

# News of the Church

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## New Area Leaders Assigned

The First Presidency has announced the following changes in area leadership assignments effective on August 1, 2012. All members of Area Presidencies are members of the First or Second Quorums of the Seventy. ■

### Presidency of the Seventy



Ronald A. Rasband  
**Assists in All Areas**



Walter F. González  
**1. North America Southeast**



L. Whitney Clayton  
**2. Utah North**  
**3. Utah Salt Lake City**  
**4. Utah South**



Donald L. Hallstrom  
**5. North America Northeast**



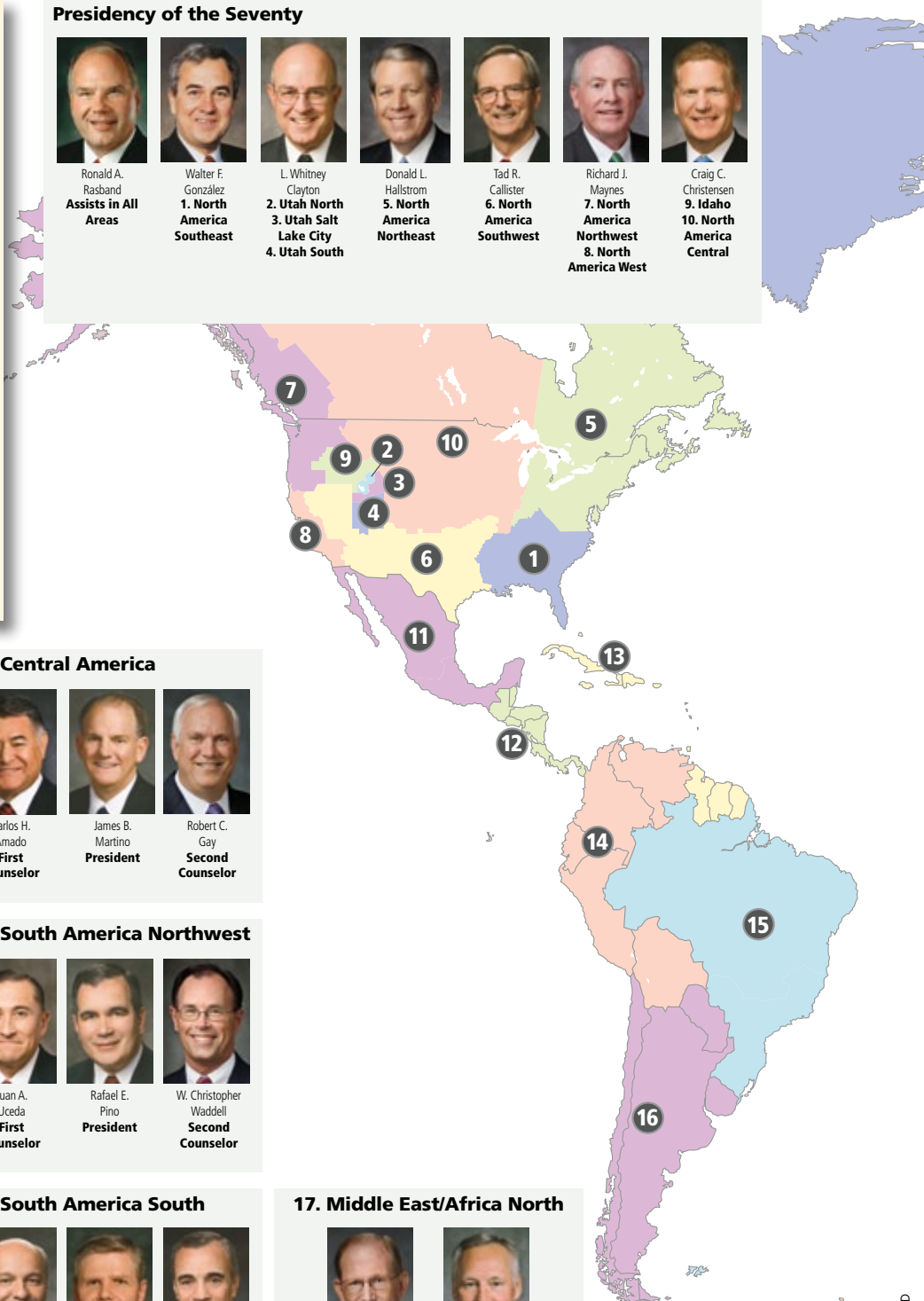
Tad R. Callister  
**6. North America Southwest**



