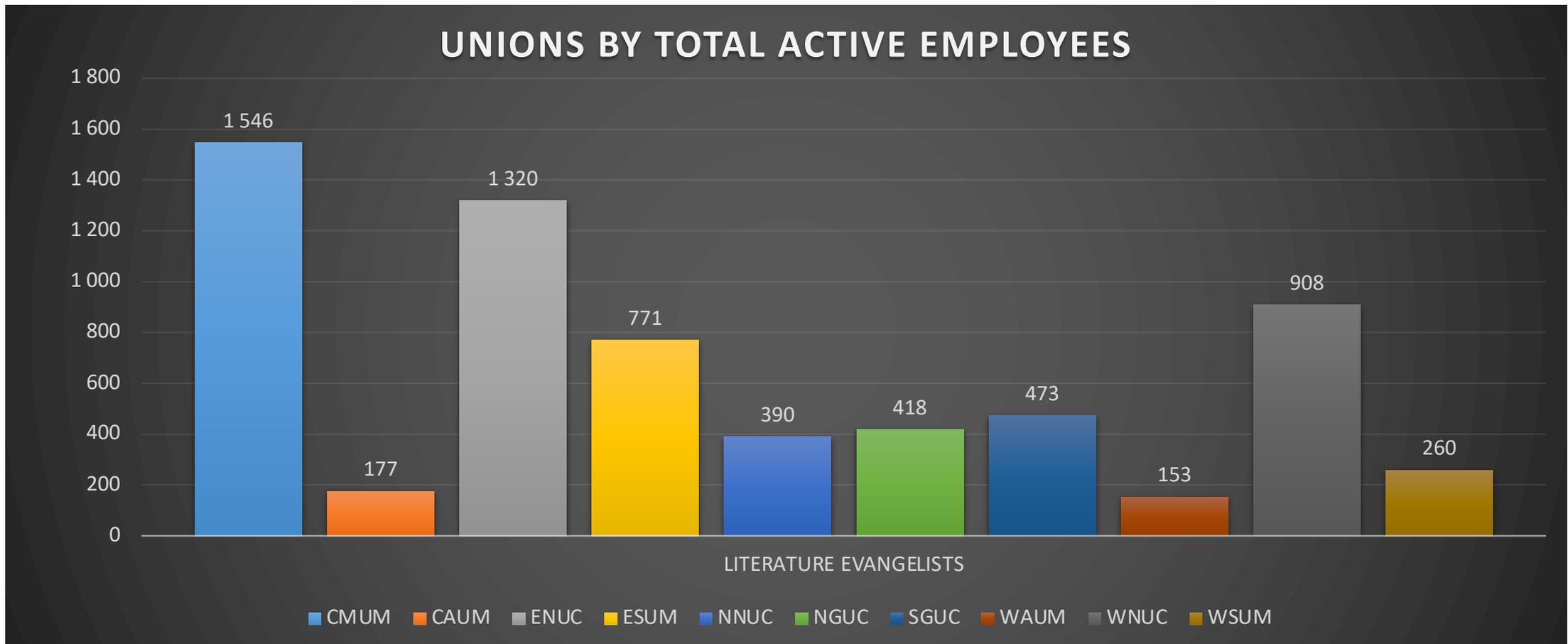


UNIONS BY NUMBER OF MINISTERIAL CREDENTIAL



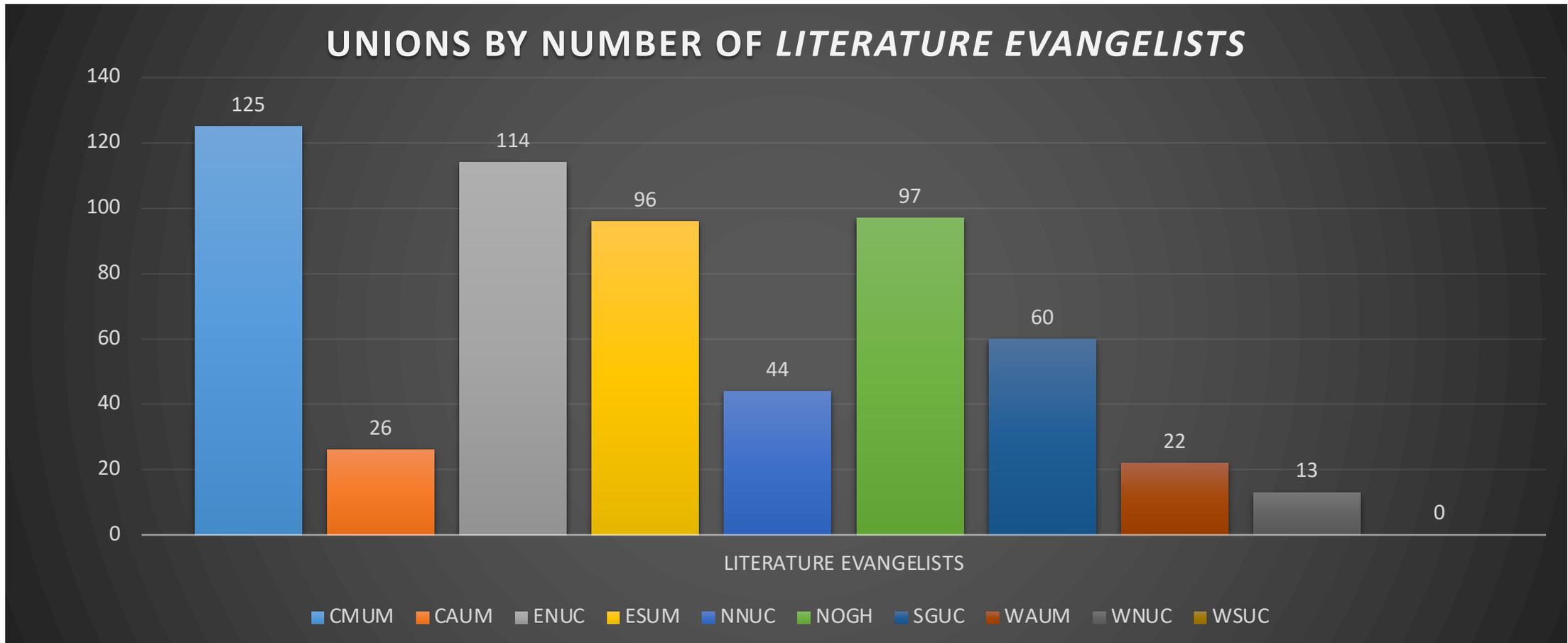


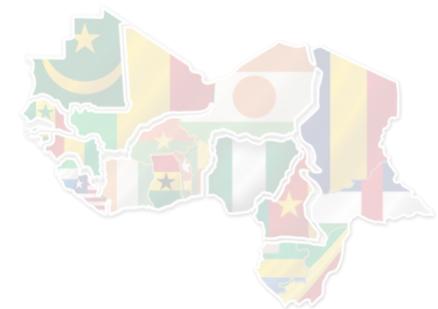
UNIONS BY NUMBER OF TOTAL ACTIVE EMPLOYEES





