

Elder Craig C. Christensen

Of the Presidency of the Seventy

lder Craig C. Christensen began serving as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy on August 1, 2012, following his call to that position in April 2012.

Born to Sheron and Colleen Christensen in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, in March 1956, Elder Christensen grew up in northern California in "an active, nurturing LDS family." He emphasized that he has always believed the gospel to be true, yet his testimony was strengthened during his missionary service in Chile.

"As a missionary, my desire to feel the Holy Ghost became constant, and my testimony of the gospel deepened and became much more palpable to me," he said. On his mission he gained a love for the Book of Mormon, which continues in his teachings today.

Elder Christensen has been a member of the First and Second Quorums of the Seventy since 2002. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the Priesthood Department. Past callings include president of the Mexico South Area, Mexico City East Mission president, bishop, high councilor, and stake mission president.

Elder Christensen has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Brigham Young University and a master of business administration degree from the University of Washington. He has owned and operated businesses in the retail automotive and real estate development industries and has been a visiting instructor at several universities.

Elder Christensen married Debora Jones on March 28, 1978. They reside in Holladay, Utah, and have four children and five grandchildren. ■

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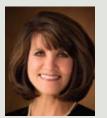


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