

Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake Annual History 2018

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Stake Leadership and Vision

The 2018 Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake vision was carried over from the stake vision laid out in 2017. The stake vision is to, “Become, and help others become, true followers of Jesus Christ and enjoy the blessings of the holy temple.” The vision is supported by Area Priorities and Goals.

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.

The Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake Goals

- 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.

On August 29th, 2018, the stake presidency viewed a webcast for the Idaho and North America Central Areas. The Area Presidency (led by Elder Wilford W. Andersen) instructed that stake goals and plans should be aligned with the four Area Priorities. It was pleasing to see that very little adjustment to stake procedure was required to meet this instruction. The four Area Priorities given were:

- 1. Member Missionary Service:** Every member and missionary will share the gospel.
- 2. Temple and Family History:** All youth and adults will perform temple service.
- 3. Ministering One-by-One:** We will minister in love to one another.
- 4. Sabbath Day Observance:** We will honor the Sabbath day at church and at home.

Fortunately, the vision and goals already being followed by the Stake fit nicely into the new Area Plan. Very little change was necessary to move forward on the Area Priorities.

This Year's Events

The Stake calendar was full of regular meetings and events that were planned to further the stake goals.

Calendar

A list of planned and executed stake activities:

January

12 Stake Youth Activity
14 Worldwide Devotional 18-30 & grade 12
14 Wildwood Ward Conference
14 Stake Self-Reliance Devotional
28 Meadow Green Ward Conference
31 Meeting with Bishopricks
31 Stake Council

February

9 Stake Youth Dance (ages 14+)
11 Wanuskewin Ward Conference
24 Auxiliary Leadership Training
24-25 Stake Conference

March

9 Stake Youth Activity
11 Kindersley Branch Conference
25 Melfort Branch Conference
31 General Conference

April

1 General Conference
14 Institute Celebration and YSA Activity
15 Prince Albert Ward Conference
27-29 Tri-Stake & District Youth Conference (Saskatoon)

May

4 Scout Camp
5 Cub Day-Camp
6 Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults
12 Stake Relief Society Women's Conference
27 Battleford Branch Conference

June

2 Priesthood Leadership Conference
9 Seminary Graduation and Stake Youth Activity

10 Meadow Lake Branch Conference

13 Meeting with Bishopricks
16 Deacon's Only Stake Activity
20 Stake General Priesthood Meeting
24 Flin Flon Branch Conference
27 Stake Council

July

5-7 Beehive Camp
6-9 Pioneer Trek (Regina)
14 High Priests Quorum Temple Trip
27-28 Stake Relief Society Overnight Camp

August

29 Stake Council/ PEC

September

8-9 Stake Conference (General Authority presides)
9 Worldwide Devotional
21-22 Youth Standards Conference
26 Meeting with Bishopricks

October

6-7 General Conference
12 Stake Youth Activity
13 Temple and Priesthood Preparation meeting
13 Stake Family Discovery Day

November

1 Stake Council/ PEC
4 Stake Conference Broadcast
7 Meeting with Bishopricks
16 Stake Youth Activity

December

2 First Presidency Christmas Devotional
31 New Year's Eve* (*no stake activity*)

What follows are highlights from the 2018 Stake Conferences (agendas included).

February 2018

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS		Semiannual Stake Conference Report	
		To be filled out by or for the presiding authority	
		Stake Saskatoon Saskatchewan	
Presiding Leader President Douglas W. Robertson		Dates 24-25 Feb 2018	
Others Attending Mission President and Wife, Temple President and Temple Matron			
Where Held Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake Center		Stake Population 2,014	
Meetings			
Meetings	Number Invited	Number Attending	% Attending
Stake Presidency Meeting (including clerk and executive secretary)	5	5	100%
Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting	122	61	50%
Saturday Evening Adult Session	1,608	207	13%
Total Attending the Sunday General Sessions	2,014	348	17%
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 - We covered Ward mission plans, huddles, involving the missionaries in meetings and in the work, and the Rescue Initiative - Director of Public Affairs addressed issues and spoke to engaging the community in our unit boundaries			
Saturday session - If Perfection is the destination, then worthiness is the path; linked to how we can be a follower of Jesus Christ. - Power comes into your life when you can figure out how Family History is linked to Temple work. - The difference between BELIEF (having a persistent thought about something) and FAITH (if it doesn't move us to act, it's not faith) - how many of us have the faith to follow our prophet? How many of us have the faith to go to the Temple? - Doing our Family History can help ground us in the present - it can be an adventure that can help heal a family, give us a sense of identity, increase our ability to love and forgive, strengthen our relationships on both sides of the veil ** For us to have ZION in our stake - we need to learn about our own culture and others - to help us we can: 1) listen to how we feel about being in our own culture and notice our reactions about what is good/bad about it 2) be ready to listen to others experiences of racism or oppression - believe them and do not discount them 3) find organizations who are fighting racism or inequality and learn more.			
Sunday Session - Our trials are crafted for each of us alone, learn to recognize the way he answers our prayers - We can GROW by following Jesus Christ, being faithful, serving and teaching, repenting, and sharing the gospel - Miracles occur when we love and serve each other -n our path in life. We learn it's not just about us, and come to realize that we can become a blessing to others - There are many examples of the terms rocks and stones in the scriptures, in 1 Samuel 17 it talks about an Ebenezer - a stone of help, and the song (Come thou Font...) talks about Jesus Christ being our Ebenezer - our rock to build on. - We can position ourselves to help with the work of Salvation ** We can be an Ebenezer in our stake ** - Be at your post - Be a good example - Be a witness of God at all times and in all places.			

Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake

Priesthood Leadership Meeting

Saturday, February 24th, 2018

3:00–5:00 PM

Conducting: President Keith Willoughby, Stake Presidency First Counselor
Accompanist: Steven Miller (Wildwood Ward)
Chorister: Peter Isaac (Meadow Green Ward)

TIME	ASSIGNMENT	BY
2:45	Prelude Music:	
3:00	Welcome: Stake Presidency First Counselor	President Willoughby
3:05	Opening Hymn: #223 - Have I Done Any Good?	Congregation
3:09	Invocation:	President Froc
3:10	Missionary work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ward Mission Plan• Huddles• Member Missionary home teaching	President Robertson, with discussion and comments from mission presidency, stake presidency, bishops, WMLs, EQPs, HPGLs, etc.
4:15	Using smartphones in work of salvation	President Craig
4:20	Intermediate Hymn: #130 – Be Thou Humble	Congregation
4:25	Speaker: Teaching in Melchizedek priesthood curriculum, Sunday School	President Spencer, President Willoughby
4:40	Training: Public Affairs	Sister Slocombe
4:55	Closing Hymn: #143 – Let the Holy Spirit Guide	Congregation
	Benediction:	

Leadership Meeting Design

3:12 – Introduction and the Rules

- These are buzz groups, so there needs to be active discussion
- Someone needs to chair the session
- Someone needs to be the recorder
- Someone needs to be the reporter
- Responsibilities shift after each exercise

3:15 – Reference back to the Area Plan (have a print-out on each table)

- Each exercise relates to part of the Area Plan

3:18 – Exercise One

3:24 – Story from a Unit – Meadow Green Ward – Why Weekly Presidency Meetings work for Us

3:30 – Exercise Two

3:36 – Story from a Unit – Battleford Branch – Best Ministering Interview Ever

3:42 – Exercise Three

3:48 – Story from Prince Albert Ward – Making the Area Plan Live in Our Ward

4:00 – Intermediate Hymn

4:05 – Story from a Unit – Wanuskewin Ward – Mission Plan Magic

4:11 – Exercise Four

4:17 – Story from a Unit – Wildwood Ward – Our Temple and Family History Plan

4:23 – Exercise Five

4:29 – Story from a Unit – Battleford Branch – Joint Meetings with the Relief Society – They Work!

4:35 – Group Discussion led by Presidents Robertson, Willoughby and Spencer

4:55 – Closing Hymn and Benediction

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Saturday, February 24th, 2018;
6:30–8:30 PM

Conducting: President Spencer, Stake Presidency Second Counselor
Accompanist: Leah Creighton (Meadow Green Ward)
Chorister: Darrel Cayabyab (Wanuskewin Ward)

TIME	ASSIGNMENT	BY
6:15	Prelude Music:	Leah Creighton
6:30	Welcome - Second Counselor in the Stake Presidency	President Spencer
6:32	Opening Hymn: #300 – Families Can Be Together Forever	Congregation
6:36	Invocation:	Tawna Hansen
6:37	Talk – First Counselor in the Stake Presidency	President Willoughby
6:57	Talk –	Chantel Spencer, Meadow Lake Branch
7:07	Talk –	Shawn Reid, Meadow Green Ward
7:17	Intermediate Hymn: # 52– The Day Dawn Is Breaking	Congregation
7:21	Talk (Temple Matron)	Sister Paulson
7:31	Talk (Temple President)	President Paulson
7:41	Talk (Stake President)	President Doug Robertson
7:56	Closing Hymn: #136 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives	Congregation
	Benediction:	

SUNDAY GENERAL SESSION

Sunday, February 25th, 2018

10:00 am–12:00 noon

Conducting: President Douglas W. Robertson, Stake President

Accompanist: Kirsten Lui (Meadow Green Ward)

Chorister: Leah Creighton (Meadow Green Ward)

