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GENERAL CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU!

You will be blessed by participating in as much of general conference as possible. The Spirit can teach you what Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ want you to learn, and you will be blessed for it.

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THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

General Conference
NOTEBOOK

YOUR GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR AND LEARN FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE *NEW ERA*

STARTING THIS YEAR!

The general priesthood session will be held in April, and the general women's session will be held in October.

WATCH IT LIVE!

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

MORNING SESSION:
10AM MDT

AFTERNOON SESSION:
2PM MDT

PRIESTHOOD SESSION:
6PM MDT

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

MORNING SESSION:
10AM MDT

AFTERNOON SESSION:
2PM MDT

MY CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

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DRUM ROLL, PLEASE. WAIT. ACTUALLY, NO. CUE THE ORGAN INSTEAD, BECAUSE GENERAL CONFERENCE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

General conference is an amazing opportunity to join with members of the Church worldwide to listen to Church leaders and receive direction from the Lord. Watching, listening to, and studying the general conference messages will bring the Spirit into your life and help build your testimony. It's an opportunity for you to receive and act upon personal revelation.

Use this guidebook to help prepare for and enjoy taking notes from general conference.

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THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Set apart on January 14, 2018.



**PRESIDENT
DALLIN H. OAKS**
1st Counselor

sustained as an Apostle: 1984



**PRESIDENT
RUSSELL M. NELSON**
President of the Church

sustained as an Apostle: 1984



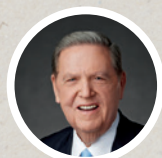
**PRESIDENT
HENRY B. EYRING**
2nd Counselor

sustained as an Apostle: 1995

THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES



**PRESIDENT
M. RUSSELL BALLARD**
sustained: 1985



**ELDER
JEFFREY R. HOLLAND**
sustained: 1994



**ELDER
DIETER F. UCHTDORF**
sustained: 2004



**ELDER
DAVID A. BEDNAR**
sustained: 2004



**ELDER
QUENTIN L. COOK**
sustained: 2007



**ELDER
D. TODD CHRISTOFFERSON**
sustained: 2008



**ELDER
NEIL L. ANDERSEN**
sustained: 2009



**ELDER
RONALD A. RASBAND**
sustained: 2015



**ELDER
GARY E. STEVENSON**
sustained: 2015



**ELDER
DALE G. RENLUND**
sustained: 2015



ELDER
sustained: 2018



ELDER
sustained: 2018

BACKGROUND FROM GETTY IMAGES

THE CHURCH TODAY HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE LORD HIMSELF.

President Russell M. Nelson,
Oct. 2014 general conference.

Authorities or Auxiliaries?

General Authorities and General Auxiliary Presidencies are leaders of the Church. The General Authorities of the Church are the First Presidency, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the Presidency of the Seventy, the General Authority Seventies, and the Presiding Bishopric. The General Auxiliary Presidencies are the Primary, Relief Society, Sunday School, Young Men, and Young Women General Presidencies.

The auxiliaries teach, strengthen, and uplift the members of the Church under the priesthood authority and direction of the General Authorities.

MY TESTIMONY OF LATTER-DAY PROPHETS

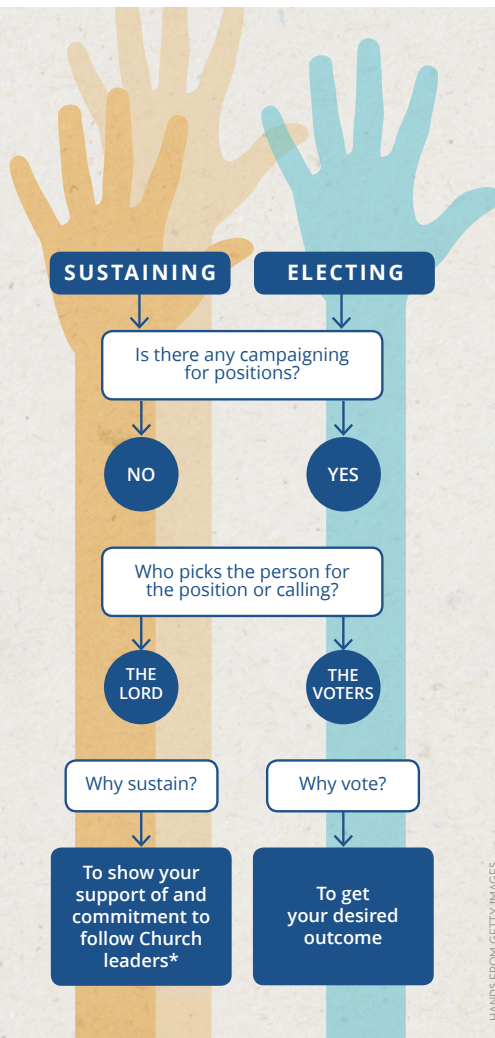
SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

A solemn assembly is a reverent occasion when Church members gather for a sacred purpose, such as sustaining a new President of the Church. Members stand and sustain the new President as a prophet, seer, and revelator and make a solemn covenant to support and follow the direction of God's chosen prophet.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN *Sustaining vs. Electing*

During general conference, we have the opportunity to sustain the General Authorities, General Auxiliary Presidencies, and Area Seventies of the Church. We are asked to show whether we support or oppose the callings. In a way, this can seem like the process of voting to elect people, but it differs in important ways.

