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**GENERAL CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU!**

You will be blessed by participating in as much of general conference as possible. The Spirit can teach you what Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ want you to learn, and you will be blessed for it.

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THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

*General Conference*  
**NOTEBOOK**

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YOUR GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR AND LEARN FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE *NEW ERA*

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## STARTING THIS YEAR!

The general priesthood session will be held in April, and the general women's session will be held in October.

### WATCH IT LIVE!

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 31

MORNING SESSION:  
10AM MDT  
AFTERNOON SESSION:  
2PM MDT  
PRIESTHOOD SESSION:  
6PM MDT

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 1

MORNING SESSION:  
10AM MDT  
AFTERNOON SESSION:  
2PM MDT

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## MY CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

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LDS.org; Mormon Channel on Youtube, website, or app; BYUTV; in person at the Conference Center



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## DRUM ROLL, PLEASE. WAIT. ACTUALLY, NO. CUE THE ORGAN INSTEAD, BECAUSE GENERAL CONFERENCE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

General conference is an amazing opportunity to join with members of the Church worldwide to listen to Church leaders and receive direction from the Lord. Watching, listening to, and studying the general conference messages will bring the Spirit into your life and help build your testimony. It's an opportunity for you to receive and act upon personal revelation.

Use this guidebook to help prepare for and enjoy taking notes from general conference.

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## THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Set apart on January 14, 2018.



**PRESIDENT  
DALLIN H. OAKS**  
1st Counselor

sustained as an Apostle: 1984



**PRESIDENT  
RUSSELL M. NELSON**  
President of the Church

sustained as an Apostle: 1984



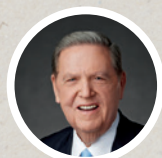
**PRESIDENT  
HENRY B. EYRING**  
2nd Counselor

sustained as an Apostle: 1995

## THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES



**PRESIDENT  
M. RUSSELL BALLARD**  
sustained: 1985



**ELDER  
JEFFREY R. HOLLAND**  
sustained: 1994



**ELDER  
DIETER F. UCHTDORF**  
sustained: 2004



**ELDER  
DAVID A. BEDNAR**  
sustained: 2004



**ELDER  
QUENTIN L. COOK**  
sustained: 2007



**ELDER  
D. TODD CHRISTOFFERSON**  
sustained: 2008



**ELDER  
NEIL L. ANDERSEN**  
sustained: 2009



**ELDER  
RONALD A. RASBAND**  
sustained: 2015



**ELDER  
GARY E. STEVENSON**  
sustained: 2015



**ELDER  
DALE G. RENLUND**  
sustained: 2015



**ELDER**  
sustained: 2018



**ELDER**  
sustained: 2018

BACKGROUND FROM GETTY IMAGES

# THE CHURCH TODAY HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE LORD HIMSELF.

President Russell M. Nelson,  
Oct. 2014 general conference.

## Authorities or Auxiliaries?

General Authorities and General Auxiliary Presidencies are leaders of the Church. The General Authorities of the Church are the First Presidency, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the Presidency of the Seventy, the General Authority Seventies, and the Presiding Bishopric. The General Auxiliary Presidencies are the Primary, Relief Society, Sunday School, Young Men, and Young Women General Presidencies.

The auxiliaries teach, strengthen, and uplift the members of the Church under the priesthood authority and direction of the General Authorities.

