# NEW SLETTER



One of the most glorious moments of mortality occurs when we discover the joy that comes when doing always those things that "work for and please the Lord" and "what works for us" become one and the same! To decisively and unquestioningly make the Lord's will our own requires majestic and heroic discipleship! At that sublime moment, we become consecrated to the Lord, and we totally yield our wills to Him. Such spiritual submissiveness, so to speak, is beautiful, powerful, and transformational.

Elder Ulisses Soares

Aligning Our Will with His, October 2024

- 2. 2025 Stake Vision
- 3. **Calendar**
- 4. Announcement From President McAllister
- 5. <u>Upcoming Leadership Meetings & Devotionals</u>
- 6-8. **Youth**
- 9. Youth & Just Serve
- 10. Return & Report: Dana Village Service Project
- 11. ONS Serves
- 12. Primary
- 13. Addiction Recovery Support
- 14. Young Single Adults
- 15. **Single Adults (35+)**
- 16. **Giving Machines**
- 17. Catholic Charities of Omaha
- 18. Temple Recommend Interviews & FamilySearch Center
- 19. ONS Temple & Family History Message
- 20. ONS Missionary Announcements
- 21. ONS Called to Serve





#### 2025 OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE VISION



# JOIN HIM



I gave unto them their knowledge...[and] agency. And unto thy brethren have I said, and also given commandment, that they should love one another, and that they should choose me, their father.

Moses 7: 32-33



Choosing to follow Jesus Christ and live as His disciple is not a one-time choice. Every day we choose to let God prevail in our lives as we choose Him over competing choices or distractions.

What choices can you make today that will show increased love towards God, His Son Jesus Christ, and others?

Follow me, and do the things which ye have seen me do.

2 Nephi 31:12



As disciples of Jesus Christ, He encourages us to follow Him and labor with Him in His vineyard. When we do so, we become more like Him, and we help others come unto Him. We can abide in His presence more fully and join Him in God's work of salvation and exaltation.

We invite all stake members to

- Have daily experiences worshipping the Lord and studying His gospel.
- "[Worship] in the temple as regularly as your circumstances permit."
- Commit yourself to 1) pray
  for your ministering
  families by name every day
  and 2) have a ministering
  interview with your RS or EQ
  presidency quarterly.

And blessed art thou;
for because ye have
been diligent in
laboring with me in my
vineyard...
behold ye shall have
joy with me.

Jacob 5:75



Savior Our Jesus Christ rejoices in His He Father's plan. rejoices in our repentance, and in our service. He rejoices in our sacrifice and consecration. We can share in that same joy with Him.

What can you do that would allow you to feel more powerfully this joy that is available to you?

# **AUGUST**

#### SUNDAYS

MISSION PREP CLASS, 4 PM, STAKE CENTER PRIMARY ROOM

#### **AUGUST 3**

• POST-FSY DINNER & FIRESIDE, YOUTH, SEE PAGE 6

#### **AUGUST 10**

• WHY I BELIEVE FIRESIDE, TRAIL CENTER, 7 PM

#### **AUGUST 16**

• SEMINARY KICKOFF, YOUTH, SEE PAGE 6

#### **AUGUST 17**

 Stake General Priesthood Meeting, 3:30PM, Stake Center

#### **AUGUST 31**

• MISSION PREP FIRESIDE FOR OLDER YOUTH, SEE PAGE 8

### looking ahead

# SEPTEMBER

#### SEPTEMBER 6

 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS & DEVOTIONALS WITH AN APOSTLE, SEE PAGE 4 & 5

#### SEPTEMBER 11

 WORLDWIDE DAY OF SERVICE, OUR STAKE WILL BE DOING A HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR <u>CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF</u> <u>OMAHA</u>, <u>SEE PAGE 1</u>7

#### SEPTEMBER 20

 STAKE PRIMARY GOAL SHOWCASE, 3:00, STAKE CENTER, SEE PAGE 9

#### SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

• STAKE CONFERENCE, MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH

#### Looking Ahead

#### LEADERSHIP MEETINGS AND DEVOTIONALS WITH AN APOSTLE & VISITING AUTHORITIES

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES 47 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE STREET, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84150

June 28, 2025

President Paul D. McAllister Omaha Nebraska Stake

Dear President McAllister,

We invite your stake to participate in a priesthood leadership conference on September 6, 2025. A member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles will preside with other General Authorities and General Officers participating. Those leaders who are to attend and other details of this conference, such as time of the meeting and location, will be discussed with the Area Presidency and Area Seventy in your coordinating council.

