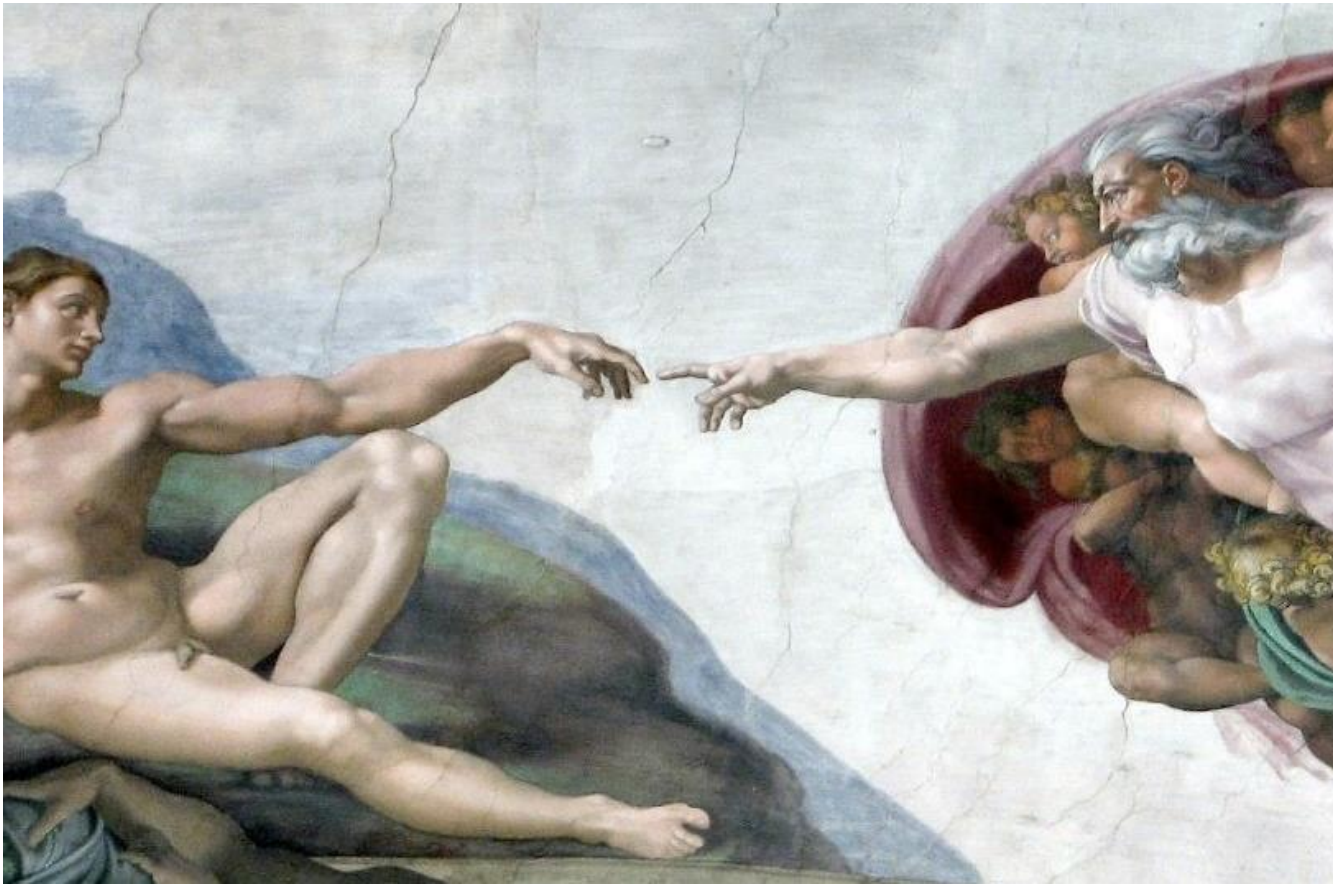




A Vision and Strategy for Health Ministries

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+ Life as it was created to be

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”

