



Born September 9, 1924 in  
**Salt Lake City,  
Utah, USA.**



**Grew up in the  
great depression.**  
He remembers asking for  
permission to eat a  
**banana.**  
(An expensive item  
for the family budget.)

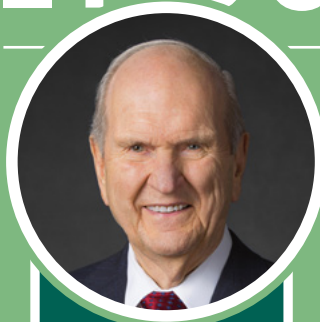
At age 10  
became an  
**errand  
boy** for his  
father's  
advertising  
agency.



Loves to

**PLAY**  
**Scrabble®**

# PRESIDENT **RUSSELL M. NELSON**



Set apart as the  
**17th  
president**  
of  
The Church of  
Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day  
Saints  
on January 14, 2018



He was called to  
be an Apostle on  
**April 7, 1984.**



Has perfect pitch  
and  
**performed in  
musicals**  
as a young man.



Earned a  
**bachelor's  
degree**  
in 1945 and  
**medical  
degree**  
in 1947 from  
the University  
of Utah.

Earned a **PhD  
in medicine**  
in 1954 from the  
University  
of Minnesota.



Since becoming  
a member of  
the Quorum of  
Twelve Apostles  
he has  
**visited  
133  
nations.**



Performed the  
**first successful  
open-heart  
surgery**  
in Utah using a  
heart-lung machine he  
helped develop.



Became one of the  
**premiere  
heart  
surgeons in  
the USA.**

In 1983 alone he  
performed 360 heart  
surgeries.

Performed open-heart surgery on  
**President  
Spencer W. Kimball.**

**耶穌基督**

**Learned  
Chinese**

after attending a meet-  
ing where the prophet  
encouraged people to  
do more to bring the  
gospel to all nations,  
especially China.



**Served**

a two-year term of  
medical duty in the  
U.S. Army during the  
Korean War,

**visiting  
every  
M.A.S.H.  
unit**

in Korea and field  
hospitals.



Married Dantzel  
White on  
August 31, 1945  
in the Salt Lake  
Temple.

Dantzel passed  
away on  
February 12, 2005.

Married Wendy L.  
Watson on  
April 6, 2006, in the  
Salt Lake Temple.

**Skiing**

is one of  
his great loves.



He has 10 children, 57 grandchildren, and 116 great-grandchildren



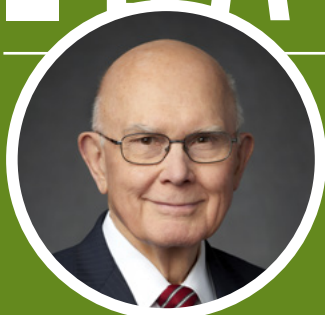
Born in  
**Provo, Utah,**  
on August 12,  
1932.

Earned a  
**bachelor's  
degree in  
accounting**  
from BYU in 1954.



He graduated from  
**The University of  
Chicago Law School**  
in 1957 and taught law there  
for 10 years.

# Pres. DALLIN H. OAKS



Met his first wife, June, while  
**announcing high  
school basketball  
games** as a college freshman.

"I was  
blessed with  
an extraordinary  
mother,"  
he says.

When he was seven years old,  
his father died. He and his  
younger brother and sister were  
**raised by his  
mother.**

Became interested  
in radio while working  
his first job sweeping  
out a **radio  
repair  
shop.**



Before he was 16,  
he obtained a radio operator's  
license. He worked both as a  
**radio announcer  
and engineer.**

Sustained to the  
**Quorum  
of the  
Twelve  
Apostles**  
on April 7, 1984.



Married  
**June Dixon**  
on June 24, 1952,  
in the Salt Lake Temple

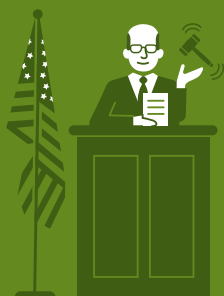
June passed away on  
July 21, 1998.

Set apart as  
First Counselor  
in the  
First Presidency  
on January 14,  
2018.



