

What is an esdeeay?

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is proud of its name. The name, "Seventh-day Adventist," indicates two doctrines that set the church apart from other Protestant denominations, even though the church shares most doctrines with mainstream Christianity.

"Seventh-day" indicates the church's belief that Saturday (the Sabbath) is the seventh day of the week, and God should be honoured and worshipped on that day.

"Adventist" indicates the church's belief that Jesus is coming again soon.

Some people incorrectly abbreviate the church's name as SDA. These initials are not the preferred abbreviation of the church's name. The single word, "Adventist," is the preferred abbreviation for our church.

Three reasons why "Adventist" is a better abbreviation than "SDA"

1. "Adventist" conveys one of the central beliefs of the church—Jesus is coming again soon. The initials, "SDA," do not convey any message.
2. The initials, "SDA," can be easily confused with other entities.
3. The Adventist Church is a worldwide entity, communicating the gospel in 717 languages. In many of those languages, the initials are different. For example, in Spanish the church's initials would be IASD. And of course, in Japanese and Chinese the initials are not translatable at all.

For these reasons, the Adventist Church asks that everyone use the single word, "Adventist," as the only appropriate abbreviation of our church's name. We appreciate your continued concern about the Adventist Church. Thank you for understanding and correcting your usage in future.

Usage guidelines

Correct

Seventh-day Adventist

Incorrect

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