

# The Sustaining of Church Officers

**PRESIDENT DIETER F. UCHTDORF**

Second Counselor in the First Presidency



**B**rothers and sisters, President Monson has requested that I now handle the business of the solemn assembly for which we are met. This is an occasion of great significance for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints throughout the world.

Dating from October 10, 1880, when John Taylor was sustained to succeed Brigham Young as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of the Church, each of these occasions has been designated a formal solemn assembly of the body of the Church to express the voice of the Church.

We shall vote by quorums and groups. Wherever you are, you are invited to stand when requested and express by your uplifted hand whether you choose to sustain those whose names will be presented. You should

vote only when asked to stand.

The General Authorities assigned to the Tabernacle and to the Assembly Hall on Temple Square will observe the voting in those gatherings. In stake centers, a member of the stake presidency will observe the voting. Should there be any contrary votes, we ask that we be so advised. We shall now proceed with the business of this solemn assembly.

The First Presidency will please arise.

It is proposed that the First Presidency sustain Thomas Spencer Monson as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Those in favor, please manifest it.

It is proposed that the First Presidency sustain Henry Bennion Eyring as First Counselor and Dieter Friedrich Uchtdorf as Second Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church.

Those in favor may manifest it.

It is proposed that the First Presidency sustain Boyd Kenneth Packer as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

Those in favor may manifest it.

It is proposed that the First Presidency sustain as members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: Boyd K. Packer, L. Tom Perry, Russell M. Nelson, Dallin H. Oaks, M. Russell Ballard, Joseph B. Wirthlin, Richard G. Scott, Robert D. Hales, Jeffrey R. Holland, David A. Bednar,



Quentin L. Cook, and D. Todd Christofferson.

Those in favor, please manifest it.

It is proposed that the First Presidency sustain the counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as prophets, seers, and revelators.

Please manifest it.

The First Presidency will be seated.

We invite Elder Christofferson to now take his place with the Quorum of the Twelve.

The members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, please arise.

It is proposed that the Quorum of



**General Authorities participate in the solemn assembly.**

the Twelve Apostles sustain Thomas Spencer Monson as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, together with his counselors and members of the Quorum of the Twelve as they have been presented and voted upon by the First Presidency.

All in favor, please manifest it.  
You may be seated.

The members of the First and Second Quorums of the Seventy and the Presiding Bishopric will please arise.

It is proposed that the members of

the Quorums of the Seventy and the Presiding Bishopric sustain Thomas Spencer Monson as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, together with his counselors and members of the Quorum of the Twelve as they have been presented and voted upon by the First Presidency.

All in favor, please manifest it.  
You may be seated.

The following will please arise wherever you may be participating around the world: all Area Seventies, ordained patriarchs, and all members of high priests and elders quorums.

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All in favor, please manifest it.  
Any opposed may manifest it.  
Please be seated.

Will all of the Aaronic Priesthood please arise—that is, all ordained priests, teachers, and deacons. It is proposed that Thomas Spencer Monson be sustained as prophet,



seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, together with his counselors and members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles as previously presented and voted upon.

All in favor may please indicate by the uplifted hand.

Any opposed may so indicate.

You may be seated.

Will all members of the Relief Society—that is, all women 18 years of age and older—please arise.

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All in favor, please indicate by the uplifted hand.

Any opposed may so indicate it.

You may be seated.

Will the young women—that is, all young women ages 12 to 18—please arise.

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with his counselors and members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles as previously presented and voted upon.

All in favor, please indicate by the uplifted hand.

Any opposed may so indicate it.

You may be seated.

Now, will the entire membership, wherever assembled, including all of those who have stood previously, please arise. It is proposed that we sustain Thomas Spencer Monson as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, together with his counselors and members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles as they have been presented and voted upon.

All in favor, please indicate by the uplifted hand.

Any opposed may so indicate.

You may all be seated.

We shall now remain seated as we release and sustain other General Authorities, Area Seventies, and general auxiliary presidencies of the Church.

It is proposed that we release Elder D. Todd Christofferson as a member of the Presidency of the Quorums of the Seventy.