Married  
**Kristen M.  
McMain**  
on August 25, 2000, in  
the Salt Lake Temple.

He was a  
**justice on the Utah  
Supreme Court** from 1980  
until his call to the Quorum of the  
Twelve Apostles in 1984.



He was the president  
of **BYU**  
from 1971 to 1980.

Has **6 children** and  
**29 grandchildren**  
and **53 great-  
grandchildren.**



Received the call to be a member of the **First Presidency** while bringing in the trash can.



As a young man, he **worked with a contractor** building footings and foundations.



Born in **Princeton, New Jersey**, on May 31, 1933.



Pres.

# HENRY B. EYRING



Sustained to the **Quorum of the Twelve Apostles** on April 1, 1995.



Because of **gas restrictions during WWII**, the Eyings held Church services in their home.

He was **Commissioner of Church Education** for 18 years.



Has **6 children**.

His hobbies include **painting with watercolor** and **wood carving**.



He received **master's and doctoral degrees** in business from Harvard University.



Married Kathleen Johnson in the **Logan Utah Temple** in July 1962.



His **first date** with his wife, Kathy, was **playing a tennis match**.



He has **served as a Counselor** to three Church Presidents:

**1** **2nd Counselor** to President Gordon B. Hinckley

**2** **1st Counselor** to President Thomas S. Monson

**3** **2nd Counselor** to President Russell M. Nelson



Played **high school basketball**.



Served two years in the **United States Air Force**.

Worked for his father's **car dealership** in the early 1950s and was the **top salesperson**.



Born on October 8, 1928, in **Salt Lake City, Utah**.



Attended the **University of Utah**.

# President **M. RUSSELL BALLARD**



Served a full-time mission to **England**.



Served as **mission president** in the **Canada Toronto Mission** from 1974 to 1977.



Met his wife, Barbara Bowen, at the University of Utah **"Hello Day Dance."**

Married **Barbara Bowen** in the **Salt Lake Temple** on August 28, 1951.



Has **7** children  
**43** grandchildren,  
**91** great-grandchildren.

Keeps an **Oreo cookie** encased on his desk as a reminder of a boy who had just made a long journey to a refugee camp, received a package of cookies, and offered the first one to President Ballard.



**Grandfather:**  
Elder Melvin J. Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



**Grandfather:**  
Elder Hyrum Mack Smith of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



Sustained to the **Quorum of the Twelve Apostle** on October 6, 1985.



Set apart as **Acting President** of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles on January 14, 2018.



After the October 1980 general conference, he wrote more than **600 letters** of encouragement to members who were struggling with their testimonies.



Born  
December 3, 1940, in  
**St. George, Utah**

Worked as a service  
station attendant,  
paperboy, and  
grocery bagger  
in his youth.



Met his wife in high school.  
She was a musician and  
cheerleader; he was a  
student officer  
and played  
sports.



**Elder**

# JEFFREY R. HOLLAND



Married  
**Patricia  
Terry**  
on June 7, 1963,  
in the St. George  
Temple.



Has 3 children and  
13 grandchildren

Ordained  
a member  
of the  
Quorum of  
the Twelve  
Apostles on  
**June 23,  
1994.**



"I have always loved people, and I think  
while growing up I knew everyone in the  
city of St. George," he says.

He was called to serve in the  
**British Mission,**  
and Elder Quentin L. Cook was  
one of his mission companions.  
While he was there, his parents  
were called to the same mission.



Attended  
**Dixie  
College,  
BYU, and  
Yale.**



Taught **Institute.**



Was the ninth  
**President  
of BYU.**

Served as the  
**Church Commissioner  
of Education.**

Served as  
a **bishop**  
of a singles ward.



Was on his high school's state  
championship basketball  
and football teams.



Was voted  
"Outstanding Athlete,"  
lettering in  
**football,  
basketball,  
track,  
and baseball.**

Was co-captain on the  
**Dixie College  
basketball  
team.**

He wanted to be a  
**doctor**  
before his mission,  
but when he came  
home, he knew he  
was supposed to be a  
**teacher.**



As a young boy, he  
once ran from one end  
of town to the other  
to make it home  
**by his  
curfew.**





Born in **Ostrava, Czechoslovakia**, on November 6, 1940.

