

## 183rd Semiannual General Conference

**“May we listen attentively to the messages which will be presented... that we may feel the Spirit of the Lord and gain the knowledge He would desire for us.”**

President Thomas S. Monson, October 2012 General Conference

## how will i prepare?

### BEFORE

- Start thinking now about questions or concerns you have. Write them down, and pray that you will find solutions and guidance during conference and pray for those who are assigned to speak.
- Do those things which invite the Spirit into your life so you will have a better understanding of what will be taught.
- Have a willing heart, ready to obey the words of the prophets.
- Be awake for conference. Get a good night's sleep!
- Prepare a notebook, pens, your scriptures, snacks and anything else you might need.

### DURING

- Attend or view all the sessions, including the priesthood session for priesthood bearers or the General Young Women Meeting for women.
- Listen carefully—not just to the speakers, but to the prayers and songs also.
- Keep notes, including any personal inspiration you might receive during conference.
- Listen earnestly for answers to the questions you have.
- Between conference sessions, participate in activities that will invite the Spirit.

### AFTER

- Follow the prophets by obeying their counsel.
- Re-read your notes. Remember the inspiration you had while you were listening to conference. Make goals right away to motivate you to do what you felt inspired to do. Don't overwhelm yourself with a lot of goals at once. Make your goals practical and obtainable.
- Re-read the conference talks in the November Ensign. Studying the words of the prophets again will help you remember their most current counsel for you personally.



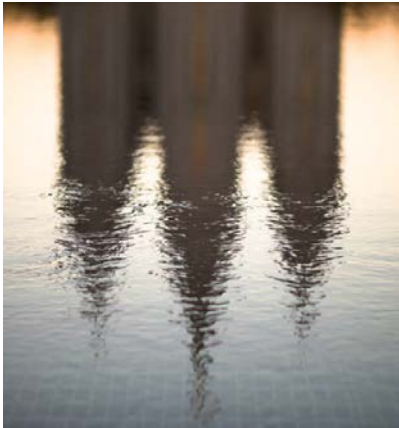




**WELCOME**  
to conference

The prophet gives a welcoming address at the beginning of general conference.  
Write down your impressions or thoughts from his message.

**WERE ANY  
TEMPLES  
ANNOUNCED?**



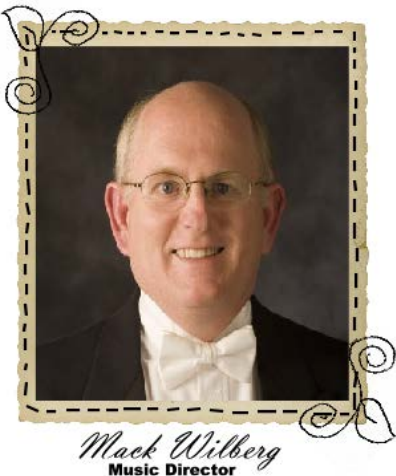
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# OTHER NOTES

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According to historian Glen M. Leonard, "about 30 baptized members attended the first conference along with others who were interested in the Church."



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The organ has 11,623 pipes.
- The pipes are made of wood, zinc and various alloys of tin and lead.
- The pipes are controlled from a console.
- The longest pipe has a length of 32 feet.
- The shortest pipe is three-quarters of an inch.
- Two technicians are employed full time to maintain this and other musical instruments.
- There are around 360 people in the choir.
- The Choir has appeared at 13 world's fairs and expositions, performed at the inaugurations of five U.S. presidents and sung on numerous worldwide telecasts and special events.
- Five of the Choir's recordings have achieved "gold record" and two have achieved "platinum record" status.
- The choir was founded in August 1847; one month after the pioneers entered the Salt Lake Valley.
- Music and the Spoken Word is now broadcast worldwide through some 1500 radio and TV stations.



WHAT SONGS INSPIRED YOU THE MOST THIS CONFERENCE?

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## WHEN WAS THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR FORMED?

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir originated in the mid-19th century in Salt Lake City. As the Latter-day Saints moved west, Church President Brigham Young included musicians among members of the advance parties. Consequently, a small choir first sang for a conference of the Church in the Salt Lake Valley on August 22, 1847, just 29 days after the first group arrived. The origins of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir may be found in the desire and commitment of early converts to include appropriate music in both sacred and secular events. In fact, there always has been a standing choir at the Church headquarters—from early Church locations in Kirtland, Ohio, and Nauvoo, Illinois, to current headquarters in Salt Lake City.

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

"The singing of our sacred hymns, written by the servants of God, has a powerful effect in converting people to the principles of the Gospel, and in promoting peace and spiritual growth." - President Heber J. Grant, Improvement Era, Sept. 1940, 522.

"We get nearer to the Lord through music than perhaps through any other thing except prayer." - President J. Reuben Clark Jr., in Conference Report, Oct. 1936, 111.