TIME	ASSIGNMENT	BY
9:45	Prelude Music:	Kirsten Lui
10:00	Welcome: Stake President	President Douglas W. Robertson
10:02	Opening Hymn: #219 – Because I Have Been Given Much	Congregation
10:06	Invocation:	April Hunter
10:07	Sustaining of Church Officers First Counselor in the Stake Presidency	President Willoughby
10:13	Special Musical Number - "Faith in Every Footstep"	Steven Miller & David Moore, Wildwood Ward
10:17	Talk (stake presidency member)	President Spencer
10:37	Talk	Jamie Kaysaywaysemat, Wildwood Ward
10:42	Talk	Nathan Perry, Battleford Branch
10:50	Talk	Logan Froc, Melfort Branch
10:58	Intermediate Hymn: #263 – Go Forth with Faith	Congregation
11:03	Talk	Mercy Wokekoro, Wildwood Ward
11:10	Talk (Mission President's wife)	Sister Craig
11:20	Talk (Mission President)	President Craig
11:35	Talk (Stake President)	President Robertson
11:55	Closing Hymn/Musical Number: #270 – I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go	Congregation
	Benediction:	Kenny Dalton

The following were released from their callings:

Eric Michael	High Councillor
Don Tanner	High Councillor
Jessica Kilistoff	Stake Young Women Second Counselor
Peggy Mills	Stake Family History Centre Director
Elizabeth Killan	Asst Stake Family History Director
Adam Brulotte	Stake Music Chairperson
Dallas Munkholm	Public Affairs Specialist

The following were called to positions:

Maria Rodriguez	Stake Beehive Camp Specialist
Peggy Mills	Stake Temple and Family History Consultant – Lead
Maria Ozeroff	Stake Temple and Family History Consultant
Leah Creighton	Stake Music Chairperson

We sustained the following to be ordained (or ratified after ordination) to offices in the Melchizedek Priesthood:

Wayne Sum	Wildwood	Elder
Mark Kilistoff	Wanuskewin	High Priest
James McKay	Meadow Green	High Priest (ratification)
Dylan Karch	Wanuskewin	High Priest (ratification)

The following proselyting missionaries were missionaries serving from our Stake:

Elder Ty Hansen	Kindersley Branch	Canada Vancouver Mission
Elder Benton Froc	Melfort Branch	Adriatic North Mission
Sister Keelyn Wright	Prince Albert Ward	Canada Halifax Mission
Elder Cy Callanta	Wanuskewin Ward	Philippines Cavite Mission
Sister Tallasse Crosby	Wildwood Ward	Adriatic North mission

The following Church-Service Missionaries were serving from our stake:

Denyse Smith	Wanuskewin Ward
Christine and Peter Sagassige	Wildwood Ward
Kevin Davies	Kindersley Branch

Additionally, President Milton Derry (Meadow Green Ward) is serving as the second counselor in the Canada Winnipeg Mission Presidency.

SASKATOON SASKATCHEWAN STAKE CONFERENCE

September 8 - 9, 2018

Meetings	Agendas	Participants
Saturday, September 8, 2018 Meeting with Stake Presidency 1:30-2:45 PM		Elder Wilford W. Andersen Members of Stake Presidency, Stake Clerk, Stake Executive Secretary
Ward and Stake Council Leadership Meeting 3:00-5:00 PM	See Agenda A	Elder Wilford W. Andersen Stake Presidency (Second Counselor will speak) Stake Patriarch Stake High Council Ward Bishoprics Elders Quorum Presidencies and Secretaries Ward Mission Leaders Stake/Ward Young Men and Young Women Presidencies and Secretaries Stake/Ward Primary Presidencies and Secretaries Stake/Ward Relief Society Presidencies and Secretaries Stake/Ward clerks Stake/Ward executive secretaries
Saturday Night Adult Session 6:30–8:30 PM	See Agenda B	Elder Wilford W. Andersen All adult members of the stake
Sunday, September 9, 2018 General Session 9:00–11:00 AM	See Agenda C	Elder Wilford W. Andersen Temple President and Matron (will share testimony) Mission President and his Wife (will share testimony) All stake members

WARD AND STAKE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP MEETING

Presiding: Elder Wilford W. Andersen
Conducting: 1st Counselor in the Stake Presidency, Keith Willoughby
Pianist: Chantel Spencer (Meadow Lake)
Chorister: Stevianne Reid (Meadow Green)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>By</u>
2:45 P.M.	Prelude Music:	Chantel Spencer
3:00 P.M.	Opening Hymn:	#30 Come, Come Ye Saints
	Invocation:	Julie Worfolk (Kindersley)
3:10 P.M.	Speaker (15 min) "The Spirit of Revelation"	John Spencer, Stake Presidency
3:25 P.M.	Speaker (10 min) "Charity-The Pure Love of Christ"	Leanne Willoughby, Stake RS President
3:35 P.M.	Experience /Testimony (5 min) Experience/Testimony (5 min)	Veihi Ericson Rachael Pearson
3:45 P.M.	Speaker (12 min) "The Covenant Path"	Patricia Campbell
3:57 P.M.	Testimony (3 min)	Earl Campbell
4:00 P.M.	Intermediate Hymn:	#134 I Believe In Christ Congregation [standing]
4:05 P.M.	Training	Elder Wilford W. Andersen
4:55 P.M.	Closing Hymn:	#304 Teach Me To Walk in the Light
	Benediction:	Kala Young