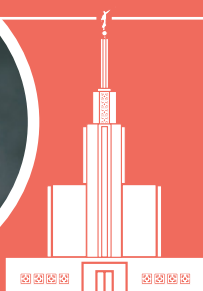
His family **joined the Church** in 1947 in Zwickau, Germany.



Refers to his wife as "the sunshine of my life."



# Elder **DIETER F. UCHTDORF**



Has two children, six grandchildren, and soon four great-grandchildren.



Married Harriet Reich. Their marriage and their children's marriages were all sealed in the **Bern Switzerland Temple**.

Served for **10 years** as a counselor to President Monson.



He was baptized in an indoor **swimming pool**.



As a boy, he rode his bicycle to **deliver laundry**, helping his family's small business.



As a boy, he and his family were **refugees**, fleeing from Czechoslovakia to Germany and then from East Germany to West Germany.



He joined the **German Air Force** in 1959.



Served as a **fighter pilot** for 6 years.

He worked for **Lufthansa (a German airline)** as a pilot.

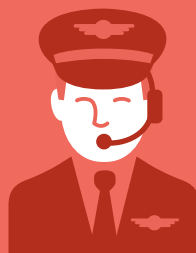
He became a captain at age 29.

## His go-to recipes:

fried eggs sunny-side up and Knusperchen (slices of French bread toasted twice).



In 1973, he helped to bring back safely a 737 that had been **hijacked by terrorists**.



Sustained as a member of the **Quorum of the Twelve Apostles** on October 2, 2004.



Threw the first pitch at a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game.

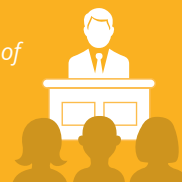


Born in  
**San Leandro,  
California,**  
on June 15, 1952.



Served a  
**mission**  
in Southern  
Germany.

Served as president of  
**BYU–Idaho**  
from 1997 to 2004.



# Elder **DAVID A. BEDNAR**



Married  
Susan Robinson  
in 1975 in the  
**Salt Lake  
Temple.**



As a boy, he  
**helped  
his family  
can fruit.**  
*He jokes that  
he ate more of  
the fruit than  
what ended up  
in the jars.*



Was the  
quarterback of his  
**high school  
football team.**

Met his wife at a flag football game.  
**She impressed him**  
when she caught his long pass.



Was a  
**professor**  
at Texas Tech  
University and  
the University of  
Arkansas.

Graduated from  
**Brigham Young University.**

Received a **PhD** in organizational  
behavior from Purdue University.



Has **three sons.**



One of his  
favorite hymns is  
**“Redeemer of  
Israel”** (Hymns, no. 6).



Sustained as a  
member of the  
**Quorum  
of the  
Twelve  
Apostles**  
on October 7, 2004.





Born in  
**Logan, Utah**  
on September 8, 1940.

Has **3 children** and  
**11 grandchildren.**



Played in state  
championship games  
in both **football**  
and **basketball**  
in high school.

# Elder **QUENTIN L. COOK**



One of his missionary  
companions was  
**Elder Jeffrey R.  
Holland.**



For every **one ball game**  
of his choice, he and his wife attend  
**two cultural activities**  
of her choice.

He came to  
particular  
**enjoy operas**  
by Giuseppe  
Verdi.



When called to be an  
Apostle, he said he was  
glad to hear the news in  
person, because he would  
have thought it was a  
**prank call.**

From 1960 to  
1962, he served  
in the **British  
Mission.**



Played a crucial role in the  
**rescue of four  
missionaries**  
who were abducted  
in Nigeria in 2007.

As a young lawyer his firm did some  
legal work for the company that  
produced the **Charlie Brown**  
**holiday TV specials.**



Elder Cook quickly became a fan of the  
**Peanuts™ gang.**



Married  
Mary Gaddie  
in the  
**Logan Utah  
Temple**  
on November 30,  
1962.

Sustained as a  
member of the  
**Quorum  
of the  
Twelve  
Apostles**

on October 6,  
2007.



Was  
**president  
and CEO**  
of a  
health-care  
system.

First met his  
wife, Mary, at a  
**seventh-  
grade talent  
assembly.**



He is the  
**great-great-grandson**  
of the Apostle Heber C. Kimball.