Those who can join with us in a

vote of appreciation, please manifest it.

It is proposed that we release the following as Area Seventies effective May 1, 2008: A. Venâncio Caleira, Marco A. Cardenas, José A. Castro, Gérald Caussé, Luis G. Chaverri, Timothy J. Dyches, Jaime Ferreira, José A. García, Francisco I. Gímenez, Carlos A. Godoy, James J. Hamula, Frederick C. Ihesiene, Glen O. Jenson, Robert Koch, Kuen (Tony) Ling, Richard D. May, Ross H. McEachran, Yasuo Niiyama, Timothy M. Olson, Fernando D. Ortega, Luigi S. Pelsoni, Rafael E. Pino, Gelson Pizzirani, Alejandro M. Robles, Gerold Roth, M. Gonzalo Sepúlveda, Su Kiong Tan, Anthony R. Temple, Larry Y. Wilson, Tsung Ting (Jared) Yang, Willy F. Zuzunaga.

Those who wish to join us in expressing our gratitude for their excellent service, please manifest it.

It is proposed that we release Sisters Susan W. Tanner, Elaine S. Dalton, and Mary N. Cook as the Young Women general presidency. We also release all members of the Young Women general board.

All who wish to join us in expressing appreciation for their excellent service and devotion, please manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain Elder L. Whitney Clayton as a member of the Presidency of the Quorums of the Seventy.

All in favor, please manifest it.

Those opposed, if any, may manifest this too.

It is proposed that we sustain as new members of the First Quorum of the Seventy William R. Walker, Craig C. Christensen, Marcos A. Aidukaitis, Gérald Caussé, Lawrence E. Corbridge, Eduardo Gavarret, Carlos A. Godoy, James J. Hamula, Allan F. Packer, Kevin W. Pearson, Rafael E. Pino, Gary E. Stevenson, José A. Teixeira, F. Michael Watson, and Jorge F. Zeballos and as new members of the Second Quorum of the Seventy Tad R. Callister and Kent D. Watson.

All in favor, please manifest it.  
If there be any contrary, by the  
same sign, please.

It is proposed that we sustain the  
following as new Area Seventies:

Pedro E. Abularach, Koichi Aoyagi,  
Juan C. Barros, Colin H. Bricknell,  
Victor Kah Keng Chen, Kuo Chiang  
Chung, J. Devn Cornish, Wynn R.  
Dewsnup, Matthew J. Eyring,  
G. Guillermo Garcia, Robert C. Gay,  
Alfredo L. Gessati, James B. Gibson,  
Julio C. González, Paulo H. Itinose,  
Douglas W. Jessop, Faustino López,  
Declan O. Madu, Per G. Malm,  
Fernando Maluenda, James B.  
Martino, Sergiy N. Mikulin, Abelardo  
Morales, W. T. David Murray, Satoshi  
Nishihara, Norbert K. Ounleu, Michael D.  
Pickerd, Anatoly K. Reshetnikov,  
William F. Reynolds, Michael A. Roberts,  
Fernando A. R. Da Rocha, A. Ricardo  
Sant'Ana, Robert B. Smith, Ysrael A.  
Tolentino, Ruben D. Torres, J. Romeo  
Villarreal, Louis Weidmann, Chi Hong  
(Sam) Wong.

All in favor, please signify.

Any opposed.

It is proposed that we sustain  
Elaine S. Dalton as the new general  
president of the Young Women with  
Mary N. Cook as first counselor and  
Ann M. Dibb as second counselor.

Those in favor may manifest it.

Any opposed may so signify.

It is proposed that we sustain the  
other General Authorities, Area  
Seventies, and general auxiliary presi-  
dencies as presently constituted.

Those in favor, please manifest it.

Any opposed may manifest it.

President Monson, insofar as I have  
been able to observe, the voting in the  
Conference Center has been unani-  
mous in favor of the proposals made.

Thank you, brothers and sisters,  
for your sustaining vote, your faith,  
devotion, and prayers.

We invite the newly called members  
of the Seventy and the Young Women  
general presidency to come forward  
and take their places on the stand. ■