



# Religious Education Association

an Association of Professors, Practitioners, and Researchers in Religious Education

The mission of the Religious Education Association is to create opportunities for exploring and advancing the interconnected practices of scholarship, research, teaching, and leadership in faith communities, academic institutions, and the wider world community. The Association accomplishes its mission in four ways:

Through **sharing, critiquing and encouraging publication** of substantive research, probing scholarship and practical approaches to religious education (particularly through its journal *Religious Education*);

Through **ecumenical, inter-religious, and cross-cultural, interdisciplinary and inter-professional dialogue** that stimulates members to recall and examine historic traditions and explore fresh visions of religious education for the diverse and ever-changing human family in our complex world community;

Through **creation of international networks** of communication, cooperation and support in order to strengthen leaders in religious education, and religious education as a distinctive and vital field; and

Through **interpreting the nature, purposes, and value of the field** of religious education to the wider society and those preparing to become professors, researchers, or other leaders in religious education.

1903

Begun by William Rainey Harper, with college presidents and Bible scholars.

1906

First issue of *Religious Education*.

1920's & 30's

Became more interfaith and widely ecumenical. Began to include professionals.

1950's

Grew very active. Members formed smaller denominational groups.

1970's

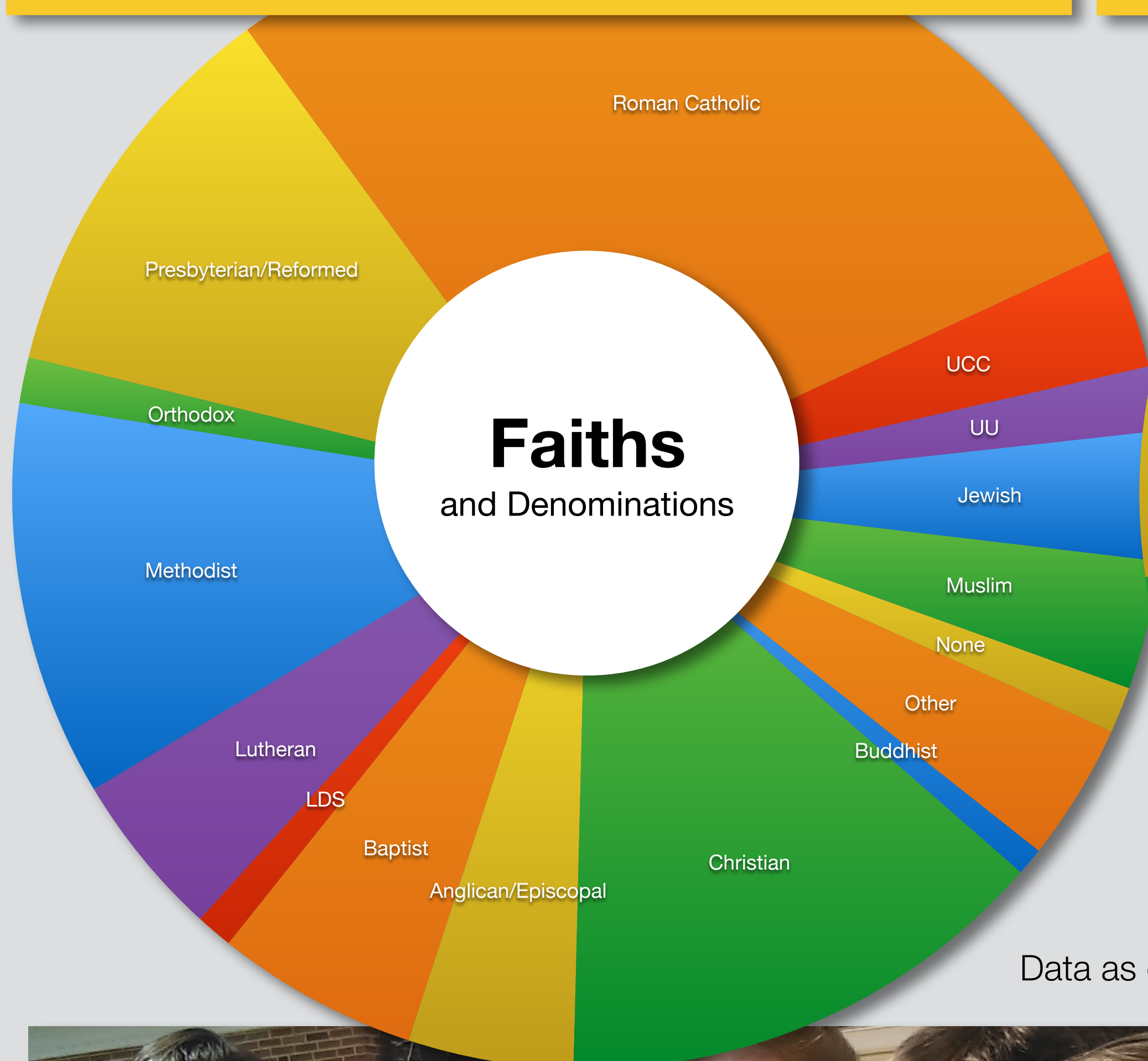
Sister organization, Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education (APRRE), formed.