Born January 24, 1945, in  
**American Fork, Utah.**

*Moved from Utah to  
New Jersey when he  
was in high school.*



He was called to  
be an Apostle in  
**April 2008.**



# Elder **D. TODD CHRISTOFFERSON**



Called to serve in the Argentina North Mission.  
*Elder Richard G. Scott (1928–2015) was one of his mission presidents.*



**1964-66**



*When he was  
about 5 years old,  
he stole a candy  
bar from a grocery  
store. His mom  
took him back  
to the store to  
apologize and pay.*

Married  
**Katherine  
Thelma  
Jacob**  
May 28, 1968,  
in the Salt Lake  
Temple.



**Y**  
Attended  
**Brigham  
Young  
University.**



*Served as the  
Mexico  
South Area  
President.*

**When he was 13,**  
*he helped his mother by  
baking bread after she  
had surgery.*



*He continued to  
**bake bread**  
for his family until he  
left for college.*



Has **5 children** and  
**16 grandchildren.**

**When he  
was a youth,**  
he asked for a Bible  
for Christmas.



**P.S.—  
Don't Trip!**

*Before his first  
time speaking in  
general conference,  
his daughter gave  
him a nice note  
that ended with  
"P.S. Don't trip."*



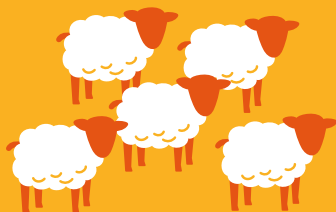
*Earned his  
**law degree**  
from **Duke  
University**  
and worked as  
a lawyer.*



*Called in 1998 to the  
Presidency of  
the Seventy.*



**As a kid,**  
he had a  
summer job  
picking pears  
and peaches.



**He helped care for his  
family's flock of sheep**  
when he was a boy. During a  
spring blizzard, he worked to  
save all the newborn lambs.

Speaks **English,**  
**French,**  
**Portuguese,**  
and **Spanish.**

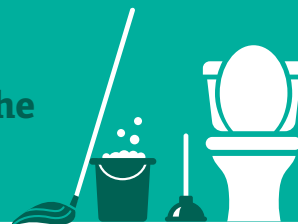
Bonjour

¿cómo  
estás?

Hello

OLÁ

As a freshman at Brigham  
Young University, he worked as a  
**janitor cleaning the  
bathrooms** at 4:00 a.m.  
before attending classes.



# Elder **NEIL L. ANDERSEN**



In high school he went to a  
**student government  
conference** with teenagers  
from 37 countries! He told others  
about the Church.



Was elected  
**student  
body vice  
president**  
at BYU.



Loved to **play  
basketball**  
with his family  
after coming  
home from  
work.

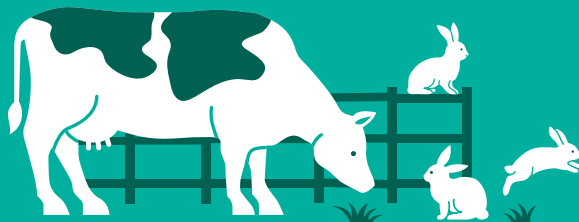


Graduated  
from **BYU**  
and from  
Harvard  
School of  
Business.

Married Kathy  
Williams on  
March 20, 1975,  
in the  
**Salt Lake  
Temple.**



Grew up on a **dairy farm**  
in Pocatello, Idaho, USA.



One of his favorite jobs on the farm was  
helping **take care of the rabbits.**

Took each of his children to  
**breakfast once a month**  
so he could give each of them his  
undivided attention.



Called to serve in the  
**France  
Mission**  
and later served  
as president  
of the France  
Bordeaux Mission.



Sustained to the  
**Quorum of  
the Twelve  
Apostles**  
in April 2009.



Has **four children**  
and **17 grandchildren.**



Born on  
August 9, 1951,  
in **Logan,  
Utah.**



Born Feb. 6, 1951, in  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

*He graduated from  
Olympus High School.*



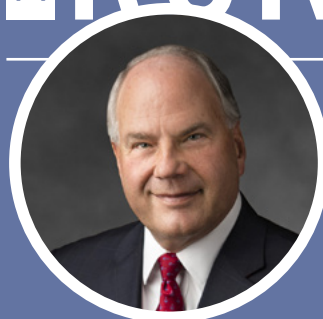
Attended the  
**University  
of Utah.**



Called to serve in the  
Eastern States Mission.