## MY TESTIMONY OF LATTER-DAY PROPHETS

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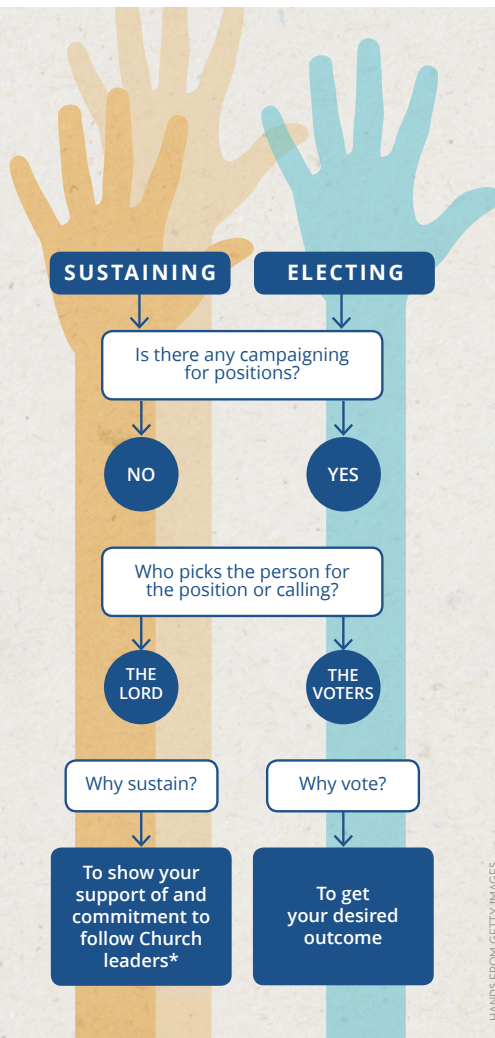
## SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

A solemn assembly is a reverent occasion when Church members gather for a sacred purpose, such as sustaining a new President of the Church. Members stand and sustain the new President as a prophet, seer, and revelator and make a solemn covenant to support and follow the direction of God's chosen prophet.

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN *Sustaining vs. Electing*

During general conference, we have the opportunity to sustain the General Authorities, General Auxiliary Presidencies, and Area Seventies of the Church. We are asked to show whether we support or oppose the callings. In a way, this can seem like the process of voting to elect people, but it differs in important ways.

\* "If a member in good standing gives a dissenting vote when someone is presented to be sustained, the presiding officer or another assigned priesthood officer confers with the dissenting member in private after the meeting. The officer determines whether the dissenting vote was based on knowledge that the person who was presented is guilty of conduct that should disqualify him or her from serving in the position" (*Handbook 2: Administering the Church*, 19.3).



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## NOTES:

### NOTABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GENERAL CONFERENCES

OCT. 1975

First Quorum of the Seventy organized

OCT. 1978

Revelation known as Official Declaration 2 (*priesthood extended to all worthy males*)

OCT. 1982

Subtitle "Another Testament of Jesus Christ" added to the Book of Mormon

OCT. 1995

"The Family: A Proclamation to the World"

APR. 1998

Construction of smaller temples

APR. 1999

Nauvoo Illinois Temple to be rebuilt

APR. 2001

Perpetual Education Fund

APR. 2012

Missionary age change

APR. 2018

President Russell M. Nelson sustained as 17th President of the Church

*Our sustaining of prophets is a personal commitment that we will do our utmost to uphold their prophetic priorities. Our sustaining is an oath-like indication that we recognize their calling as a prophet to be legitimate and binding upon us.*

**President Russell M. Nelson, Oct. 2014 general conference**

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## Ways to Learn from General Conference



- 1** Write down your questions before general conference starts, *p. 7*
- 2** Seek to learn of Christ, *p. 12*
- 3** Watch for themes, *p. 16*
- 4** Take note of the Book of Mormon, *p. 20*
- 5** Be motivated and inspired to act, *p. 26*

# Q&A:

# 1

Take the time to write down your questions before conference starts, and then pay attention to answers that come to you during conference. Your prayers and questions can be answered as you participate and listen to the Spirit.

MY QUESTION:

ANSWER:

MY QUESTION:

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ANSWER:

# NOTES:

PROMISED BLESSINGS:

FAVORITE QUOTE:

WHAT WILL I DO NOW?

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**THERE IS A  
TREASURE CHEST  
OF HEAVENLY  
DIRECTION  
AWAITING YOUR  
DISCOVERY  
IN THE MESSAGES  
OF GENERAL  
CONFERENCE.**

Elder Neil L. Andersen  
Quorum of the Twelve Apostles  
Oct. 2017 general conference

# NOTES:

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**YOU HAVE THE  
CAPACITY TO RECEIVE  
REVELATION AND ACT  
ON IT FEARLESSLY.**

President Henry B. Eyring







# LEARN of ME

MY TESTIMONY OF THE SAVIOR

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# 2

Prophets testify and teach about the Savior (see Acts 10:43). As you listen to the conference messages, you could think about what the speakers are teaching you about Jesus Christ. You could even make a list in your notes.

## WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

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SPEAKER:

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SPEAKER:

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SPEAKER:

4

SPEAKER:

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# NOTES:

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# Themes You Noticed

## 3

After watching some of general conference, you might notice that you've heard a topic or theme mentioned more than once. The patterns you notice may be one way the Spirit helps you recognize something you need to learn.

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**WHAT I LEARNED:**

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**WHAT I LEARNED:**

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**LEARNING WITH AND BY  
FAITH REQUIRES SPIRITUAL,  
MENTAL, AND PHYSICAL  
EXERTION AND NOT JUST  
PASSIVE RECEPTION.**

Elder David A. Bednar



# TAKE NOTE OF THE BOOK of MORMON

You can learn a lot by paying attention to the scriptures Church leaders refer to, especially the Book of Mormon, which is "the keystone of our religion." See if you can keep track of each time it's mentioned in general conference. You'll be amazed at what you find!

**SPEAKER:**

**REFERENCE:**

**TOPIC:**

## MY BOOK OF MORMON STUDY PLAN

**PRAYERFULLY STUDY AND PONDER THE BOOK OF MORMON EACH DAY.**

President Thomas S. Monson (1927–2018),  
Apr. 2017 general conference

## MY TESTIMONY OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

# NOTES:

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SESSION  
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2<sup>nd</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup>

MEETING TYPE  
general | general women's session | general priesthood session

PROMISED BLESSINGS:

FAVORITE QUOTE:

WHAT WILL I DO NOW?

**EACH OF US IS PRECIOUS  
AND LOVED BY THE LORD,  
WHO CARES, WHO WHISPERS,  
AND WHO WATCHES OVER  
US IN WAYS UNIQUE TO  
EACH OF US.**

Elder Ronald A. Rasband

**WHEN I TAKE NOTES  
AT CONFERENCE,  
I DO NOT ALWAYS  
WRITE DOWN EXACTLY  
WHAT THE SPEAKER  
IS SAYING; I NOTE  
THE PERSONALIZED  
DIRECTION THE SPIRIT  
IS GIVING ME.**

