

Peterson as first counselor; J. Richard Clarke as second counselor. All in favor please manifest it. Contrary, if there be any, by the same sign.

As Regional Representatives: All Regional Representatives of the Quorum of the Twelve as they are at present constituted.

The Aaronic Priesthood, under the direction of the Presiding Bishopric—Victor L. Brown, H. Burke Peterson, and J. Richard Clarke, with all members of the committee as at present constituted.

The Young Women: Ruth Hardy Funk, president; Hortense H. Child, first counselor; Ardeth G. Kapp, second counselor; with all members of the committee as at present constituted.

The Relief Society: Barbara Bradshaw Smith, president; Janeth Russell Cannon, first counselor; and Marian Richards Boyer, second counselor; with all members of the board as at present constituted.

The Sunday School: Russell M. Nelson, president; B. Lloyd Poelman, first counselor; and Joe J. Christensen, second counselor; with all members of the board as at present constituted.

The Primary Association: Naomi Maxfield Shumway, president; Sarah Melissa Broadbent Paulsen, first counselor; and Colleen Bushman Lemon, second counselor; with all members of the board as at present constituted.

The Church Board of Education: Spencer W. Kimball, N. Eldon Tanner, Marion G. Romney, Ezra Taft Benson, Gordon B. Hinckley, Thomas S.

Monson, Boyd K. Packer, Marvin J. Ashton, Bruce R. McConkie, Marion D. Hanks, Paul H. Dunn, Victor L. Brown, and Barbara B. Smith.

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The Church Finance Committee: Wilford G. Edling, Harold H. Bennett, Weston E. Hamilton, David M. Kennedy, and Warren E. Pugh.

The Tabernacle Choir: Oakley S. Evans, president; Jerold D. Ottley, conductor; Donald H. Ripplinger, associate conductor; Alexander Schreiner, chief organist; and Robert Cundick and Roy M. Darley, organists.

All in favor please manifest it. Those opposed, by the same sign.

It seems, President Kimball, that the voting has been unanimous in favor of these officers and the General Authorities.

President Kimball has suggested that Elders Larsen and Wells, whom you have just sustained as new members of the First Quorum of the Seventy, and Bishop Clarke, whom you have just sustained as the second counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, take their places on the stand.

Elder Royden G. Derrick, whom you have just sustained as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy, is abroad serving as president of the Ireland Dublin Mission.

President Spencer W. Kimball

We shall now hear from Elder Dean L. Larsen, whom you have just sustained as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

Elder Dean L. Larsen

Of the First Quorum of the Seventy

This past week, as I read through some prospective material for the *ENSIGN* magazine, I came to these lines of verse that reflect the reaction of a

housewife after her first encounter with some Latter-day Saint missionaries:

The sun shone that afternoon and so did you

As I opened the door.
 Truth standing there and I concerned
 about my mustard
 And the kitchen floor.
 You spoke, memories stirred and
 through the windows, darkly,
 I watched the years
 And wondered what it was I longed for
 And why my tears.
 You went on your way, but something
 lingered in the air,
 Peace for my pain;
 I picked up my mop, pretended that
 things could
 Be the same again.
 Janet Cathery-Kutcher, "First Visit of the
 Missionaries"

Never the same

Since receiving a phone call several days ago from President Kimball, in an attempt to maintain some equilibrium, I've been pretending that things would be the same again for me; I know they will not, and I desire with all my heart the sustaining influence of the Lord and the influence of your faith and prayers as I accept this new assignment. I have told the Lord that I am his to use however he sees fit. I have also made that pledge to President Kimball, and I am sustained in that by a loving, faithful wife and a loyal family. I have the consolation of these words of promise of the Lord to his earlier servants when he said:

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." (John 15:3-5, 7-8.)

Testimony

I bear witness today, brothers and sisters, that the Lord Jesus Christ lives, that this is his work, that President Kimball is indeed the Lord's prophet upon the earth. The Lord will come again to reign as King of kings and as Lord of lords. May we be worthy to be with those who serve and live with him when that time comes, I pray, and solemnly invoke his blessings upon us all this day, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President Spencer W. Kimball

You have just heard Elder Dean L. Larsen, a new member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

The congregation and choir will now stand and sing "How Firm a Foundation."

The congregation and choir sang the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

President Kimball

For the benefit of the television and radio audience who have just joined us, we announce that we are gathered in the Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah, in the first session of the 146th Semi-Annual Conference.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell, of the First Council of the Seventy will now address us. Following Elder Maxwell, we shall hear from Elder Franklin D. Richards of the First Council of the Seventy.