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Ward newsletter bishopric message

April 27, 2014 Dear brothers and sisters from the 40th district of Provo YSA, spring has always been one of my favorite moments of the year. I love the beautiful weather (colder winter) with all the hopes and dreams of a new season on us. Small league baseball, football, and just play outside on a beautiful sunny day. Many of you are in an important transition in your life, perhaps after graduation and now faced with the reality of finding a job, or perhaps moving to higher school. Some are eager to serve a full-time mission, and some are even making the memorable stage of temple marriage. Every day we make choices that will ultimately affect the rest of our lives, even small choices that may not seem so important at the time. My wife and I attended the temple this morning, and I was thinking about how Adam told the Lord that he intended to keep all the commandments, not just those he loved or were easy to obey. As we make and respect covenants, we show our love for Heavenly Father and show our faith in our Savior's Atonement. In today's world, respect for these alliances will become increasingly difficult as we face mondric pressures to change our position on very important eternal issues. As President Uchtdorf said in the message of the first presidency of the April Sign, we must anchor our lives in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Life is beautiful and worth living. The wind, the storm and the prevailing currents may encourage us to drift towards seen and invisible dangers, but the gospel message and its divine power will keep us on the way back to Heavenly Father's safe harbor. I want all of you to know that I love you and personally pray for your safety, success and happiness, and I hope that you will turn first to your Heavenly Father when needed. He's here for you. He loves you more than anyone can, and can feel your ups and downs, your successes and your failures. Through these experiences, He allows you to grow in the person He yearns for you to be: an eternal son or daughter of God, to come out in the morning of the first resurrection, and to obtain immortality and eternal life. I know my redeemer lives. I am eternally grateful for his atoning sacrifice, and I know that one day, if I am faithful, I will have the opportunity to feel his loving arms around me and to feel the sweet peace He has promised us all. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen Bishop Strong Page 2 To Make an Appointment with the Bishop: President of the College Alumni: Relief Society President: Chief of Mission parish: Dear Sisters and Brothers, Last night Joan Brog passed away peacefully. She was an anchor in our neighborhood and our neighborhood for... Continue reading → Elk Ridge members, We have been warned by the Utah Region Presidency to adjust our sacrament meeting numbers down to... Continue reading → sisters: It was good to meet last week, in person and remotely via Zoom. Our unique meeting... Continue Reading → The Pride Cycle, this is the continuous theme of the last two weeks in the Book of Mormon. How... Continuing the → Dear Sisters and Brothers, Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities, opens with: It was the best of times, it ... Continue Reading → Teach Me All that I Must DoMembers of the church world over are familiar with primary singing. I am a child of God. The teachings found in this simple song are both significant and profound. In 1957, Spencer W. Kimball, then an elder, approached Naomi Randall, the composer of this children's song, and encouraged her to change a word. Instead of reading verse, teach me everything I need to know, he says now, teach me everything I need to do. Although knowing and doing is both important, Brother Kimball felt that the song would better teach the principle of action by emphasizing the principle of doing. There are times in our lives when we find ourselves talking the conversation but not always walking. Intellectually, we know (and even preach) certain gospel principles, but we often find it difficult to act. We know we should make our home and visit the teaching, but find it easy to ignore. We know that we have several temples in our yard, but do not always take the time to participate in temple ordinances. We know that social assistance and other ward assignments need to be met, but it is easier to let someone else volunteer. During King Benjamin's address, he reminded the saints that once they came to a knowledge of God's goodness and the saving Atonement in The Salvifies of Christ, action should follow. ... and now, if you believe that all these things see that you are doing them (Moshiah 4:10). Our lives are busy, usually filled with doing good things. May we strive to better differentiate the temporal from the spiritual. Let us not let worldly things distract us from our alliance responsibilities. In doing so, our knowledge is better translated into