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General Conference speakers focus on Restoration in honor of 200th anniversary



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April 2020 General Conference was streamed and broadcast from a mostly empty auditorium in the Church Office Building across from Temple Square due to precautionary guidelines designed to combat COVID-19.

By EMMA BENSON

The 190th annual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was historic not only because of the current global circumstances but also for the event it commemorated.

As promised by President Russel M. Nelson six months ago, the conference was focused on commemorating the 200th anniversary of Joseph Smith's First Vision and the subsequent Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Several speakers throughout the five sessions addressed aspects of and bore testimony of the Restoration.

"This year, we commemorate the 200th anniversary of one of the most significant events in the history of the world, namely, the appearance of God the Father and His beloved Son, Jesus

Christ, to Joseph Smith," President Nelson said.

During the Sunday morning session, President Nelson introduced a new proclamation, titled "The Restoration of the Fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: A Bicentennial Proclamation to the World."

Following the reading of the proclamation, the prophet led members worldwide in a sacred Hosanna Shout by waving white handkerchiefs.

President M. Russell Ballard, acting president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and great-great-grandson of Hyrum Smith, talked about the significance of Joseph's and Hyrum's sacrifices.

"As we celebrate this joyous occasion, the 200th anniversary of the First Vision, we should always remember the price Joseph and Hyrum Smith paid, along with so many other faithful men, women and children, to establish

the Church so you and I could have and enjoy the many blessings and all these revealed truths we have today," he said.

Several speakers addressed the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, a crowning event of the Restoration.

Elder Ulisses Soares of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles described the miraculous events that took place to bring about the book.

"As we study the coming forth of this holy book of scripture in these latter days, we come to realize that the entire undertaking was miraculous — from the Prophet Joseph receiving the gold plates from a holy angel to its translation by the gift and power of God, its preservation and publication by the hand of the Lord," he said.

Elder Soares said those who seek to receive a witness of the book can have an experience "as glorious and sacred for you as Joseph Smith's experiences were for him."

Gérald Caussé, the presiding bishop of the Church, touched on how the Book of Mormon is a testament of the living Christ.

Bishop Caussé noted that Bertel Thorvaldsen's Christus statue, which is now the image on the Church's new symbol, was sculpted in 1820 — the same year as the First Vision. He said this statue reminds members of the Book of Mormon description of the Savior's appearance on the American continent, as found in 3 Nephi 11.

"This sublime scene is the climax of the Book of Mormon," he said. "The entire 'good news' of the gospel is contained in this image of the Savior tenderly extending His 'arms of mercy' to invite each individual to come unto Him and receive the blessings of His Atonement."

Elder Benjamin M. Z. Tai of the Seventy said the Book of Mormon is "a powerful tool to aid in conversion."

"The Book of Mormon provides spiritual nutrition, prescribes a plan of action and connects us with the Holy Spirit. Written for us, it contains the word of God in plainness and tells us of our identity, purpose and destiny," he said.

Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles also defined the Book of Mormon as a tool for conversion. "When you share the Book of Mormon, you share the Restoration."

At the close of the conference, President Nelson announced eight new temples to be built in various locations, including Dubai and Shanghai, and emphasized the role of temples in the Restoration.

"Temples are a crowning part of the Restoration of the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ," he said. "In God's goodness and generosity, He is bringing the blessings of the temple closer to His children everywhere."

Asking of God and finding acceptance

IF ANY OF YOU LACK WISDOM

Second in series

By KALICIA BATEMAN

Josh Hobart's journey to finding answers and discovering where he fit in wasn't easy. When he realized that his friends and family couldn't always provide him the answers that he was looking for, he knew he needed to turn and look elsewhere.

Josh decided to turn to God through prayer.

"I automatically go to prayer and talk to Heavenly Father," Josh said. "And at the end of the prayer, I'm reassured that everything's going to work out the way it's supposed to."

This does not mean that everything has come easily, and there have been times when Josh has experienced doubt. However, instead of allowing doubt to paralyze him, Josh has come to understand that doubt is an important part of the process to finding answers.

When his friends have questions and doubts, Josh said he seeks to assure them that they are not alone. "I try to reassure (my friends) that they are accepted and that their doubts are valid because I have the same experiences and the same doubts that they might have," he said.

Drawing upon the experiences of others can provide great strength in



Karmen Kodia
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Josh Hobart, from Palmyra, New York, has felt a connection to Joseph Smith as he seeks answers to his own questions. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to see a video and learn more about Josh's journey.

times of uncertainty. Although 200 years have passed, Josh noted that Joseph Smith was dealing with many of the same struggles that young adults face today: he was searching for truth, and he was searching for acceptance in his community and with God.

Instead of allowing his questions and doubts to overcome him,

14-year-old Joseph searched for answers through study. Realizing that he needed to ask God for the answers that others could not give him, Joseph knelt down in prayer and received an answer. The appearance of God and Jesus Christ was not what Joseph was expecting, but it reassured him that everything was going to work out the way it was meant to.

The Sacred Grove, where Joseph prayed and received his glorious answer, is a special place for Josh. In coming to the grove with his own concerns and questions, Josh has received the answers he needs and moves forward with strength and assurance.

Next: *Seek and ye shall find: Risking it all to discover the truth.*

BYU professors called to serve in Church leadership roles

By ALICIA MATSUURA

Brad R. Wilcox, a BYU professor of ancient scripture, was called to serve as a counselor in the Young Men General Presidency. Robert T. Smith, a Church history professor, was called as an Area Seventy.

President Dallin H. Oaks opened the Saturday afternoon session of General Conference by announcing a new Young Men General Presidency with Wilcox as one of the counselors. Prior to this announcement, President Oaks also announced nine new General Authority Seventies and 58 Area Seventies.

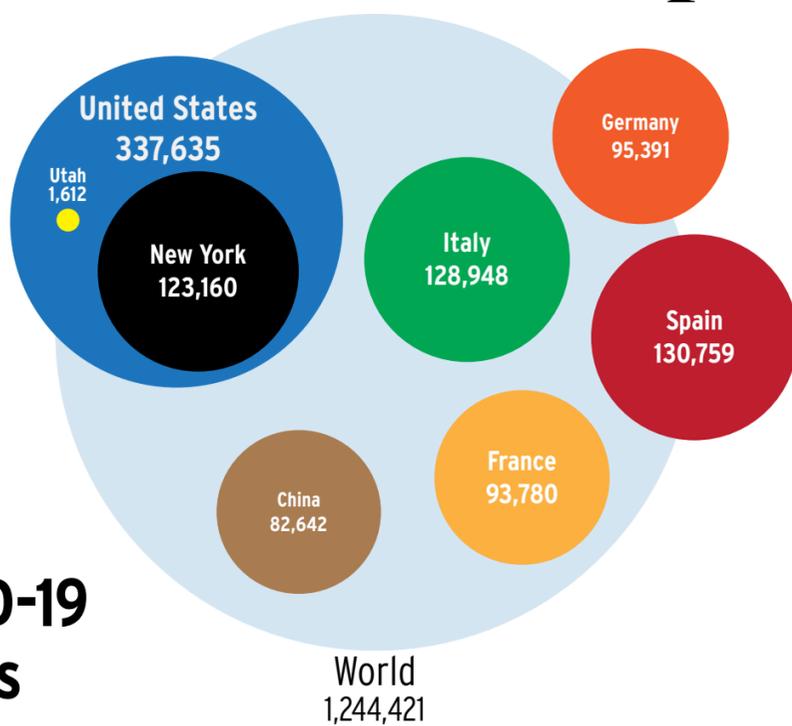
Wilcox joined the BYU faculty and spent several years in the Teacher Education Department before moving to Ancient Scripture in 2016. Wilcox is well known for his books, most notably *The Continuous Atonement* and his BYU devotional speech "His Grace is Sufficient." In addition to speaking at devotionals, he is a regular speaker at Church Educational System programs.

