

every place that she has lived since, “those organizing the local general conference satellite reception have worked hard to provide a way for members to view the captions at the meetinghouse.” She said she has also appreciated the Church’s providing online transcripts of the general conference talks within a week of the original broadcast.

But now with LDS.org offering captioned video, Sister Staley and her family will be able to watch conference at home.

“I am looking forward to having access to conference videos with closed captioning,” she said. “It will help me to share general conference with my children since we will be able to watch the videos at home, and I will have the ability to lead games such as Conference Squares and encourage the children to pay attention to the talks. In addition, I will be able to more readily incorporate general conference talks into lessons I might give at home or at church.

“The availability of captioned talks will enable English-speaking Deaf and hard-of-hearing members to gain a more complete conference experience,” she continued. “I’m very grateful for, and excited about, this change!”

Bret Barton, digital media producer for the Church, agrees that this change will have positive effects for many.

“The goal is to give as many people as we can access to the prophetic word,” he said. “This project allows a lot more people to have that access.”

Other closed-captioned material from the Church currently includes Mormon Messages on the Mormon Channel on YouTube. ■

Addiction Recovery Program Calls for Stories of Recovery

In preparation for an Addiction Recovery Program (ARP) website debuting this year, the Church is seeking personal stories of addiction recovery.

Those who decide to share their stories should send an e-mail to arp@ldschurch.org containing the following information, which will be kept confidential:

- Full name, age, and gender.
- A photo of yourself (preferred but not required).
- Your affiliation with the Church (membership status).
- A brief description of your addiction or the addiction of your loved one.
- An indication of your willingness to share your story through video, audio, text, or all of the above.
- Your story. Include the consequences of your addiction; a brief description of your life when you were at your lowest point and the circumstances and events you experienced when you knew that you needed help; an explanation about the point at which you experienced healing through Christ and the circumstances and events you experienced when your hope was restored; and a description of your life today and the lessons and blessings you have experienced through forgiveness, repentance, and service. ■

In preparation for a new website, those who direct the Addiction Recovery Program (meeting shown here) are seeking personal stories of addiction recovery.



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