* "If a member in good standing gives a dissenting vote when someone is presented to be sustained, the presiding officer or another assigned priesthood officer confers with the dissenting member in private after the meeting. The officer determines whether the dissenting vote was based on knowledge that the person who was presented is guilty of conduct that should disqualify him or her from serving in the position" (*Handbook 2: Administering the Church*, 19.3).



HANDS FROM GETTY IMAGES

NOTES:

NOTABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GENERAL CONFERENCES

OCT. 1975

First Quorum of the Seventy organized

OCT. 1978

Revelation known as Official Declaration 2 (*priesthood extended to all worthy males*)

OCT. 1982

Subtitle "Another Testament of Jesus Christ" added to the Book of Mormon

OCT. 1995

"The Family: A Proclamation to the World"

APR. 1998

Construction of smaller temples

APR. 1999

Nauvoo Illinois Temple to be rebuilt

APR. 2001

Perpetual Education Fund

APR. 2012

Missionary age change

APR. 2018

President Russell M. Nelson sustained as 17th President of the Church

Our sustaining of prophets is a personal commitment that we will do our utmost to uphold their prophetic priorities. Our sustaining is an oath-like indication that we recognize their calling as a prophet to be legitimate and binding upon us.

President Russell M. Nelson, Oct. 2014 general conference

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Ways to Learn from General Conference



- 1** Write down your questions before general conference starts, *p. 7*
- 2** Seek to learn of Christ, *p. 12*
- 3** Watch for themes, *p. 16*
- 4** Take note of the Book of Mormon, *p. 20*
- 5** Be motivated and inspired to act, *p. 26*

Q&A:

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Take the time to write down your questions before conference starts, and then pay attention to answers that come to you during conference. Your prayers and questions can be answered as you participate and listen to the Spirit.

MY QUESTION:

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NOTES:

PROMISED BLESSINGS:

FAVORITE QUOTE:

WHAT WILL I DO NOW?

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**THERE IS A
TREASURE CHEST
OF HEAVENLY
DIRECTION
AWAITING YOUR
DISCOVERY
IN THE MESSAGES
OF GENERAL
CONFERENCE.**

Elder Neil L. Andersen
Quorum of the Twelve Apostles
Oct. 2017 general conference

NOTES:

PROMISED BLESSINGS:

FAVORITE QUOTE:

WHAT WILL I DO NOW?

**YOU HAVE THE
CAPACITY TO RECEIVE
REVELATION AND ACT
ON IT FEARLESSLY.**

President Henry B. Eyring



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Themes You Noticed

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After watching some of general conference, you might notice that you've heard a topic or theme mentioned more than once. The patterns you notice may be one way the Spirit helps you recognize something you need to learn.

THEME:

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MENTIONED BY:

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WHAT WILL I DO NOW?

**LEARNING WITH AND BY
FAITH REQUIRES SPIRITUAL,
MENTAL, AND PHYSICAL
EXERTION AND NOT JUST
PASSIVE RECEPTION.**

Elder David A. Bednar



TAKE NOTE OF THE BOOK of MORMON

You can learn a lot by paying attention to the scriptures Church leaders refer to, especially the Book of Mormon, which is "the keystone of our religion." See if you can keep track of each time it's mentioned in general conference. You'll be amazed at what you find!

SPEAKER:

REFERENCE:

TOPIC:

MY BOOK OF MORMON STUDY PLAN

PRAYERFULLY STUDY AND PONDER THE BOOK OF MORMON EACH DAY.

President Thomas S. Monson (1927–2018),
Apr. 2017 general conference

MY TESTIMONY OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

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MEETING TYPE
general | general women's session | general priesthood session

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WHAT WILL I DO NOW?

**EACH OF US IS PRECIOUS
AND LOVED BY THE LORD,
WHO CARES, WHO WHISPERS,
AND WHO WATCHES OVER
US IN WAYS UNIQUE TO
EACH OF US.**

Elder Ronald A. Rasband

**WHEN I TAKE NOTES
AT CONFERENCE,
I DO NOT ALWAYS
WRITE DOWN EXACTLY
WHAT THE SPEAKER
IS SAYING; I NOTE
THE PERSONALIZED
DIRECTION THE SPIRIT
IS GIVING ME.**

Elder Robert D. Hales (1932–2017)
Quorum of the Twelve Apostles
Oct. 2013 general conference

