Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake Annual History 2017

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Vision and Action Plan

The Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake Plan for Action is linked tightly to the Area Plan for the United States and Canada. That plan may be summarized as follows:

Vision – Become, and help others become, true followers of Jesus Christ and enjoy the blessings of the holy temple.

Area Priorities and Supporting Goals

1. To live the gospel of Jesus Christ, we will:

- a. Strengthen ourselves and our families by receiving the ordinances of salvation and exaltation and keeping the associated covenants.
- b. Strengthen our faith in Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ and His Atonement by regularly studying the Book of Mormon and by honoring the Sabbath day.

2. To gather Israel through missionary work, we will:

- a. Teach repentance and baptize converts.
- b. Rescue less-active members.

3. To care for the poor and needy, we will:

- a. Build spiritual and temporal self-reliance.
- b. Live the law of the fast and serve others.

4. To enable the salvation of the dead, we will:

- a. Find family names.
- b. Take family names to the temple for ordinances and teach others to do the same.

Following Elder Brent H. Nielson's counsel from our September 2016 stake conference, the stake presidency invited unit leaders to a visioning session. This event was held November 5, 2016. After reviewing the Area Plan and the insights of the group, we have refined our vision to the following: determined that the Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake Vision is:

Our Vision is to change our hearts and become true followers of Jesus Christ, by:

- Having a personal mighty change of heart (Alma 5).
- Turning the hearts of the children to the fathers and the fathers to the children (D&C 2; Malachi 4).
- Sharing heart-changing stories.

The Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake Goals are:

- 1. **Self-Reliance:** This is our divine responsibility to care for the poor and needy
- 2. **The Rescue:** We will continue to work with the full-time missionaries. We will make weekly assignments at huddles of the ward council and full-time missionaries.
- 3. **Temple and Family History Work and Stake History:** We will use a combination of special events, such as Family Discovery Day, and sustained support to members in the wards and branches to help members link their research to the ordinances of the temple.

The tools provided by the Stake to help unit leaders and members accomplish the Stake Vision and achieve the Stake Goals include:

- Establishing the Aaronic Priesthood and Melchizedek Priesthood Committees. This provides every bishop or branch president with a fully focussed High Councillor and his brethren to help that unit leader deal with his issues and opportunities to change hearts, build testimonies and improve all aspects of discipleship. It allows every Elders Quorum President or High Priests Group Leader to receive the support of a focussed High Councillor and his brethren to help reach out into the homes of all members, as they work to seek out the needy, strengthen the growing and redeem the lost or dead.
- Provide special events to increase member desires to do temple and family history work, such as the Family Discovery Day or Stake High Priests Quorum Temple Excursions.
- Implement a fully functional Self-Reliance program, with strong stake support for units across the stake.
- Enhanced leadership training, focussing on quorum or council meetings to help change the hearts of individuals and families, and report back to the quorum or council on success stories.
- A revised thrust for home teaching, moving away from metrics and towards linking changes of the heart to receiving ordinances, culminating in temple attendance.
- Support for youth leaders through more Stake level activities to allow fellowship and support to the youth from all units.

This Year's Events

Our calendar was full with our regular meetings and events that were planned to further our 3 goals. Here's some stories about members experiences of these events.

Calendar

Here's the events that were planned.

January	1	June	
8	Wanuskewin Ward Conference	10	Seminary Graduation and
8	Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults		Stake Youth Dance and Activity
22	Meadow Green Ward Conference	11	Battleford Branch Conference
22	Self-reliance devotional	14	Meeting with Bishoprics (video conference)
		21	Stake General Priesthood Meeting
		25	Meadow Lake Branch Conference
		28	Stake Council
Februai	ry		
12	Wildwood Ward Conference	July	
25-26	Stake Conference	15	High Priests Quorum Temple Trip
25	Auxiliary Leadership Training		
25	Meeting with Bishoprics	August	
		25-27	Tri-Stake YSA Conference (in Winnipeg)
		30	Stake Council/ PEC (in person)
March		Septem	nber
12	Kindersley Branch Conference	9-10	Stake Conference
18	RS 175 th Celebration	10	Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults
25	General Women's Session (ages 8 and up)	15-16	Youth Standards Conference
26	Melfort Branch Conference	23	General Women's Session (ages 8 and up)
		27	Meeting with Bishoprics (video conference)
		30	General Conference
April			
1-2	General Conference	Octobe	
8	Institute Recognition	1	General Conference
9	Flin Flon Branch Conference	14	Stake Family Discovery Day
28-30	Tri-Stake & District Youth Conference		
	(in Winnipeg)	Novem	
		1	Stake Council/ PEC
		8	Meeting with Bishoprics (video conference)
		18	Stake YW Activity
May			
7	Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults	Decem	ber
28	Prince Albert Ward Conference	3	First Presidency Christmas Devotional
		31	New Year's Eve* (no stake activity)

Here are the highlights from our conferences

February 2017

Semiannual Stake Conference Report THE CHURCH OF **JESUS CHRIST** To be filled out by or for the presiding authority OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS Saskatoon Saskatchewan Presiding Leader 25-26 Feb 2017 President Douglas W. Robertson Others Attending Temple President & Sister Paulson, Mission President & Sister Craig Stake Population 2,047 Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake Center Meetings Number Invited Number Attending Meetings % Attending Stake Presidency Meeting (including clerk and executive secretary) 5 5 100% 160 58 36% Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting Saturday Evening Adult Session 1,672 194 12% Total Attending the Sunday General Sessions 2,047 488 24%

Comments: Please summarize the material taught in this conference and indicate matters that may need further attention by the next visiting presiding authority.

