

# REVIVE

**2013**  
YEAR OF THE LAITY



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## WHAT IS A HEALTH FAIR OR HEALTH EXPO?

A health fair is a public event held by a group of professionals and trained church members where an educational service to the community on a healthy lifestyle is offered.

## HEALTH FAIRS ARE A TRUE COMMUNITY IMPACT BECAUSE:

These supply the health education needs of a community

They produce a friendship link between the church and the community.

Offer alternative physical, mental, social and spiritual relief.

They are an evangelism medium because in serving the individual, it leads them to the feet of Jesus.

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## With the same method, the same commitment and the same enthusiasm We will celebrate Health Expo!

The ministry that Jesus achieved when he was here on earth had a significant relief component for human suffering. We, as a church that grows in the coming of Jesus and in the Third Angel's message, have the commitment to share the health message given to pioneers like the servant of the Lord, Ellen G. White.

That commitment becomes more real because never before has there existed such a great need for health education as now. Before us is a gigantic wave of diseases caused by unhealthy lifestyles. With the proper information and guidance these diseases can be prevented, controlled and eradicated. This is the challenge of the Health Department for each local church.

The year 2013 will be a historic year in Inter-America. Health professionals and lay members coined as "health promoters," will unite in a special celebration for the Year of the Laity. We want every city where there is an Adventist Church to celebrate a health fair or health expo where practical advice can be offered in the community, aiding in changing habits for a healthier way of life.

Many blessings will be attained when we organize these events. As we turn our churches into community health centers,

our Seventh-day Adventist Church will be better known and in turn we will have a great opportunity to promote a healthier lifestyle and introduce the Author of life—who through His love for us, gave us this precious health message. In John 10:10, Jesus said: "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

In preparation for this event, there will be specific training for health promoters and the lay volunteers who are interested in joining this noble effort to benefit the community.

October 6, 2013, will be the great day. We will celebrate together this HEALTH EXPLOSION in hundreds of cities and villages. We invite every pastor and elder to turn their church in a health community center and that each church member into a health minister.

With the laypeople we will make history in Inter-America in 2013!



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"During His ministry, Jesus devoted more time to healing the sick than to preaching. His miracles testified to the truth of His words, that He came not to destroy, but to save."  
The Ministry of Healing (19.4)