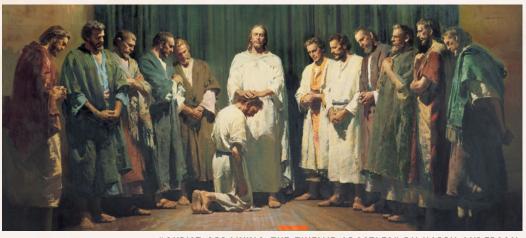
This meeting will provide you an opportunity to receive instruction and ask questions regarding your leadership responsibilities. Please invite your stake leaders to prepare spiritually for the conference.

Thank you for all you do. The Church is blessed by your devoted and selfless service.

Sincerely,

R. Holland

Acting President



The Omaha Nebraska Stake has the rare and blessed opportunity to receive a visit from an Apostle on Saturday, September 6, 2025. The name of the visitor will be released two weeks prior to their visit.

The following meetings have been scheduled for September 6th:

#### Priesthood Leadership Meeting

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Omaha Stake Center

More information about who will be invited to attend this meeting will be communicated closer to the event.

#### Stake/Ward Council Leadership Meeting

2:30 - 4:30 PM

Omaha Stake Center

All members of stake and ward councils are invited to attend

#### Youth Devotional with an Apostle

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Omaha Stake Center

All young women, young men, and their leaders are invited to attend

#### YSA Devotional

#### With a Member of the Quorum of the Seventy

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Institute Building\*

\*You will be notified if the venue changes to the Martha Street Building for capacity reasons

### Single Adult Devotional (over age 35) With a Member of the Quorum of the Seventy

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Maple Street Building

We encourage our members to spiritually prepare for this great opportunity.

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# DINNER & FIRESIDE

SUNDAY | AUGUST 3RD

6 PM | FOR ALL YOUTH TURNING 14+

OMAHA STAKE CENTER 14680 CALIFORNIA STREET

CHURCH DRESS | FSY ATTENDANCE NOT REQUIRED

2

# SEMINARY KICKOFF & DANCE AT OMAHA STAKE CENTER

FOR YOUTH TURNING 14+ (CHURCH DRESS)

AUG 16TH | FIRESIDE 5PM | DINNER 6PM | DANCE 7-9PM

3

# STAKE YOUTH LEADER COMMITTEE (SYLC) for all new reps

Aug 17th | 3PM | Omaha Stake Center

(every 3rd Sunday)



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

# Devotional with an Apostle

Saturday, September 6th

7 - 8:30 PM

Omaha Stake Center

for young men, young women, and their leaders





#### MISSIONARY PREPARATION FIRESIDE

FEATURING
PRESIDENT AND SISTER CALOWAY
OF THE OMAHA NESRASKA MISSION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 4:00 PM AT THE OMAHA STAKE CENTER



New school year mission prep kickoff fireside for juniors, seniors, and recent high school graduates!

#### PAL LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY

We will have a Church Cross Country (XC) team again this fall. All middle-schoolers are welcome to join (5th - 8th grade), young men and young women.

We have 2 practices a week and there are 5-6 meets, all weekdays, about town.

We participate in the PAL league, which includes 25 schools in Omaha, Bellevue, and Papillion. It is an awesome organization.

#### Register here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4EA4A9 23A1F94-57391197-jrcougars

Reach out to Jon Poyer, Ashley Gower, or Jordyn Harris if you have any questions: OmahaLDSXC@gmail.com



# JustServe Youth Training: How to start a JustServe club in your school

Our Coordinating Council JustServe Specialist, Theresa Gerlach, will show you how easy it is to start a club in your school. The Church has provided a ton of resources

so you can be successful right away.



