



Bishop Gérald Caussé

Presiding Bishop

Gérald Caussé was still establishing his career in the food-distribution industry in France at age 33 when the president of his company called him aside. He had noticed Gérald's spiritual convictions and his ability to make sound judgments and unify employees—traits developed through activity, service, and leadership in the Church. The president concluded that Gérald was a man he could trust.

To his surprise, Gérald was soon given the responsibility of managing 1,800 employees. By the time he was called to serve as a General Authority Seventy a decade later, in April 2008, he was managing several food-distribution companies.

Bishop Caussé's business and management skills, coupled with his ecclesiastical service and leadership experience, will serve him well as the Church's new Presiding Bishop. Bishop Caussé, who had been serving as First Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric since March 2012, received his new calling just days after the October general conference. He replaces Elder Gary E. Stevenson, who was sustained to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles on October 3, 2015.

Bishop Gérald Jean Caussé, the Church's 15th Presiding Bishop, was born in Bordeaux, France, in 1963. He married Valérie Babin in 1986, in the Bern Switzerland Temple. They have five children and five grandchildren.

In addition to his experience in the Presiding Bishopric and as a member of the Seventy, he has served as a counselor in the Europe Area Presidency and as an Area Seventy, stake president, stake president's counselor, bishop's counselor, high priests group leader, and elders quorum president.

As a young man, Bishop Caussé found happiness as well as faith through his service in the Church. He served as Primary pianist at age 12 and as Sunday School president at age 16. He also stayed busy with Aaronic Priesthood duties.

"Serving in the Church," including joining his father in his duties as a bishop and branch president, "helped me get my testimony," he says.

Bishop Caussé earned a master's degree in business from the ESSEC Business School in France in 1987. Before beginning his career, he served in the French Air Force, where he was assigned to a NATO agency. ■



Bishop Dean M. Davies

First Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric

"As a teenager," says Bishop Dean M. Davies, "having the best-cut lawn in our neighborhood brought joy to me, and I learned an important lesson: that a little extra effort can make a real difference in almost everything we do." Giving a little extra has become a standard that will continue to serve him well as the new First Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric.

Bishop Davies had been serving as Second Counselor to Bishop Gary E. Stevenson, who was sustained as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles on October 3, 2015.

Dean Myron Davies was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, in 1951. He grew up as one of eight children. He expresses gratitude for parents who not only loved and nurtured their children but also helped them appreciate the blessings of work. He married Darla James in 1973, in the Salt Lake Temple. They have 5 children and 14 grandchildren.

Bishop Davies also learned an important lesson while living in San Francisco, California, USA, in 1989. During an earthquake, he witnessed the severe damage to apartments built without a sure foundation. "Pondering the events of that day reaffirms in my mind and heart that in order to successfully withstand the tempests, earthquakes, and calamities of life, we must build upon a sure foundation . . . the foundation of Jesus Christ" ("A Sure Foundation," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2013, 9).

Bishop Davies has been employed by the Church since July 1995. Most recently he was managing director of the Special Projects Department, with responsibility for special-purpose real estate, temple design, and temple construction.

Previous to Church employment, Bishop Davies worked for High Industries, Inc., of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Bechtel Investments, Inc., of San Francisco, California. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics at Brigham Young University and completed advanced executive programs at Stanford and Northwestern Universities.

Bishop Davies has served as president of the Puerto Rico San Juan Mission, mission president's counselor, stake president, stake president's counselor, stake executive secretary, high councilor, in several bishoprics, and as a full-time missionary in the Uruguay/Paraguay Mission. ■