

Area Seventies' Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2016

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Attached please find the Area Seventies' Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2016 for your information.

Wayne Elggren
Executive Secretary to Elder Craig C. Christensen

UTAH AREAS Area Seventies Correlation Meeting

Friday, June 10, 2016 - 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Presiding: Elder Larry Y. Wilson
Conducting: Elder Larry Y. Wilson
Opening Hymn: #83, *Guide Us O Thou Great Jehovah*
Music Director: John C. Pingree, Jr.
Pianist: Elder Ralph L. Dewsnap
Invocation: Elder Ralph L. Dewsnap
Announcements:

1. Elders Bangerter and McKay will be working with Elder Dewsnap to assist stake presidents with disciplinary situations where the matter may become public or involve media attention. Their involvement can come at the request of a General Authority, Area Seventy or Stake President. Issues may include: same sex marriage, ordained women, apostasy, transgender issues, or other items that may not be addressed in the Church Handbook. These are not normal disciplinary situations. They will walk through procedures with the stake president and help him design a measured way to deal with the situation. Problems arise when priesthood leaders act in a precipitous way. Your role as Area Seventies is still essential.

2. Summary Report on JustServe – Elder Todd Hansen. JustServe will be rolling out throughout the state in the future. See attached PPT presentation. 50% of people in the United States are familiar with the Church. JustServe provides an opportunity to show the world what we believe in. See JustServe.org. We work with community leaders and other faiths and create a “Utah bridge”. Missionaries provide 2 to 10 hours a week. This is an opportunity to practice charitable service. Service opportunities are posted to the website for those wishing to provide the service to sign up for. Southern Utah has been a pilot and it will be rolled out through the rest of Utah. More to come.

3. Elder Legrand R. Curtis Jr. will replace Elder Larry Y. Wilson as assistant to Elder Craig C. Christensen in the Area Leadership.

Discussion Items: 1. Coordinating Council Meetings – How do we make them true council meetings vs. one-way communications or lectures?

- a. The agenda contains only two or three items and is sent out before with the meeting with reading assignments.
- b. Keep administrative items out if possible. Utilize email to accomplish as much of the work as possible.
- c. Stake presidents like to know what others are doing. This is the chance to share best practices with each other and learn from each other.
- d. Follow the pattern in our Area Council meetings. Include the scriptures and allow time for everyone to participate.
- e. Go with two or three prayerfully thought out questions.
- f. We are seeking God’s will and those with impressions should share them.

- g. Call on the stake president that tends not to participate much.
- h. Do role playing (e.g. ward council meeting). Have stake presidents carry the role of the Primary president or some other organization leader.
- i. Prepare two or three questions for each topic in advance.
- j. Share summarized notes from your general conference notes. Take out things that don't apply to stake presidents.
- k. The handouts are greatly appreciated and we pass them along.
- l. Stake presidents love getting handouts directly from the brethren that indicate what the brethren feel is important.
- m. Personal notes pale compare to what the brethren prepare and send.
- n. Videos snippets are provided to stake presidents before so they can review them.
- o. Take time to express gratitude for their work.
- p. Encourage them to share the information with their spouse.
- q. Include a few testimonies and be sure to share your witness.
- r. Ask stake presidents what they would like to discuss and let them add items to the agenda.
- s. Be careful about who and how many you allow to come into the meeting. Control and manage the time.
- t. How do they feel when they walk out of the meeting? Did we load them up or help them unload? Did we provide solutions and answers?
- u. We teach principles and respect the keys of the stake presidency to apply them. This becomes enabling to them.
- v. Elder Bednar observed that is the function of the Holy Ghost to help stake presidents, bishops, and quorum leaders individualize the teaching.
- w. President Uchtdorf suggested that leaders duck their heads and let the wave wash over them. We cannot contain all the wave. Stake presidents need to consider their priorities to pick what they feel they should be used.

2. How to Use Executive Secretaries

- a. Make appointments, schedule events, provide counsel and insight.
- b. Arrive early and set up meeting, place name tags, bring refreshments, coordinate with stake presidents.
- c. Preparation for priesthood leadership conferences.

Closing Remarks:

Elder Larry Y. Wilson

- 1. Lev. 26:2 – “Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary”. The temple (holy place) and the Sabbath day (holy time).
- 2. Lev. 11:44 – “therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy”.
- 3. The book of Luke contains more than 60 reference to temple and His teaching in the temple.
- 4. The centrality of temple in the Gospel and lives of the people is evident.
- 5. Mark describes the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Where does the Savior first go? To the temple. The Lord drives money changers out and declares His and His father's house to be a house of prayer (Mark 11:17).
- 6. The temple is a house of prayer (D&C 88:119; 109:8&16).

Closing Hymn:

#266, *The Time Is Far Spent*

Benediction:

Elder William B. Woahn

Attendees: *Elders:* Larry Y. Wilson, Steven R. Bangerter, Jorge E. T. Becerra, Michael H. Bourne, Gene R. Chidester, Brent J. Christensen, Douglas L. Dance, Ralph L. Dewsnap, Mark P. Durham, J. Kevin Ence, Todd Hansen, Michael R. Jensen, Steven O. Laing, Bryan R. Larsen, Kyle S. McKay, Dale H. Munk, Norman R. Nemrow, Mark L. Pace, Steven M. Petersen, John C. Pingree Jr., Steven K. Randall, Blake M. Roney, R. Scott Runia, Eric J. Schmutz, Alin Spannaus, David T. Warner, and William B. Woahn.

Excused: Elders Craig C. Christensen, Michael T. Ringwood, Peter F. Evans, and Kevin J. Worthen

Brothers: M. Scott Newbold, F. Wayne Elggren, and Patrick H. Price