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

THEME: THE GREAT WORK OF SALVATION

Presiding: Elder Wilford W. Andersen

Conducting: 2nd Counselor in the Stake Presidency, John Spencer

Organist: Leah Creighton

Chorister: Kelly Ericson

<u>Time</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>By</u>
6:15 P.M.	Prelude	Leah Creighton
6:30 P.M.	Welcome and announcements:	John Spencer, 2nd Counselor
	Opening Hymn:	#221 Dear <u>To</u> The Heart Of The Shepherd
	Invocation:	Martin Johnson
6:40 P.M.	Special Musical Number:	Love One Another
6:45 P.M.	"The Work of Salvation" (10 min)	Keith Willoughby, Stake Presidency
6:55 P.M.	"Ministering <u>In</u> Love" (10 min)	Larae Stephan, Stake YW President
7:05 P.M.	"How the Gospel Has Changed my Life"	Wayne Sum
7:10 P.M.	"Learning to Follow the Savior" Testimony (5 min)	Brent <u>Munkholm</u>
7:15 P.M.	"If Ye Have Love One <u>To</u> Another"	Katelyn <u>Greep</u>
7:20 P.M.	"If Ye Have Love One <u>To</u> Another"	President and Sister Hitchcock
7:35 P.M.	#85 How Firm A Foundation	Congregation [standing]
7:40 P.M.	Training	Elder Wilford W. Andersen
8:25 P.M.	Closing Hymn:	#246 Onward, Christian Soldiers
	Closing Prayer	Lori Kennedy

GENERAL SESSION

At the Stake Center, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Presiding: Elder Wilford W. Andersen
Conducting: President Douglas W. Robertson
Organist: Jackie Shutra
Chorister: Darrel Cayabyab

<u>Time</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>By</u>
8:40 A.M.	Prelude	Jackie Shutra
9:00 A.M.	Welcome and announcements:	President Douglas W. Robertson
	Opening Hymn:	#223 Have I Done Any Good?
	Invocation:	Elin Johnson
	Stake Business	Keith Willoughby
9:15 A.M.	Special Musical Number:	Come Follow Me
9:20 A.M.	Speaker	President Douglas W. Robertson
9:40 A.M.	Testimonies	Donna McKay, Stake Primary President
9:50 A.M.	Testimonies by Primary Children: Turner, and Nathaniel Michael	Stella Wokekoro, Scott Fillion, Baylee
10:00 A.M.	Intermediate Hymn:	#270 I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go Congregation [standing]
10:05 A.M.	Ministering and Missionary Work	President and Sister Hitchcock
10:15 A.M.	The Temple – Personal Testimonies	President and Sister Paulson
10:25 A.M.	Speaker	Elder Wilford W. Andersen
10:55 A.M.	Closing Hymn:	#303 Keep The Commandments
	Benediction:	Uma Ravindrakumar

The following were released from their callings:

Cameron Kinneard	High Councillor
Walter Scarff	High Councillor
Darlene Prime	Stake Relief Society First Counselor
Sandy Racicot	Stake Relief Society Second Counselor
Larae Stephan	Stake Young Women President
Katrina Julseth	Stake Young Women First Counselor
Julie Vaz	Stake Young Women Second Counselor
Joan Julseth	Stake Primary President
Donna McKay	Stake Primary First Counselor
Pamela Skiftun	Stake Primary Second Counselor
Peggy Mills	Stake Temple and Family History Consultant – Lead
Lourdes Ozeroff	Stake Temple and Family History Consultant, Family History Centre
Kay Butler	Stake Food Committee Chairperson
Earl Warren	Stake Self-Reliance Committee member
Lauren Crosby	Stake Self-Reliance Committee member
Harry Michael	Stake Public Affairs Specialist
Carole Spencer	Stake Public Affairs Specialist

The following were called to positions:

Perry Froc	High Councillor
Lawrence Roberts	High Councillor
Sandy Racicot	Stake Relief Society First Counselor
Kelly Ericson	Stake Relief Society Second Counselor
Julie Vaz	Stake Young Women President
Stevianne Reid	Stake Young Women First Counselor
Emily Michelson	Stake Young Women Second Counselor
Sara Isaac	Stake Young Women Secretary
Donna McKay	Stake Primary President
Corinne Michael	Stake Primary First Counselor
Shannon Leslie	Stake Primary Second Counselor
Jared Michael	Assistant Stake Clerk
Lauren Crosby	Stake Temple and Family History Consultant – Lead
Bryan Dilling	Stake Temple and Family History Consultant - Family History Centre
Lucas Julseth	Stake Seminary Teacher
Katrina Julseth	Stake Seminary Teacher
Bill Clarke	Stake Self-Reliance Specialist
Heidi Clarke	Stake Self-Reliance Specialist
Anne Daclan	Stake Self-Reliance Specialist
Wayne Sum	Stake Public Affairs Specialist

Ordinations to the Melchizedek Priesthood:

Nathan Perry	Battleford Branch	Elder
Jared Torres	Wildwood Ward	Elder
Randall Walter	Wanuskewin Ward	Elder
Perry Froc	Melfort Branch	High Priest
Lawrence Roberts	Wildwood Ward	High Priest