"Inspiring music may fill the soul with heavenly thoughts, move one to righteous action, or speak peace to the soul." - President Ezra Taft Benson, Ensign, Nov. 1974, 67.





## Messages from last conference:

- A knowledge of truth and the answers to our greatest questions come to us as we are obedient to the commandments of God.
- I pray that the Lord will bless and keep you, my brothers and sisters. May His promised peace be with you now and always.

How can I apply the message of his talk to better my life?

Scriptures he referenced:

In three words or less, his talk was about:

## NOTES:



President Monson was “up-and-doing,” developing such loyalties and devotedly serving others very early in his life. “He was the kind who accomplished what most boys don’t,” says John R. Burt, a lifelong friend, former bishop, and one who served with Brother Monson as a counselor in the Temple View Stake presidency. “He’d meet with his quorum counselors and stir things up, even as a youngster. Usually you have to do a lot of prodding with young boys, but not with Tom. He was always ready to do something worthwhile. “That skill has continued with him. I’ve never seen him take the leadership of any project that didn’t do well. He has a great spiritual attitude about him that moves the work. He’s a great administrator and a spiritual giant.”



Messages from  
**last conference:**

- By His words and His example, Christ has shown us how to draw closer to Him.
- I pray that wherever we are and whatever duties we have in the priesthood of God, we will be united in the cause to bring the gospel to all the world.

**How can I apply the message of his talk to better my life?**

Did you know that President Kimball was his uncle?

**Scriptures he referenced:**

**In three words or less, his talk was about:**



**His Great-Grandfather met Swiss immigrant Mary Bommeli when he joined her pioneer company on his trek to Utah following his mission. Mary, whose family joined the Church when she was 24, had been incarcerated in Berlin, Germany, for sharing the gospel. The night she was arrested, she wrote a letter to the judge and encouraged him to repent and save himself and family from "great sorrow." The judge soon dropped the charges, and Mary was released. Henry and Mary married shortly thereafter.**

# NOTES:



Messages from  
**last conference:**

- I would like to suggest four titles and that may help us recognize our individual roles in God's eternal plan and our potential as priesthood holders.
- As we seek to increase our love for God and strive to love our neighbor, the light of the gospel will surround and uplift us.

**How can I apply the message of his talk to better my life?**

Did you know that he was born in Czechoslovakia?

**Scriptures he referenced:**

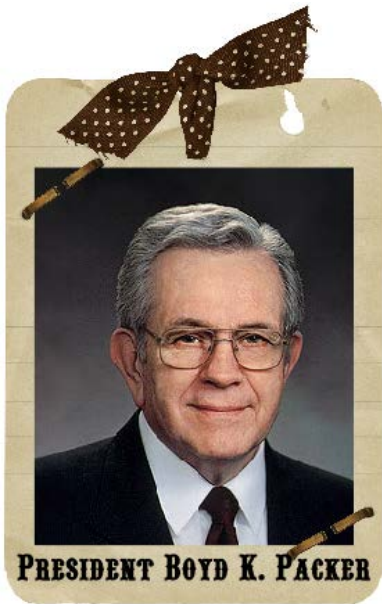
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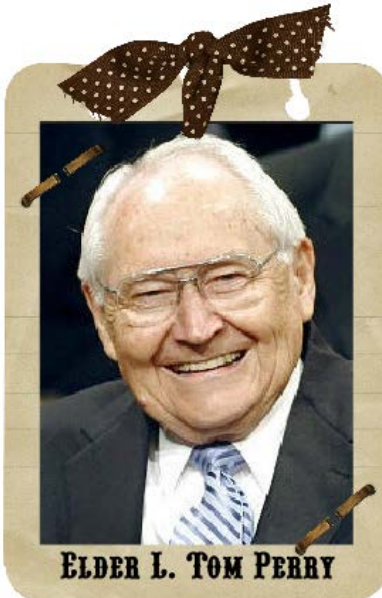
He is only the eleventh apostle to be born outside the United States. He is the second member of the First Presidency who is not a native English speaker. President Uchtdorf is the first German apostle in church history and was the first born outside of North America since the death of John A. Widtsoe in 1952. He is the first resident of a country outside the United States or Canada to be called to be a general authority who later became an apostle.

# NOTES:

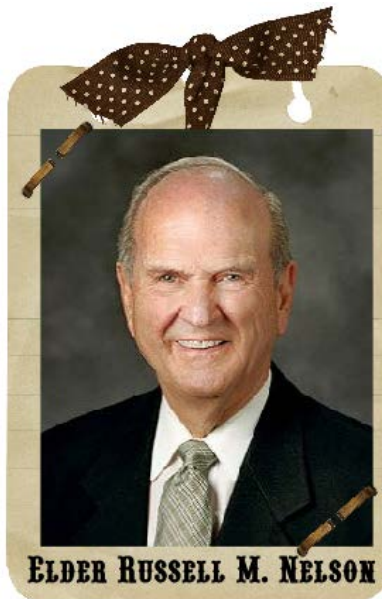




 Did you know he loves to paint, sculpt and carve?



