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Stake Presidency Message The Power of Peace

President Nelson once recalled the following experience. “I was in a small airplane, and all of a sudden, the engine on the wing caught fire.

It exploded, and burning oil was poured all over the right side of the airplane, and we started a dive towards the earth.

We were spinning down to our death. Oh, this woman across the aisle, I just was so sorry for her. She was just absolutely uncontrollably hysterical.”

Despite the terrifying nosedive, President Nelson was at peace. He recalled, “I was falling to my death. I was surprised that I was not afraid to die.” “I was totally calm.”

In the end, the plane did not crash, and President Nelson did not die. The spiral dive extinguished the flame, the pilot got

control and started the other engine up and they were able to make an emergency landing in a field.

President Nelson concluded, “I thought, through that experience, if you’ve got faith, you can handle difficulties knowing that with an eternal perspective, all will be well.”

As I ponder President Nelson’s experience, I am impressed with the “Power of Peace.”

The power that comes from peace through faith in Jesus Christ. It is only through faith in our Savior Jesus Christ that we can have this type of peace, which brings such great power, this “Power of Peace.”

After Jesus taught his disciples about His death and resurrection and after announcing to them that He was the Son of God, Jesus said to them, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace” (John 16:33). I particularly note the words “in me” ye might have peace. It is in Jesus that we have peace.

Jesus has taught this again specifically for us in modern times. In a revelation to Joseph Smith in 1829, Christ declared, “I am Christ the Lord..., the Redeemer of the world.” “Learn of me and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my Spirit, and you shall have peace in me.” (D&C 19:1, 23 emphasis added).

Peace is one of the many gifts Jesus has given us. He has promised this gift of peace. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:27).

There is a power in the peace our Savior gives. It is His power. It is the power to overcome fear and sustain us through difficult experiences or troubled times. Each of us can have this Power of Peace through our Savior Jesus Christ. We have been given this promise.

During this concerning time that we are currently experiencing, regardless of what the various possible outcomes could be, may we each have the peace that President Nelson experienced and that Jesus has promised.

In the words of Alma, “And now, may the peace of God rest upon you, and upon your houses and lands..., according to your faith and good works, from this time forth and forever.”

(Alma 7:27)



President Coburn

Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, April 4 - General Conference Broadcast Sessions 12-2pm, 4-6pm.; Special Session 8-9:30pm for all members of the Young Women and Relief Society and all holders of the Aaronic Priesthood and the Melchizedek Priesthood.
- Sunday, April 5 - General Conference Broadcast Sessions 12-2pm, 4-6pm
- Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday
- April 30 - May 2 - BYU Women’s Conference will be livestreamed on the Church website

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In one success,
a thousand failures are forgotten.
In one refusal to try,
a thousand successes prematurely die.

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Ward Window



The addition of the Santiago family has blessed the New Philadelphia Ward. Maria joined the Church when she was 16 years old. She loved the gospel, and as she learned more, she grew to love the Book of Mormon. Soon after joining the Church, she moved and could not locate the Church in her new hometown. Years later, Maria moved to the New Philadelphia area but did not realize there was a Church locally.

Yasmin, Sister Santiago's daughter, asked what Church her mom belonged to, and shortly thereafter, the missionaries knocked on their door. Sister Santiago was very excited to be reintroduced to the Church and to be able to introduce her children to the gospel that brought her such joy as a young girl.

Now that she has been reunited with the Church and able to attend every Sunday, she has been a great missionary! She shares the gospel with her friends and sends the missionaries to those who are willing to listen. She is working on FamilySearch so that her 13-year old son, Diego, can go to the temple and do her work.

Diego was baptized in February and ordained a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood. He is pictured here with his mom and sister at his baptism. Diego is enjoying getting to know the young men in the ward and participating in youth activities. He is well-liked and is known for his infectious smile. He is excited for the day he can go on a mission. He has made it his goal to translate the Book of Mormon into Ixil, a Guatemalan dialect.

Yasmin is nine years old and was baptized soon after turning eight. She loves coming to Church and all the ward activities. She is pictured here at the Primary Fishing Derby that was held at the Center's farm last summer. She won the award for the biggest fish!

