



Born September 9, 1924 in
**Salt Lake City,
Utah, USA.**



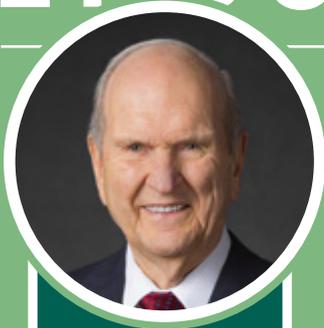
**Grew up in the
great depression.**
He remembers asking for
permission to eat a
banana.
(An expensive item
for the family budget.)

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.



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.**



Since becoming
a member of
the Quorum of
Twelve Apostles
he has
**visited
133
nations.**



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.

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.



He has 10 children, 57 grandchildren, and 116 great-grandchildren



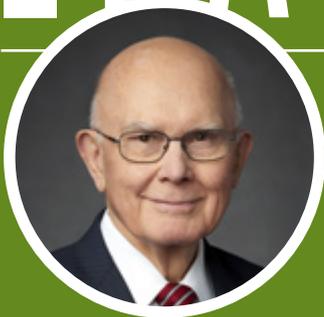
Born in **Provo, Utah**, on August 12, 1932.

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.

When he was seven years old, his father died. He and his younger brother and sister were **raised by his mother.**

"I was blessed with an extraordinary mother," he says.



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. McMinn** 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



Because of **gas restrictions during WWII**, the Eyrings 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**.



Sustained to the **Quorum of the Twelve Apostles** on April 7, 1995.



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:

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.**



Grandfather:

Elder Melvin J. Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

Grandfather:

Elder Hyrum Mack Smith of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



Has **7 children**, **43 grandchildren**, **91 great-grandchildren.**

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.

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.





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.



He wanted to be a
doctor
before his mission,
but when he came
home, he knew he
was supposed to be a
teacher.



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.**

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.



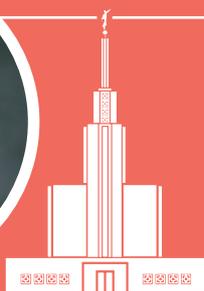
Refers to his wife as "the sunshine of my life."



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.



Sustained as a
member of the
**Quorum
of the
Twelve
Apostles**
on October 7, 2004.

Has **three sons.**



One of his
favorite hymns is
**"Redeemer of
Israel"** (Hymns, no. 6).





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."



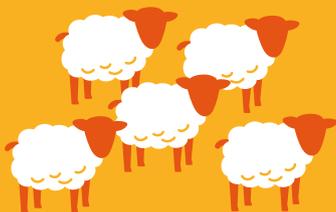
Earned his **law degree from Duke University** and worked as a lawyer.



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.**



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.



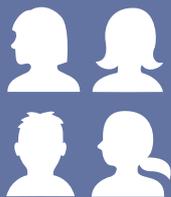
Attended the
**University
 of Utah.**



Called to serve in the
 Eastern States Mission.

1970-72

Elder **RONALD A. RASBAND**

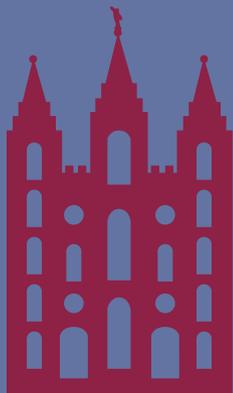


He has 5
 children and 27
 grandchildren.



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
Lesia 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.



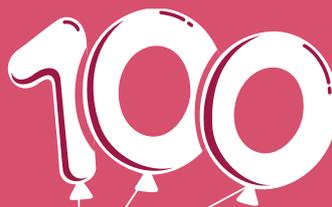
Spent his career as a **cardiologist** specializing in heart failure and heart transplantation.

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.



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.**

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.



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.



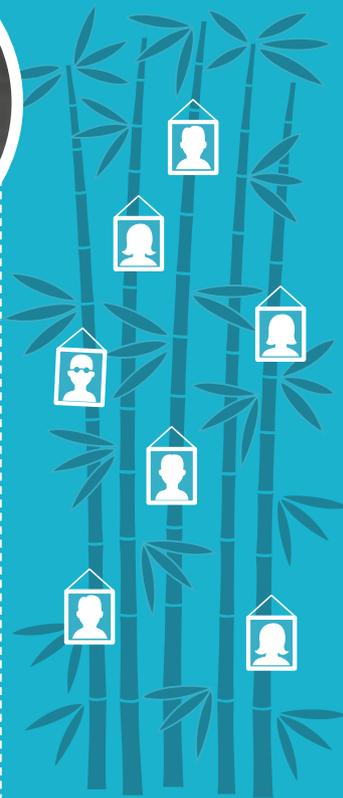
Elder GERRIT W. GONG



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.



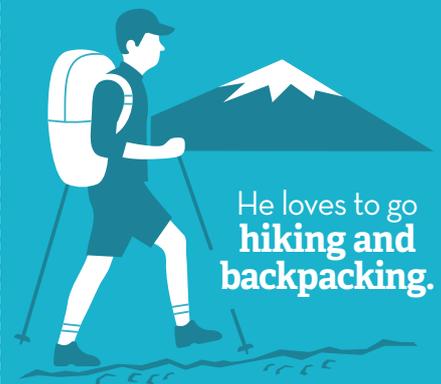
He loves to travel. He has been to **all seven continents.**



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.



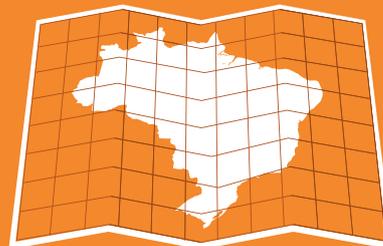
The LDS branch he first
attended met in a rental
space **above a bakery.**



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.

