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Adventist Health Appoints Kerry Heinrich as Next CEO



Adventist Health Board Chair John Freedman announced in October that Kerry Heinrich will serve as the next chief executive officer for Adventist Health.

Heinrich brings a deep understanding of the Adventist Health mission and culture to his new role. He previously led Loma Linda University Health hospitals as CEO for more than seven years and served as the organization's legal counsel for more than 20 years. During his tenure at Loma Linda University Health, Heinrich helped guide construction of the new 16-story hospital and the nine-story children's hospital tower that opened in August. He was named one of the "135 Nonprofit Hospital and Health System CEOs to Know" by Becker's Hospital Review in 2017.

"Kerry is an exceptional leader who brings a wealth of experience to our organization. He is passionate about Adventist Health's mission and our 2030 strategic vision," said Freedman, who, in addition to his role as Adventist Health board chair, is also president of the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Heinrich has served on the board of Adventist Health for seven years and was very involved in the development of the Adventist Health 2030 strategic vision to grow the organization's care, health, and well-being services.

"I have always loved Adventist Health's mission of living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness, and hope," said Heinrich. "I'm honored to have been selected to lead and support this incredible team in this high calling."

Heinrich has a bachelor's degree from Walla Walla University with a major in history and a minor in business, with emphasis in finance and management. He earned a juris doctor degree from the University of Oregon School of Law.

Heinrich will replace Scott Reiner, who announced his resignation in July to establish a family foundation that is focused on global health and well-being.

The Adventist Health leadership transition is expected to be completed by the beginning of 2022.

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