Leadership session - shared our Vision and Goals for the year, Aaronic Priesthood Committee has been discussing improving Gospel Teaching, Family History, and Self-Reliance. Melchizedek Priesthood Committee is focusing on the ideas of President Renlund about having a "wingman", delegating the work appropriately, and allowing people to perform in their office. Workshops taught the idea of prioritizing the work, having a standard of care for HT, having effective stewardship interviews, having effective Huddles, assignments for the Leaders for visiting all Prospective Elders by June 2017.

Adult Evening session - Messages included: "Teach with the power and authority of God" - member missionary work, young women and the work of salvation, blessings of attending the Temple

Sunday Session - Messages included: Balancing home/church lives, burdens and priorities in leadership, conversion, serving in a mission, members and missionaries working together

1:00 - 2:00 2:00 - 2:45	Stake Presidency Mee Stake PEC approves	eting callings and/or ordinations.	
3:00 – 5:00 Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting	teaching, Sabbath Day 3:14 – President Spen Initiative, Temple and 3:21 – President Robe 3:30 –YM leaders beg 3:30 – Stake presiden	ne All Ye Sons of God riesthood leaders): ughby (Items discussed during APC Observance) cer (Items discussed during MPC ries and the service) Family History Work)	neetings – Rescue
3:00 – 5:00 Stake Auxiliary Leadership Meetings	Relief Society Young Women Primary	Relief Society Presidencies Young Women Presidencies Primary Presidencies	Relief Society Room Young Women Room Primary Room
5:15 – 6:15		Supper (provided)	
6:30 - 8:30	6:35 - Prayer: Sister S 6:36 - Talk - Pres. Wil 6:56 - Talk - Sharla B 7:09 - Talk - Brother V 7:22 - Special Musical 7:27 - Hymn: #89 - T 7:39 - Talk - Presider 8:05 - Talk - Pres. Ro	ohn Spencer Organist: Sister Dor dent Spencer gh on the Mountain Top haron Brockman loughby oehme Wayne Scarff (recently returned mis number – Make Me Whole he Lord Is My Light it & Sister Paulson (Regina temple) bertson ejoice, the Lord Is King!	ssionary)

Stake Conference

Sunday, February 26th, 2017

10:00 – 12:00	Sunday General Session Theme – Conducting: President Robertson
	Chorister: Organist: Brother Adam <u>Brulotte</u> 10:00 - Welcome: President Robertson
	10:02 - Hymn: #52 - The Day Dawn Is Breaking 10:06 - Prayer: Calvin Berast 10:07 - Stake Business & Sustaining of Church Officers: Pres. Willoughby 10:15 - Talk - Pres. Spencer 10:35 - Special musical number YSA Choir - Shout to the Lord 10:40 - Talk - Sister Maria Rodriguez (Battleford branch) 10:50 - Talk - Sister Rochelle Requier 11:00 - Hymn: #270 - I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go 11:05 - Talk - Brother Dean Cayabyab (recently returned missionary) 11:15 - Talk - President & Sister Craig (Canada Winnipeg mission) 11:35 - Talk - Pres. Robertson 11:55 Hymn: #2 - The Spirit of God 11:59 Closing Prayer: Terry Clark, Prince Albert Ward ***** We may call upon members for impromptu testimonies to fill remaining time
	Setting apart of Stake Callings? - ensure Stake Clerk is informed (Priesthood Ordinations overseen by High Council – ensure Unit Clerk is informed)

The following have been released from their callings:

Lourdes Duran 1st Counselor in the Stake Primary
Donna McKay 2nd Counselor in the Stake Primary
Donna Reddick Secretary in the Stake Relief Society
Terry Layes Stake Young Single Adult Adviser
Marilou Layes Stake Young Single Adult Adviser
Christine Burgess Stake Family History Centre Director

The following people have been called to positions.

