



# Our PROPHETS and APOSTLES Today

Jesus Christ leads The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints through prophets and apostles. Read about them below. Then **cut out the pictures on page 5** and tape them in place on the chart. Put tape at the top of each picture so you can still read the facts underneath!

- Cleaned a radio repair shop as his first job
- Became a lawyer and Utah Supreme Court judge
- Was president of BYU



**President Dallin H. Oaks**  
First Counselor in the First Presidency

- Was a heart surgeon
- Studied several languages, including Mandarin
- Has 10 children—9 girls and 1 boy



**President Russell M. Nelson**  
17th President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- Played basketball in high school
- Learned physics from his father on their family chalkboard
- Was president of Ricks College, now BYU-Idaho



**President Henry B. Eyring**  
Second Counselor in the First Presidency

- Was nicknamed “the bishop” in college because of his high standards
- Owned a car dealership
- Served as a missionary in England and as mission president in Toronto, Canada



**President M. Russell Ballard**  
Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Was a mission companion with Elder Cook in England
- Worked for the Church Education System
- Was president of BYU



**Elder Jeffrey R. Holland**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Was a refugee twice as a child
- Was an airplane captain
- Enjoys skiing with his children and grandchildren



**Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Was a quarterback on his high-school football team
- After serving a mission in Germany, baptized his father a member of the Church
- Was president of Ricks College when it became BYU-Idaho



**Elder David A. Bednar**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Gained a testimony after studying scriptures and praying with his older brother
- Saw his future wife at a junior-high talent show
- Served as a Church leader in the Philippines and Pacific Islands



**Elder Quentin L. Cook**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Baked homemade bread for his family growing up
- Participated in the Hill Cumorah Pageant as a teenager
- Worked as a lawyer before being called as an Apostle



**Elder D. Todd Christofferson**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Grew up on a dairy farm in Idaho, USA
- Served as a missionary and mission president in France
- Speaks French, Portuguese, Spanish, and English



**Elder Neil L. Andersen**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Was mission president in New York City, USA
- His motto is “It’s people that matter most”
- Dedicated the first LDS Church building in the Czech Republic



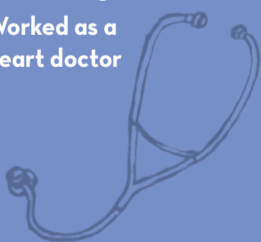
**Elder Ronald A. Rasband**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Served as a missionary and mission president in Japan
- Started a business manufacturing and selling exercise equipment
- Served as bishop over the whole Church



**Elder Gary E. Stevenson**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- His middle name, Gunnar, means “brave soldier”
- Moved to Sweden as a teenager
- Worked as a heart doctor



**Elder Dale G. Renlund**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Likes animals, including penguins
- Loves meeting people in every country
- Has family history records back to First Dragon Gong in 837 AD



**Elder Gerrit W. Gong**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Is from Brazil, and served as a missionary there and mission president in Portugal
- Learned about the Church with his family as a young boy
- Started getting ready for a mission when he was 12 years old



**Elder Ulisses Soares**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

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