Richard J. Maynes  
**7. North America Northwest**  
**8. North America West**



Craig C. Christensen  
**9. Idaho**  
**10. North America Central**



### 11. Mexico



Benjamin De Hoyos  
**First Counselor**

Daniel L. Johnson  
**President**

José L. Alonso  
**Second Counselor**

### 12. Central America

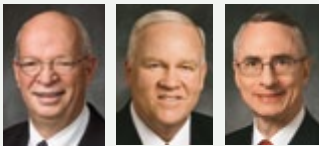


Carlos H. Amado  
**First Counselor**

James B. Martino  
**President**

Robert C. Gay  
**Second Counselor**

### 13. Caribbean

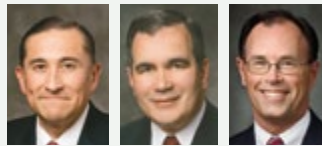


J. Devn Cornish  
**First Counselor**

Wilford W. Andersen  
**President**

Claudio D. Zivic  
**Second Counselor**

### 14. South America Northwest

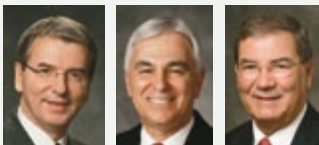


Juan A. Uceda  
**First Counselor**

Rafael E. Pino  
**President**

W. Christopher Waddell  
**Second Counselor**

### 15. Brazil



Carlos A. Godoy  
**First Counselor**

Claudio R. M. Costa  
**President**

Jairo Mazzagardi  
**Second Counselor**

### 16. South America South



Jorge F. Zeballos  
**First Counselor**

Mervyn B. Arnold  
**President**

Francisco J. Viñas  
**Second Counselor**

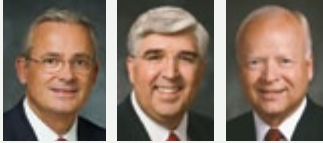
### 17. Middle East/Africa North



Bruce D. Porter  