UNIONS BY NUMBER OF LITERATURE EVANGELISTS



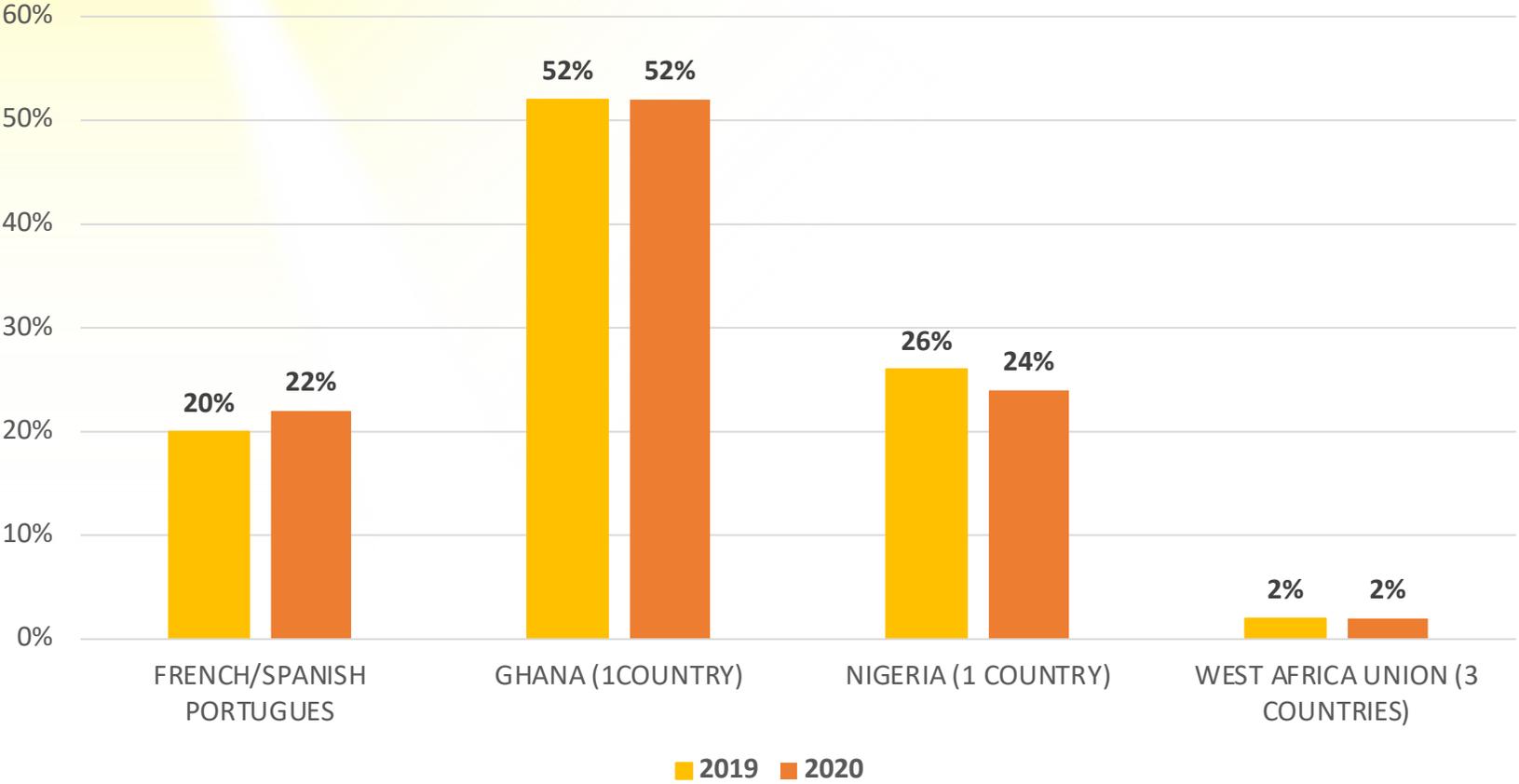


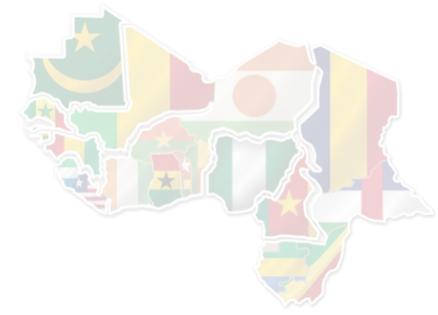
TITHE CONTRIBUTIONS BY REGIONS

	2019	2020
French/Portuguese/Spanish countries (17 countries)	20%	22%
Ghana	52%	52%
Nigeria	26%	24%
WAUM (3 countries)	2%	2%