Smith started serving as the managing director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies at BYU in 2006. He served until 2016 when he was called for three years to serve as the president of the Argentina Buenos Aires North Mission.

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Ben Daniel

The U.S. has nearly one-third of total confirmed COVID-19 cases in the world. If the state of New York alone were a country, it would have the fourth most confirmed cases in the world. Information taken from John's Hopkins COVID-19 map at 10 a.m. on April 6.

Drive-through COVID-19 tests now available in Provo, Orem

By KARINA ANDREW

Drive-through COVID-19 testing locations are now available throughout Provo and Orem. At testutah.com, Utah residents can take a health assessment, after which at-risk individuals will receive a testing time slot and location. Provo Mayor Michelle Kaufusi encouraged all Utah residents to take the health assessment.

"Leaders across many industries have come together virtually overnight to create a solution that will help crush the curve and save many lives," Kaufusi said in an Instagram post. These testing stations are part of TestUtah, an initiative sponsored by Silicon Slopes and state leaders. "In addition to social distancing, widespread testing is a proven, effective way to combat the spread of COVID-19," reads the TestUtah website.

Faint glimmers of hope as virus deaths slow in places

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NEW YORK — The steep rise in coronavirus deaths in New York appears to be leveling off in a possible sign that social distancing is working in the most lethal hot spot in the U.S., the governor said Monday — a trend that seems to have taken hold even more convincingly in hard-hit Italy and Spain. Gov. Andrew Cuomo warned that this is no time to relax the

restrictions aimed at keeping people from getting too close to one another, and he ordered bigger fines against violators. "The numbers look like it may be turning. 'Yay, it's over!' No, it's not. And other places have made that mistake," he said as deaths in the U.S. climbed past 10,000, with around 350,000 confirmed infections. Stocks rallied on Wall Street and around the world on the news out of the U.S. and in Europe.

Utahns donate 3D-printed masks to Provo Police

By DECKER WESTENBURG

Utahns donated over 900 3D-printed protective masks to help keep the Provo Police Department safe during the COVID-19 epidemic. The department now has enough masks for every person in the Provo Police Department, Provo Fire Department and all of the police officers in Utah County. The donations started

rolling in only 72 hours after a plea from the department on the afternoon of March 27, asking all 3D printer owners to pitch in and use their printers to make masks. As the entire country is facing drastic shortages in medical supplies, the police decided to turn to the public to assist in the creation of new masks. Within hours, the tweet reached almost 120,000 people, and throughout the weekend people worked day and night to print enough masks.

Outside the outbreak



Angel Moroni to be temporarily removed

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints plans to temporarily remove the Angel Moroni statue from the Salt Lake Temple during restoration work. Workers at Temple Square in Salt Lake City installed a mobile crane Thursday, April 2. The work will include the removal of stones on temple spires that were displaced during a March 18 earthquake.



Salt Lake City to turn 'Hobbitville' into park

An eclectic community known as Hobbitville in Salt Lake City will be turned into a public art park amid efforts to protect the property from development, city officials said. The park was established as a bird sanctuary in the 1930s by surgeon George Allen, who was instrumental in the development of Hogle Zoo. The park got its nickname because it is rumored to be the home of dwarfs.



Biden to name VP vetting team

Joe Biden said Friday that he will announce a committee to oversee his vice presidential selection process and is already thinking about whom he'd choose to join his cabinet. Biden has previously committed to choosing a woman as his running mate. Biden has a significant lead in delegates over Sen. Bernie Sanders.

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8 unanimous picks for All-Decade Team include Brady, Watt

Tom Brady, J.J. Watt and Adrian Peterson are among eight unanimous selections to the 2010s NFL All-Decade Team announced Monday, April 6, by the NFL and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Also chosen on every ballot of the 48-member Hall of Fame selection committee are Von Miller, Aaron Donald, Joe Thomas, Marshal Yanda and Justin Tucker. All but tackle Thomas and guard Yanda are active. The 55-member team is comprised only of players who made an AP All-Pro team, a Pro Bowl or a Pro Football Writers of America all-conference squad from 2010-19. Four of the unanimous players — Brady, Miller, Yanda and Tucker — won Super Bowls during the decade. Seattle has the most honorees with five: linebacker Bobby Wagner, safety Earl Thomas, cornerback Richard Sherman, running back Marshawn Lynch and coach Pete Carroll. Peterson, is the only non-quarterback to win MVP honors in the 10-season span.



Governor candidate names running mate

Utah gubernatorial candidate Jeff Burningham has announced he picked Republican state Sen. Dan McCay as his running mate. "Utah wants a lieutenant governor who will be a public servant for the people of Utah, someone who understands the legislative process and can help pass an agenda that gets Utah back on track," Burningham said. Burningham said they share a commitment to free-market principles.

Members react to Shanghai and Dubai temple announcements

By KENZIE HOLBROOK

When President Russell M. Nelson announced the building of temples in Shanghai and Dubai, people, especially those from or living in both areas, were excited about the news.

BYU student Jenna Cook lived with her family in Shanghai for three years. She said the announcement of the Shanghai Temple still feels like a dream.

"This temple is nothing less than a miracle! The members are so faithful there and while they have many restrictions on how they can practice their faith, I am so grateful they will get to add temple work into their lives, especially with the Hong Kong Temple closing," Cook said.

BYU student RiLee Andros from Spokane, Washington said the temple announcement was the most touching part of conference for her. She works at the BYU English Language Center and communicates regularly with international students, specifically with Chinese students who are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints living in mainland China.

Andros said when President Nelson announced the Shanghai Temple, she immediately became emotional. "I thought of every Chinese student I have worked with and how they, their families and their LDS friends in China must be rejoicing," Andros said. "I think it was very special that they found a way to make a temple available to those Saints on mainland China despite the religious restrictions there."

Cody Messick is a BYU student from Shanghai. "My family and I have lived through and witnessed firsthand the growth of the local and expatriate branches of the Church in China," he said.

Messick had an experience several years back while on his mission in Seattle, Washington, where at the close of general conference President Nelson made a long pause before announcing the final temple.