The following members from the Stake are serving (or have recently been called to serve) proselyting missions:

Sister Tallase Crosby	Wildwood Ward	Adriatic North Mission
Elder Cy Callanta	Wanuskewin Ward	Philippines Cavite Mission
Elder Hyrum Wright	Prince Albert Ward	Canada Edmonton Mission
Greg and Kay Butler	Meadow Green	Canada Halifax Mission
Sister Julie Livingstone	Kindersley Branch	Canada Edmonton Mission

The following members are serving as Church-Service Missionaries within the Stake:

Christine and Peter Sagassige	Wildwood Ward
Kevin Davies	Kindersley Branch
Karl and Lourdes Ozeroff	Meadow Green Ward
Denyse Smith	Wanuskewin Ward

Brother Earl Campbell and Sister Pat Campbell (Kindersley Branch) were called to serve in the Regina, Saskatchewan temple. Brother Campbell is serving as a counselor in the temple presidency, and Sister Campbell is an assistant to the Matron. It is noted that Brother Campbell continues to serve as the Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake Patriarch. We received special permission from President M. Russell Ballard, Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, for Brother Campbell to continue in both callings.

President Milton Derry (Meadow Green Ward) is serving as the second counselor in the Canada Winnipeg Mission Presidency.

Bishoprics and Branch Presidencies and High Councilors:

On Sunday, November 4, Church Headquarters will broadcast a Multi-stake Conference. There are no Saturday sessions for this conference--just a single Sunday session which will replace the block meetings for the 273 stakes in the North America Central Area. You may decide what to do with Fast and Testimony meeting which would have typically been held on this Sunday.

The broadcast starts at 11:00 a.m. CST (Saskatchewan). The first 30 minutes will be presided over by the stake president, after which a member of the First Presidency or Quorum of the Twelve will preside. Speakers will be from the General Authorities and General Auxiliaries of the Church. We are to stream it only to meetinghouses where a stake representative is present, so we will ensure a high councilor attends your unit. Instructions for your unit to receive the broadcast are at conference.saskatoonstake.org.

Please announce this in your meetings and put it in your bulletin. This Sunday I will email each member with an email address, but some members do not regularly check (or have) email. Therefore, please assign ministering brothers and sisters to invite each family and ensure they have received the announcement. Thank you. If you have any questions please contact a member of the stake presidency.

You received this email because you made your email address available to your local Church leaders. It was sent by Doug Robertson, whose calling is Stake President.

Seminary Graduation – June 9th, 2018

In 2018 the seminary youth studied the Book of Mormon. Classes were held in Prelate and Melfort, and there were two online seminary classes, one for the units in Saskatoon and one for the outlying units.

On Saturday June 9th, 2018 a seminary graduation program was held. The Aaronic Priesthood – Young Women committee planned a lunch and activity in conjunction with the graduation. There were twenty-two youth in attendance, four of whom would be enrolled in seminary the following year.

Two seminary graduates, Randall Walter and Delaynie Crosby, gave edifying talks on how their testimony of the Book of Mormon was strengthened by attending seminary. President John Spencer of the Stake Presidency spoke of the blessings of seminary and invited students to be engaged learners.

The youth activity afterward consisted of playing Capture the Flag and water balloons in a nearby park.

Tri-Stake Conference – April 27th-29th, 2018

Friday, April 27th, 2018 – all at the Stake Centre

5:00 - 7:30 PM	BBQ hamburger supper and registration
7:30 - 10:30 PM	Dance

Saturday, April 28th, 2018 - Morning at the Stake Centre

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM -12:30 PM	Workshops and keynote speaker
12:30 PM- 1:30PM	Lunch
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Service project
4:30 - 5:30 PM	Change for supper and dance at the Stake Centre
5:30 - 7:00 PM	Supper Stake Centre
7:00 - 10:00 PM	Dance Stake Centre

Sunday, April 29th, 2018

8:00 AM	Breakfast at the Fairmont building
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Sacrament and Testimony meeting at the Fairmont building.
11:00 AM	Depart for home

Cub Camp – June 1st – 3rd, 2018 at Anglin Lake, Saskatchewan

The Stake Primary presidency was pleased to see the great efforts being made to establish the Cub and Scout program in Saskatoon and Prince Albert in 2018. The Saskatchewan Scout Council hosted a Cub camp at Anglin Lake June 1-3, 2018. They invited the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints troops as helpers and Packs to attend the provincial camp. Some Church of Regina units attended as well.

The Stake Cub camp was a huge success for both the boys and the fathers that attended. Eleven cubs, four scouters (leaders), six parents, five eleven-year-old scouts, a twelve-year-old scout and a thirteen-year-old scout attended. The feedback on the camp was very positive. The theme was “hunger games” and the activities helped to develop skills of fire building, making “mocking jay” pins (craft), archery, sling shots, water purification, lashing, orienteering, team building games and an obstacle course.

