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"Our ultimate goal in organizing this Inter-American Division event is to ensure that each child stepping into our Adventist churches can experience joy, and discover God's love and grace through the spiritual leadership of leaders and teachers," says Pastor Israel Leito, president for the church in Inter-America.

It's a historic event which will seek to impact the vast Inter-American region bursting with thousands upon thousands of children attending church services and activities every week, says Dinorah Rivera, children's ministries director for the church in Inter-America, and organizer of the event.

"We are excited to gather so many of our children's ministries leaders in the territory who will have the opportunity to be together, learn from well-seasoned directors, speakers, share victories and challenges as they lead young minds for the Kingdom," says Rivera.

The convention will also assemble dozens of local church teachers who volunteer at church every week to receive first-hand knowledge to aid their ministry, according to Rivera.

In a time when children live in a society that promotes a self-centered, fast-moving lifestyle with no absolutes, the convention, themed Fit for Jesus, will seek to inspire and train leaders to be the disciples they need to be in order to shape the kind of disciples Jesus needs His children to become, adds Rivera.

Attendees will get the opportunity to participate in seminars on effective leadership, using effective visuals, teaching about heaven, teaching health, connecting through technology, spiritual development, child evangelism and more.

Some 30 invited speakers and seminar presenters will be featured during the convention, which will climax with special spiritual worship services Friday evening and Saturday.

General sessions of the convention will be video-taped and later uploaded online.

For more on Inter-America's Children's Ministries Leadership Convention, visit us at www.interamerica.org and www.childmin.interamerica.org