**1970-72**

# Elder **RONALD A. RASBAND**



He has 5  
children and 27  
grandchildren.



Once served as a Temple  
Square missionary guide  
in Salt Lake City.

Married Melanie Twitchell  
September 4, 1973, in  
the Salt Lake Temple.

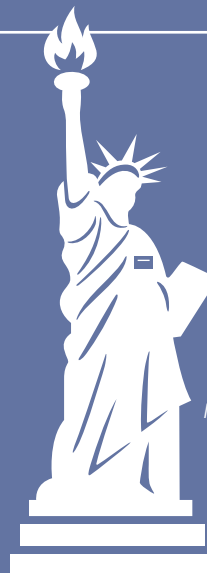


Growing up, friends  
were an important  
part of his life.



*Promised his mom to  
never break the*  
**Word of Wisdom.**

*He was really  
into cars in high school,*  
**owning 4 before  
his mission.**

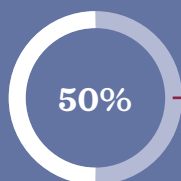


*Served as  
president of  
the New York,  
New York  
North Mission  
from 1996  
to 1999.*



As a young man he  
worked as a **grocery  
checker and  
bagger.**

*He worked as a sales  
representative for Huntsman  
Container Company and later  
became President and  
Chief Operating  
Officer of Huntsman  
Chemical Corporation.*



*He finished his chore  
of mowing the lawn  
50% of the time.*

*The other 50% of the  
time, he convinced  
his friends to do it  
for him.*



*He had zero time for  
sports in high school  
because he always  
had a job.*



*As a 12-year-old, he  
found a job driving a  
tractor that picked up  
driving-range golf balls.*



*While in Boy Scouts,  
he led his troop on  
a mile-long swim  
across a lake.*



He was called to  
be an Apostle in  
**October 2015.**

Has **four sons.**



Born on August 6,  
1955, and raised in  
**Cache  
Valley,  
Utah.**



**Lived in Asia**  
for more than  
nine years of his life.



# **Elder** GARY E. STEVENSON



Married  
**Lesa Jean Higley**  
in April 1979 in the Idaho  
Falls Idaho Temple.



Earned a  
bachelor's degree in  
**business  
administration**  
from Utah State University.



As a young man, he  
often went with his father  
to **visit and  
serve widows**  
in their ward.

Called to  
be an  
Apostle in  
**October  
2015.**



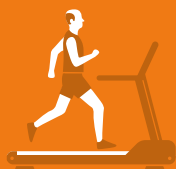
Refers to his **wife**  
as the "sunshine in  
and of my life."



Said his call to  
**the Quorum  
of the Twelve**  
was a "knee-buckling  
experience."



Called to serve in the  
**Japan Fukuoka  
Mission**  
as a young missionary.



Cofounded an  
**exercise equipment**  
manufacturing company where he  
worked as president and chief  
operating officer until 2008.

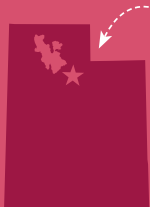


When he was 11 years old,  
his father kept him safe  
from **stepping on a  
rattlesnake.**

Enjoys  
**skiing,**  
snowboarding,  
and hiking.



Served as president of the  
**Japan Nagoya  
Mission**  
from 2004 to 2007.



Born on  
November 13, 1952,  
in **Salt Lake  
City, Utah.**



Married  
**Ruth Lybbert**  
in the Salt Lake  
Temple in 1977.



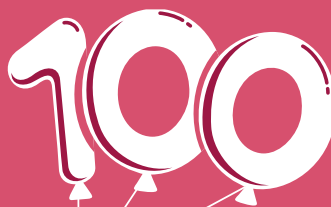
Spent his career as a  
**cardiologist**  
specializing in heart  
failure and heart  
transplantation.

