

Area presidency assignments announced

By David Schneider Church News

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced the Church’s 2025-2026 area leadership assignments.

The area presidency changes will become effective Aug. 1.

The Church has 24 administrative areas — six that cover the United States and the remaining 18 covering other countries.

The First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles preside over all affairs of the Church.

The Church has 12 quorums of the Seventy. The First and Second quorums are composed of General Authority Seventies, who have authority to serve any-

where in the world. The remaining 10 quorums are composed of Area Seventies. Under the direction of area presidencies, Area Seventies meet with and teach Church leaders, missionaries and members of the Church in local congregations. The work of each Area Seventy is generally limited to a specific area.

For each administrative area, a member of the Seventy is assigned by the First Presidency to serve as area president. Area presidencies work under the direction of assigned members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and Presidency of the Seventy.

Most members of area presidencies are General Authority Seventies, with some Area Seventies — there are four Area Seventies among the total 24 area presidents and 48 counselors.

Areas in the United States are administered from Church headquarters in Salt Lake City, as is the

Middle East/Africa North Area.

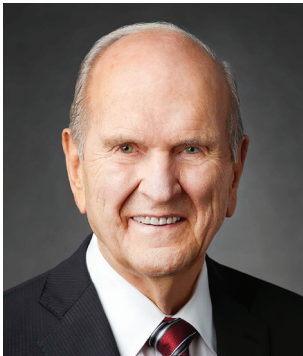
Other international areas are administered from area offices in those areas: **Africa Central** — Nairobi, Kenya; **Africa South** — Johannesburg, South Africa; **Africa West** — Accra, Ghana; **Asia** — Hong Kong; **Asia North** — Tokyo, Japan; **Brazil** — São Paulo, Brazil; **Caribbean** — Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; **Canada** — Calgary, Alberta; **Central America** — Guatemala City, Guatemala; **Eurasian** — Moscow, Russia; **Europe Central** — Frankfurt, Germany; **Europe North** — London, England; **Mexico** — Mexico City, Mexico; **Pacific** — Auckland, New Zealand; **Philippines** — Quezon City, Philippines; **South America Northwest** — Lima, Peru; and **South America South** — Buenos Aires, Argentina. ■

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Dallin H. Oaks
First Counselor



Russell M. Nelson
President



Henry B. Eyring
Second Counselor

THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES



Jeffrey R. Holland



Dieter F. Uchtdorf



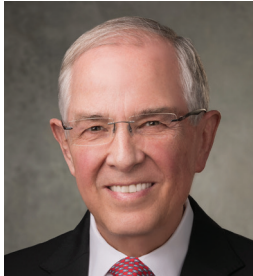
David A. Bednar



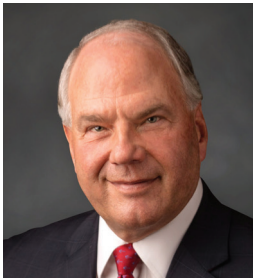
Quentin L. Cook



D. Todd Christofferson



Neil L. Andersen



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Ulisses Soares



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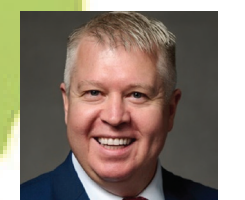
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President



Vladimir N. Astashov*
Second Counselor

* Area Seventy

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