Earl Warren Stake Self-Reliance specialist

Jeff Linka Stake Young Single Adult Adviser

Crystal Linka Stake Young Single Adult Adviser

Peggy Mills Stake Family History Centre Director

Donna McKay 1st counselor in Stake Primary Presidency

There are currently 7 full-time missionaries serving from our Stake:

Sister Jessie Konopelski Battleford branch Canada Montreal Mission
Elder Ty Hansen Kindersley branch Canada Vancouver Mission
Sister Stephanie Tanner Meadow Green ward New Zealand Wellington Mission

Elder Blake Prete Meadow Lake branch Tahiti Papeete Mission
Elder Benton Froc Melfort branch Adriatic North Mission
Sister Tricia Lacno Melfort branch Canada Edmonton Mission
Sister Keelyn Wright Prince Albert ward Canada Halifax Mission

Sister Tallasse Crosby of the Wildwood ward received her mission call to the Adriatic North mission.

Church Service Missionaries:

Elder Paul & Sister Kelly Ericson (Meadow Green ward)
Sister Donna Robertson (Wildwood ward)

In addition, President Milton Derry (Meadow Green ward) is serving as the 2nd counselor in the Canada Winnipeg Mission presidency.



Elder Rulon F. Stacey asked the Stake to prepare for Conference:

In preparation for this meeting and the Sunday General Session I would be grateful if members of the stake could be asked to read and ponder "The Sabbath Is a Delight" by Elder Russell M. Nelson, "Acting on the Truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ" by President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, and the article titled "Finding Peace in Imperfection" in the February 2017 Ensign magazine.

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SASKATOON SASKATCHEWAN STAKE

PRIESTHOOD LEADERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, September 9, 2017; 3:00-5:00 pm

Presiding: Elder Rulon F. Stacey, of the Seventy

Conducting: President John Spencer, Stake Presidency 2nd Counselor

Accompanist: Peter Isaac Chorister: Victor Johnson

TIME	ASSIGNMENT	ВУ
2:45	Prelude Music:	Peter Isaac
	Welcome: Stake Presidency 2 nd Counselor	President John Spencer
3:00	Opening Hymn: #5 – High on the Mountain Top	Congregation
	Invocation:	President Andrew Spencer (Meadow Lake Branch)
3:10-3:24	Speaker: Stake President	President Doug Robertson
3:25 -3:39	Speaker: Stake Presidency 1 st Counselor	President Keith Willoughby
3:40-3:51	Speaker: Mission President	President John N. Craig
3:52	Intermediate Hymn: # 66 – Rejoice the Lord is King	Congregation
4:00-4:54	Training:	Elder Rulon F. Stacey
4:55	Closing Hymn: # 59 – Come, O Thou King of Kings	Congregation
	Benediction:	Tony Worfolk (Kindersley Branch)

SASKATOON SASKATCHEWAN STAKE

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Saturday, September 9, 2017; 6:30-8:30 pm

Presiding: Elder Rulon F. Stacey of the Seventy

Conducting: President Willoughby, Stake Presidency 1st Counselor

Accompanist: Donna Reddick Chorister: Danae McGinn

Theme: Increasing our Faith in and Testimony of God the Eternal Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

TIME	ASSIGNMENT	ВУ
6:15	Prelude Music:	Donna Reddick
6:30	Opening Hymn: #21 – Come, Listen to Prophet's Voice	Congregation
6.30	Invocation:	Sister Camille Cayabyab (YSA preparing for a mission)
6:38	Hymn: #96 – Dearest Children, God is Near You	Victor Johnson
6:43-6:54	Stake Presidency Counselor "Increasing our Faith and Testimony" (see theme, above)	President John Spencer
6:55-7:04	RS President "Proclamation on the Family: How families today can benefit from that document"	Sister Colleen Sheppard (Kindersley Branch)
7:05-7:11	Temple Matron	Sister Judy Paulson
7:12-7:18	Temple President	President Sidney C. Paulson
7:19	Intermediate Hymn: # 219 – Because I have been Given Much	Congregation
7:24-7:28	Testimony of a recently activated member	Elsie Johnson (Meadow Green)
7:29-7:33	Testimony of a new member	Sister Christine McFee
7:34-8:24	Presiding Officer	Elder Rulon F. Stacey
8:25	Closing Hymn: #103 – Precious Savior, Dear Redeemer	Congregation
0.23	Benediction:	Sister Carol Wright (Prince Albert Ward)