MAIZE HIGH SCHOOL JUSTSERVE CLU WICHITA KANSAS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
5 PM
STAKE CENTER OR BY ZOOM\*

\*THOSE WHO LIVE NEAR ENOUGH TO DRIVE TO THE STAKE CENTER, CAN COME WATCH THE ZOOM MEETING TOGETHER AT THE STAKE CENTER.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ZOOM MEETING THEY WILL MEET WITH BROTHER & SISTER DRYDEN, THE JUSTSERVE SPECIALISTS, FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THEIR ADULT LEADERS. YOUTH WHO CANNOT MEET AT THE STAKE CENTER CAN WATCH THE ZOOM PORTION AT HOME!

#### WHO'S INVITED:

STAKE YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS, YOUTH QUORUM/CLASS PRESIDENCIES, YOUTH ADVISORS/SPECIALISTS, AND ALL INTERESTED YOUTH.

 THIS IS A WAY TO GATHER ISRAEL! GATHER YOUR FRIENDS, SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY OF SERVICE BY DOING. LIFT THE BURDENS OF THOSE IN YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH JUSTSERVE.

#### Return & Report:

#### STAKE SERVICE PROJECT AT DANA VILLAGE



A team of 100 volunteers from the Omaha Nebraska Stake gathered at Dana Village on Saturday, July 12, to clear brush, remove debris, and trim overgrown branches as part of a growing community effort to restore the former Dana College Campus.

The event was organized in support of Lutheran Family Services, which is currently revitalizing the historic campus into housing for young adults who have aged out of the foster care system. The vision is to provide a safe, stable living environment for individuals transitioning into independent adulthood.

The service project made a strong impression on the leadership Lutheran Family Services (LFS). CEO Barnhart. of Lutheran Family Services, said, "July 12th changed the world at Dana Village. The outpouring of comments, emails, and phone calls we've gotten on the change at Dana Village from donors, residents, and staff is overwhelming," and described the effort as a "life-changing difference" and "epic." He added, "How can we do more together?"-a question that reflects the growing collaboration

around not only this project but our growing partnership with LFS.

The positive momentum is catching on. Blair residents are now visiting the campus more frequently and offering to help after seeing the physical changes and renewed activity. "We started a ball rolling," Thad Call said. Now the whole community is stepping up.



More cleanup and revitalization events are planned. Those who missed this project and would like to help can assist the Millard Stake next month on Aug 12, from 8-11 am. Sign up on the Just Serve Website: Lutheran Family Services Dana <u>Village Clean Up Day - JustServe</u>



transformational."



Brother West and Brother Sakahashi helped Valiant 10 class Hunter. Maggie. Oliver. Avery. Clara. Kami. Kamryn and Lincoln collect toys and share them with the Children's Hospital. Pictured here is Maggie. Kamryn. Clara and Kami delivering their fun toys to the hospital.

Brother Decker and Abe's DJ service at Ollie Webb's Annual Luau. Journey of Hope are college age students traveling from San Francisco to Washington. DC and stopping at many destinations to bring awareness to friends with disabilities.





Kanesville missionaries perform services like splitting wood, painting picnic tables, building new trails at Hitchcock Park in Iowa.

### 9/11 Day of Service

We'll be serving <u>Catholic Charities of Omaha</u> for the 9/11 Day of Service. Stay tuned for a stake-wide Household Supplies Drive in September. Here is another way to serve <u>Catholic Charities of Omaha</u>:



Help deliver food to Macy and Walthill, NE on September 2nd.

#### You can click HERE too.









Sign-up here by August 31st

### Join Us For Our Stake Goal Showcase!

New Date! Saturday
September 20, 2025
3:00 – 5:00 PM

Omaha Stake Center 14680 California St.

Come support your friends!

Families are invited!

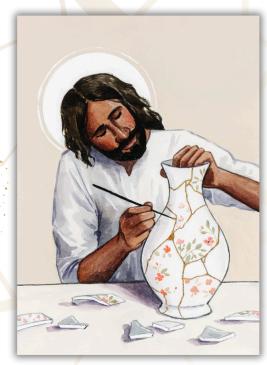
Puzzle activity included!

**Refreshments served!** 

If you have a goal to display, please arrive 10 minutes early for set up. If you don't have a goal to share, we would still love to see you there!