2003

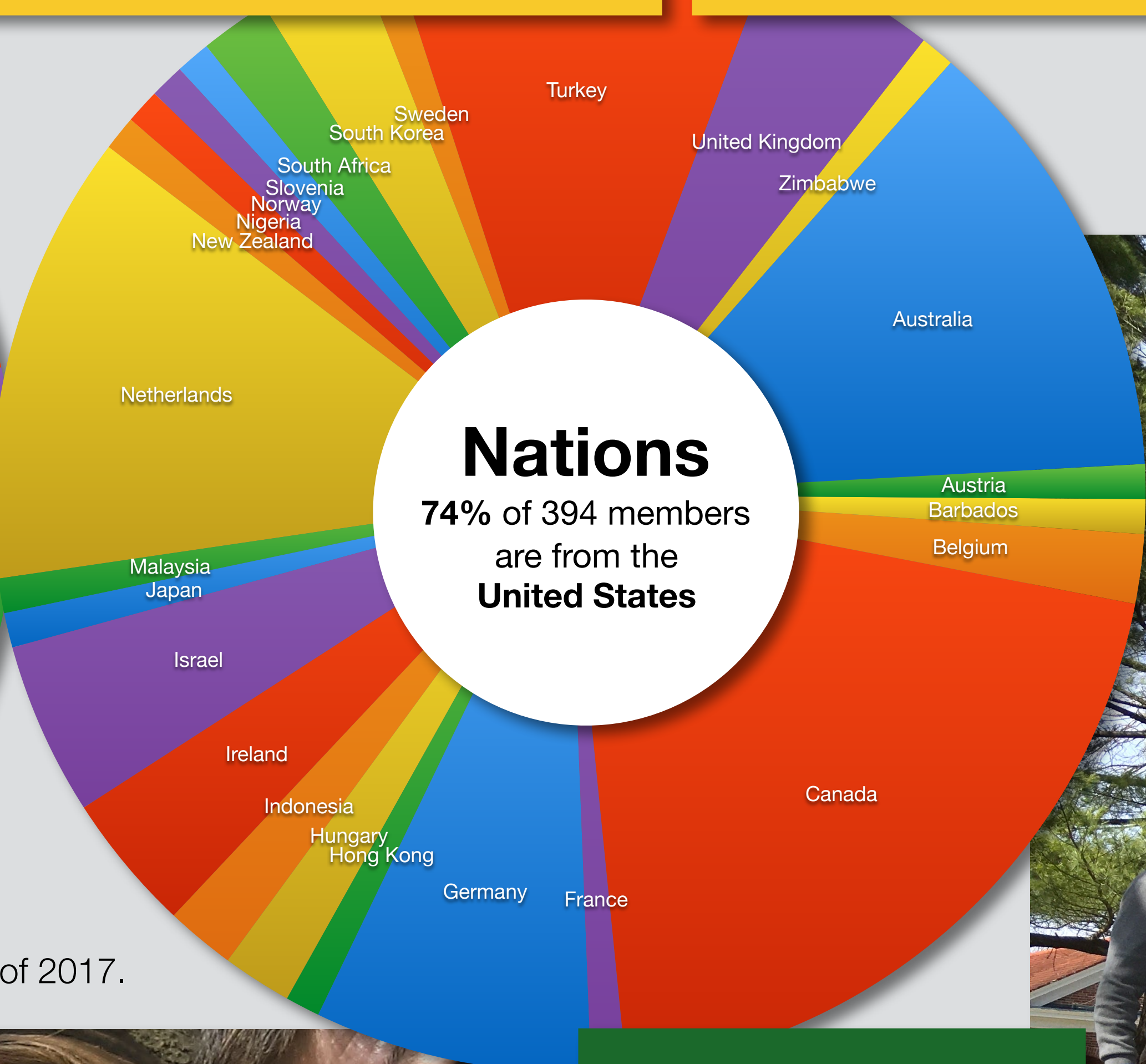
APRRE and REA join to form REA:APRRE.