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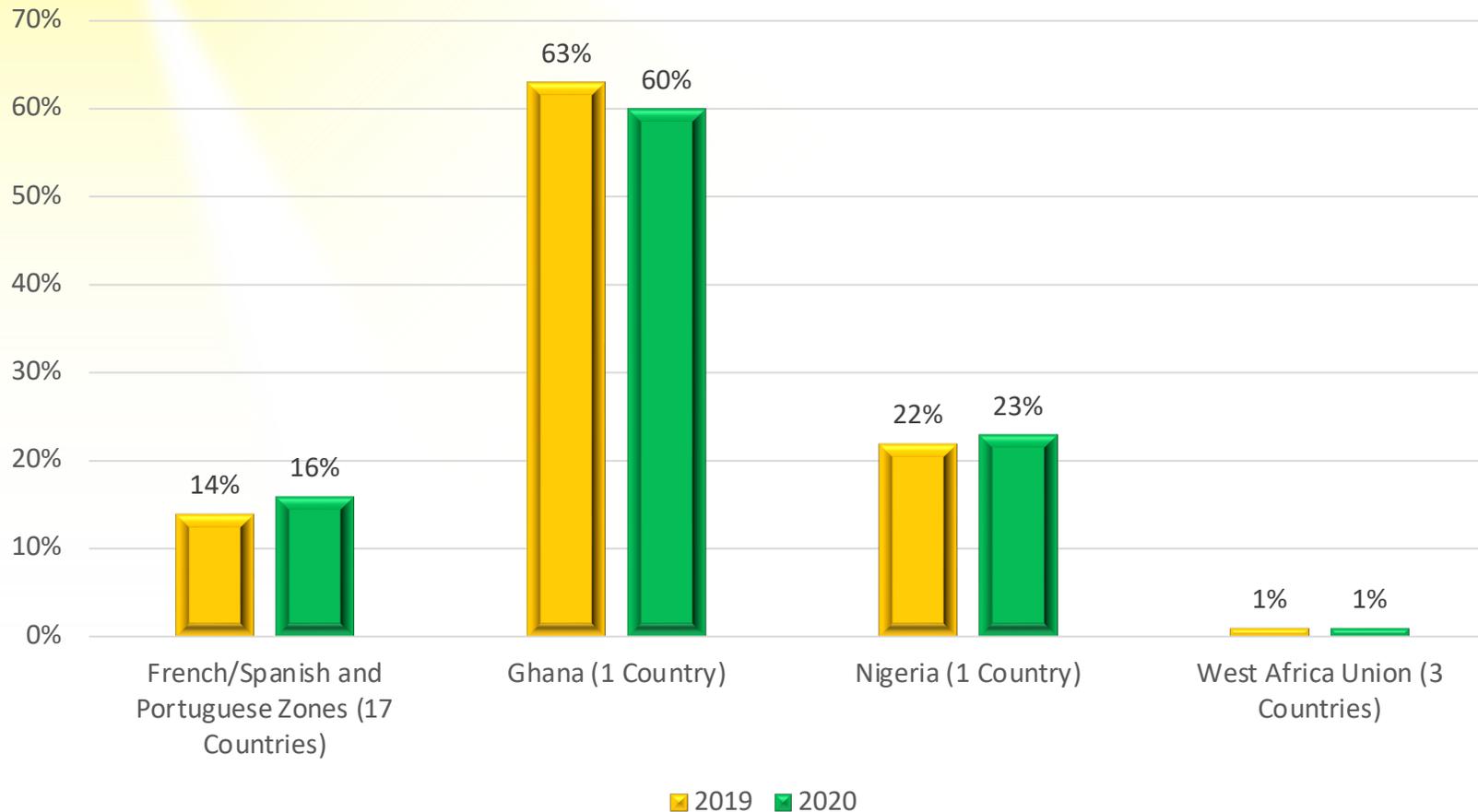


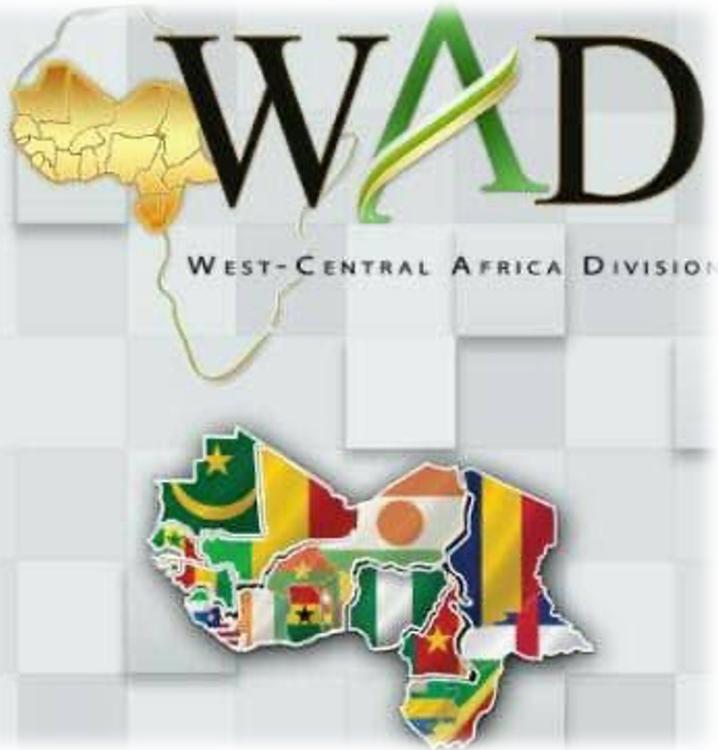
OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS BY REGIONS