"At once I felt such a strong impression in my heart that he would say somewhere in mainland China," Messick said. "He did not. However, the feeling that lingered was so strong I remember kneeling down that night and promising Heavenly Father in my prayers that I would do anything to be a part of making that happen one special day."

For all the general conferences since that one, Messick watched President Nelson announce temples eagerly, he listened to people cheer for the temples and knew that one day it would be him cheering.

"This afternoon (on April 5) as I sat with my siblings gathered to watch conference, I felt the same anticipation build when President Nelson paused before announcing the final temple," Messick said.

Tears filled Messick's eyes when he heard President Nelson say the words "Shanghai, China."

Messick's 89-year-old grandma told him that she jumped off the couch when she heard the news. "I want to be one of the first to sign up to work at the temple," she said.

Messick said with the announcement of the Shanghai Temple, he felt Heavenly Father's love for all of his children in China.

"What a blessing for me," Messick said. "What a miracle for my family on this side and on the other side of the veil. Thank you Heavenly Father, and thank you President Nelson."

Jimmer Fredette tweeted his excitement about the Shanghai Temple, calling it "one of the greatest announcements of (his) life."

"I'm so happy for the people of China and the surrounding area," he said in a tweet. "I love that city and all its people in it. Unbelievably cool!"

Twitter user @thekhansultants said that she didn't think



Cody Messick

From left, Cody Messick with his grandmother and younger sister in Shanghai.

the news of the Dubai temple would happen in her lifetime.

BYU student Bevan Haycock said President Nelson's comment that the Church was invited to build a temple in Dubai was interesting.

"I'm thrilled that the Church is receiving global recognition and that our buildings are so beautiful enough to warrant an invitation," Haycock said.

Emily Watkins, a BYU-Idaho student who went to Jerusalem to study last fall, said she was ecstatic that all the faithful members in the Middle East will finally get a temple.

"After living in the Middle East and getting to know some members in Palestinian territories and Jordan, I've seen their faith and devotion even though it's really tough to be a member over there," Watkins said. "I feel like having a temple closer by will offer

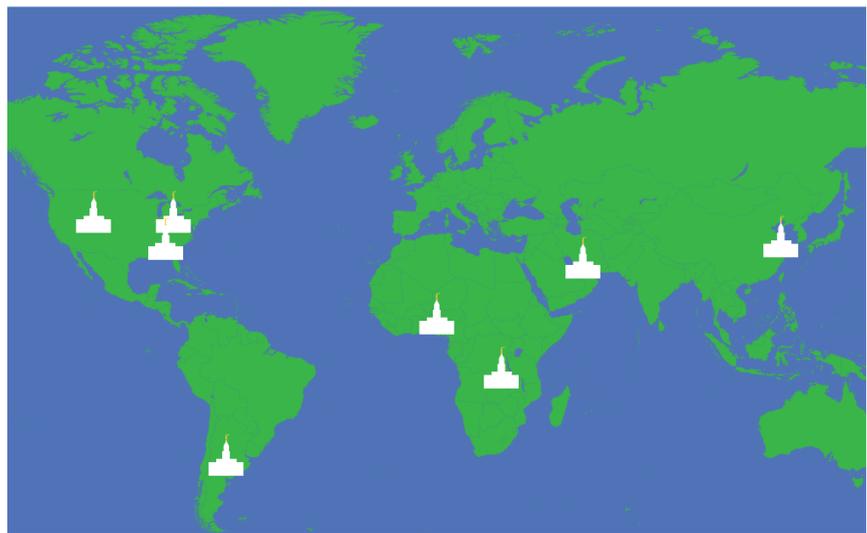
a lot of peace and hope to the members in the area and will further help the Church grow over there."

Linton Crockford-Moore is a member who joined the Church in Dubai five years ago. He has lived there for 20 years.

"What a joy to wake up this morning (on April 5) to hear the words of our prophet when he announced a temple would be built here in this land that I love," Crockford-Moore said.

In 2016 Matt Wyman had just finished the first year of his masters degree at BYU, when he had the opportunity to take a semester off and help install and program a lighting system for a new theme park in Dubai.

"I loved my little ward out there and to think of the opportunities for them to go to the temple and not have to travel for thousands of miles is such a blessing," Wyman said.



Ben Daniel

In the Sunday afternoon session of the April 2020 General Conference, President Russell M. Nelson announced eight new temples to be constructed around the world.

President Nelson announces eight new temples, gives Apostolic blessing

By JENNY GOLDSBERRY

President Russell M. Nelson announced the construction of eight new temples for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during the Sunday afternoon session of the April 2020 General Conference.

The announcement came despite all temples being closed during the worldwide COVID-19 outbreak.

"It may seem odd to announce new temples when all of our temples are closed for a while," President Nelson said. "Brothers and sisters, during times of our distress when temples are closed, you can still draw upon the power of your temple covenants and endowment as you honor your covenants."

The temples will be built in Bahia Blanca, Argentina; Tallahassee, Florida; Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Benin City, Nigeria; Syracuse, Utah; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; and Shanghai, People's Republic of China.

President Nelson spoke specifically about the significance of the Shanghai and Dubai temples.

"The plan for a temple in Dubai comes in response to

their gracious invitation, which we gratefully acknowledge," President Nelson said.

The temple will be the first one built by the Church in the Middle East. United Arab Emirates will join Nigeria as the only other Muslim-majority country to have a temple.

He also announced specific guidelines for the Shanghai Temple and explained the context behind it. He said in the past, members in China traveled to the Hong Kong Temple, which was closed in July 2019 for a long and much-needed renovation.

"In Shanghai, a modest multipurpose meeting place will provide a way for Chinese members to continue to participate in ordinances of the temple — in the People's Republic of China — for them and their ancestors," President Nelson said.

The temple in Shanghai will only be for Chinese members, and tourists will not be allowed inside. During the initial use of the facility, entry will be by appointment only. The building of the temple doesn't change the legal status of the Church in China, he said. President Nelson has long-standing professional relationships with physicians there.

"Because we respect the laws

and regulations of the People's Republic of China, the Church does not send proselyting missionaries there; nor will we do so now," President Nelson said.

He concluded his remarks and the conference by giving an Apostolic blessing "during this time of tension and uncertainty."

"I bless you with peace and increasing faith in the Lord. I bless you with a desire to repent and become a little more like Him each passing day. I bless you to know that the Prophet Joseph Smith is the prophet of the Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ in its fulness.

"Should there be illness among you or your loved ones, I leave a blessing of healing, consistent with the will of the Lord. I so bless you, adding once more my expression of love for each of you, in the sacred name of Jesus Christ, amen," said President Nelson, ending the two-day conference.

The closing hymn, "We Thank Thee O God For a Prophet," was sung not only via video of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square but by recordings of several choirs from around the world edited together to show them singing in a variety of languages, emphasizing the worldwide membership of the Church.

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Leaders of the Church sit in a mostly empty auditorium during the April 2020 General Conference. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of this story.



What Church leaders say about COVID-19 during General Conference

By JENNY GOLDSBERRY

The April 2020 General Conference was greatly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints didn't fail to bring up that fact.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the speakers addressed an almost empty auditorium, unlike regular sessions in which the Conference Center is filled with thousands of people.

