



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.)

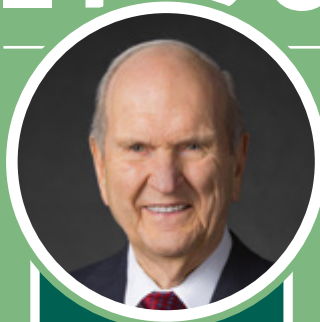
At age 10
became an
**errand
boy** for his
father's
advertising
agency.



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



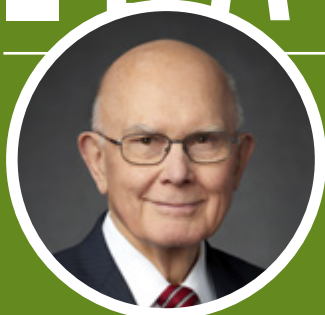
Born in
Provo, Utah,
on August 12,
1932.

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.

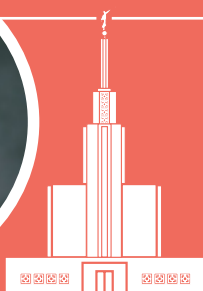
His family **joined the Church** in 1947 in Zwickau, Germany.



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



Elder **DIETER F. UCHTDORF**

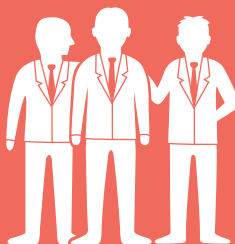


Has two children, six grandchildren, and soon four great-grandchildren.



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.

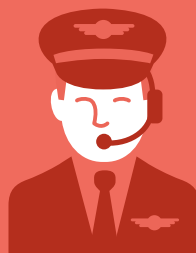
He became a captain at age 29.

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
particularly
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.



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.



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



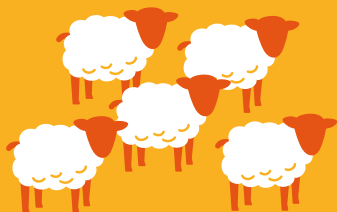
*Earned his
law degree
from Duke
University
and worked as
a lawyer.*



*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.**

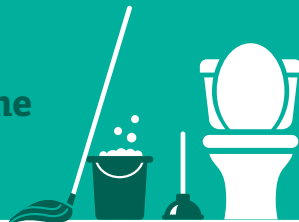
Bonjour

¿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.

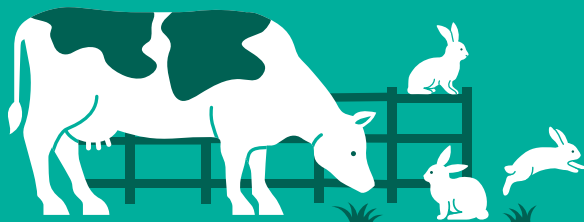


Graduated
from **BYU**
and from
Harvard
School of
Business.

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.*



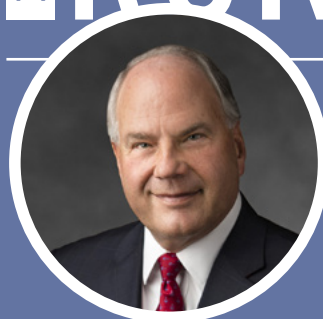
Attended the
**University
of Utah.**



Called to serve in the
Eastern States Mission.

1970-72

Elder **RONALD A. RASBAND**

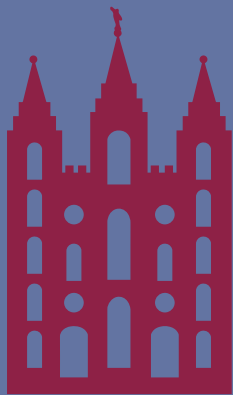


He has 5
children and 27
grandchildren.



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

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

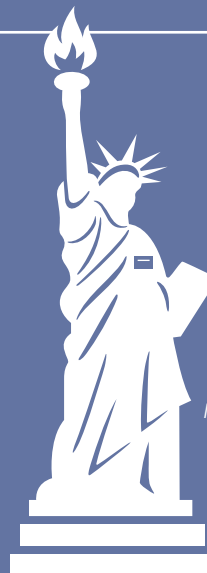


Growing up, friends
were an important
part of his life.



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

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

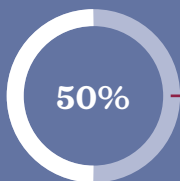


*Served as
president of
the New York,
New York
North Mission
from 1996
to 1999.*



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.

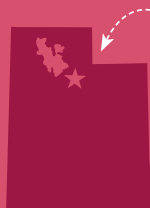


When he was 11 years old,
his father kept him safe
from **stepping on a
rattlesnake.**

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.



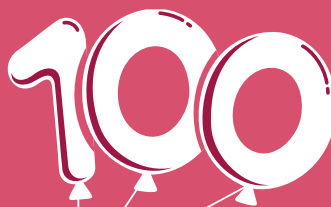
Spent his career as a
cardiologist
specializing in heart
failure and heart
transplantation.

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

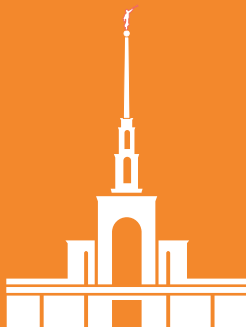
**¿cómo
estás?**

Hello

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

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



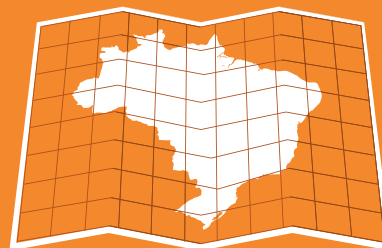
The LDS branch he first
attended met in a rental
space **above a bakery.**



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.