SASKATOON SASKATCHEWAN STAKE

SUNDAY GENERAL SESSION

Sunday, September 10, 2017; 10:00 am-12:00 noon

Presiding: Elder Rulon F. Stacey of the Seventy

Conducting: President Douglas W. Robertson, Stake President

Attending: President John N. Craig & Sister Carol Craig, Canada Winnipeg Mission

President Sidney C. Paulson and Sister Judy Paulson, Regina Temple

Accompanist: Leah Creighton Chorister: Darrel Cayabyab

TIME	ASSIGNMENT	ВУ
9:45	Prelude Music:	Sister Leah Creighton
	Welcome: Stake President	President Douglas W. Robertson
10:00	Opening Hymn: # 256, As Zion's Youth In Latter Days	Congregation
	Invocation:	Sister Dori Lemke
	Stake Business: Stake Presidency Counselor	President John Spencer
10:15-10:29	Stake President	President Robertson
10:30-10:34	Youth Speaker: "How I Can Understand and Support the Proclamation on the Family"	Bo Doak (Wanuwkewin Ward)
10:35-10:39	Testimony: recent convert	Brother Celestino de Pedro III (Wildwood Ward)
10:40-10:44	Testimony: returned missionary	Sister Trixia Lacno (Melfort Branch)
10:45-10:54	Member of Stake RS presidency "The benefits to the family of keeping the Sabbath Day holy"	Sister Lauren Crosby
10:55	Intermediate Hymn: # 301, I am a Child of God	Congregation
11:00-11:06	Mission President "The Blessings of the Plan of Salvation"	President John N. Craig, Canada Winnipeg Mission
11:07-11:14	Mission President's Wife "The Blessings of the Plan of Salvation"	Sister Carol Craig, Canada Winnipeg Mission
11:14-11:54	Presiding Officer	Elder Rulon F. Stacey
11:55	Closing Hymn/Musical Number: # 6, Redeemer of Israel	Congregation
11.33	Benediction:	Veronica MacInnes (Meadow Lake)

The following have been released from their callings:

Hans Michelmann
Brent Francis
Evan Clarke
Steven Creighton
High Councillor
High Councillor
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High Councillor

Steven Creighton Stake Young Men's President

Tevita Lui 1st Counsellor in Stake Young Men Presidency Lauren Crosby 2nd counsellor in Stake Relief Society Presidency

The following people have been called to positions.

Don Danskin High Councillor
Cameron Kinneard High Councillor
Oscar Duran High Councillor
Shaun Reid High Councillor

Tevita Lui Stake Young Men President

Steven Fieguth 1st Counsellor in Stake Young Men Presidency

Lauren Crosby Stake Self-reliance Specialist

Sandy Racicot 2nd counsellor in stake Relief Society

Ordinations to the Melchizedek Priesthood:

Calvin Berast Meadow Green Elder Shaun Reid Meadow Green High Priest

For the information of the members, there are currently 11 full-time missionaries either serving or soon to be serving from our Stake:

Sister Jessie Konopelski Battleford branch Canada Montreal Mission
Elder Ty Hansen Kindersley branch Canada Vancouver Mission
Sister Stephanie Tanner Meadow Green New Zealand Wellington Mission

Elder Benton Froc Melfort branch Adriatic North Mission
Talasee Crosby Wildwood Meadow Green Adriatic North Mission
Anita Mistickokat Wanuskewin Canada Edmonton Mission

Sister Keelyn Wright (Prince Albert ward) has been called to the Canada Halifax mission.

She will report to the Missionary Training Centre on October 5th.

Church Service Missionaries:

Christine and Peter Sagassige

In addition, President Milton Derry (Meadow Green ward) is serving as the 2nd counselor in the Canada Winnipeg Mission presidency.

Seminary Graduation – June 10

On Saturday June 10, 2017 youth from all over the stake came together for a youth activity planned by the Stake YW & YM and the youth committee. There were 17 youth in attendance, including four grade 8 youth that will be going into seminary in September. Fun was had by all. After the activity the youth, their parents and leaders had a wonderful ham meal together. The graduation ceremony was help after the meal. All of the certificates handed out this year were completion certificates, meaning that all those receiving their certificates completed their attendance, reading the New Testament, and assessments. There were four graduates who received their diplomas. Julie Livingstone and Hyrum Wright delivered powerful well prepared talks that expressed their dependence on Christ and how seminary fortified their testimonies and helped them develop a habit of daily scripture study. President Spencer, 2nd Counselor in the Stake Presidency, also addressed those in attendance. His message was edifying and encouraged the youth to stay true to their testimonies and how seminary will help them do that.

The graduation on June 10th celebrated the hard work of the students and teachers for the 2016-17 seminary year. At the end of the year 22 youth were enrolled in seminary with 15 completing. In November 2016 it was brought to the attention of the stake and member of high council over seminary that some families were finding taking their youth to seminary every day challenging. Brother Clarke (high councilor) and President Spencer developed a survey for families to fill out. This helped the stake come to the decision to offer an online seminary class for the youth in the city. This took the place of the daily class meeting 5 days a week. The online class met every Monday and then for the other 4 days did computer lessons. This seemed to strike a balance for families and allow students to participate in seminary. The teachers that taught this past year in the stake were: Susan Derry, Lorene Froc, Kevin Ledding, Michelle McGinn; Angela Rodgers, Carole Spencer, and Carol Wright.