"Little did I know, when I promised you at the October 2019 general conference that this April conference would be 'memorable and unforgettable,' that speaking to a visible congregation of fewer than 10 people would make this conference so memorable and unforgettable for me!" President Nelson said.

President Russell M. Nelson began the Saturday morning session of conference by acknowledging this session's different circumstances, specifically that attendance was limited.

"This virus has had a major impact throughout the world. It has also altered our Church meetings, missionary service, and temple work for awhile. Though today's restrictions relate to a virulent virus, life's personal trials stretch far beyond this pandemic," he said.

That evening, President Nelson again brought up the

outbreak.

"As followers of Jesus Christ, living in a day when the COVID-19 pandemic has put the world in commotion, let us not just talk of Christ or preach of Christ or employ a symbol representing Christ," he said. "Let us put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ into action!"

It was just a week ago that President Nelson asked members to fast to be relieved of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. His message on Saturday night was very similar. "So tonight, my dear brothers and sisters, in the spirit of the sons of Mosiah who gave themselves to much fasting and prayer, and as part of our April 2020 general conference, I am calling for another worldwide fast," he said.

This time, his invitation was a little more specific than the last. "I invite all, including those not of our faith, to fast and pray on Good Friday, April 10, that the present pandemic may be controlled, caregivers protected, the economy strengthened and life normalized."

During the Sunday morning session, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles also addressed the pandemic.

"Even as we speak, we are waging an 'all hands on deck' war with COVID-19, a solemn reminder that a virus 1,000 times smaller than a grain of sand can bring entire populations and

global economies to their knees," Elder Holland said. "We pray for those who have lost loved ones to this modern plague, as well as for those currently infected."

Elder Holland, whose talk focused on hope, spoke about what the world should expect after the pandemic is under control.

"When we have conquered it — and we will — may we be equally committed to freeing the world from the virus of hunger and freeing neighborhoods and nations from the virus of poverty. May we hope for schools where students are taught — not terrified they will be shot — and for the gift of personal dignity for every child of God, unmarred by any form of racial, ethnic or religious prejudice," he said.

During the same session, President Nelson also said the pandemic will come to an end. "When these temporary COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, please schedule regular time to worship and serve in the temple," he said.

President Nelson closed the conference Sunday afternoon by reminding members of the fast on April 10. "We have called for a global day of fasting and prayer, that the present pandemic may be controlled, caregivers protected, the economy strengthened, and life normalized," he said. "This fast will be held on Good Friday, April 10. And what a great Friday that will be!"

President Nelson announces new churchwide symbol, worldwide fast

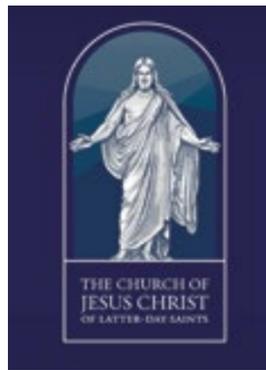
By EMMA BENSON

President Russell M. Nelson of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced a new symbol for the Church during the Saturday evening session of General Conference.

He said the symbol is to "signify the central place of Jesus Christ in His Church" and that the introduction of this symbol is part of the Church's initiative to place emphasis on using the correct name of the Church and remembering to focus on Christ.

The symbol includes an image of Bertel Thorvaldsen's Christus statue standing within an arch over the name of the Church contained in a box, which represents a cornerstone.

"The symbol will now be used as a visual identifier for official literature, news and



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The Church's new symbol, featuring Bertel Thorvaldsen's Christus statue. Scan the symbol with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of this story.

events of the Church," President Nelson said. "It will remind all that this is the Savior's Church and that all we do, as members of His Church, centers on Jesus Christ and

His gospel."

During his address, President Nelson also invited all to participate in another worldwide fast — on Good Friday — for relief from the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Nelson's call follows a previous invitation to members and others to participate in a worldwide fast on Sunday, March 29.

"For all whose health may permit, let us fast, pray and unite our faith once again. Let us prayerfully plead for relief from this global pandemic," he said. "I invite all, including those not of our faith, to fast and pray on Good Friday, April 10, that the present pandemic may be controlled, caregivers protected, the economy strengthened and life normalized."

He concluded his remarks by bearing testimony of the powerful a worldwide fast could have. "I know that He will respond to the pleadings of His people," he said.

Two Provo youth speak at General Conference Saturday evening session

By EMMA BENSON

In a rare occurrence, two Provo teenagers spoke during the Saturday evening session of General Conference.

The last time there was a youth speaker in a General Conference session was in April 1983, when Elder Matthew S. Holland gave a talk entitled "Muddy Feet and White Shirts."

Laudy R. Kaouk, who attends a Spanish-speaking congregation in Provo, spoke about how priesthood blesses youth.

"Don't hesitate to ask for a blessing when you need extra guidance. It is in our difficult moments that we need the Spirit to help us the most," she said.

Kaouk added that the priesthood also blesses her and others through patriarchal blessings.

"God is cheering for us. He wants us to return to Him. He knows us personally. He knows you. He loves us. He is always aware of us and blesses us even



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President Russell M. Nelson visits with the two youth that spoke at General Conference.

when we feel we don't deserve it," she said.

Enzo S. Petelo, who attends a different congregation in Provo, also spoke about the blessings of the priesthood and the responsibility to spread the gospel.

"We are given the opportunity to minister like angels, to preach the gospel on all the continents of the earth and to

help souls come unto Christ," he said.

Petelo talked about the Restoration of the priesthood power and shared his own experience of baptizing his younger sister.

"I invite all of us to study the lives of these great priesthood holders and seek to improve ourselves daily so we can be ready to meet our Maker," he said.

Statistics of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as of the end of 2019

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248,835

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542 districts

3,437 stakes



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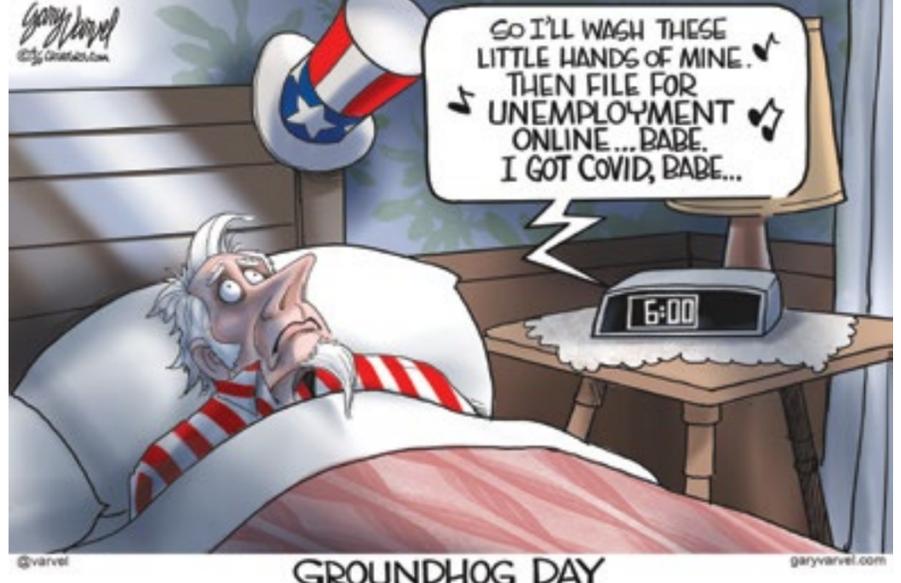
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somebody tell byu's freshman girls that "ring-by-spring" does NOT apply to them. i shouldn't be receiving wedding invitations from 19 yr olds in my 110 classes.