Email Ch**&seகூருள்** @ chelc\_00@hotmail.com



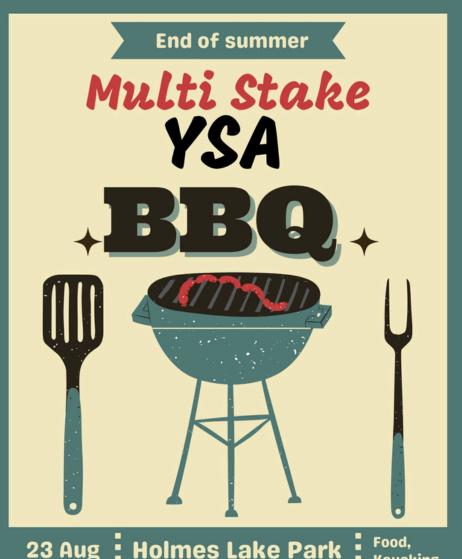


"HE HEALS WHAT IS BROKEN" BY PAIGE PAYNE

The Omaha Nebraska Stake offers an addiction recovery program for anyone struggling with addiction. Friends and family members of those struggling with addiction are also invited to attend. Attendees can meet in person or join virtually through Zoom. The Zoom link can be found by visiting the addiction recovery website, HERE.

Tuesday Evenings
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Stake Center

Attendees can enter through the stake doors on the east side of the building.



2025

Holmes Lake Park

70th and Normal Blud, Lincoln, Ne SCAN OR CODE FOR FOOD PLANNING AND TO RECEIVE AS NEEDED **WEATHER UPDATES** 

3-8 pm Or visit https://tinyurl.com/multi-stakeysa-bbq

Kayaking, Volleyball



The Lincoln Nebraska Stake Young Single Adults are inviting YSA's in nearby stakes to an End of Summer Multi-Stake YSA BBQ at Holmes Lake Park in Lincoln, NE on Saturday August 23rd, 2025 from 3 to 8pm. Besides delicious food there will be sand volleyball, kayaking on Holmes Lake and other fun activities with young single adults in the area. To help give us a count on food and give any timely weather updates, please RSVP at this link (also linked to the QR code on the attached flier): https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ e/1FAIpQLSdUX qhKJfG oDaUfz mNV3viX29b GOvwODWFasPUN8 urY9sw/viewform

Thank you for spreading the word, RSVP-ing and inviting friends!

Sincerely, Lincoln Nebraska Stake YSA's

### YSA DEVOTIONAL

WITH A MEMBER OF THE QUORUM OF THE SEVENTY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

7:00 - 8:30 PM **INSTITUTE BUILDING\*** 

**\*YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF THE VENUE CHANGES TO THE** MARTHA STREET BUILDING FOR CAPACITY REASONS

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING AN INSTITUTE CLASS? **CLICK** 

HERE

TO FIND ONE IN OUR AREA.





#### August 9th at 2 PM

Single Adults are invited to meet together and visit the Joslyn Art Museum.

#### August 23rd at 6 PM

Single Adult Kayaking activity at Lake Zorinsky (156 & F). If you have a kayak or canoe or know someone that will loan one, please bring it. If you are able to bring or borrow one, please contact Missy Terry at <a href="mailto:mdterryx2020@gmail.com">mdterryx2020@gmail.com</a> and let her know so she can get an accurate count.

#### August 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm

The Lincoln Area Single Adult group (36+) is inviting Single Adults in nearby stakes to a Cook Out at Holmes Lake Park in Lincoln, NE. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided at this family-friendly event held at shelter #3 (across from parking lot #3). Please bring a side dish or dessert to share as all mingle and play yard games. To help give the Lincoln Area Single Adults a count on food and give any timely weather updates, please RSVP at this link: https://docs.google.com/docum ent/d/1niMPCsE8tG539QPDBf0 51hgw7cFA77qXhTXsD0PJnXQ/e dit?usp=sharing

# THE GIVING MACHINES ARE RETURNING TO OMAHA THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!



We're excited to share that The Giving Machines will once again be in Omaha, offering a unique way to give to those in need this holiday season. Each local stake has been asked to highlight one of the charities featured in The Giving Machines. The Omaha Stake is honored to highlight Catholic Charities of Omaha.