The Scouts were given the opportunity to participate as Officers of Service. It was wonderful to see them take on leadership roles and help with many activities that were youth led. Ethan Fieguth reported to his dad, “We had that much fun and got badges too!”



Campsite of Troop 34 (Meadow Green Ward)



Campsite of Troop 34 (Wanuskewin Ward)



Scouter O'Connell and Troop 22 cub



Scouter O'Connell and Troop 22 (Prince Albert) – Making pins



Scouter Jared McKay and Troop 22 Cub



Target practice with slingshots

Stake Temple and Priesthood Presentation – October 13th, 2018

The Saskatoon Stake Temple and Priesthood Presentation took place on October 13th, 2018. President Keith Willoughby, first counselor in the Saskatoon Stake Presidency, presided while Brother Duane McKay, High Councillor, conducted. The theme of the meeting was “Decisions Determine Destiny” and focused the children’s hearts and minds on the power of choice in preparing to receive the blessings of the temple and the priesthood. There were forty-six people in attendance, fourteen of those being eleven-year-old children. Families and speakers in attendance came from various units throughout the Stake.

Sister Lalya Vaz, from Wanuskewin Ward, was the youth speaker. She shared her first temple experience and bore a strong testimony of the peace and refuge she feels in the temple. Her mother, the Stake Young Women President Sister Julie Vaz, spoke on making and keeping sacred covenants. Sister Angie Rogers, from Meadow Green Ward, shared a message on understanding the blessings of the temple service. Brother Robin Erickson, a counselor in the Stake Young Men Presidency, spoke on Priesthood Service and had the children participate in a fun and educational activity. Brother Russell Butler, from the Battleford Branch, spoke on fellowship, service and blessings and shared personal teaching moments from his own life. Brother Duane McKay presented an object lesson to teach the children about balancing and prioritizing the important things in life. President Willoughby provided concluding comments which included his testimony of the importance of temple service and the blessings of the Priesthood.

Sister Leah Creighton was the pianist and her daughter Tove led the music.

The meeting was followed by refreshments and fellowshiping in the cultural hall. Each child received a decorated temple cookie and a wheat bag to remind them of their goal to serve in the temple and of the warm and comforting feeling they will have when they are able to attend.

It was evident the primary children enjoyed the event. It was wonderful to see the eleven-year-olds associating with each other and strengthening their relationships as they prepare to join the youth program. Afterwards it was noted that a group of eleven-year-old boys were saying “This was one of the best days” and “We’ll all be passing the Sacrament and going to the temple together soon, it’s going to be so cool!”



Stake Temple and Priesthood Preparation

Adult Events

Institute Celebration – April 14th, 2018

In the 2017 Fall Semester (September to December 2017) “The Gospel and the Productive Life” was studied. This helped young adults learn and understand principles of self-reliance. For the 2017 Winter Semester “Jesus Christ and the Everlasting Gospel” was the topic of study, which aimed to strengthen testimonies of the Savior. The average attendance of these semesters was twelve to fifteen young adults. For the 2018 Summer Semester “The Parables of Jesus” was studied.

All the semesters offered an online class and a face-to-face class. For the summer of 2018, an online class was offered Canada-wide. This helped young single adults in outlying units in the Stake to learn with other young single adults throughout Canada.

To help reduce the amount of activities for the young adults during exam time in April of 2018 the Institute program handed out certificates to the units in Sacrament meeting instead of having a separate event. Brother Nathan Regnier from the Wanuskewin ward received an institute diploma.

Stake Women’s Conference – May 12th, 2018

On Saturday, May 12th, 2018 over 110 sisters gathered in Saskatoon for the annual Stake Women’s Conference. The 2018 theme was John 14:27 – “Peace I leave with you...”.

The conference began with spiritual thoughts delivered by the Stake Relief Society Presidency on how sisters truly see themselves. All sisters were asked to bring a childhood photo of themselves for the opening session. Through a panel discussion, truths were shared, and hearts were touched on how we as women can be so very hard on ourselves. Remembering to be kind to oneself was emphasized.

The sisters were able to select one of the following three workshops in the morning session – Sabbath Day, forgiveness, and spiritual fortification.

Following lunch, sisters had the opportunity to attend one of the six discussion groups on “how to find peace when experiencing...”. This was a huge success as sisters realized they are not alone when shouldering life’s burdens and were able to share how they are enduring through the struggles.

The conference was concluded with an interactive activity on how to find encouragement to be our best selves. Some sisters completed their personal vision boards! President Willoughby (first counselor in the Stake Presidency) delivered a final talk on how “all things shall work together for your good”.

It is the opinion of the Stake Relief Society Presidency that the sisters are making connections with each other beyond their unit boundaries. Greater unity and stronger bonds within stake sisterhood was witnessed.

Stake Women’s Camp – July 27th-28th, 2018

The Saskatoon Stake Women’s Camp was held at Blue Mountain, Saskatchewan on July 27th-28th, 2018. Camp began at 3:00 PM and concluded at 4:00 PM the next day.