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you think Utah is mormon vs non-mormon but you get older and realize it's really those invited to Lake Powell vs those not

@hankrsmith

When we get out of this, I'm going to take my wife out to dinner wherever she wants. But I know, even after 8 weeks in quarantine, she won't be able to decide where we should go.

@kat_richards

When I make a comment in zoom discussion and the chat is like "+1" and "^^" and "yas kath"..... endorphins.i

@diamonddivities

I know I need social interaction bc I was at the dinner table with my family and thought "this is like a real life zoom call"

@lexymarieb

ya know one upside to this whole quarantine is that those byu couples that got married after two months finally have a chance to get to know eachother

@shelbyshiple_

I can't wait for when the release a new American Girl doll that lived through the coronavirus

@HeatherDJ98

On my mission, my comp from mainland China told me her patriarchal blessing said she would be sealed in the Shanghai temple. I thought "that was bold of her patriarch..." WOW. Prophecy fulfilled.

@megaleg_18

When asked "What is Words of Mormon", my 17 yo brother said, "It's like that part in Emperor's New Groove when Kuzco pauses the movie and scribbles on the screen and then lets the movie continue."

@aliahdomino

"May we hope for schools where children are TAUGHT, not terrified of being shot." Elder Holland spitting fire per usual

@moodyyy_bluesss

I always love when Uchtdorf comes through and basically says "we love you. Come as you are. I know it's rough. Hang in there." He just neutralizes any frustration I might feel during conference. #GeneralConference

@laney0g

having assignments due the Monday after conference weekend should be illegal I will not stand for this

@madsbarr

When Elder Holland said "some just hope for a marriage"..... I felt that. I felt that deeply.

@brooke_atack

I bet that priest and laurel are gonna put "spoke at general conference" on their Byu applications #GeneralConference

@_linde25_

Never have I ever sang "We thank thee O God for a prophet" with such feeling

@ldsbishop

IF you have to be in public, please, please stay at least 122 copies of The Book of Mormon apart.

@hankrsmith

My 7 yr old: "Who is Heerhim?"
Me: "Who?"
Him: "He said, 'This is my Beloved Son Heerhim.' I thought His name was Jesus." #GeneralConference

Tweets are unedited.

READERS' FORUM

Be selfless, not selfish

Desperate times call for desperate measures. These past three weeks so evidently emulated this mantra. While America is increasingly affected by the COVID-19, people react in two different ways: selfishly or selflessly.

We have seen the apparently self-fulfilling prophecy that the more people think the shelves will be empty, the emptier they become. Like Anakin playing his role in the self-fulfillment of Padme's death or Oedipus in the Ancient Greek tragedy; the more we panic, the more panic spreads. As your storage becomes stocked with toilet paper and water bottles, your neighbor's will consequently become emptier.

Yet ironically at the same time, thousands of healthcare workers are risking their lives to help and sustain their "neighbor," while most other people are spending more time at home with family. These modern-day heroes are willfully moving to the front lines of battle with little regard for what's in it for them and a major regard for how they can help. During this Easter season, may we choose to be selfless rather than selfish in these desperate times. May we remember the second great commandment from Him who also willingly gave His life: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

—Jake Gochmour
Holladay, Utah

those supplies were obtained. There is the possibility that these distributors had large stockpiles prior to the pandemic. If so, these people deserve even more praise. However, it is also likely that those praised for their distribution efforts are the same people being berated for purchasing more than they need and causing the current shortages.

During these times, we should look for ways to help and serve but also remember that we should not harm others in the process. After all, Robin Hood stole from those who had too much, not the general populace.

—Jace Anderson
Provo, Utah

Wet market regulations

COVID-19 was not caused by a wet market in China. There is little doubt that China has a history of enjoying exotic, wild animals, but they are hardly alone in this. Whether it's guinea pigs in Peru, maggots in Africa, camels in Dubai or dolphins in Japan, a variety of cultures have a diversity of tastes. In fact, in Florida people eat iguanas, BBQ alligator ribs, bobcat and rattlesnake. These local traditions of eating exotic animals are not specific to China.

The real issue is that weak legal controls and regulations push the sale of all kinds of meats into what is termed the "gray area" of unregulated commerce. It's in that area that disease is bred. Because it is in that area that smuggling occurs, hygiene is unregulated, and wildlife is subject to cruelty and illegal trading.

Wet markets are, in reality, fresh food markets where fresh vegetables and meat are sold in small stalls. These markets are a cornerstone in the Chinese life and provide a diverse societal benefit where cultural food knowledge is shared and interpersonal relationships are formed.

Instead of demonizing them, education, regulation and a supervision of network and channels for consumers are all needed. This will offset terrible conditions resulting from the "gray market," which introduces diseased wildlife into systems.

—Nikki Stanton
Cibolo, Texas

The good, the bad and the both

Stressful times seem to bring out the best and the worst in people, and because of the reach of modern media, both forms of actions are often brought into the spotlight. In the past few weeks, we have seen various reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some have ignored the recommendations of health officials, hoarded essential items and even fought in grocery stores over the resulting shortages. On the other hand, we have heard stories of people coming together and selflessly distributing those items that are in short supply.

While actions of generosity are to be celebrated, it does bring up the question of how

OPINION OUTPOST

Remote voting

Before the coronavirus crisis gets better, it will get worse: more death, more economic pain — and therefore more need for Congress to adopt relief measures for the American people.

But what if the pandemic reaches the point where lawmakers are simply unable to reconvene in Washington because of a complete shutdown of travel? What if the capital region becomes so inundated with illness that it makes return too risky? What if members return and start falling ill, setting off a domino effect? Already, six lawmakers are known to have come down with COVID-19.

These sorts of questions have been driving a growing number of lawmakers to agitate for an emergency system of remote voting.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Achievement gap

The COVID-19 crisis threatens to undo years of educational efforts to help disadvantaged students catch up to their more affluent classmates.

The same old problems — lack of internet access or computers for doing homework, parents who have limited financial or educational resources to help their children with school — are exacerbated now that students

are required to learn not in a classroom, but remotely.

That's why, come the fall, these gaps will almost certainly be wider than they've been in years.

—Editorial Board
The Los Angeles Times

Supreme Court

The Supreme Court on Friday, April 3 said it is

postponing oral arguments on cases originally scheduled for the last weeks in April after having already delayed hearings from mid-March.