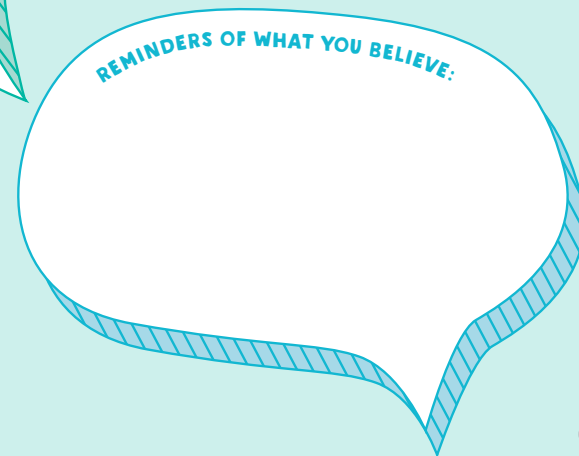
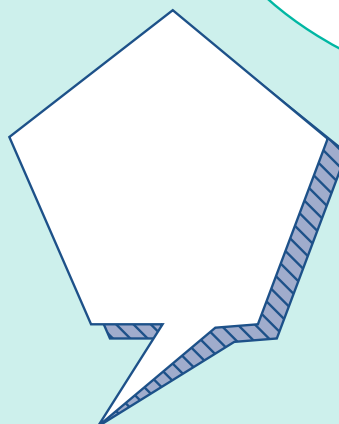
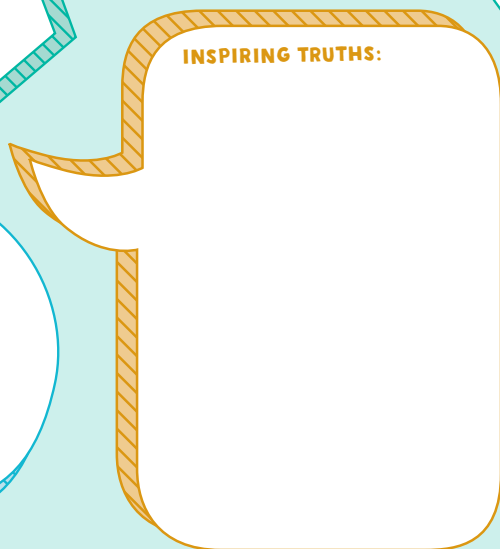
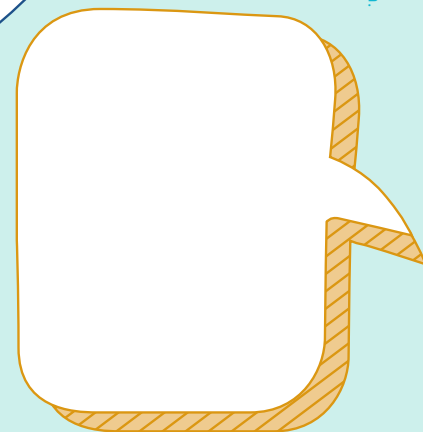
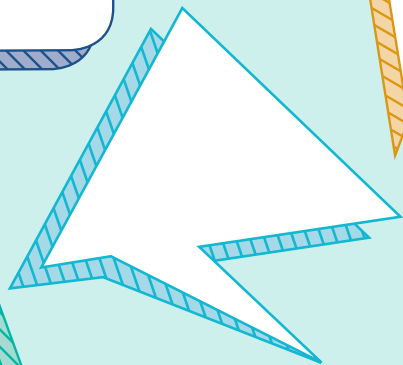
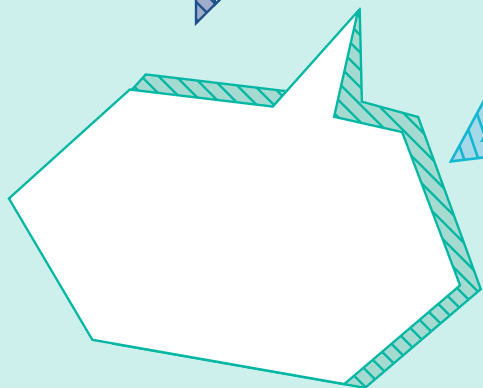
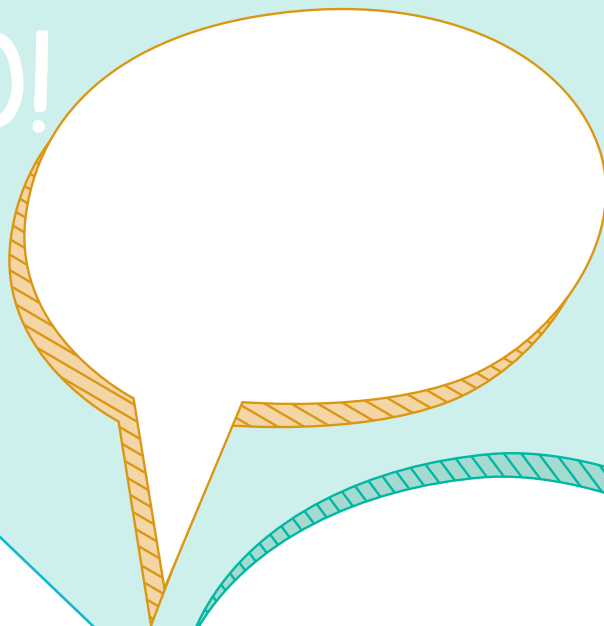
Elder Robert D. Hales (1932–2017)  
Quorum of the Twelve Apostles  
Oct. 2013 general conference

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# OH, SO INSPIRED!

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Write down messages and quotes that inspire you or invite you to take action. This can help you apply what you learn—and help you remember what your thoughts were later when you need the reminder!



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