All nine units of the Stake were represented. There were sixty sisters and two priesthood brothers in attendance. The purpose of the camp was to simply have fun and continue to strengthen unity among sisters.

Sisters quickly came together in a true spirit of sisterhood as many outdoor adventures were had (zip-lining became a fast favorite!). Some sisters tried archery and a high ropes course. Canoes were available along with outdoor and indoor games. Comfy sofas, chairs, logs and picnic tables hosted many clusters of conversations.

The schedule was relaxed. The only mandatory activity was attending the Friday night campfire. The campfire began with classic girl's camp songs, Hawaiian charades (which brought about much laughter), and a Tagalog camp song from our Filipino sisters.

A spiritual message was given by President Keith Willoughby followed by a testimony meeting. The campfire concluded with a s'mores bar and was followed by moving indoors to the chalet for more snacks and games.

Saturday was full of continued activity and memorable moments. No one was in a hurry to leave.

The sisters will be forever grateful to President Doug Robertson (Stake President) for approving this activity. It is one that will never be forgotten because of the sense of belonging it created in the sisters.



Sister campers on Saturday morning. Photo credit: Sister Leanne Wilhoughby

Media Coverage

Reporting was excellent in 2018. The Saskatoon Star Phoenix published a large article and photos on February 17th, 2018 about President Nelson. President John Spencer, a member of the Stake Presidency, was interviewed for this piece. On October 20th, 2018, an article from Salt Lake entitled A New Direction was printed with photos. It described the renaming of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square.

The Youth Trek 2018 was covered in six small town papers, with photos and quotes from the local members who participated in the Trek. The Canadian Morgan Horse magazine reported on the horses!

Local papers and radio stations covered events such as the Kindersley Food Drive (with participation of a team of missionaries), the opening of Meadow Lake's new meetinghouse, and the Kindersley Branch's live nativity.

On the Church's mormonnewsroom.ca site six Saskatoon families were featured in an article entitled Why Family Faith Matters, including Church member Alicia Walter. A December story about live nativities included a large section about the Kindersley congregation's 30th year performing in their town.

Multifaith

The organization Saskatoon MultiFaith is winding down, as it has been inactive for some time. It is hoped something new will emerge as faith communities attempt to stay in contact going forward.

The Saskatoon Stake stayed connected with friends of other faiths through a number of events. Jean Slocombe, Stake Director of Public Affairs, presented a donation and a letter to the Muslim community at the Eid al Fitr celebration on June 15th, 2018. The donation of baby formula supported the Muslim Food drive for the Saskatoon Food Bank.

On November 1st, 2018, letters of condolence from Stake President Doug Robertson were delivered to the three Jewish Communities of Saskatoon after the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Church Members, including missionaries, performed musical numbers at a Global Peace Prayers event sponsored by the Sri Sathya Baba Centre of Saskatoon on November 11th, 2018.

Outreach

Invitations for the December 23rd Christmas Sacrament meeting were sent from President Robertson to various political leaders in the area. Member of Parliament Brad Trost and Member of Legislative Assembly Eric Olauson attended the meeting and were presented with a gift –an offer of assistance with their family history.

In addition to the multifaith events mentioned, Public Affairs members attended Indigenous, Jewish, Muslim and Ukrainian Catholic events during the year.

Light the World

Public Affairs sent calendars and posters to each unit in the Stake to encourage participation in Light the World. Some units had talks in Sacrament meetings and the Wanuskewin Ward created a video.

Stake Statistics

Unit	New 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
Wanuskewin 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	

Ward and Branch Sustaining Lists

Branch Conference Sustain Lists, 2018

	Position	Battleford May 27	Flin Flon June 24	Kindersley March 11	Meadow Lake August 26	Melfort April 22
Branch	President	Sidney Arthur Jones		Lee Hansen	Andrew Spencer	Perry Froc
	1 st Counselor	Adonis Ortiz		Walter Scarff	John MacInnes	Ernesto Mondala
	2 nd Counselor	Russell Butler		Ronald Coleman	Dexter Pancho	
	Clerk	Larry Racicot		Daniel Earle	John MacInnes	Billy Costales
	Asst Clerk					Marvin Bud Prete
Elders Quorum	President	Daniel Konopelski		Glen Leslie	Aaron Fillion	Michael Charbonneau
	1 st Counselor			Absolon Collado	Jared Micheal	Cecil Vera
	2 nd Counselor			Keith Foster		Garth Turner
	Secretary					William Robb
Relief Society	President	Bethlehem Butler		Colleen Shepphard	Terri-Sue Prete	Britt Charbonneau
	1 st Counselor	Amanda Oberg		Tawna Hansen	Leah Swanson	Anabel Mondala
	2 nd Counselor	Lisa Sohn		Patricia Campbell		Dia Lacno
	Secretary	Georgina Mercredi				
Primary	President	Jenny Konopelski		Mary Thompson	Veronica MacInnes	Lorene Froc
	1 st Counselor	Maria Rodriguez		Rosita Collado		Stephanie Turner
	2 nd Counselor					Lydia Lacno
	Secretary					
Sunday School	President				Danial Prete	
	1 st Counselor					
	2 nd Counselor					
	Secretary					
Young Men	President	Russell Butler		Paul Thompson	Theodore Swainson	Bud Prete
	1 st Counselor			Murray McGinn	Zion Pancho	Kyle Hill
	2 nd Counselor					
	Secretary					
Priest Quorum	President	Sidney Arthur Jones		Lee Hansen	Andrew Spencer	Perry Froc
	1 st assistant					
	2 nd assistant					
	Secretary					
Teachers Quorum	President			Liam McGinn	Seth Barteaux	
	1 st assistant					
	2 nd assistant					
	Secretary					

