

Small & Simple Things

“By small and simple things are great things brought to pass” (Alma 37:6).

CHURCH HISTORY AROUND THE WORLD

ON THE CALENDAR

The Netherlands

Fifty years ago this month, the first stake in the Netherlands, the Holland Stake, was organized in The Hague. It was the first non-English-speaking stake in the Church. One hundred years earlier, in August 1861, Paul Augustus Schettler and A. Wiegers van der Woude were the first missionaries to preach the gospel in Holland. Over the next 100 years, more than 14,000 people in the Netherlands were baptized, many of whom emigrated to the United States. Today nearly 9,000 members live in the Netherlands.

On September 8, 2002, President Gordon B. Hinckley (1910–2008)

dedicated The Hague Netherlands Temple, which serves five stakes and one district in the Netherlands, Belgium, and part of France.



The Hague Netherlands Temple

General Young Women Meeting

All young women ages 12 to 18, their mothers, and Young Women leaders are invited to participate in the general Young Women meeting on March 26. The meeting will include addresses by a member of the First Presidency and by the Young Women general presidency. The theme for this year's meeting is “We Believe” (Articles of Faith 1:13).

Where possible, young women, their mothers, and their leaders are encouraged to meet together in chapels to view the broadcast. Check with your priesthood leader or at www.broadcast.lds.org for information about broadcast times and locations.



THE CHURCH IN THE NETHERLANDS	
Membership	8,909
Missions	1, shared with Belgium
Stakes	3
Wards and Branches	33
Temples	1

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How Well Do You Know Our Church Leaders?

General conference is next month, and among the many speakers will be members of the First Presidency and

Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. See if you can match their names with events or other details from their lives.



- A. As a youth he enjoyed playing vanball, a modified version of volleyball.
- B. This leader shares his name with his father and is known among family and close friends as Hal.
- C. When this Apostle was a deacon, his father, an artist, took him to the Sacred Grove. Upon returning home, his father painted a picture of the Sacred Grove for him. Ever since that time, this Apostle has hung that painting in his office as a reminder of that special visit.
- D. When he was five, his family moved to a dairy farm in Pocatello, Idaho, USA, where he raised rabbits, rode horses, and played in the fields with his siblings.
- E. He is the only member of the First Presidency or Quorum of the Twelve Apostles to have been born outside the United States.
- F. As a high school student, he served as senior-class president and participated in debate.
- G. An avid athlete from a young age, he lettered in football, basketball, track, and baseball at his high school



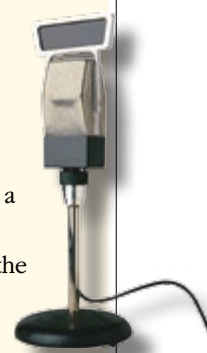
and was a member of state-championship football and basketball teams.

H. He played checkers with his young son nearly every night.

1. President Thomas S. Monson
2. President Henry B. Eyring
3. President Dieter F. Uchtdorf
4. President Boyd K. Packer
5. Elder L. Tom Perry
6. Elder Russell M. Nelson
7. Elder Dallin H. Oaks
8. Elder M. Russell Ballard
9. Elder Richard G. Scott
10. Elder Robert D. Hales
11. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
12. Elder David A. Bednar
13. Elder Quentin L. Cook
14. Elder D. Todd Christofferson
15. Elder Neil L. Andersen

His son remembers, “He’d play three games of checkers. He’d let me win one, then he’d beat me at one, and then we’d play give-away checkers, and either one of us could win that.”

- I. He served his country as a World War II pilot in his early 20s.
- J. To earn money for college, he worked on an oyster boat. Other fishermen ridiculed him for refusing to drink alcohol until a man went overboard; this Apostle, because of his commitment to abstain, was sober and was sent to rescue the man who had gone overboard.
- K. As a college student he worked as a radio announcer.
- L. Prior to his call to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, he was president of Ricks College and helped the school make its transition to Brigham Young University–Idaho.
- M. He performed open-heart surgery on President Spencer W. Kimball (1895–1985) a short time before President Kimball became President of the Church.
- N. Elder Scott was this Apostle’s mission president in Argentina.
- O. Before he was called as a General Authority, he, like his father, worked in the automobile business.



For additional biographical information about leaders of the Church, see www.newsroom.lds.org.

Answers: A. 5; B. 2; C. 10; D. 15; E. 3; F. 13; G. 11; H. 1; I. 4; J. 9; K. 8; L. 12; M. 6; N. 14; O. 8