# Elder **DALE G. RENLUND**



About his call to be an  
Apostle, he said,  
"I think President  
Monson sensed that  
**my bones had  
dissolved.**"

Sustained to the  
**Quorum  
of the  
Twelve  
Apostles**  
on October 3,  
2015.



Became the  
**100th person**  
called to the Quorum  
of the Twelve Apostles in  
the latter days.



Has one  
**daughter,**  
Ashley.



Received  
**BA and MD  
degrees**  
from the  
University of  
Utah.



Was a  
**professor  
of medicine**  
at the University  
of Utah.



Was called to  
**serve as  
bishop**  
in his third year of  
medical residency  
at Johns Hopkins  
Hospital in  
Maryland, USA.



At age 12,  
while attending  
church in a remodeled  
home, he and a friend  
**lit a firecracker**  
in the chapel's adjacent  
overflow area.

His first  
language  
was  
**Swedish.**

Served a  
full-time mission  
in **Sweden.**



Reading the Christmas story in Luke 2 was  
a family **Christmas tradition.**



As a doctor, he learned  
from his patients that  
**heartache can  
become joy**  
through the gospel.



Received a  
**witness of the  
truthfulness**  
of the Book of Mormon  
when he was 11.

When applying for the Rhodes Scholarship, he included **tree climbing** as an athletic ability.



Has 4 children and 3 grandchildren.



Born in  
**Redwood City, California,**  
Dec. 23, 1953.



**Elder**

# GERRIT W. GONG



Sustained to the  
**Quorum of the Twelve Apostles**  
on March 31, 2018.



Married  
Susan Lindsay  
in the  
**Salt Lake Temple**  
in January 1980.



He is in his family's  
**33rd recorded generation,**  
dating back to A.D. 837  
(late Tang dynasty)  
in southern China.



When he tried out for the school basketball team, the coach encouraged him to try out for the **soccer team**, and he loved it!

He got **engaged over the telephone,**



while he was at Oxford University in England and his wife was in Provo, Utah.

Served as a missionary in the Taiwan Taipei Mission.



Asked the high school cheerleaders to do **silent cheers** for the chess team.



He loves to travel.  
He has been to  
**all seven continents.**



His aunt lured him out from under the bed with a promise to go get **french fries** when he was homesick as a young boy.



Consumed **17 hamburgers** with his wife and four children at the end of a long trip.



He loves to go **hiking and backpacking.**



His family  
**joined  
the Church**  
when he was 6.



He filled out his  
**mission papers**  
when he was 11 to  
use as a goal.



Born in  
**São Paulo,  
Brazil** on  
October 2, 1958.

# Elder **ULISSES SOARES**



Served a full-time mission in  
the **Brazil Rio  
de Janeiro  
Mission.**



Attended the  
**São Paulo  
Pontifical  
Catholic  
University**  
(bachelor's  
degree in  
accounting and  
economics,  
master's in  
business  
administration).

He worked for  
**Pirelli Tire Company.**



Has **3 children** and  
**3 grandchildren.**



**Bonjour**

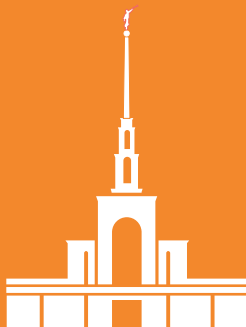
**¿cómo  
estás?**

**Hello**

**OLÁ**

Besides his native  
**Portuguese**, he speaks  
**English, French,  
and Spanish.**

Married  
Rosana Fernandes  
in the  
**São Paulo  
Brazil Temple**  
in October 1982.



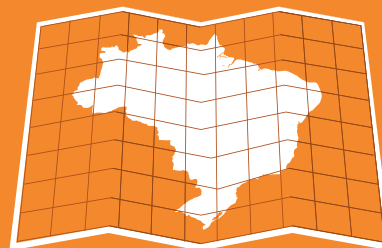
The LDS branch he first  
attended met in a rental  
space **above a bakery.**



Sustained  
as a member of the  
**Quorum  
of the  
Twelve  
Apostles**  
on March 31, 2018.



He is the  
**first Latin  
American  
Apostle.**



He served as **Area President**  
in Brazil before being called to be  
an Apostle.

His friends  
gave him a  
**mosaic  
of Christ**  
when he moved  
from Brazil.