 Did you know that he was very shy in high school?

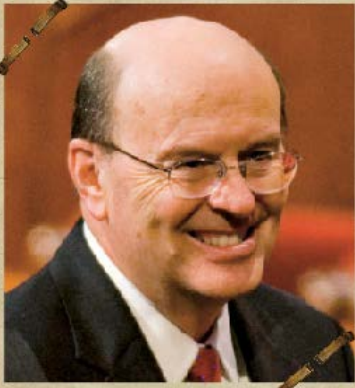


 Did you know that he plays the piano and organ?









**ELDER QUENTIN L. COOK**



**He served his mission in England. One of his mission companions was Elder Jeffrey R. Holland.**



**ELDER D. TODD CHRISTOFFERSON**



**He had two mission presidents on his mission...one of which was Richard G. Scott.**



**ELDER NEIL L. ANDERSEN**



**He speaks four languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese and French.**



NOTES FROM OTHER SPEAKERS:

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**NOTES FROM OTHER SPEAKERS:**

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# {my goal is....}

"I urge you to examine your life. Determine where you are and what you need to do to be the kind of person you want to be. Create inspiring, noble, and righteous goals that fire your imagination and create excitement in your heart. And then keep your eye on them. Work consistently towards achieving them."

-Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin, "Life's Lessons Learned", May 2007 Ensign.

How can I make the messages from conference a part of my life?  
How can I improve myself? Where do I begin?

"If your goals are righteous, of God-given perspective, eternal in their nature, then go for them. Pray for the inner strength to have the discipline to do those things that will guarantee through your activity and your life that you will reach your goals. Then, I think, perhaps as important as anything, we have to have faith. We have to have faith in God. We have to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And oh, how desperately we have to have faith in ourselves." – Elder M. Russell Ballard



my goal is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

deadline to reach this goal: \_\_\_\_\_



If you want to learn more about achieving your goals,



these scriptures have some interesting insights:

☐ Proverbs 25:28

☐ Mosiah 4:27

☐ 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

☐ D&C 10:5

# Come, Follow Me

Whether you are a parent, a teenager, a Sunday School/YW/YM or Seminary Teacher, you have probably heard of the "Come, Follow Me" curriculum. You can use the conference talks to help you prepare and study for each month's lessons. As the speaker concludes their remarks, decide if their comments fit in some of the categories below. If they do, write down the speaker's name so you can study their talk in greater detail when it becomes available online or in the Ensign.



## January: The Godhead

## February: The Plan of Salvation

## March: The Atonement of Jesus Christ

## April: The Apostasy & the Restoration

## May: Prophets and Revelation

## June: Priesthood & Priesthood Keys

## July: Ordinances and Covenants

## August: Marriage & Family

## September: Commandments

## October: Becoming More Christlike

## November: Spiritual & Temporal Self-Reliance

## December: Building the kingdom of God in latter-days





# who is that?

Can you tell who it is by their picture? Write their last name on the line by their photo. The answers are at the bottom of this page.



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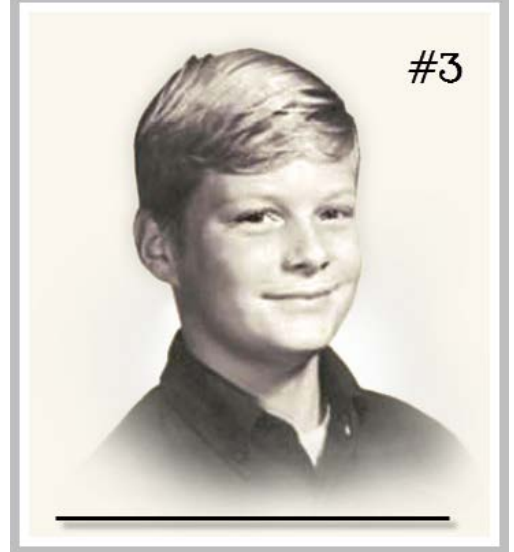