Stake Young Mens Camp – July 24-27

Camp was held at Blue Mountain Adventure Park east of Battleford. We arrived Monday and set up camp just before it started raining. It seems that all YM camps are "blessed" with rain. We are considering using our power over the weather to help with forest fires and drought. Monday night's fireside was about Zion's Camp and we learned how the Lord can use our present circumstances to strengthen us for future challenges. The rain stopped during the night and we enjoyed hot and sunny weather for the rest of the time. Tuesday's activities included a challenge course in the morning and zipline in the afternoon. At the challenge course, the young men (and leaders) had the opportunity to learn to work together by walking in unison on long boards, building a bridge over "lava" and navigating a minefield blindfolded. The zipline involved a short hike up a hill followed by riding 500m to the end. Only Brother Lowen was brave enough to try it as superman. The evening was dominated by touch football and capture the flag. Tevita provided a fireside on general leadership principles and how they can be applied to all aspects of life and priesthood. Activities on Wednesday were archery and more football in the morning, a short hike, wall climbing and paintball in the afternoon and evening. Wednesday night was spent talking about the fun activities and enjoying each other's company.

Our goals for young men's camp were to provide our young men the opportunity to get to know each other better, build friendships with peers that share their same challenges and commitment to the Gospel, and have fun. I am confident that we accomplished all our goals.

As always, I am deeply impressed by our young men. They are inviting and inclusive and they strengthen each other in the gospel. One of our young men was apprehensive about coming to camp because he didn't know the other young men very well and wasn't sure if he would make friends. He didn't leave camp with friends so much as with brothers in the priesthood.

Mar 18 – Stake RS 175th Celebration

Over 100 sisters in our stake gathered together on Saturday, March 18th, 2017 to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the organization of Relief Society.

The focus was on our motto "Charity Never Faileth". We attended two workshops and participated in a service project. Dinner followed, then we enjoyed a fun musical skit and a few talks on the work of Relief Society.

Together with gracious donations from some Saskatoon grocery stores, we met our goal of assembling 175 birthday bundles that were donated to the Saskatoon Food Bank. Each bundle consisted of a cake mix, container of icing, birthday candles and a birthday card.





Institute Graduation – Apr 9

This past year young adults in the stake had the opportunity to study the following institute courses: The Book of Abraham; Teachings and Doctrine of the Book of Mormon; and Foundations of the Restoration. These classes provided opportunities for the young adults to ask questions and learn about church doctrine and church history. Classes were offered Thursday evenings, with an online class at 6:30pm and a face to face class at 8pm. The average attendance in the online class was 3 students and the average attendance in the face to face class was 12 students. There was a good turnout of recently returned missionaries, with Will MacInnes, Howard Ortiz, Dean Cayabyab, and Logan Froc being regular attenders. One highlight of the year was Cy Callanta inviting people to institute class as he read his mission call to the Philippines. The restructuring of the Stake YSA committee overseen by Brother Don Tanner and the calling of a new shepherding couple Brother & Sister Linka seemed to rejuvenate the YSA of the stake, thus benefitting institute through participation and enthusiasm.

To celebrate the 2016-17 year of Institute, Danae McGinn (Institute President) worked with the Stake YSA committee planned and carried out a combined Institute Graduation and YSA fireside on April 15, 2017. The evening started out with pizza, pop and ice cream treats followed by the Institute Graduation, conducted by Danae McGinn and presided over by President John Spencer, 2nd Counsellor of the Saskatoon Stake Presidency. President Spencer shared some remarks about the importance of education, secular and spiritual. Brother Shawn Reid, Saskatchewan Coordinator of Seminaries and Institutes, congratulated the young adults on their efforts in institute and then handed out 3 diplomas

(Christine Burgess, Ashley Sequin, and Natalie Sofoifia) and certificates of attendance and completion. The evening ended with a fireside presented by President Spencer focusing his remarks on the blessings of a Patriarchal blessing. This was well received by the 14 young adults in attendance. Overall is was a nice evening where leaders and young adults socialized and were taught by the Spirit.

General Womens's Meeting - April 16

We held a stake Women's Conference with the theme "Abound in Hope". A total of 110 sisters attended. Our day was filled with opportunities for sisters to strengthen their resolve to overcome challenges and become stronger followers of the Savior. We learned about how to look for hope in all aspects of daily life. Our workshops varied from the eternal importance of hope to the significance of laughter in our lives. For our service project, we collected a total of 168 brightly-colored children's pillow cases. These were made and donated by the sisters in the hopes of brightening the lives of children battling long-term illnesses.

You are invited to



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2017

from 10 to 2

1429 10th St East, Saskatoon

Family Discovery Day is a remarkable opportunity to learn more about family history. Workshops are free for everyone.

Request registration at familydiscoveryday2017@gmail.co m Sponsored by the Saskatoon Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



SCHEDULE:

Welcome and Orientation 10:30 classes (choose one)

- Beginning Family History:
 Unlocking the Digital Vault
 Meet family history for the first-time and
 fall in love. Playfully presented by Liz
 Killan, Peggy Mills, and Kathy Evans.
- Family History and Photography: Creating Heirlooms

Learn how to take pictures your greatgreat-grandchildren will treasure with Leah Karch. Bring your camera for some hands-on experience.

Writing a Personal History
 A workshop presented by John Spencer
 on the how-to and when-to of writing your personal history.