2014

First title of Horizons in Religious Education book series.



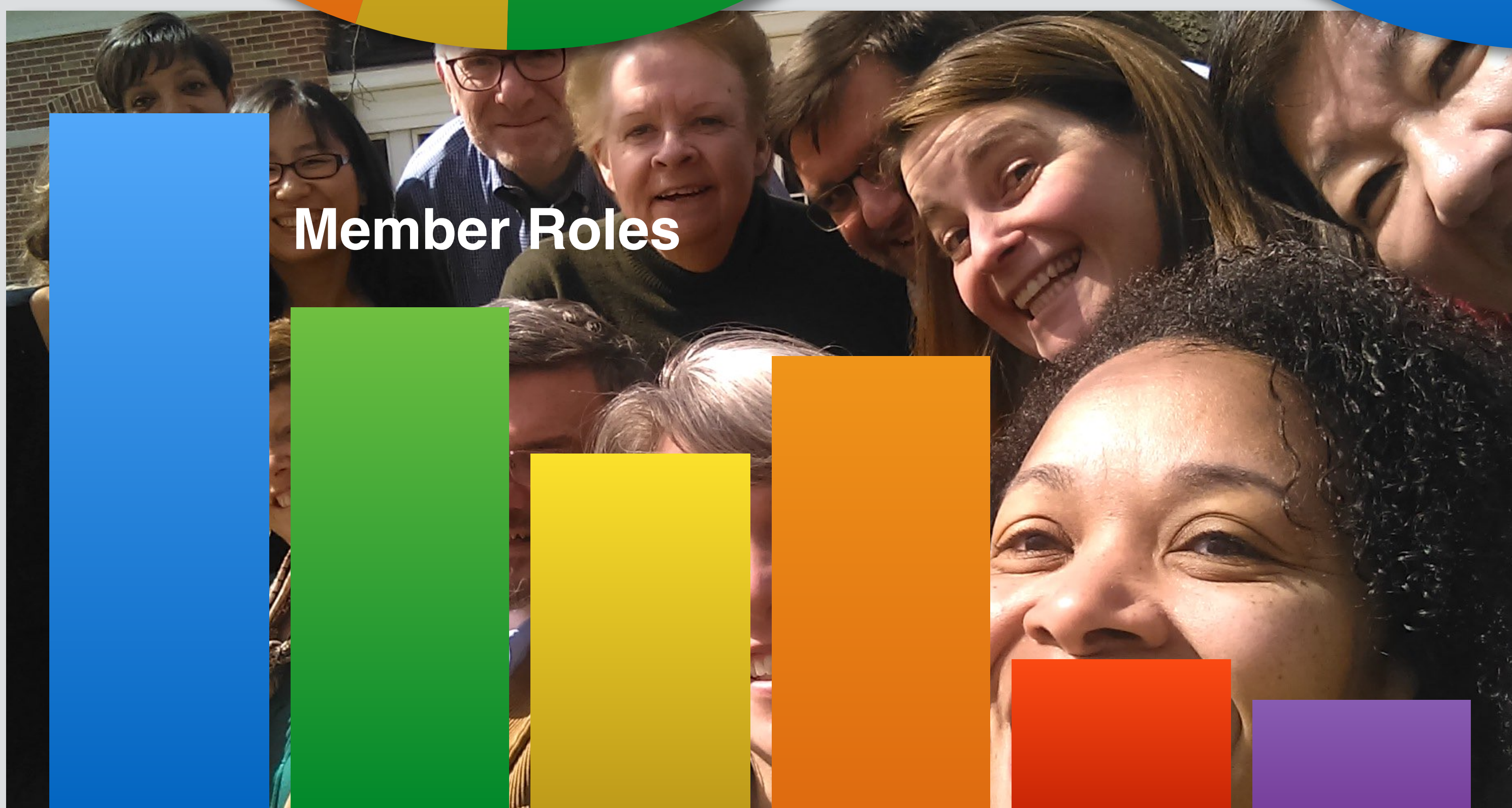
Data as of 2017.