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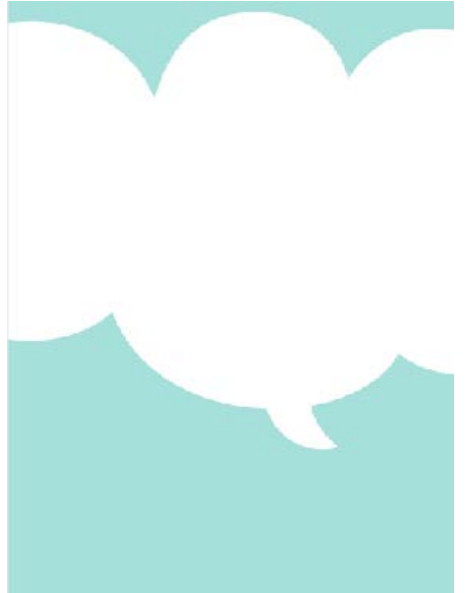
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1- Uchtdorf, 2-Packer, 3-Bednar, 4-Christofferson, 5-Perry, 6-Holland, 7-Nelson, 8-Cook, 9-Andersen

After listening to conference, read over your notes and fill out the boxes below with things you'd like to be reminded about. Tape them somewhere you'll see often - your mirror, computer, etc.



"Before you begin a thing, remind yourself that difficulties and delays quite impossible to foresee are ahead. If you could see them clearly, naturally you could do a great deal to get rid of them but you can't. You can only see one thing clearly and that is your goal.

Form a mental vision of that and cling to it through thick and thin."

- Kathleen Norris



# JUST FOR FUN!



Since **1831**  
**2** conferences per year  
**5** two-hour sessions  
**30-31** speakers



Over  
**100,000**  
attendees at the  
Conference Center in  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Viewed by people from  
**197**  
countries and territories.  
Translated into  
**93**  
languages.



**92.734**  
total mobile  
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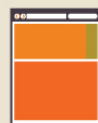


**595,000**  
households in North  
America tune in on TV for  
the Sunday morning session.

## After Conference:



**102,000**  
audio/video files.



Over  
**3 million**  
page views per month.

Audio, Video and Text archives  
published  
online in **83** languages.



Text printed and distributed  
in thirty languages.



# NOW WHAT DO I DO ???

You've listened to the messages; You've felt the Spirit testify to you; You've committed to follow the counsel that was given. Now that general conference weekend is over, how are you going to keep the lessons of general conference a part of your life for the next six months?



Make a list that matches topics covered in general conference to things that you want to improve in your life. Study the topics one at a time as you try to improve before the next general conference.

- Rebecca

We fit in aspects/topics of talks in day-to-day conversation.

- Emily James

Make favorite quotes or thoughts into a magnet on the fridge for daily reminders. Also, praying daily on what messages to share/use in lesson plans, Family Home Eve. or for Visiting and Home Teaching.

- Stacey Hernandez

We use the talks for Family Home Evening.

- Lisa Child

We listen to it on our IPAD through out the day. It really helps.

- Samantha Raadgep

Listen to the addresses while you exercise, drive, do chores, or get ready for the day.

- James

Watch parts of general conference as a family on Sundays.

- Grant

I keep one of them in my car and if we are ever "bored" or in the car for a while, I or my kiddos always have reading material. Can't tell you how often I sit in the parking lot waiting for someone, or for school to get out in just a few minutes I have read an address.

- Sally McClaine

Have family members take turns choosing talks to listen to during breakfast.

- Ashlee

I re-listen to the conference talks via the Mormon channel app on my phone when I am getting ready for the day.

- Melissa Sauser

Our ward has a cover to cover challenge. We read/listen to the talks from the last conference in time for the up and coming conference.

- Gayle Pugmire

We order a General Conference Ensign (May and November) for each member of the family, so that each person can read and mark on the talks and our little one can see the picture of who says what when we are reading. We also find quotes and put them on chalkboards in the kitchen and library, so that we can read them over and over.

- Stephanie Thomas

## OTHER IDEAS :

- "As part of our homeschool, we do a 20-week Conference Review - Monday =watch/listen to talk again, Tuesday = create/implement plan to follow counsel or challenge given, Wednesday = study biography of speaker, Thursday - review music from Conference, Friday - open discussion about talk, plan, bio or music (best done around a bowl of popcorn or plate of cookies). Weeks 1 -15 are the Prophets and Apostles, weeks 6-20 are usually 2-3 talks/week by other speakers." (Idea by Tami Maloney)
- "I pick ONE thing that they talked about to work on. It's actually really effective." (Idea by Whitney Larson)
- "I read one talk each morning. Each time I read, I focus on one theme, and then when I have read each talk, I pick something new to focus on in my reading. It is amazing the things you pick up by ready the talks over and over again." (Idea by Michelle Pingel)
- "I made the "General Conference Preserves" for the women i visit teach last May. One sister told me just the other day that she uses it often. Just pick a quote out of the jar for a special bit of counsel or encouragement for your day. Would be great to do every 6 months - refresh with new quotes." (Idea by Emily Jamieson)
- "Put up a poster of the prophet and apostles. Attach quotes under their pictures from the latest conference." (Idea by Alisha Ann Clayson)