	2019	2020
French/Portuguese/Spanish countries (17 countries)	14%	16%
Ghana	63%	60%
Nigeria	22%	23%
WAUM (3 countries)	1%	1%

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PRIORITIES OF THE WORLD CHURCH FOR WAD AS WE REFOCUS ON MISSION



WAD PRIORITY PEOPLE GROUP

Priority Rank	National Languages	Speakers	Location
1	French	55,274,710	Entire Region
2	Arabic	6,225,600	Entire Region
Indegenous Languages			
1	Hausa	50,679,100	Widely Spoken
2	Bamananka	14,181,800	Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger
3	Adamawa Fulfulde	13,061,000	Cameroon, Nigeria, Chad
4	Moore	13,388,000	Burkina Faso, Mali
5	Wolof	12,227,300	Mauritania, Senegal
6	Central Kanuri	8,477,500	Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, Chad



STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS 2022-2025



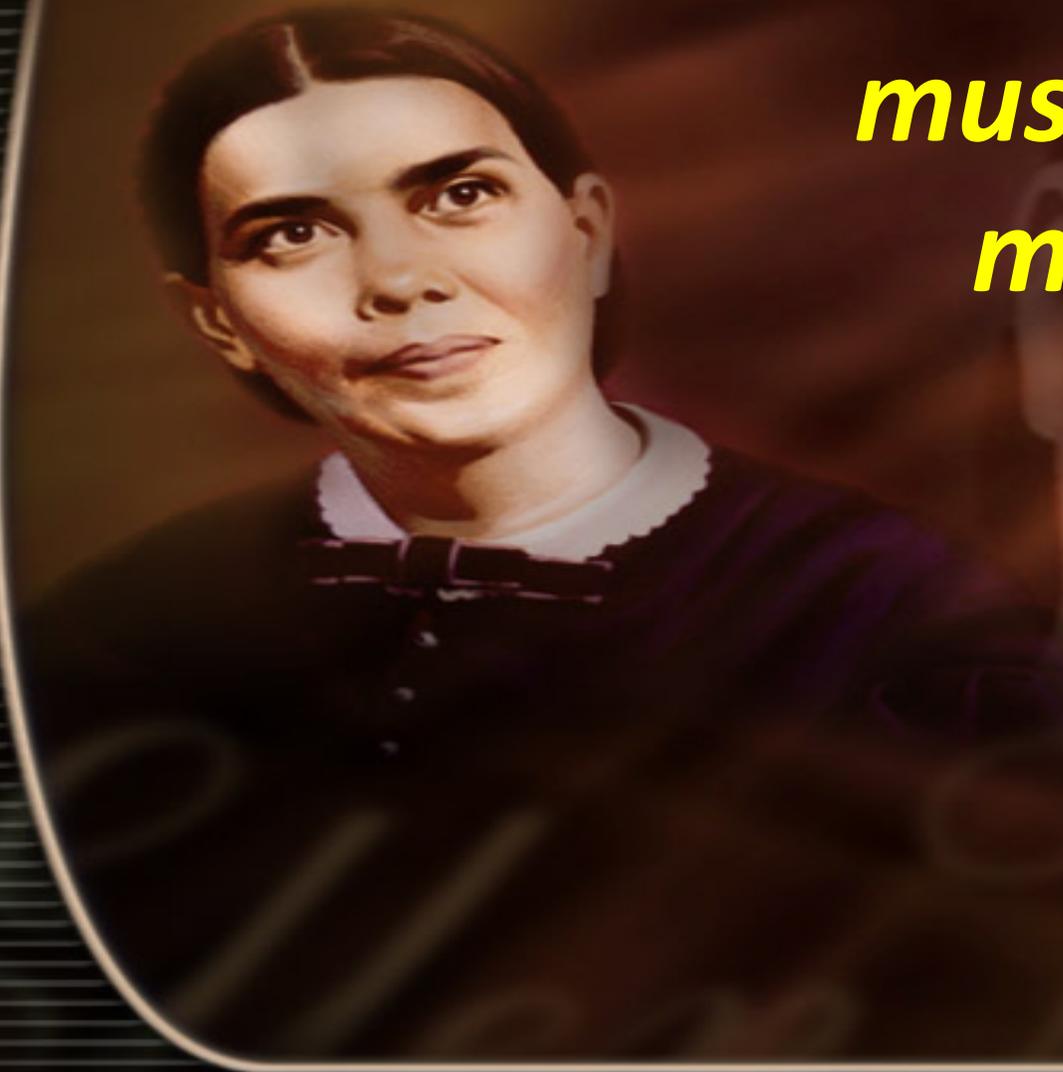


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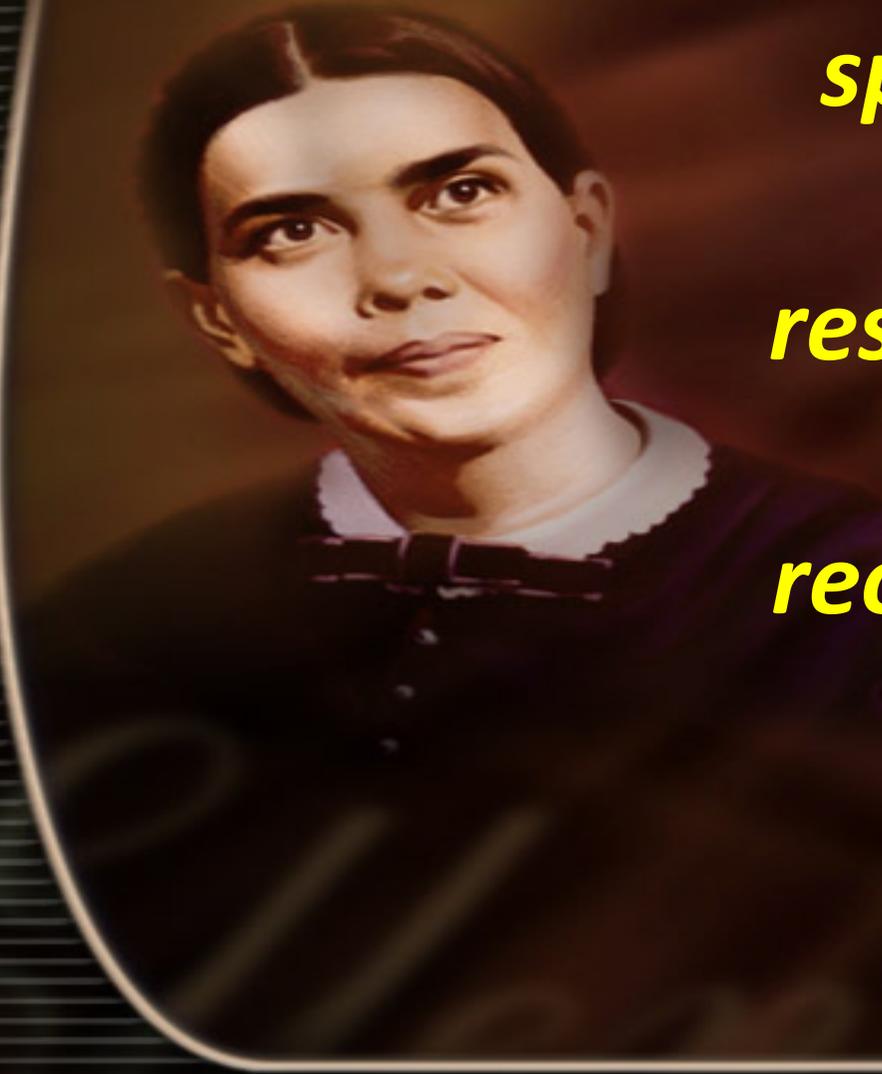
This vision will be achieved through souls winning, disciples making, trainings, secretariat evaluation and re-evaluation, redemptive membership audit, nurture and retention activities, and enforcement of policy compliance at all levels.





***“A revival and reformation
must take place under the
ministration of the Holy
Spirit. Revival and
reformation are two
different things...***

(1 SM, page 128)



“... Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices.”