Organization	Position	Battleford	Flin Flon	Kindersley	Meadow Lake	Melfort
Deacons Quorum	President			Matthew Livingstone	Benjamin Spencer	Brynn Charbonneau
	1 st Assistant			Matthew Thompson	Matthew Fillion	
	2 nd Assistant				Noah Barteaux	
	Secretary					
Young Women	President	Ruby Ortiz		Jessica Earle	Chantel Spencer	Cindy Hill
	1 st Counselor			Patricia Livingstone		
	2 nd Counselor					
	Secretary					
Mission	Mission Leader	Howard Ortiz			Dexter Pancho	Michael Charbonneau
Laurel Class	President			Julie Livingstone	Zipporah Pancho	
	1 st Counselor					
	2 nd Counselor					
	Secretary					
Mia Maid Class	President	Maria Nelson				
Beehive Class	President	Lydia Harder		Zoe McGinn		
	1 st Counselor					
	2 nd Counselor					
	Secretary					
Full time Missions	Missionary			Robert Ty Hansen		Benton Froc
	Missionary					
	Missionary					
	Missionary					

Organization	Position	Meadow Green January 28	Prince Albert April 15	Wanuskewin February 11	Wildwood January 14
Bishopric	Bishop	Steven Creighton			Gary Crosby
	1 st Counselor	Phillip Stephan			Rick Bennett
	2 nd Counselor	James McKay			Hans Michelmann
	Clerk	Edward Siady			Steven Miller
	Exec Secretary	Andrew Rodgers			Lucas Julseth
	Assistant Clerk	David Brown			Bryan Riley
	Assistant Clerk	Jason Weismiller			
Elders Quorum	President	Josh Parry			Neptali Torres
	1 st Counselor	Ryerson Seguin			Terry Layes
	2 nd Counselor	Rory Hancock			
	Secretary				Viktor Samuylov
Relief Society	President	Bianca Sofoifa			Sarah Kerner
	1 st Counselor	Kala Young			Pamela Loewen
	2 nd Counselor	Colleen Bennett			
	Secretary	Erika Dilling			Christina MacLachlan
Primary	President	Corinne Michael			Alycia Kinneard
	1 st Counselor	Kirsten Lui			Kenda London
	2 nd Counselor	Sarah Isaac			Mary Sanchez
	Secretary	Sylvia Loveridge			Jodie Hendry
Sunday School	President	Jeff Linka			Daniel Robertson
	1 st Counselor	Don Danskin			
	2 nd Counselor				
	Secretary				
Young Men	President	Peter Isaac			Edward Loewen
	1 st Counselor	Bryan Dilling			Jordan Michelson
	2 nd Counselor	Victor Johnson			Logan Froc
	Secretary	Brent Munkholm			
Young Women	President	Stevianne Reid			Amy Ledding
	1 st Counselor	Montana Hancock			Lindsay Swallow
	2 nd Counselor	Sharla Boehme			Megan Nielsen
	Secretary	Kelly Ericson			
Mission	Mission Leader	Clint Young			Kevin Ledding
	Assistant				Leo Savoy
Priest Quorum	President	Steven Creighton			Gary Crosby
	1 st assistant	Samuel Michael			
	2 nd assistant	Kody Munkholm			
	Secretary	Jeremy Tuerca			
Teachers Quorum	President	Jordan Creighton			Josh Nielsen
	1 st Assistant	Christopher Michael			
	2 nd Assistant				

Organization	Position	Meadow Green	Prince Albert	Wanuskewin	Wildwood
Deacons Quorum	President	Riley Munkholm			Matthew Bennett
	1 st Assistant	Joel Bennett			
	2 nd Assistant	Nathan Shutra			
	Secretary				
Laurel Class	President				Presidency of the YW Combined Classes: Delaynie Crosby Paisley Ledding Tashiena Longman
	1 st Counselor				
	2 nd Counselor				
	Secretary				
Mia Maid Class	President	Shaelagh Stephan			
	1 st Counselor	Janelle Tuerca			
	2 nd Counselor				
	Secretary	Lillian Johnson			
Beehive Class	President	Kira Boehme			
	1 st Counselor	Ally Laprise			
	2 nd Counselor	Maelynn Prosser			
	Secretary	Brenna Stephan			