Luncheon (11:30)

12:30 classes (choose one)

- What's in Your Attic?
 Preserving Family Artefacts

 A workshop presented by Catherine
 Quinton on the proper (and improper)
 methods of caring for and preserving
 what's in your attic.
- Indigenous Storytelling and Legends

Harry Michael explores the spirituality of imperfection through traditional indigenous storytelling and First Nations legends.

Provided by Mourning Glory Funeral Services

Paul Ericson

March 7, 2017



Services
FUNERAL SERVICE
Saturday
March 11, 2017
10:30 AM
See Obituary Text

Paul Ericson

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Paul Martin Ericson at home on March 7th, 2017 at the age of 62. He was born in Winnipeg on July 27th, 1954 and raised in Fort Frances, Ontario in very humble circumstances. He did not let his difficult beginning hold him back and pulled himself up by his bootstraps. After serving a two-year church mission in France as a young adult, he moved to Saskatoon where he met and married the love of his life, Kelly Andrews. He proposed to her on a billboard at the top of the Broadway Bridge for all to see! Paul was a life-long learner, earning a BA, B.Ed., MA, M.Ed. and becoming a clinical hypnotherapist. In 1987, he moved his young family to France for one year, returning five and a half years later with a third child in tow. A fourth child completed the family a few years later. His teaching career took him to Big River, Rosetown, Strasbourg (France), James Smith First Nation, North Battleford, St Louis and Prince Albert. He taught at all grade levels, ending his career loving his Pre-K students! He found great satisfaction helping others in his clinical hypnotherapy practice, including seven years teaching HypnoBirthing with Kelly. Paul had an unquenchable zest for life and a wonderful sense of humour. He was very adventurous, spontaneous, and a go-getter, achieving whatever he set his mind to. His travels with Kelly took them throughout Britain, Europe from Scandinavia to the Balkans, Australia, China, Israel, Grand Cayman, Mexico, Hawaii and Mainland USA. A voracious reader, he was often found with a book, red pencil, and a ruler in hand. Paul was a kind hearted and generous man, always looking for opportunities to help others in need. He was contemplative and spiritual yet bold and a man of action. He loved his family dearly and they loved him. He is survived by his wife, Kelly Ericson; children, Graham (Kendal) Ericson, Kirsten (Tevita) Lui, Nathan Ericson and Evan Ericson; grandchildren, Ned & Gus Ericson and Taylani and soon-to-be-born baby Lui. Also brother-in-law, Bob (Margaret Day) Andrews & sister-in-law, Tracy Andrews, sisters, Erna Lapa and Alona Burger. He will be missed. The Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 11 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (339 Fairmont Dr. Saskatoon, SK). Following the reception, the interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada (www.llscanada.org).

Public Affairs Activities

Multi-faith Outreach:

- Letter of condolence from Pres. Robertson to Muslim Community after Quebec shootings
- DPA attended 6 faith events, speaking at 2 of them.
- Pres. Robertson attended the Baha'i Light of Unity Festival, presenting a card of congratulations
- calendars and invitation letters from Pres. Robertson to participate in Light the World were delivered to 20 Churches before Dec. 1.
- DPA attended the 2 MultiFaith Saskatoon meetings this year but the organization floundered due to lack of leadership.

Mormon Newsroom:

• 2 articles published: Conversation Circles (early 2017) and Family Discovery Day (Nov. 2017). Pictures of members were included in 2 other articles. (RS 175 and Mother's Day)

Community Service:

- RS Birthday Bundles written up on mormonnewsroon.ca
- Our response to the need for blood donations was to make many announcements in wards and branches.
- Family Discovery Day Oct. 14/17:
- Planned with FHC. Approx 100 in attendance. Attempted greater public outreach with ads, flyers etc. Saskatchewan Genealogical Society involvement was very positive.
- First Nations presenters, guests and luncheon were well received.

Ward and Branch Events:

• Melfort Food Drive and Kindersley live Nativity.

Member article published in the Friend Link



are lots of kids around here who would love a place to play."

"We could fix it!" Erika said. She sounded excited, like she could already see the way it would look.

"Could we, Mom?" Richard asked.

Mom shrugged, "I don't know, kids, That would be really difficult."

Erika looked at the playground. Her smile had faded, but her hat still looked bright and sunny.

Richard turned back to Mom. "Can we try?"

Mom finally gave in. But it would take lots of work.

After they got settled in their new house, Richard and Michael started looking for neighborhood kids to help. Mom

called businesses to ask for donations. Before long kids were cleaning up trash and planting flowers. They painted benches with castles, spaceships, and dragons—Erika's favorite. The whole neighborhood was helping make Erika's dream come true!

As months went by, Erika got sicker and sicker. But even when she couldn't help fix things up anymore, she and Jewel came out to cheer the helpers on.

"Remember, we want plenty of ramps for wheelchairs," she said. "This will be a playground everyone can play on!"

On the day the playground was finally opened, Erika wasn't there. She had already returned to Heavenly Father. But Richard, Michael, and Mom were there along with tons of other kids. There were kids in wheelchairs, kids on crutches, and even kids from other neighborhoods!