In the coming months, we're excited to share the inspiring work of Catholic Charities of Omaha with you! We believe you'll come to see them as we do—an organization living out the mission of Jesus Christ, serving as His hands and feet, performing miracles every day, and transforming lives across our community. We hope that you, your family, friends, quorums/classes, and wards will be inspired by the services they offer and find ways to support this wonderful organization—either through volunteering, donations, or other means!

Omaha Stake Communications Committee

NOV. 25<sup>TH</sup> -> DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup>

@ WESTROADS MALL



# FOOD PANTRY

Catholic Charities of Omaha operates two Market Choice Food pantries for anyone struggling with food insecurity in the Omaha metro.

2.600.000 POUNDS OF FOOD SERVED



Want to help stock shelves or assist shoppers? Check out local volunteer opportunities on Just Serve soon!

stay tuned! The
ONS will be hosting
a household supply
drive this
september!



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

Catholic Charities provides survivors and their children with access to a state-of-theart Domestic Violence Shelter designed to help you establish a safe, violence-free future.

4,725
NIGHTS OF SAFETY FOR DV
SURVIVORS IN THE DV SHELTER

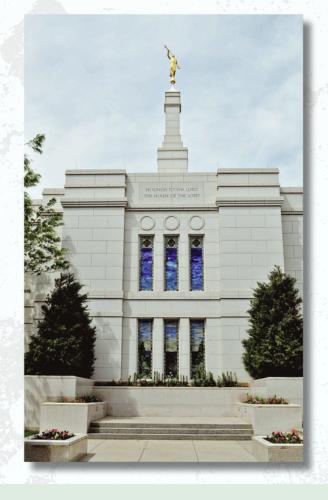
# INDIGENOUS PEOPLE SUPPORT

Catholic Charities provides a monthly mobile pantry to the indigenous people living on the Omaha Reservation. For many, it is the only source of food they receive during the month. Each month our bishop's storehouse contributes a truck-load of food to help support this cause.



Our stake has volunteered to staff their September 2nd Mobile Pantry to Walthill and Macy, NE. Interested in helping or want to learn more?

Click HERE.



### FAMILY SEARCH CENTER

Open every Tuesday noon-2pm and 7pm-9pm, or by special appointment

(402) 252-5131 Stake Center

Get free help from a FamilySearch consultant, or bring a friend!

### NEED A STAKE TEMPLE RECOMMEND INTERVIEW?

# TEXT OR CALL OUR STAKE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES!

#### David Robles 801-971-5194

Schedules for members of Old Mill, Pacific Ridges, Eagle Run, and YSA Wards

# Matthew Nielsen 719-464-8456

Schedules for members of Bennington, Blair, Columbus, Elkhorn, and Fremont Wards

# ATTN: Relief Society Sisters

We are looking for a sister to serve with Sister Clark in the Family History Center twice a month. She can train you! If interested, please contact Cristina Dorius.

#### TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY MESSAGE

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a meeting of the Family Stories special interest group of the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society, which meets in our Omaha FamilySearch Center once a month. I had the opportunity to share a brief story of a pioneer ancestor with the group, and each participant was asked to identify what they would be writing during the next month. I responded that with the upcoming wedding of our daughter, I would need to focus on writing living history! I have been thinking about "living history" as we experienced the sealing and special, shared family experiences surrounding that event.

We each have a story to write. Each of our stories is important. We are each the protagonist – the leading character – of our story, and we have been given agency to author our story.

It is thought-provoking to take time to consider the important elements of our stories. I will address three here: 1) setting, 2) characters, and 3) plot.

Setting: Our lives are lived in numerous settings – home, school, church, workplace. If we choose, one setting that will influence our lives and our stories more significantly and memorably than others is the temple – the House of the Lord. What a privilege it is to visit His house and to visit Him. There we can begin to understand what it is to dwell with Him.

Characters: Selecting the characters in our story is very important. Each of us will be blessed with Christ-like friends who "touch our lives for good" (see Hymn No. 293), and we have the opportunity to be a Christ-like friend in the story of others. President McAllister taught at youth conference in 2024 that one of the people we should spend the most time with should be the Lord. Indeed, as we

author our story, our character will grow stronger and the ending will be brighter if we allow Christ – "the author and the finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2) to be a co-author of our story. As we participate in His work in the holy temple, we can deepen our relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ. We also have the special opportunity to come to know ancestors and make them a part of our story as we perform work on their behalf.