The delay makes sense given the national health guidelines and the close quarters of the High Court's hearing room, but the Justices may have to consider alternatives if the virus lockdown drags on.

—Editorial Board
The Wall Street Journal

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- Opinion editor Spencer McWilliams can be reached at universe.ideas@gmail.com.

The Opinion Outpost features opinions and commentary on the latest hot topics from state and national news sources.

Shelter-in-place order

It is past time for the state of Utah, and the United States as a whole, to issue genuine, enforceable shelter-in-place orders.

The justification for the state and federal governments to fob these decisions off to smaller jurisdictions, or put them off until cases spike in a particular area, is based on the irrational idea that there is no need to enforce any special orders in an area if the COVID-19 virus has not already struck there.

But once the virus shows up in a city, a county or a state park, it's too late to get ahead of it. It becomes a matter of

control, not prevention. And that's not just more difficult. It is infinitely more likely to be fatal, to someone.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

"If only I had time"

The curse of the modern age may well be that society has made operations so efficient that the obsession for individuals and organizations is to see what else can be crammed into the same 24-hours.

The phrase, "If only I had time," plagues people from every walk of life and prevents them from actually thinking about what matters most.

"If only I had time" has become an excuse and justification for not prioritizing personal priorities.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News



Hannah Miner

Gabi Garcia Fernandez walks through the team tunnel before a Feb. 8 game against Stanford. Senior Wil Stanley said that for him, his teammates and coaches came before volleyball, an outlook that has helped him through the challenge of the season being canceled due to COVID-19.

BYU men's volleyball relies on brotherly bond to get through COVID-19

By TAYLOR OSTLER

BYU men's volleyball was headed to Stanford to take on the No. 14 ranked Cardinals for the second meeting of the season. With their bags checked and boarding passes in hand, they were at their departure gate and ready to board their flight when a member of the team saw a tweet from the Pac-12 Conference that said All Pac-12 sport competitions were cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19.

Assistant coach Devin Young decided to call Stanford's coach to check if the match was still on. BYU and Stanford are part of the MPSF conference, and news from the conference had yet to be released.

The Stanford coach got back to Young, telling him not to get on the plane, and the men's volleyball team followed his advice. The match was canceled. It was the first disappointing piece of news of the day — but not the last.

Conferences were canceling their basketball tournaments like rapid fire, and even professional sports teams were postponing their seasons. It wasn't long after that the NCAA canceled March Madness completely.

The Stanford game being canceled along with all tournaments for other sports seemed crazy at the time, but the team didn't think much of it. The MPSF Conference Championship wasn't until April, and the NCAA Championship wasn't until May.

With the change of plans and sunny weather in Provo, some of the players went to a beach court and started playing volleyball with each other, a regular occurrence when they have the day off. An hour into the game, Wil Stanley read a tweet that none of them ever imagined seeing. The NCAA was canceling all remaining winter and spring championships — including men's volleyball.

The team stopped playing immediately and called head coach Shawn Olmstead. At the time, he only knew as much as they did.

"We honestly couldn't believe it. It was as if we were in denial about it," senior Andrew Lincoln said.

Later that day, the team met in the Smith Fieldhouse. It all seemed surreal, as if the current situation couldn't actually be happening and the NCAA couldn't realistically cancel the remainder of the season.

"They told us we were done," BYU volleyball player Zach Eschenberg told his wife Kennedy.

The reality of the news they had found out hours ago was just sinking in — the season was over.

The Cougars soared to new heights this season with a 17-1 record, sweeping 10 of their opponents along the way. Just one week before the announcement, they swept No. 1 Hawaii on their home court and took them to five sets in the second game. They had been voted the No. 1 team in the nation following the Hawaii matches. The Cougars were also the early MPSF favorites and poised to make a deep run in the NCAA tournament. But the success on the court was not the only reason the early ending to a prolific season was such a hard pill to swallow.

"We really built something special this year," Lincoln said. "We will never forget what we did this year and that's why it's so heartbreaking. We wanted to see how it would finish out."

Everyone started hugging the seniors as the whole team was showing emotions. Stanley said there wasn't a guy on the team who wasn't crying, a testament to what the team had built and become this season.

"It was tough for a lot of guys. There was not one person that had a dry eye in that room. There were guys that hadn't played all season that were emotional because they knew how special that season was," Stanley said.

Heartbroken, a few members of the team walked to the court and just sat in silence. Two weeks before, they were in that same place. Only that time, it was different: The lights were on, the place was packed and the energy was palpable. It was an environment no opposing team wants to play in. BYU swept Stanford, the team they would have been playing the day after they heard the cancellation news, that night.

Engulfed by the darkness of the Smith Fieldhouse court, teammates Stanley, Lincoln, Eschenberg, Davide Gardini and a couple others tried to understand what Olmstead had just officially confirmed to them in a team meeting.

"Eventually I got so fed up, so I went and grabbed one of our balls and started peppering with one of the guys," Lincoln said. "We were all just playing for an hour on the court in the dark with no shoes on. It helped get some emotions out."

But getting over such an abrupt ending to a season takes time; one night wasn't enough to come to terms with everything that happened that day.

The relationships the players

developed during the season have helped carry them through this hard time. For Miki Jauhiainen, Stanley and Lincoln, having each other to talk through it has helped.

"We talked about it for hours every single day. We slowly settled in and realized (what was happening)," Lincoln said.

It wasn't just that the season had ended, that they still had their best games ahead of them or the fact that they were the best team in the nation — it was about family.

There was a brotherhood they developed because they were fighting for one another. It was the sum of all the days conditioning together in the fall and pushing each other to become better. They grew to be so close to one another because of how hard they fought for each other.

"We built a culture of family and working hard for the person next to you. All the work we put in in the fall made it worth it, but it is still hard to accept the season being over," Stanley said.

The team had become a family. For Lincoln, who has been battling injuries throughout his college career, coming back to an environment that fostered brotherhood made this season worth it.

"I really cherish these moments with the guys and coaches around me. Seeing what the boys were able to do this year from a volleyball standpoint was unbelievable," he said. "Honestly for me, it was the experience; the guys and the coaches were first and the volleyball was second. The success we had on the court was a function of the culture that we built."

Lincoln said they are still a band of brothers even if they won't be finishing out the season. The support they have for each other now continues off the court. With the season canceled, the team has used its time off to experience other aspects of life together unrelated to volleyball.

"We have our relationships on the court as teammates, but we've been able to be off the court and be open with each other and spend time with each other," Stanley said.

Stanley has been taking Gardini golfing, something Gardini had never done before.

"It's funny. Davide is an awful golfer. It's something that I liked to do, and he wanted to try," Stanley jokingly said. "But, he's getting better and we are building a stronger bond with each other. We are supporting one another."

Gardini is getting better at golf,

but more importantly, he and Stanley have found another way to connect other than just setter to outside hitter.

There will always be questions of what could have been for the BYU

men's volleyball team this season, but what will never be questioned is the love this team had for each other. They were and still are family, a band of brothers.

Men's volleyball players receive All-MPSF selections



Hannah Miner

Members of the BYU men's volleyball team celebrate after scoring a point in a Feb. 8 game against Stanford.