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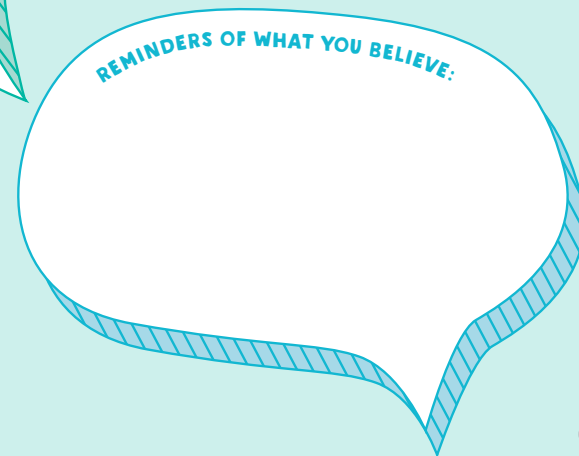
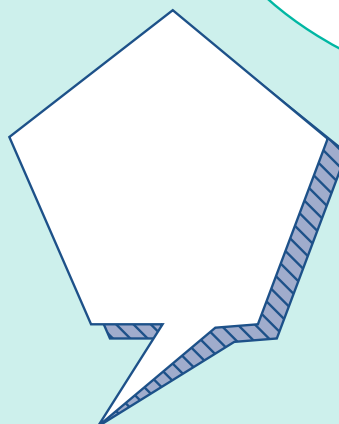
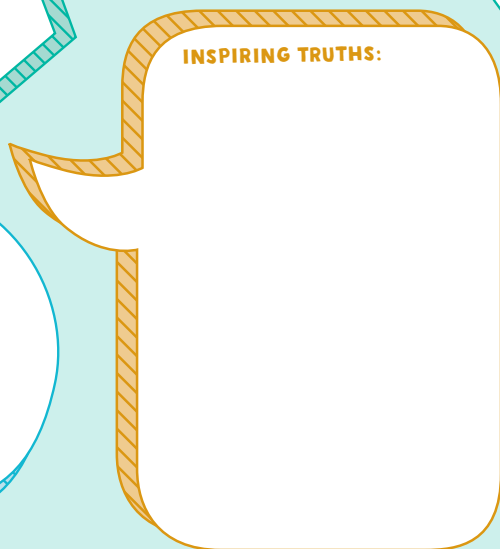
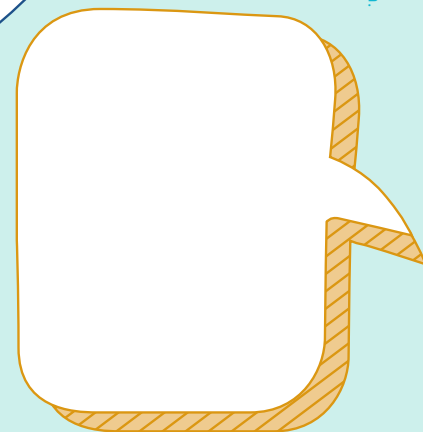
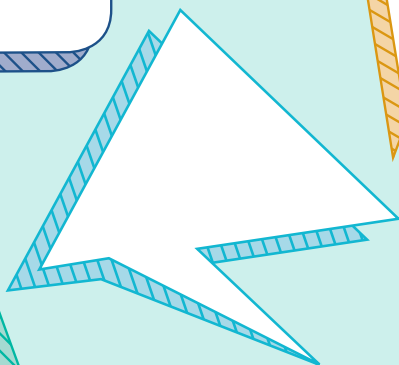
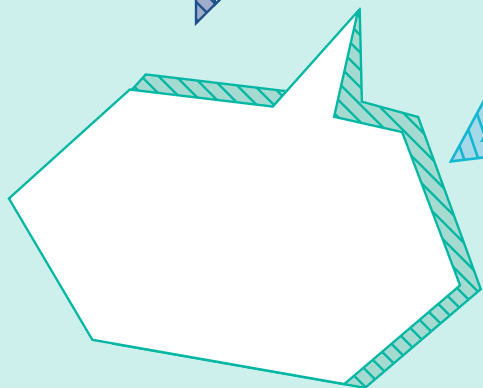
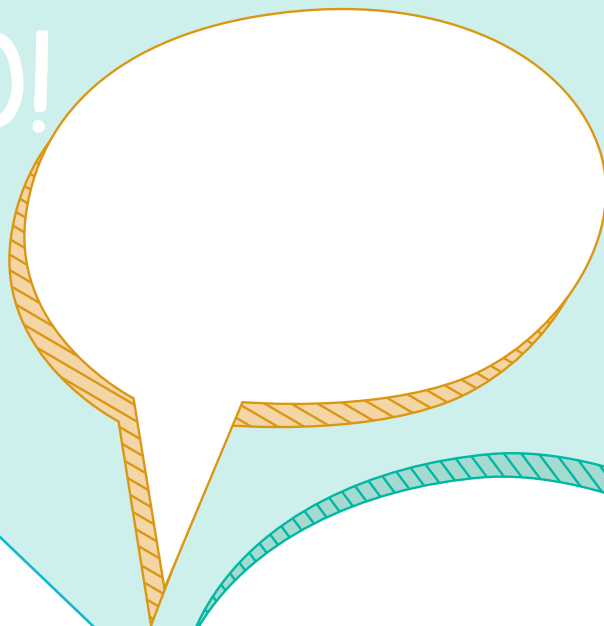
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OH, SO INSPIRED!

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Write down messages and quotes that inspire you or invite you to take action. This can help you apply what you learn—and help you remember what your thoughts were later when you need the reminder!



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