



# Area Business Weekends

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Meeting of the Twelve

December 8, 2015

# Regulating the Church

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The Twelve are a Traveling Presiding High Council, to officiate in the name of the Lord, under the direction of the Presidency of the Church, agreeable to the institution of heaven; to build up the church, and regulate all the affairs of the same in all nations.

D&C 107:33

Area business weekends provide members of the Twelve with opportunities to fulfill this duty.

# Area Business

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## *What Is Area Business?*

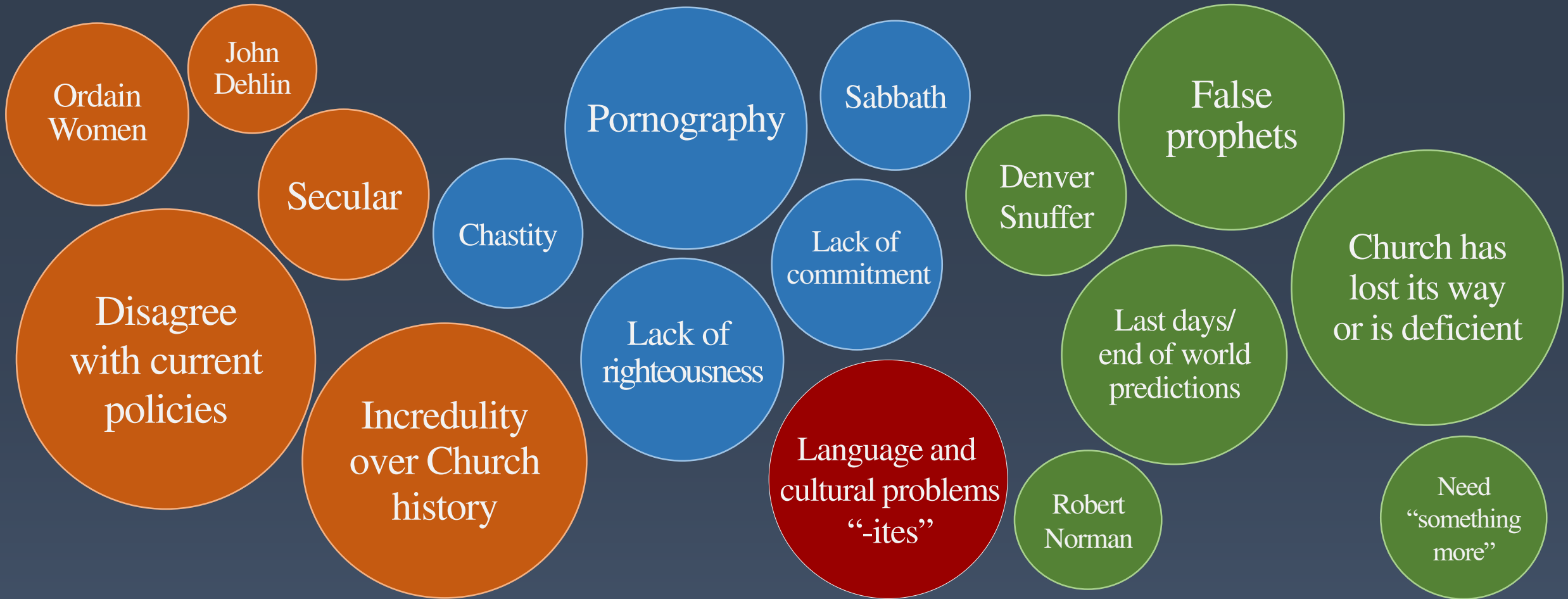
- Unassigned weekends (50 in the first half of 2016)
- Left open to address needs of the Church
- Dialogue with Seven Presidents to develop recommendations

*Examples:* Elder Oaks' trip to Idaho to address apostasy

Elder Ballard's meetings with Young Single Adult stake and ward leaders in Utah County

Elder Holland's trip to the East to increase effectiveness of ward councils

# Issues and Ideas Leading People Away from the Gospel



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# Identifying Where to Focus

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## *Options*

1. Areas experiencing major deviations from established doctrines.
2. Areas where the “world” is causing a severe lack of commitment.
3. Areas where there is significant diversity in language and culture.
4. Meetings or teaching opportunities with those not of our faith to further faith, family, and religious freedom or other worthy objectives.

# Possible Process for Assignments

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- As assigned by the Assignment Committee, members of the Twelve may:
  - Rotate through the various domestic coordinating councils.
  - Address a particular problem, as requested by the Seven Presidents.
  - Respond to specific opportunities to meet with those not of our faith.
- The assignment would focus on some or all of the stakes in a coordinating council.
- The assignment may include the assigned member of the Presidency of the Seventy, an Area Assistant, or an Area Seventy.

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- On Saturday, the member of the Twelve, in consultation with the member of the Presidency of the Seventy assigned to the Area, could choose to meet with:
  - Stake presidents in an interactive training meeting.
  - Bishops in an interactive training meeting.
  - Bishops and Relief Society presidents in an interactive training meeting.
  - Other combinations of members, leaders, or missionaries.
  - A particular group in a Saturday night devotional.

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- The member of the Twelve could hold a special stake conference on Sunday morning in a stake identified by the member of the Presidency of the Seventy as having the greatest need.