By HANNAH MINER

The BYU men's volleyball team dominated the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation All-Conference selections this year, with multiple team members earning recognition.

Head coach Shawn Olmstead earned MPSF Coach of the Year after leading the Cougars to a 17-1 record. This marks the third time Olmstead has received this award during his five years of coaching the BYU men's volleyball team. The team earned a No. 1 ranking in the AVCA poll after its last game in the shortened season and had the highest win percentage in the country (.944). The team also achieved 17 straight wins to earn the second-best start in BYU's history.

Opposite hitter Gabi Garcia Fernandez received MPSF player of the year following a remarkable season. Garcia Fernandez led the NCAA in points per set, with 5.46, and aces per set, with .918. He totaled 56 aces during the shortened season, breaking BYU's record for most aces in a single season. The junior finished the season with 244 kills, 93 digs and 61 blocks.

Garcia Fernandez was named to the All-MPSF First Team along with setter Wil Stanley, outside hitter Davide Gardini and middle blocker Felipe de Brito Ferreira. Outside hitter Zach Eschenberg was selected for the All-MPSF

Second Team, and middle blocker Miki Jauhiainen was given All-MPSF honorable mention honors.

Stanley made his first appearance on an All-MPSF after he averaged 10.74 assists per set, leading the conference and ranking third nationally. The senior tallied 655 assists over the course of the season as well as 107 digs, 42 blocks and nine aces.

Gardini totaled 231 kills during his sophomore season and had a .370 hitting percentage. He led the team with 126 digs and tallied 58 blocks and 16 aces. His place on the All-MPSF First Team comes a season after being named 2019 MPSF Freshman of the Year.

De Brito Ferreira started the first 12 matches of the season before suffering an injury that caused him to miss the following five matches. The junior averaged 1.28 blocks per set over 39 sets, as well as hitting .426 and recording 62 kills. He has been selected for All-MPSF honors during all of his three years at BYU.

Eschenberg earned All-MPSF Second Team honors after finishing his senior season with 132 kills, 72 digs, 35 blocks and 12 aces.

Jauhiainen received honorable mention honors after he had 61 kills and 21 digs during his senior season, as well as ranking ninth in the NCAA with 1.14 blocks per set and leading the team with 72 blocks.

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BALL FOUR!

WE WON! WE WON, CHARLIE BROWN!!

WE WON OUR FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON! WE FINALLY WON!! WE WON!! WE WON!!!

I THINK I'M GOING TO CRY.

WE WON, CHARLIE BROWN! C'MON, LET'S GO HOME, AND CELEBRATE!

NO! FIRST I HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE OPPOSING MANAGER TO COME OVER AND CONGRATULATE ME

EVERY YEAR I HAVE TO START THE SEASON BY GOING OVER AND CONGRATULATING THE OTHER MANAGER FOR BEATING US... THIS YEAR HE HAS TO COME TO ME! I'M GOING TO WAIT RIGHT HERE 'TIL HE COMES OVER AND CONGRATULATES ME...

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KEEP ME POSTED

I COME FROM A BIG FAMILY

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WHO'D HAVE GUESSED YOU'D GROW UP TO BE A SUCCESSFUL CARTOONIST?

I MEAN, GROWING UP YOU WERE NEVER VERY FUNNY, AND EVEN NOW YOU HARDLY EVER SAY ANYTHING AMUSING.

WHY IS THAT? IT'S TOO MUCH LIKE WORK.

I HATE TO SAY IT, LEON, BUT FOR A CARTOONIST, YOU'RE NOT A VERY FUNNY GUY!

AND YET FOR 30 YEARS YOU'VE BEEN DOING A COMIC STRIP THAT RUNS IN HUNDREDS OF NEWSPAPERS AND YOU HAVE FANS ALL OVER THE WORLD

YOU'RE RIGHT, EARL. IT'S TAKEN ME YEARS TO REALIZE THAT I HAVE NO TALENT.

BUT I CAN'T QUIT NOW. I'M TOO SUCCESSFUL.

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STORY RECAP: JOE STOWED AWAY ON CAPT. EDDIE'S BOAT TO THE NO-NEWS ISLAND OF BLISS TO FIND HIS MISSING SEMI-FIANCÉE, VICTORIA...

AND SAW THEY HAD FORMED A WHOLE NEW SOCIETY

UHM...

JOE CAN'T RISK BEING SEEN UNTIL HE CAN FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON THERE. HAVE THEY BECOME A DEADLY CULT?

I WAS A MASTER AT HIDE-AND-SEEK, SO NO ONE WILL SEE ME UNTIL I FIND...

JOE...?

...VICTORIA

TO BE STUNNINGLY CONTINUED

THE NO-NEWS ISLAND OF BLISS SAGA CONTINUES

JOE? WHA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

LOOKING FOR YOU, VICTORIA!

OH

"OH?"

UHM... DID YOU THINK I NEEDED TO BE RESCUED?

WHAT? NO!

JUST THE OPPOSITE! I CAME HERE TO BE WITH YOU! I'M THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO BE RESCUED... YOU WERE RIGHT TO ESCAPE HERE!

OH, WON...

GAM! DON'T TELL ME!

WELL...

SIGH... THIS IS GOING TO BE HARDER THAN I THOUGHT...

SO THINGS HAVE GOTTEN EVEN MORE STUPID THAN WE IMAGINED?

TO BE STUPIDLY CONTINUED

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I PICKED UP MY CLOTHES AND MADE MY BED.

THAT'S IT! I SWEAR!

I THOUGHT WE HAD BEEN BURGLARIZED!

SON, DON'T SCARE YOUR MOTHER LIKE THAT.

I'M WASTING MY YOUTH IN SCHOOL.

THIS IS THE TIME I SHOULD BE OUT ENJOYING LIFE, SO I'LL TAKE MY INHERITANCE EARLY.

YOU CAN ACTUALLY STILL HEAR THEM LAUGHING

LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT.

Sudoku

Use the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and marked grid of 9. Puzzles increase in difficulty from left to right. Solutions are at universe.byu.edu/sudoku.