Yasmin has finished reading the Book of Mormon and finds great joy in learning. She is a great addition to the Primary program. She loves learning and speaks FOUR different languages.

The New Philadelphia Ward is very happy to have this wonderful family in our ward.



MISSIONARY UPDATES



DANIEL MICHENER

Returning March 2020

Church Service
Mission



CHRISTOPHER SMITH

Returning March 2020

Colorado Denver
North Mission



SAIMASINA BURGESS

Returning April 2020

Utah Salt Lake
South Mission

BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER

Please be informed that the Brecksville Home Storage Center will be closed temporarily until further notice.

In the mean time, for home storage needs, please visit: <https://store.churchofjesuschrist.org> or by phone at 1-800-537-5971

Self-Reliance Corner

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Communication is key to our success. You need to know how to hear others as well as be heard. We can talk and talk, but without doing so in an effective manner, we might not be heard. Listening can be more important than talking. In our daily home, work, and social life, we want to be team members and leaders. When we can hear what others say and show them that we care, we are being effective listeners. Communication is Number 8 in the Twelve Principles of Self-Reliance. They recommend doing these six things to become an excellent communicator:

1. **Concentrate** – Focus on the speaker’s words and body language. Don’t interrupt. Don’t make any judgments or plan how you are going to respond. Instead, be patient and listen.
2. **Appreciate** - Use reassuring responses like okay and yes while the person is speaking so that they know you are listening and it is safe for them to keep talking. If the speaker seems shy or nervous, let them pause and gather their thoughts. When the person is done speaking, thank them for sharing their comments with you.

Family History Corner

by Jeanne Peugh, Director



Church meetings have moved to the home and all the temples worldwide are closed. We just heard recently that the Columbus temple, when things get back to normal, will remain closed for two years for renovations.

So, where does that leave us with temple and family history work? We should look upon this as a great opportunity to excel in our research and family awareness and to prepare for the restart of temple work with a refreshed and revised vigor. We have been given time to get totally organized in our approach to fulfilling our temple work responsibilities for our ancestors and time to check our data on each member of each family, making sure all are accounted for. The time is ours to gather information on their lives, their achievements, their experiences, and prepare to enrich our future temple experiences.

Take this time to flood your minds with the names, relationships, and loves of your ancestors so you can be ready to flood the temples with the blessings, experiences and joys of eternal happiness when the doors swing open again. Be a part of it! Don’t hesitate to contact consultants in your wards or branches for help. You may also contact Jeanne Peugh at djpeugh@sbcglobal.net if you feel you have hit a brick wall.

3. **Review** - Summarize the speaker’s comments and then ask something like, “Am I understanding that correctly?” Give the speaker an opportunity to correct you or to rephrase their comments.
4. **Ask questions** - Give the speaker an opportunity to express their emotions. You can ask questions like “How does that make you feel?” or “What do you think about that?”

These first four steps are all about listening and creating a sense of trust. There is no blaming, no judging—just trying to understand what the other person is expressing. From here, you can start to express your own thoughts.

1. **Apologize or sympathize** - If there are any hard feelings between you and the speaker, it’s time to apologize. An honest apology goes a long way. If an apology doesn’t seem appropriate in this situation, you could say something like, “I’m sorry that happened” or “I’m sorry you are in this situation.”
2. **If it seems appropriate, offer help** - You do not have to fix the problem. You are there to love and to support the other person, make suggestions, and guide the person toward resources. Sometimes listening makes all the difference. Other times the person might need practical help. If the issue is between the speaker and another person, don’t get in the middle. You could simply say something like, “I think you need to talk to the person you are having a problem with.”

Seek the Holy Ghost as you practice becoming a better communicator. You can be a better disciple of Christ in all aspects of your life as you take the time to listen and give appropriate responses in your relationship with others.

For more information on becoming or helping others become more self-reliant, see: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/self-reliance/blog>



North American Northeast Area Plan

Deepen conversion to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and the restored gospel.

3. Worthily hold a current temple recommend.