**Nations**  
74% of 394 members are from the United States

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Join a work group or community of practice  
Propose a paper for the annual meeting  
Join a committee (email the chair)  
Submit a paper or book review to the journal  
Submit a Wornom grant proposal  
Submit a manuscript to Horizons book series



## Member Roles

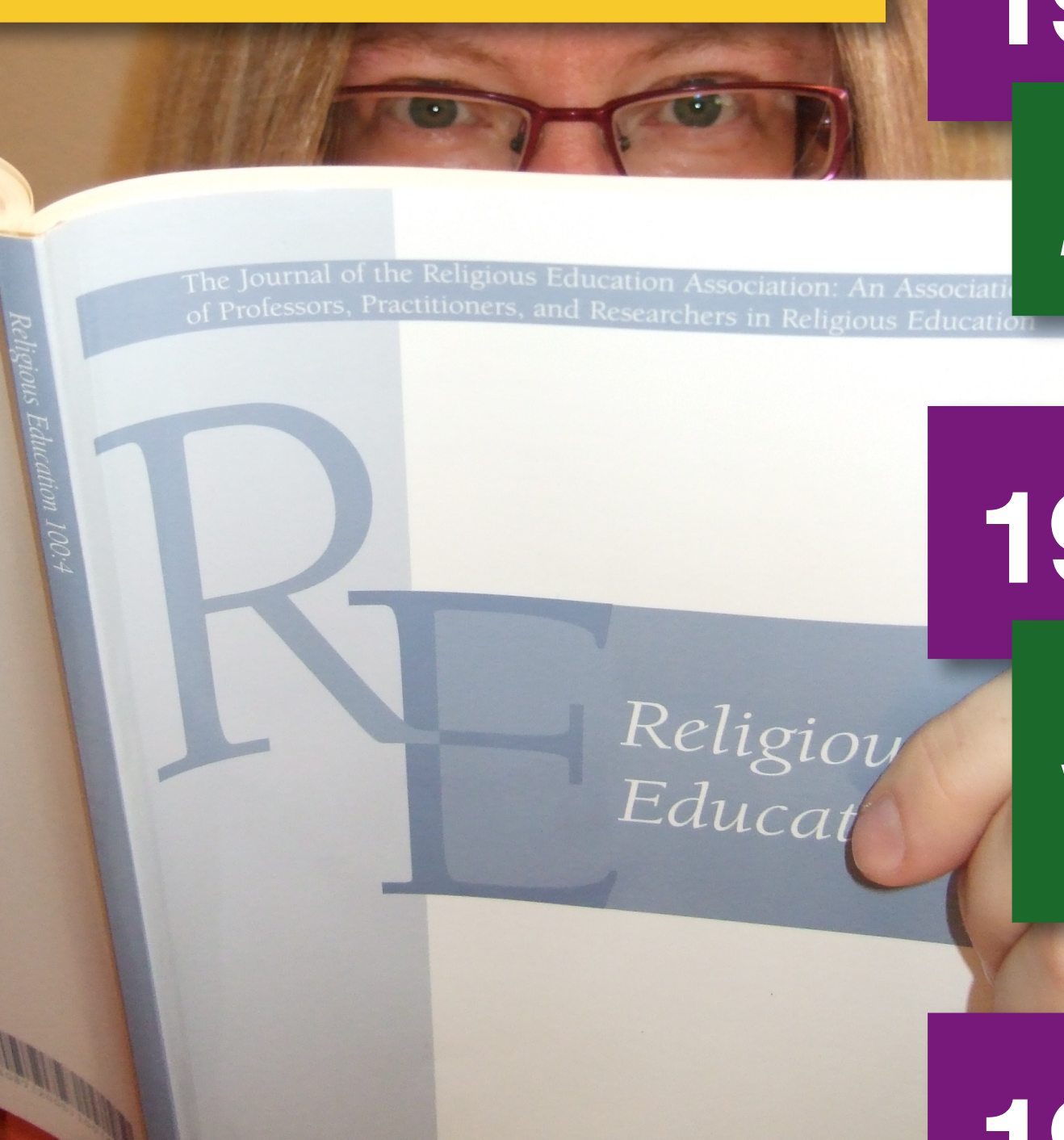
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