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The New York Times Crossword

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ACROSS

- Airer of '48 Hours' and '60 Minutes'
- Inscribe, as on a trophy
- Bottom half of a 45
- Who am I judge?
- Kind of rock for which New Hampshire is known
- Singer of "Let It Go" in Disney's "Frozen"
- Bingo-like casino game
- Runway walker
- Applied Clair to, perhaps
- Crunchy, as carrots
- At the home of: Fr.
- Benjamin Netanyahu's nickname
- "Get real, for heaven's sake!"
- Airline that doesn't schedule flights on Shabbat
- Acress Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
- Handhold for a rock climber
- Genre for Cardi B and Nicki Minaj
- Lawyer's document
- Teenage witch of TV
- "... Superman!"
- Casino cube
- Long, long time
- Kind of personality a go-getter has

DOWN

- At Wit's End? humorist Bombeck
- With 44-Across, N.B.A. player once married to a Kardashians
- Airport bumper
- Indication that it's time to take out the trash
- Old Russian ruler
- Final Greek letter
- Singer of "Let It Go" in Disney's "Frozen"
- Bingo-like casino game
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POLICEDOG HINGE
NAM BARISTAS
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UBOAT EFFS NASH
SOIL AGORA GLUE
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- Many lab procedures
- Environmentalists' subj.
- Low-ranking G.I.: Abbr.
- Rouse
- Volcanic flow
- Televise
- Shooting star?
- "It's no...!"
- Scratchy voice
- Juniors, next year: Abbr.
- Involuntary response
- Leave out
- Bit of landscaping greenery
- Like neon signs and some lanterns
- Flips out
- Alternative to a phone call
- Big pig
- On bended ...
- Multitude
- Morning star?
- Veer off course, as a ship
- Focus on the road, e.g.?
- Dunderheads
- Demean
- Grossly distorted imitation
- On pot
- Is concerned
- Grammy-winning Stefani
- Loudly berate
- Stage prompt
- Crumbly Greek cheese
- DuVernay who directed "A Wrinkle in Time"
- Gold star?
- Lucy of "Kill Bill: Volume 1"
- Give off
- Social outcast
- City railways not at street level
- Hot
- Tech-obsessed, say
- Ruler in the Romanov line
- Active Sicilian peak
- Things confessed in confessionals
- Libya's capital
- Nickname for the 12-Down in Chicago's Field Museum
- Fraternal order with an animal emblem
- Record-setting Ripken
- "Psst!"
- Onions have lots of them
- Giant star?
- Woodworker's clamp
- See 5-Down
- Propose as an explanation
- Works in a gallery

DOWN

- Keep on the shelves
- True-blue
- How thumbs are twiddled
- Middle of the face
- May or June gown wearer
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22 Profs' aides

25 Someone who might say "There, there"

26 Funeral vehicle

27 Pinch pennies

28 Resident of Doha

29 ... Tolkien, author of "The Lord of the Rings"

30 Actress Thurman

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72 "Somehow it all gets done"

73 Clearasil target, in slang

74 Bruce Wayne's home, for one

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DOWN

- Ruler in the Romanov line
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- Libya's capital
- Nickname for the 12-Down in Chicago's Field Museum
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- Record-setting Ripken
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BYU student shares experience of having COVID-19



Sam Cosgrove

Sam Cosgrove is seen in bed at his home. He posted on Twitter he has tested positive for COVID-19.

By LAUREN LETHBRIDGE

BYU student Sam Cosgrove tested positive for COVID-19 and said he has no idea how he contracted it.

Cosgrove, who lives in a house south of campus, announced on Twitter on April 2 that he was tested positive and that his roommates are all getting tested.

BYU has nine reported COVID-19 cases as of April 6. All nine cases are people who work at BYU or are enrolled in classes. BYU updates this number on its website but does not release names or locations of those who test positive.

According to BYU, the first reported case of COVID-19 on campus was announced in a campus-wide email sent out on March 23. The university said the student had returned home at that point and the landlord of the off-campus housing where the student was living

had already contacted other tenants.

Those who test positive are encouraged to self-report using a form located on BYU's website. This form asks if individuals have been tested, when they were tested, whether they tested positive, if they are living in on-campus housing and all the areas they have been on campus within two weeks prior to showing symptoms.

Cosgrove said his symptoms are minor. "I've had allergies worse than this," he said. "That being said, I am lucky and have no preexisting conditions."

His symptoms include being short of breath after doing simple tasks, occasional coughing, fever, chills, aches and headaches.

Cosgrove went to Intermountain Healthcare's Springville Clinic to get tested. The test is a nasopharyngeal swab, much like a large Q-tip, that goes all the way to the back of the throat through the nose, a process Cosgrove described as

painful and invasive but not awful.

Since his test, Cosgrove has been in quarantine. "I feel I am coping well. I just do my school, work and watch Grey's Anatomy in my spare time," he said. "However, school has been difficult and my professors have been accommodating."

Both BYU and the Utah Department of Health have reached out to Cosgrove since he self-reported his positive diagnosis on their websites. Both questioned him about who he been in contact with and where he had been over the past two weeks.

The Utah Department of Health keeps a daily update of COVID-19 cases. The numbers are categorized by county, age, gender, deaths, hospitalizations and test result.

BYU and the Utah Department of Health continue to update the number of cases in the community, but remain quiet on the location and identification of those infected.

Called to serve in a pandemic: 'I asked if there was anything I could do to stay'



By KENZIE HOLBROOK

Editor's note: Thousands of missionaries across the world are returning home before completing their missions at the direction of Church leaders. Upon arrival, they must quarantine themselves for 14 days to prevent any spread of COVID-19. Church leaders have directed that those with a significant time left to serve be temporarily released as missionaries while they await reassignment. Each must choose by April 30 whether to opt for immediate reassignment once the Church announces it is ready to send them out again, or to wait between 12 and 18 months before returning to the field. The Daily Universe is looking at the impact of the pandemic on missionary service in a series of stories.

Kali Crawford was serving in the California San Jose Mission and had just a few weeks left before she would have completed her 18-month mission. On March 17, she had a phone interview with her mission president where she addressed the concern of possibly having to go home early because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

"He basically said to plan on staying for the duration of my mission, even if I was stuck in the apartment," Crawford said. "I prayed about it that night and I felt very content staying out on my mission."

The next day, Crawford received another call from her mission president and, thinking it was a routine check-up call, was excited to talk to him.



Kali Crawford

Kali Crawford, middle, returned from her mission in San Jose and was reunited with her family on March 20.

"He then proceeded to tell me — very emotionally — that he had received a list of missionaries whom the missionary department was sending home, and my name was on the list," Crawford said.

She said she was in complete shock because just the day before she was told she would be staying for the completion of her mission, and that was what she was prepared to do.

"I asked if there was anything I could do to stay, and my mission president said it was out of his hands," she said.

Her mission president told Crawford to plan on staying three to seven days while the missionary department worked to get her a plane ticket, but instead, she was put on a plane back to Idaho on March 20, just two days after she was told she'd be going home.

Crawford said she was required to self-isolate for 14 days since the mission had among the highest number of COVID-19 cases in the United States at that point.

Self-isolating means Crawford's interactions with anyone, including family, must be limited, and she can't go to any

public places. "Sometimes I feel like I am treated like a disease because my own dad keeps his distance from me," Crawford said.

It was hard to come home to a different world, she said, and having to self-isolate made it even worse.

"Missionaries returning home under normal circumstances already have to adjust and it's super difficult," Crawford said. "Throwing in a global pandemic and self-isolation make it impossibly hard for me to adjust."

She said she would much rather be isolated as a missionary in California than at home.

Even though the adjustment has been tough for Crawford, she has been relying on the Savior through this dark time. She said even though life is constantly changing, her love for the Savior will never change. Though her mission ended a month early, she has fond memories of her service.

"He knows what I am going through, no matter how rare this situation is," Crawford said. "I have absolutely loved being his representative for the best 17 months."

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