



Presented by President Henry B. Eyring
First Counselor in the First Presidency

The Sustaining of Church Officers

Brothers and sisters, I will now present to you the General Authorities, Area Seventies, and General Auxiliary Presidencies of the Church for your sustaining vote.

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; Henry Bennion Eyring as

First Counselor in the First Presidency; and Dieter Friedrich Uchtdorf as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Those in favor may manifest it.

Those opposed, if any, may manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain Russell Marion Nelson as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and the following as members of that Quorum: Russell M. Nelson, Dallin H. Oaks, M. Russell Ballard, Robert D. Hales, Jeffrey R. Holland, David A. Bednar, Quentin L. Cook, D. Todd Christofferson, Neil L. Andersen, Ronald A. Rasband, Gary E. Stevenson, and Dale G. Renlund.

Those in favor, please manifest it.

Any opposed may so indicate.

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

All in favor, please manifest it.

Contrary, if there be any, by the same sign.

Elders Donald L. Hallstrom and Richard J. Maynes have been released from serving as members of the Presidency of the Seventy.

All who wish to show appreciation to these Brethren for the service they have rendered may do so by the uplifted hand.

It is proposed that we sustain Elders Juan A. Uceda and Patrick Kearon, who have been called to serve as members of the Presidency of the Seventy.

Those willing to sustain these Brethren in their new assignments, please manifest it.

Any who are opposed may indicate by the same sign.

It is proposed that we release with appreciation for their devoted service Elders Stanley G. Ellis, Larry R.



Lawrence, and W. Craig Zwick as General Authority Seventies and grant them emeritus status.

Those who wish to join with us in expressing gratitude to these Brethren for their remarkable service, please so manifest.

It is proposed that we release the following as Area Seventies: Pedro U. Adduru, Detlef H. Adler, Angel H. Alarcon, Winsor Balderrama, Robert M. Call, Christopher Charles, Gene R. Chidester, Ralph L. Dewsnup, Ángel A. Duarte, Peter F. Evans, Francisco D. N. Granja, Yuriy A. Gushchin, Clifford T. Herbertson, Aniefiok Udo Inyon, Luiz M. Leal, Alejandro Lopez, L. Jean Claude Mabaya, Declan O. Madu, Alexander T. Mestre, Jared R. Ocampo, Andrew M. O’Riordan, Jesús A. Ortiz, Abenir V. Pajaro, Siu Hong Pon, Robert C. Rhien, Jorge Luis Romeu, Jorge L. Saldívar, Ciro Schmeil, Alin Spannaus, Moroni B. Torgan, Steven L. Toronto, and Ricardo Valladares.

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

It is proposed that we sustain Torben Engbjerg to serve as an Area Seventy.

All in favor, please manifest it.

Those opposed, if any.

It is proposed that we sustain the other General Authorities, Area Seventies, and General Auxiliary Presidencies as presently constituted.

All in favor, please manifest it.

Contrary, if there be any, by the same sign.

Those who opposed any of the proposals should contact their stake president.

Brothers and sisters, we are grateful for your continued faith and prayers in behalf of the leaders of the Church. ■



By Elder Gary E. Stevenson
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

Spiritual Eclipse

Don't let life's distractions eclipse heaven's light.

On August 21 of this year, two rare events occurred that captured the attention of people around the world. The first was the 90th birthday celebration of our beloved prophet, President Thomas S. Monson. At the time, I was on assignment in the Pacific Area and was thrilled that the Saints of Australia, Vanuatu, New Zealand, and French Polynesia were not only aware of his personal milestone, but they also rejoiced in celebrating it. I felt fortunate to share in their warm expressions of faith and love for this great man. What an inspiration it is to see the connection Latter-day Saints share with their prophet.

Of course, President Monson, mindful of those desiring to wish him happy birthday, described an ideal birthday gift:

“Find someone who is having a hard time or is ill or lonely and do something for them. That’s all I would ask.”¹ We love and sustain you, President Monson.

Solar Eclipse

The other rare and heavenly event occurring on the same day and captivating millions worldwide was a total solar eclipse. This was the first time such an eclipse had marched across the entire United States in 99 years.² Have you ever seen a solar eclipse? Perhaps I could describe this in greater detail.

A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon moves between the earth and the sun, almost completely blocking any light from the sun’s surface.³ The fact that this can happen is a marvel to

