



Elder Carlos A. Godoy

Presidency of the Seventy

In the late 1980s, Elder Carlos A. Godoy had just been released as bishop. He had also graduated from college, was working for a successful company, and thought life couldn't get better—until an old friend came to visit.

That friend congratulated him but then asked a question that left him unsettled: “If you continue to live as you are living, will the blessings promised in your patriarchal blessing be fulfilled?”

Elder Godoy realized that he needed to make changes if he wanted to receive all his promised blessings. Despite his contentment, he decided to pursue a master's degree. He quit his job, sold everything he owned, and, with his family, left the familiarity of Brazil to attend school in the United States.

Elder Godoy, named to the Presidency of the Seventy on March 31, 2018, said this experience taught him a lot about trusting in the Lord's plan and being willing to leave his comfort zone.

“I know that the Lord has a plan for us in this life,” he testified in the October 2014 general conference. “He knows us. He knows what is best for us. Just because things are going well does not mean that we should not from time to time consider whether there might be something better.”

Elder Godoy was sustained as a General Authority Seventy on April 5, 2008. He is serving as President of the South America Northwest Area and will take his place in the Presidency of the Seventy on August 1, 2018.

Prior to his call to the Seventy, Elder Godoy worked as a human resources manager for two major corporations before starting his own consulting company. He received a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from São Paulo Pontifical Catholic University in 1987 and a master's degree in organizational behavior from Brigham Young University in 1994.

Elder Godoy has served as a full-time missionary in the Brazil São Paulo South Mission, bishop, high counselor, regional welfare agent, Area Seventy, and president of the Brazil Belém Mission.

He was born in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on February 4, 1961. He married Mônica Soares Brandao in March 1984, and they have four children. ■



Elder Steven R. Bangerter

General Authority Seventy

During a childhood camping trip, Elder Steven R. Bangerter and his family rode dirt bikes to the top of a mountain. On the way down, he lost his way and became separated from the others.

As he knelt that afternoon and pleaded with his Father in Heaven for help, in his mind's eye he saw the trail he had lost. Just as he started down it, “my brother reached the top of the trail on his motorcycle, embraced me, and guided me back through the dark to the camp, which was hours away.”

That incident is just one of many that made him feel loved during his childhood. “There was never a moment in my life that I wondered whether I was loved or cared for,” Elder Bangerter said.

Elder Bangerter was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, to Max E. and Thelma R. Bangerter on July 29, 1961. He grew up in Granger, Utah.

Within weeks of returning from serving in the Canada Vancouver Mission, Elder Bangerter met Susann Alexis Hughes. On their first date, he sensed in her a humble desire to serve that prompted him to propose to her on their second date. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on March 17, 1983. They are the parents of six sons.

Elder Bangerter earned a bachelor of arts degree from Arizona State University in religious studies and a juris doctor degree from Western State University College of Law. For the past 25 years, Elder Bangerter has represented churches and faith-based organizations in law practices in Southern California and southern Utah. He was a partner at Cooksey, Toolen, Gage, Duffy, and Woog from 1993 to 2003 and became a managing partner of Bangerter, Frazier, and Graff in 2004.

Elder Bangerter has served as an Area Seventy, stake president, counselor in a stake presidency, bishop, elders quorum president, and ward Young Men president. ■