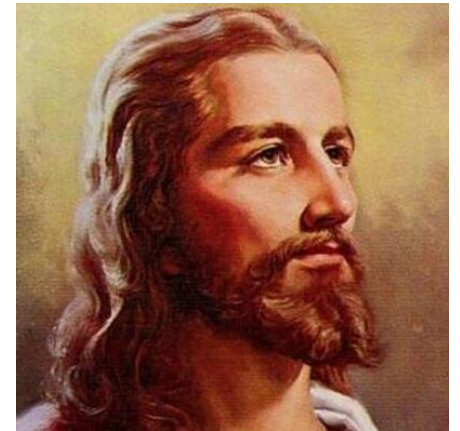
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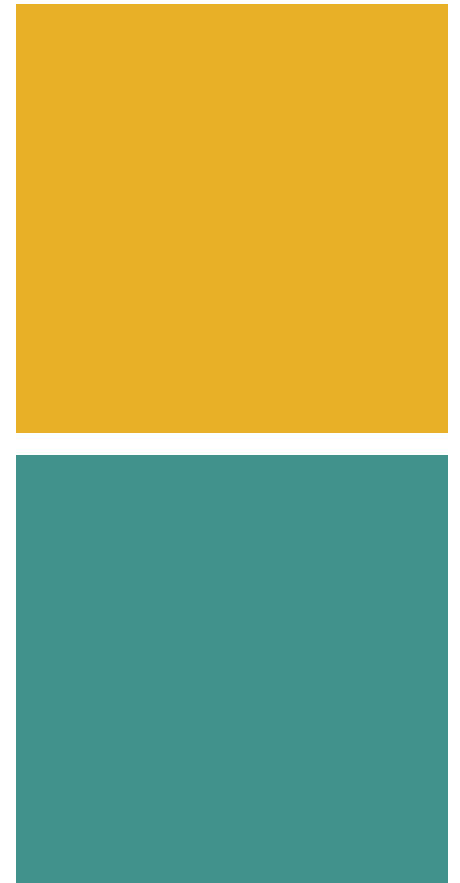
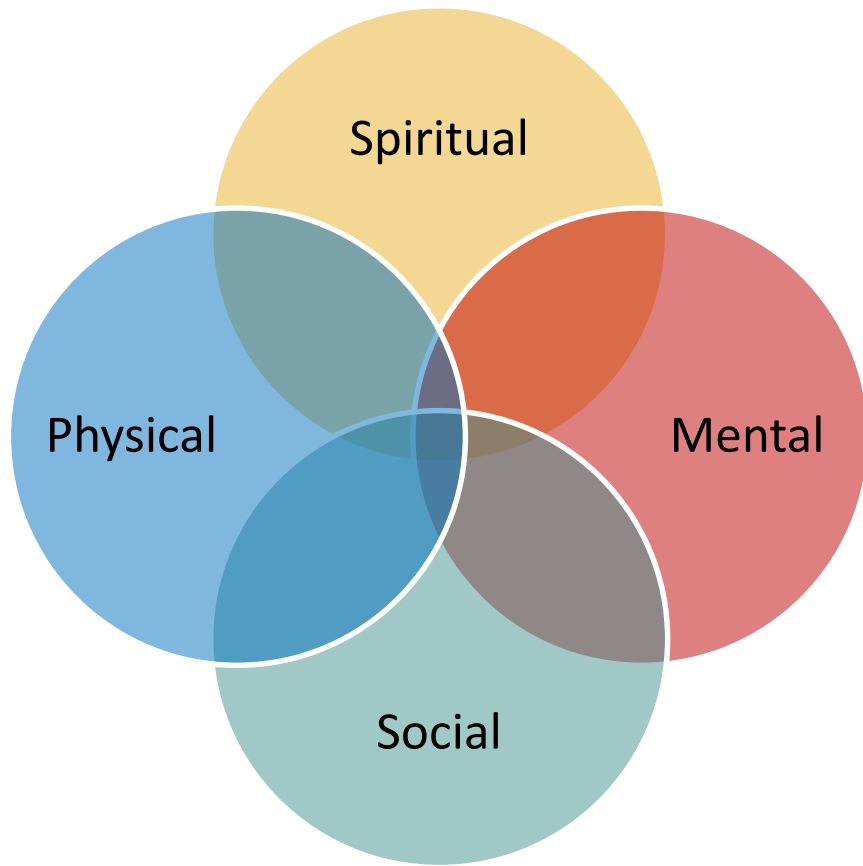


Jesus

“I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.”

John 10:10 (NIV UK)





+ The Four Dimensions of Health

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John 10:10 (NIV UK)



Ellen G. White

Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 112. Mountain View, CA:
Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1909

“The work of health reform is the Lord’s means for lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church.

Teach the people that they can act as God’s helping hand by co-operating with the Master Worker in restoring physical and spiritual health.

This work bears the signature of heaven and will open doors for the entrance of other precious truths.

There is room for all to labor who will take hold of this work intelligently.”





The Urgency of Health Ministries

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“When people become interested in this subject [health], the way is often prepared for the entrance of other truths.

If they see that we are intelligent with regard to health, they will be more ready to believe that we are sound in Bible doctrines.

This branch of the Lord’s work has not received due attention, and through this neglect much has been lost.





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If the church would manifest a greater interest in the reforms through which God Himself is seeking to fit them for His coming, their influence would be far greater than it now is.

God has spoken to His people and He designs that they shall hear and obey His voice.”





TED Health Ministries department's

Mission Statement

The mission of the Health Ministries department is to lead, equip and support Seventh-day Adventists in the Trans-European Division, as they engage in the restoration of life as God created it to be, through a compassionate service of comforting, relieving suffering, bringing healing, preventing illness, and enhancing life whenever possible to whoever needs it.



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Principles

Health Ministries is to be guided by evidence-based research and practices, and the revelation of God's design for human life as expressed in the Bible and amplified in the writings of Ellen G. White. Through this we strive for sound and balanced approaches to enhance life in all its dimensions; the physical, mental, social and spiritual.



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+ The Focus

of the TED Health Ministries department



- The main emphasis of the Health Ministries department in 2015-2020 will be on the following:
 - Support and enhance the health of the workers and their families
 - Develop Comprehensive Health Ministries in the churches
 - Engage and connect health professionals for health ministry
 - Equip members, workers and entities to better understand, support and help people with mental health and addictions issues



Thank you

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