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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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 Church today has been organized by the Lord Himself.

President Russell M. Nelson,

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

President Russell M. Nelson,
President of the Church
sustained as an Apostle: 1984

President Henry B. Eyring,
2nd Counselor
sustained as an Apostle: 1995

President Dallin H. Oaks,
1st Counselor
sustained as an Apostle: 1984

THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

President M. Russell Ballard
sustained: 1985

Elder Gary E. Stevenson
sustained: 2015

Elder Ronald A. Rasband
sustained: 2015

Elder Neil L. Andersen
sustained: 2009

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf
sustained: 2004

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
sustained: 1994

Elder Dale G. Renlund
sustained: 2015

Elder Quentin L. Cook
sustained: 2007

Elder David A. Bednar
sustained: 2004

Elder Quin D. L. Cook
sustained: 2008

Elder Neil L. Andersen
sustained: 2009

Elder D. Todd Christofferson
sustained: 2008

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 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

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 president 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).

NOTABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS
FROM GENERAL CONFERENCES

OCT. 1982
Subtitle “Another Testament of Jesus Christ” added to the Book of Mormon

APR. 1998
Construction of smaller temples

APR. 2001
Perpetual Education Fund

APR. 2018
President Russell M. Nelson sustained as 17th President of the Church

President Russell M. Nelson, Oct. 2014 general conference

NOTES:

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.

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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

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.

Q&A:

**MY QUESTION:**

**ANSWER:**

**MY QUESTION:**

**ANSWER:**

**MY QUESTION:**

**ANSWER:**
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:

PROMISED BLESSINGS:

FAVORITE QUOTE:

WHAT WILL I DO NOW?

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

President Henry B. Eyring
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.
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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.

Themes You Noticed

1. Theme: __________________
   Mentione by: __________________
   What I learned: __________________

2. Theme: __________________
   Mentione by: __________________
   What I learned: __________________

3. Theme: __________________
   Mentione by: __________________
   What I learned: __________________

4. Theme: __________________
   Mentione by: __________________
   What I learned: __________________

5. Theme: __________________
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   What I learned: __________________

6. Theme: __________________
   Mentione by: __________________
   What I learned: __________________

7. Theme: __________________
   Mentione by: __________________
   What I learned: __________________

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

Elder David A. Bednar
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!

**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**
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.

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!