



Elder Richard J. Maynes

*Of the Presidency
of the Seventy*

Every person throughout the world is a child of God, and He loves all His children equally,” said Elder Richard John Maynes, newly called to the Presidency of the Seventy. That, he said, is the first gospel principle that comes to his mind as he reflects on his extensive international service, including assignments in Uruguay, Paraguay, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, and the Philippines.

“The eternal blessings that come from accepting and then living the principles Jesus Christ taught will ultimately exalt all of Heavenly Father’s children, no matter where they live or what challenges they face in this probationary state,” he added.

Elder Maynes, born in October 1950 in Berkeley, California, USA, to Stan and Betty Maynes, began his international service in 1969 when he served a full-time mission to Paraguay and Uruguay through 1971.

He married Nancy Purrington, whom he met while working at a resort in Idaho, in August 1974 in the Manti Utah Temple. They have four children.

Elder Maynes graduated that same year from Brigham Young University in business management and later earned an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management. He spent his career as owner and CEO of a company specializing in factory automation.

Elder Maynes served as the president of the Mexico Monterrey Mission from 1989 to 1992. He was called as a General Authority in 1997. Since then he has served in the presidencies of the South America Northwest, South America West, and Philippines Areas. He has also served on the Church’s Priesthood Executive Council, as an Assistant Executive Director in the Missionary Department, and as Executive Director of the Family History Department.

He was called on January 20, 2012, to serve in the Presidency of the Seventy, succeeding Elder Steven E. Snow, who was called as Church Historian and Recorder. ■



Elder Craig A. Cardon

Of the Seventy

Elder Craig Allen Cardon, recently called to the First Quorum of the Seventy from the Second Quorum, acknowledges the Spirit’s influence in every good thing in his life.

“My mother and father helped me as a boy to begin to recognize the voice of the Spirit, to know what I was feeling,” he recalled. “That communication from the Lord is available to all who diligently seek it and is essential in this great work.”

After a mission to Italy, Elder Cardon married Deborah Louise Dana in November 1970 in the Mesa Arizona Temple. Just 13 years later, Elder Cardon became president of the Italy Rome Mission. At the time, seven of their eight children had been born and ranged from nine months to 11 years old.

“That alone tells you much about Sister Cardon,” Elder Cardon said. “Her faith, love, patience, and kindness have been a marvelous blessing to me, to our family, and to all who know her.”

From 2006 to 2011, Elder Cardon served in the Africa West Area Presidency, an experience he describes as a “remarkable blessing to labor among people whom we love dearly.”

Throughout his life, Elder Cardon has dedicated much of his time to philanthropic work with national and international family and youth organizations.

Elder Cardon was born to Wilford Pratt and Vilate Allen Cardon in Mesa, Arizona, USA, in December 1948. After receiving a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Arizona State University, he was self-employed with multiple business interests. He later received an MPA from Harvard University’s Kennedy School.

Prior to his call as a General Authority, he served as elders quorum president, stake missionary, mission president, bishop, stake president, Gospel Doctrine teacher, and institute instructor.

“The Lord is gathering His children throughout the earth,” Elder Cardon said. “No matter individual circumstances, the grace of Jesus Christ is sufficient for all who come unto Him.” ■