(1 SM, page 128)

Appreciation



My appreciation goes to:

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- **The Unions and Institutions Officers**
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- **WAD Executive** Committees Members



☐ My dear family and all those who pray for me

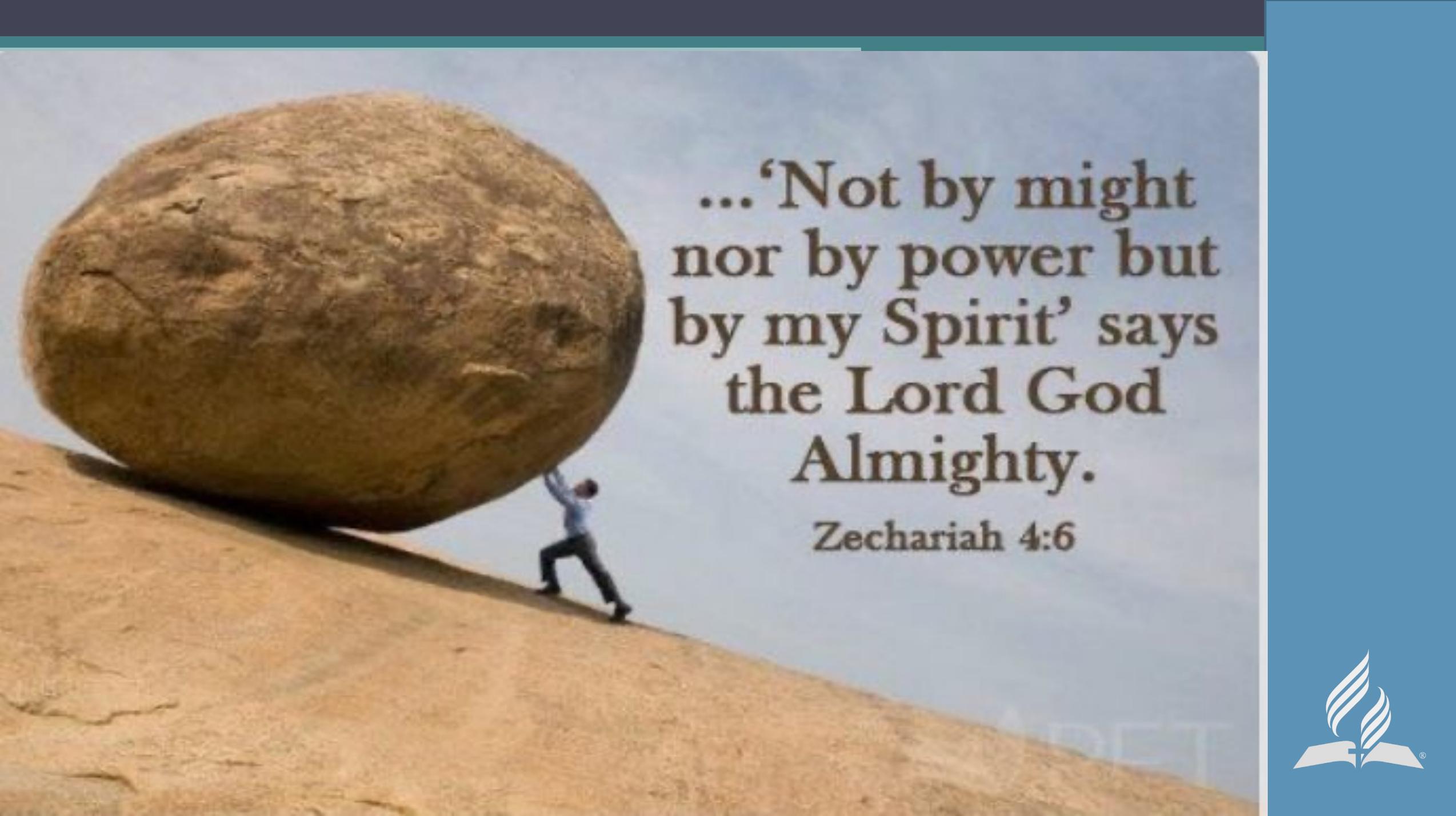
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☐ **GOD Almighty**



A photograph of a person in a light blue shirt and dark pants pushing a massive, smooth, tan-colored rock up a sandy, sloping hill. The person is positioned at the base of the rock, leaning against it with their arms raised. The background is a clear, light blue sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

...‘Not by might
nor by power but
by my Spirit’ says
the Lord God
Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6

