

Area Seventy Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2016

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Brethren,

Please find attached the minutes of the Area Seventy Meeting of February 12, 2016.

Thank you for your service.

Brother Wayne Elggren
Executive Secretary to Elder Craig C. Christensen

UTAH AREAS - Area Seventies Correlation Meeting

JSMB - Ambassador Room – 10th Floor - Friday, February 12, 2016 - 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Presiding: Elder Michael T. Ringwood

Conducting: Elder Michael T. Ringwood

Opening Hymn: #217, *Come, Let Us Anew*

Music Director: Elder Craig B. Terry

Pianist: Elder Ralph L. Dewsnup

Invocation: Elder Dane O. Leavitt

Discussion Items:

1. Review of the January 20 Missionary Broadcast and Report on Increasing Convert Baptisms – Efforts and Trends:
 - a. Impressed with the linkage between teaching repentance and baptism, and investigator baptism preparation.
 - b. Alma 9:27 - Can you truly repent without baptism?
 - i. The whole purpose of His coming was to provide the path of faith, repentance, baptism, receiving the Holy Ghost and enduring to the end (“Missionary’s Purpose”, *Preach My Gospel*, pg. 1).
 - ii. All steps along the path are necessary. None can be left incomplete.
 - c. The objective is to increase convert baptisms, which requires repentance.
 - d. Missionaries reteach all the lessons after baptism with a special emphasis on teaching repentance in a very different way, i.e. faith, repentance and partaking of the sacrament each week. Repentance is not an event but a continual process.
 - e. 2 Ne 31:13, 17; 2 John 9.
 - f. Missionary’s comment that “Our generation doesn’t know how to repent.”
 - g. Have members learned how to repent? We need to be constantly teaching repentance.
 - h. Repentance is deeper and broader than a headline.
 - i. We should link repentance with taking the sacrament and keeping the Sabbath Day holy.
 - j. Some members don’t know if they have been forgiven. When they feel the Holy Ghost burning in their hearts it keeps the conviction bright. Repentance brings happiness.
 - k. When investigators feel the blessings of repentance it drives them to be baptized (D&C 20:37).
 - l. Repentance definition in the Bible Dictionary is helpful.
 - m. We should have the witness of the Savior on our lips at all times (Elder Anderson).
 - n. The transcripts will be on LDS.org in the near future.
 - o. Missionaries are there to help the members.
2. Responsibilities of Stake Presidents and Other Stake Leaders to Train Language Units
 - a. Stress with stake presidents to look carefully at these units, to understand their needs and provide (extra) training as needed.
 - b. Keep this on their agendas.

3. Non-English Patriarchal Blessings
 - a. The *Handbook* allows members who only speak a foreign language to receive a patriarchal blessing from a patriarch in a neighboring stake.
 - b. Stake presidents can contact Office of the Quorum of the Twelve to find out where a patriarch lives that has the language skills needed.
4. Questions Regarding Caucus Meeting Preparation
 - a. Don't do anything until you hear from us. Maybe next week.
 - b. Participating in the primary is as important as participating in a caucus.
 - c. The state has a website that explains the election process.
 - d. There will be no Church meetings the Sunday before the caucuses, so see that the First Presidency letter is read at least the week before.
 - e. Area Seventy can participate in process except acting as a delegate.
 - f. Bishops and stake presidents can participate in process including acting as a delegate.
 - g. The Church is politically neutral!
5. Reporting Coordinating Council Schedules
 - a. Be sure to add the dates of your coordinating councils to GA Resources.
 - b. Members of the Twelve need to know for Area Business weekend planning.
 - c. You can only enter dates for the next six months.
 - d. Professional commitment information can be put into GA Resources as well and may save time with assignments you can't fill due to conflicting engagements.

Closing Hymn:

#220, Lord, I Would Follow Thee

Benediction:

Elder Gary B. Porter

Attachments

and Handouts: 1. Hymns; 2. Scheduling Screen Shot

Attendees: *Elders:* Craig C. Christensen, Michael T. Ringwood, Larry Y. Wilson, Stephen B. Allen, Jorge E. T. Becerra, Michael H. Bourne, Ralph L. Dewsnap, Gary B. Doxey, Mark P. Durham, J. Kevin Ence, Peter F. Evans, Michael R. Jensen, Steven O. Laing, Bryan R. Larsen, Dane O. Leavitt, Kyle S. McKay, Dale H. Munk, Norman R. Nemrow, Steven M. Petersen, John C. Pingree Jr., Gary B. Porter, Steven K. Randall, R. Scott Runia, Evan A. Schmutz, Alin Spannaus, Lynn L. Summerhays, Craig B. Terry, Terry L. Wade, and Kevin J. Worthen, *Brothers:* M. Scott Newbold, F. Wayne Elggren, and Patrick H. Price

Excused: Elders: Gene R. Chidester and David T. Warner.