action. Teach me everything I need to do to live with him one day. With love and affection — Bishop Andrus 10-07-2009, 2:15 p.m. #1 I am responsible for submitting the Episcopal message for our monthly parish newsletter. I usually take one of the messages from this month's Teacher, but this month I decided I want to go in a different direction. What's the problem? I'm puzzled - I can't find one that I feel good about. If you were in my shoes and could send a message to your full of mullahs (no more than 4-5 paragraphs) on a gospel topic - preferably one by a member of Qo12 or at least GA - who would you choose? Does anyone have a favorite? TIA 10-07-2009, 2:18 p.m. #2 Originally published by smokymountainrain, I am responsible for submitting the Episcopal message for our monthly parish newsletter. 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Get ready to put mustard on these words, because you will soon consume them, with this slice of humble pie that comes directly from the oven of shame put to the brand of gas egg on your face! -- Moss There are three rules I live by: never get less than twelve hours of sleep; Never play cards with a guy who has the same first name as a city; and never get involved with a woman with a tattoo of a dagger on her body. Now you stick to that, and everything else is cream cheese. --Coach Finstock 10-07-2009, 02:27 PM #6 Initially posted by Donuthole sounds more like I'm the Exec Sec, and the bishop's is sick of doing it, so they awarded it to me this month, because I'm technically in the bishop's office. Just a guess. More like a neighborhood worker. The Exec Sec generally does not have the authority over the newsletter, etc. I know because I'm Ward Farking's clerk, everybody. Look at me!!!! Bow to my justice!!!! I am not ashamed!!!! 10-07-2009, 02:29 #7 Originally posted by nikuman Plus as Neighborhood Clerk. The Exec Sec generally does not have the authority website, newsletter, etc. I know because I'm Ward Farking's clerk, everybody. Look at me!!!! Bow to my justice!!!! I am not ashamed!!!! Haha fears being you. 10-07-2009, 2:32 p.m. #8 I'm not going to throw out titles or anything proclaiming justice. Let's say that if I wasn't there on the Sunday of the choir, the choir would sing a capella. Yup. The cog that prevents the choir from singing a capella, and by extension, the operation of the room - me. 10-07-2009, 2:33 p.m. smoked #9, in an attempt to answer your question (shame on all of you throwing peanuts out of the gallery!), I guess you want a cut and paste scenario? I really liked D-Todd's recent remarks to our parish a few weeks ago, but there is obviously no written account for you at the source. So while his post was awesome, I don't know if you want it to turn into a lot of work on your part. Conference was filled with beautiful messages. Also, I was really into the concept of Liahonas last week (for reasons made known elsewhere). There is an old speech called Patriarchal Blessing: A Liahona of Light or something like that. It's really good. You may want to share a few paragraphs about the modern Liahonas at our disposal (Scriptures, Prophets, Teaching, HG... even Liahona magazine) and compare them to the Liahona found outside Lehi's tent. If you really wanted to get the attention of the parish, write as done your own version of what the second spindle actually did. Installer. Happy. More productive. 10-07-2009, 14:41 #10 something about teaching men the correct principles and letting them govern themselves? 10-07-2009, 02:42 pm #11 Originally posted by Smoked TripletDaddy, in an attempt to answer your question (shame on you all throw peanuts out of the gallery!), I guess you want a cut and paste scenario? Yes. And thank you. I really liked D-Todd's recent remarks to our parish a few weeks ago, but there is obviously no written account for you at the source. So while his post was awesome, I don't know if you want it to turn into a lot of work on your part. I would love to do that, but yes, I need a written account. Conference was filled with beautiful messages. I need to have the message today - I haven't really ever looked, but assumed we don't have these in writing yet either. Also, I was really into the concept of Liahonas last week (for reasons made known elsewhere). There is an old speech called Patriarchal Blessing: A Liahona of Light or something like that. 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Look at me!!!! Bow to my justice!!!! I am not ashamed!!!! Fortunately, my bishop didn't hand this over to the ward clerk even the more the sec exec runs the parish website, I don't even have administrative rights - thank God for the small favors. I may be small, but I'm slow. A veteran - whether he is on active duty, retired, or the National Guard or reserve is someone who, at some point in his life, wrote a blank cheque actually payable to, The United States of America, for an amount of up to and including my life - it's an honor. 