Plot: The plot of our stories is within the Plan of Salvation. We are children of Heavenly Parents. The plan provides us with an opportunity to experience, here on Earth, a time of probation – a time to see if we will choose God. We chose to come to Earth to gain a body, to learn, to experience challenges and trials, to experience joy and sorrow, and to grow. Our Father desires that we immortality and eternal life. He desires these gifts for all His children. If we choose, we can help our ancestors along the covenant path. Speaking of the Spirit of Elijah – which President Russell M. Nelson taught is "a manifestation of the Holy Ghost bearing witness of the divine nature of the family" - Elder David A. Bednar stated, "This distinctive influence of the Holy Ghost draws people to identify, document, cherish their ancestors and family members - both past and present" (Bednar, October 2011).

I invite you to carefully consider the setting, characters, and plot in your story. I invite you to make the temple an important and frequent setting, to make the Lord (first and foremost) and your ancestors important characters in your story, and to participate in temple and family history work as your plot unfolds. There are exciting chapters ahead!

References and Recommended Reading
"We Each Have a Story" – Elder Gerrit W. Gong, April 2022
"The Hearts of the Children Shall Turn" – Elder David A. Bednar,
October 2011

# SERVICE MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITIES FIRESIDE

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 28, 2025
Quad Stake Service Missionary
Fireside
Papillion Stake Center, 7 pm

If you have at least 4 hours that you could commit each week as a service missionary, please check out the opportunities currently available by clicking the link below.

https://seniormissionary.churchofjesus christ.org/srsite/cs/search?lang=eng



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# PLEASE WELCOME OUR FRIENDS WHO JOINED THE CHURCH IN JUNE

Jorrae - Winter Quarters YSA Ward Al - Bennington Ward Diego - Winter Quarters YSA Ward

### ONS CALLED TO SERVE

Behold, I am a disciple of Jesus
Christ, the Son of God. I have been called of Him to declare His word among His people, that they might have everlasting life.

3 Nephi 5:13

#### RECENTLY CALLED!

- Whitely, S. August 4, Ecuador Guayaquil West Mission (Spanish)
- Urbano, B. August 18, Brazil Sao Paulo Mission (Portuguese)
- Dosset, C. August 18, Brazil Santos Mission (Portuguese)
- Glasgow. L. August 25, Korea Seoul Mission (Korean)
- McAllister, M. August 25, Utah Saratoga Mission (English)
- Codr, B. September 1, California Arcadia Mission (English)
- Roach, J. September 22, Alpine German-Speaking Mission (Russian)
- Franzluebbers, D. September 22, California Newport Beach Mission (English)

#### FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES CURRENTLY SERVING

- Elder E. Haughwout (Pac Ridges) Anaheim CA
- Elder L. Dorrius (Pac Ridges) São Paulo Brazil South
- Elder P. Omer, (Old Mill) Mexico, Torreon
- Elder L. Bartlett, (Elkhorn) Korea, Seoul
- Sister E. Call (Pac Ridges) Denver, CO
- Elder D. Clark (Bennington) Pretoria S Africa
- Elder S. Jensen (Blair) Portland, Oregon
- Elder T. Hyde (Columbus) Argentina Buenos Aires
- Elder & Sister Card (Columbus) Vanuatu, Port Vila
- Sister S. Jacobson (Elkhorn) Modesto, CA
- Elder J. Spencer (Elkhorn) Santa Fe, Argentina
- Elder K. Hansen (Blair) London England

- Elder L. Bailey (Elkhorn) Arcadia, CA
- Sister E. Miller (Elkhorn) Riverside, CA
- Elder C. Eichman (Old Mill) Alpine German
- Elder J. Haughwout (Pac Rid) Teresina, Brazil
- Elder M. Blad (Pac Ridges) Kennewick, WA
- Sister E. Kennington (Elk) Brazil Campinas
- Elder J.North (Old Mill) St George, UT
- Elder S. Wang (Old Mill) Taipei Taiwan
- Sister J. Hueffner (Pac Rid) Honolulu, HI
- Elder K. McLeod (WQ) Layton, UT
- Elder M. Marten (Fremont) Omaha, NE