A new playground sign said "Erika's Dream Park."
Richard sat on a bench covered with paintings of
dragons and watched everyone run and jump and
swing. He knew Erika was in heaven and that she wasn't
sick anymore. But it was still hard watching all those

kids play without her there.

The sun was bright and yellow like Erika's hat. Richard could feel it warm him from head to toe. He thought maybe he was feeling warm for another reason too. Like maybe the Holy Ghost was telling him that things would be OK. He knew he would see Erika again. And when she was resurrected, her body would be healthy

and strong. A smile spread across Richard's face.

"Come on, Richard!" Michael shouted from the top of the slide

Richard jumped off the bench and ran into the sunshine to play.

The authors live in Saskatchewan, Canada, and California, USA.



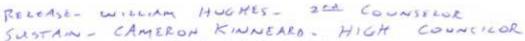
"There is life after life, first in the spirit world and then in the Resurrection, for each and every one of us."

President Russell M. Nelson, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

April 2017

Stake Statistics

	New				
Unit	Members	Moved IN	Moved OUT	Members	Families
Battleford Branch	2	6	7	121	82
Flin Flon Branch	0	2	3	90	53
Kindersley Branch	0	18	12	94	50
Meadow Green Ward	6	29	139	397	206
Meadow Lake Branch	0	0	3	61	32
Melfort Branch	0	11	8	122	81
Prince Albert Ward	6	2	7	288	179
Wanusewin Ward	4	71	37	511	338
Wildwood Ward	8	42	35	326	192
Saskatoon Stake	26	181	251	2010	1213
Men				707	
Women				901	
Young Men				92	
Young Women				71	
Children (3-11)				198	
Infants				45	



JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Officers Sustained-Branch in Stake

The General Authorities of the Chunch, the Area Seventies, and the officers of the stake and branch are to be presented for sustaining at the annual branch conference.

A member of the stake presidency or an assigned high councilor is to present the full names of officers for sustaining. He should present only the officers listed on this form. The branch clierk should complete this form, insofar as positions have been filled, in time for careful review by the priesthood leader who will use it.

After the conference, the branch clerk should give this form to the stake clerk to be included in the Annual History for Stakes and Districts (32299).

The annual conference of the Battleford Branch of the Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held at 501 Riverbend Crescent, Battleford, Sask., on 11 Jun 2017.

It is proposed that we sustain as General Authorities of the Church:

Thomas S. Monson as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Henry B. Eyring as First Counselor in the First Presidency; and Dieter F. Uchtdorf as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Those in favor may manifest it by the uplifted hand. Any opposed may so manifest it.

Russell M. Nelson as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; and as members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: Russell M. Nelson, Dallin H. Oaks, M. Russell Bailard, Robert D. Hales, Jeffrey R. Holland, David A. Bednar, Quentin L. Cook, D. Todd Christofferson, Neil L. Andersen, Ronald A. Rasband, Gary E. Stevenson, and Dale G. Renlund.

The counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as prophets, seers, and revelators.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

All other General Authorities, Area Seventies, and general officers of the Church as presently constituted.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it. It is proposed that we sustain:

Douglas William Robertson as president of the Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake of Zion, with Keith Allan Willoughby as first counselor and John Alvin Geoffrey Spencer as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

All other stake officers as now constituted.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

Sidney Arthur Jones as president of the Battleford Branch, with Adonis Gacuya Ortiz as first counselor and William James Hughes as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it.

Any opposed manifest it.

As branch clerk: Larry Edward Racicot

As branch executive secretary:

As assistant branch clerk(s):

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

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Officers Sustained-Ward

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The annual conference of the Meadow Green Ward of the Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on 28 Jan 2018.

It is proposed that we sustain as General Authorities of the Church

Russell M. Nelson as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Dallin H. Oaks as First Counselor in the First Presidency, and Henry B. Eyring as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Those in favor may manifest it by the uplifted hand. Any opposed may so manifest it.

Dallin H. Oaks as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, M. Russell Ballard as Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and as members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: M. Russell Ballard, Jeffrey R. Holland, Dieter F. Uchtdorf, David A. Bednar, Quentin L. Cook, D. Todd Christofferson, Neil L. Andersen, Ronald A. Rasband, Gary E. Stevenson, and Dale G. Renlund.

The counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as prophets, seers, and revelators.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

All other General Authorities, Area Seventies, and general officers of the Church as presently constituted.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it. It is proposed that we sustain:

Douglas William Robertson as president of the Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake of Zion, with Keith Allan Willoughby as first counselor and John Alvin Geoffrey Spencer as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

All other stake officers as now constituted.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

Steven Daniel Creighton as bishop of the Meadow Green Ward, with Phillip Munro Stephan as first counselor and James Ryan McKay as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

As ward clerk: Edward Allen Tiu Slady

As ward executive secretary: Andrew Jason Harris Rodgers

As assistant ward clerk(s): David Allen Brown JASON WEISMILLER

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

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As the presidency of the Relief Society:	Peter Daron Isaac, president, Bryan Raymond
Blanca Rosa Pallares Castro de Sofoifa, president, Kala Lynn Young, first counselor, and Colleen Joyce Bennett, second counselor, with Erika Isabella Dilling, secretary.	Dilling, first counselor; and Alexander Victor Johnson, second counselor; with Dallas Brent Munkholm, secretary. As the presidency of the Young Women:
As the presidency of the Primary:	Stevianne Reid, president; Montana Desire e
Corinne Elizabeth Michael, president, Kirsten Ashley Lia, first counselor, and Sarah Ann Isaac, second counselor, with Sylvia Patricia Loveridge, secretary.	Hancock, first counselor; and Sharla Elaine Boehme, second counselor; with Kelly Margaret Ericson, secretary. As ward mission leader.
As the presidency of the Sunday School.	Clint Francis Young
Jeffrey Robert Linka, president, Donald William Danskin, first counselor, and second counselor.	As assistant ward mission leader.
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As the presidency of the deacons quorum: Riley Alexander Munkholm, president, Joel Robert Bennett, first counselor, and Nathan Wayne Shutra, second counselor, with
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first counselor; and second counselor;
with, secretary.
As the presidency of the Mia Maid class: Shaelagh Breanne Stephan, president, Jannelle Millora Tuerca, first counselor, and second counselor, with Lilian Wealthy Johnson, secretary.
As the presidency of the Beehive class.
Kira Elaine Boehme, president; Ally Lexie Joy Laprise, first counselor, and Maelynn Isabelle Prosser, second counselor, with Brenna Shanelle Stephan, secretary
For the information of ward members, the number of members of the ward serving full-time missions is 0.

Officers Sustained—Ward



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The annual conference of the Prince Albert Ward of the Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held at Prince Albert Ward, on 28 May 2017.

It is proposed that we sustain as General Authorities of the Church:

Thomas S. Monson as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Henry B. Eyring as First Counselor in the First Presidency; and Dieter F. Uchtdorf as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Those in favor may manifest it by the uplifted hand. Any opposed may so manifest it.

Russell M. Nelson as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; and as members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: Russell M. Nelson, Dallin H. Oaks, M. Russell Ballard, Robert D. Hales, Jeffrey R. Holland, David A. Bednar, Quentin L. Cook, D. Todd Christofferson, Neil L. Andersen, Ronald A. Rasband, Gary E. Stevenson, and Dale G. Renlund.

The counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as prophets, seers, and revelators.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

All other General Authorities, Area Seventies, and general officers of the Church as presently constituted.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it. It is proposed that we sustain:

Douglas William Robertson as president of the Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake of Zion, with Keith Allan Willoughby as first counselor and John Alvin Geoffrey Spencer as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

All other stake officers as now constituted.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

Tex Joseph Prete as bishop of the Prince Albert Ward, with John Barrymore Wright as first counselor and David Harley McKay as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

As ward clerk: Terrance Brent Halcro.

As ward executive secretary: Grant Ernest Moore

As assistant ward clerk(s):

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

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As the presidency of the Relief Society: Charlotte Jean Tasko, president; Linda Lee Moore,	Daniel Thomas McKay, president; Aaron Edward McKay, first counselor; and, second counselor;
first counselor; and Avis Shawn Halcro, second counselor; with Charlotte Elaine McIntyre, secretary. As the presidency of the Primary:	with, secretary. As the presidency of the Young Women: Mary Anne Peñaranda Clark, president; Carol Dawn
Krista Marie McKay, president; Katherine Elizabeth Viola O'Connell, first counselor; and Susan Lynn Rechenmacher, second counselor; with , secretary.	Prete, first counselor; and, second counselor; with, secretary.
As the presidency of the Sunday School:	As ward mission leader: Christopher William Luke Fowler
William George Camche, president:	As assistant ward mission leader:
with, secretary.	All other ward officers and teachers as now constituted.
	Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

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For your information, the following have been sustained or will be presented for a sustaining vote in their group, quorum, or class:*	As the presidency of the deacons quorum: Trenton Alexander Forness, president; first counselor; and
As the leaders of the ward group of the stake high priests quorum:	withsecond counselor;
Bradley Kevin Fowler, group leader; , first assistant; and , second assistant; with secretary.	As the presidency of the Laurel class:
As the presidency of the elders quorum located in the Prince Albert Ward:	with, second counselor;
Samuel E Hunsaker, president, Terrance B. Halcro, first counselor; and	As the presidency of the Mia Maid class:
As president of the second priests quorum: Tex Joseph Prete, bishop; with	For the information of ward members, the number of members of the ward serving full-time missions is 1. 515 Keelyn Wright Carnda, Halifax Serving in Bridewate
with, secretary.	

 The high prests group leaders, eiters quarum presidency. Alarmic Presidence durum presidencies, and Young Women class presidencies should be sustained in their respective group, quarum, or class on ward contenence.
 Sunday.