**Administered from Church Headquarters**

Bruce A. Carlson

### 18. Europe



Patrick Kearon  
**First Counselor**

José A. Teixeira  
**President**

Kent F. Richards  
**Second Counselor**

### 19. Europe East



Randall K. Bennett  
**First Counselor**

Larry R. Lawrence  
**President**

Per G. Malm  
**Second Counselor**

### 20. Asia



Gerit W. Gong  
**First Counselor**

Kent D. Watson  
**President**

Larry Y. Wilson  
**Second Counselor**

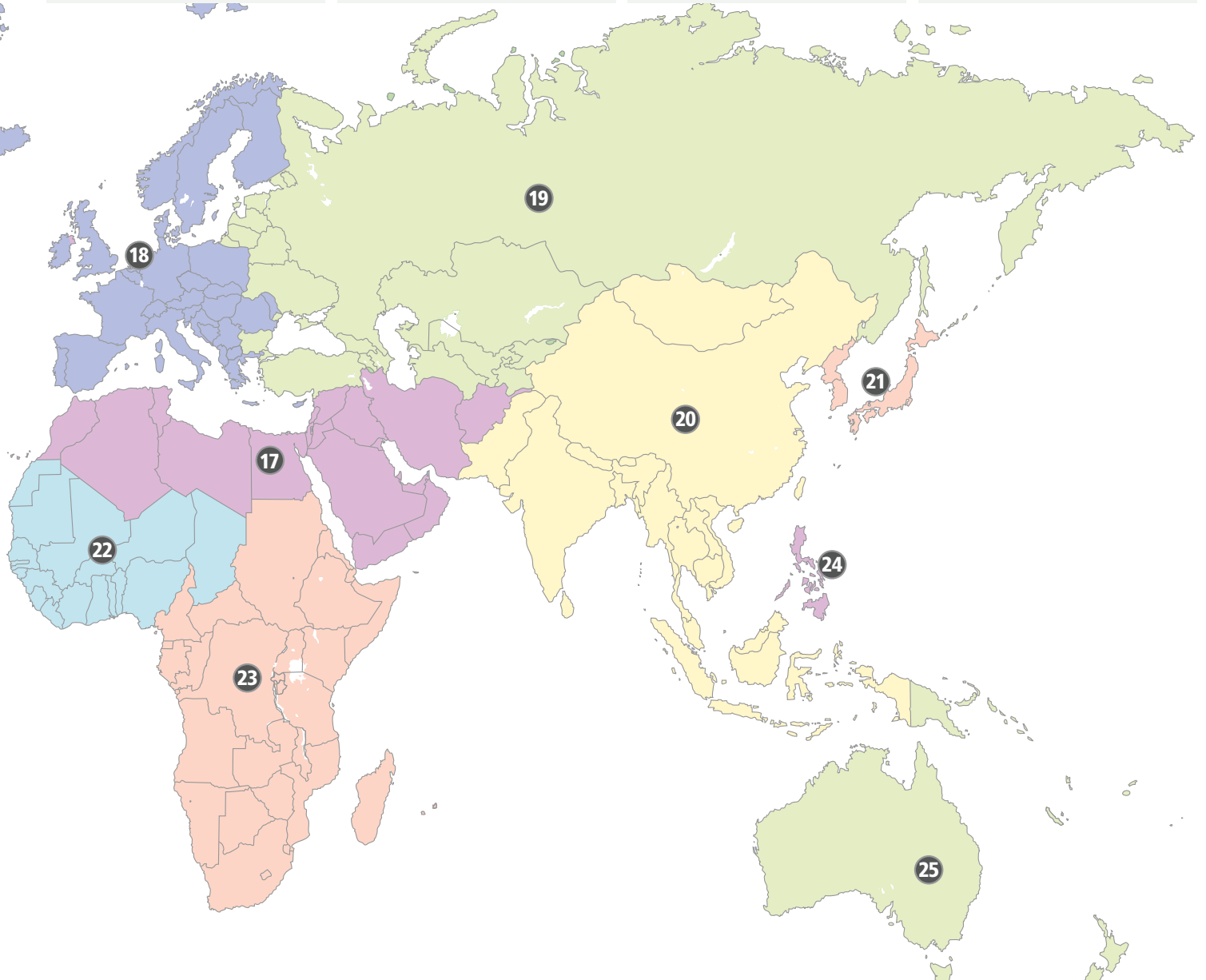
### 21. Asia North



Kazuhiko Yamashita  
**First Counselor**

Michael T. Ringwood  
**President**

Koichi Aoyagi  
**Second Counselor**



### 22. Africa West



Joseph W. Sitati  
**First Counselor**

John B. Dickson  
**President**

LeGrand R. Curtis Jr.  
**Second Counselor**

### 23. Africa Southeast



Ulisses Soares  
**First Counselor**

Dale G. Renlund  
**President**

Carl B. Cook  
**Second Counselor**

### 24. Philippines

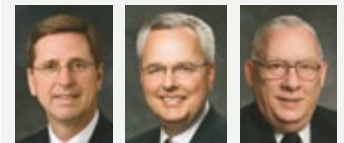


Brent H. Nielson  
**First Counselor**

Michael John U. Teh  
**President**

Ian S. Ardern  
**Second Counselor**

### 25. Pacific



Kevin W. Pearson  
**First Counselor**

James J. Hamula  
**President**

F. Michael Watson  
**Second Counselor**