10-07-2009, 3pm #16 If you haven't already you could use a tie in the wrong economy. Did the Bishop warn those who have the best chance of digging deeper and helping those in need to make a spiritual blessing of these difficult times and of their own material prosperity? Find a way to help go to a soup kitchen and volunteer give to the poor. Sometimes, in our generous country, we forget that this is the node of the NT, not gays are bad or stone prostitutes. Your text: But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. (Luke 14:13). Matthew 25:31-46: Come blessed from my Father, for I was hungry and you fed me... When you did it at the lowest of my brothers (and sisters). ... Out of my sight, you who are condemned, for I was hungry and you did not feed me... Jesus fed the hungry, crowds of four thousand (Mark 8:1-13) and five thousand (Mark 6:30-44). Of course it was easy for him. When a true genius appears, you can know him by this sign: that all dunces are in a confederation against him. --Jonathan Swift 10-07-2009, 03:04 PM #17 Originally posted by SeattleUte If you haven't already you could use a tie in the wrong economy. Did the Bishop warn those who have the best chance of digging deeper and helping those in need, to make a spiritual blessing of these difficult times and their own material prosperity? Find a way to help go to a soup kitchen and volunteer give to the poor. 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The Exec Sec generally does not have authority over the site, newsletter, etc. Varies according to ward I think. I have decided that the best job description for the Exec Sec, is that he does everything the bishop wants to ask him to do. 10-07-2009, 03:10 PM #19 Initially posted by smokymountainrain I am responsible for submitting the bishopric message for our monthly parish newsletter. I usually take one of the messages from this month's Teacher, but this month I decided I want to go in a different direction. What's the problem? I'm puzzled - I can't find one that I feel good about. If you were in my shoes and could send a message to your parish full of mullahs (no more than 4-5 paragraphs) on a gospel topic - preferably one by a member of Qo12 or at least GA - who would you choose? Does anyone have a favorite? TIA Is this something that most pupils do? A newsletter, I mean. I can see the temptation to push more of my personal agenda on the helpless herd, but mostly it just seems like one more thing to worry about every month. We have a newsletter that includes 99% of people who would probably care about things like that. How many of you live in a room that sends some kind of regular newsletter? 10-07-2009, 15:17 #20 Originally posted by Art Vandelay Is this something most neighborhoods do? A newsletter, I mean. I can see the temptation to push more of my personal agenda on the helpless herd, but mostly it just seems like one more thing to worry about every month. We have a newsletter that includes 99% of people who would probably care about things like that. How many of you live in a room that sends some kind of regular newsletter? Besides the message, we print a birthday list, a YM/YW calendar, if there is a HQ activity submitting an entry, the YW usually submit something, etc. A guy in our parish owns a printing press and does the for free, so apart from him, no one really has much to do to get it out. It is transmitted when deacons collect quick offerings. 10-07-2009, 03:18 #21 Initially Posted by smokymountainrain This right there is exactly what I was hoping to get when I created this thread. I'm serious. I've got a little work to do, do, it will work very well. Thank you. Everything you stinkin' SOB's and your petty attempts at comedy can go suck an egg because DDD and SU have spoken. 10-07-2009, 15:24 #22 Originally posted by Art Vandelay Is this something most neighborhoods do? A newsletter, I mean. I can see the temptation to push more of my personal agenda on the helpless herd, but mostly it just seems like one more thing to worry about every month. We have a newsletter that includes 99% of people who would probably care about things like that. How many of you live in a room that sends some kind of regular newsletter? My current service is just an RS newsletter. I think it depends on the need for a single room, but it's certainly not a necessity that the 1st ward have one because the 2nd ward does. It's nice to have a combined calendar in one place. It is also nice to be able to share a brief message (perhaps indirectly on a concern issue at the welfare meeting, e.g.) without having to hear more often from ward leaders and chair assistants. It's refreshing to see that you're concerned about a personal agenda, but as SU pointed out it's not bad to have a reminder of what Christianity means, for example that many will skip a sanctimonious message or a topic they're not currently grappling with is a plus for the effectiveness of newsletter time in my mind. 10-07-2009, 3:33 PM #23 Initially Posted by Smokymountainrain This right there is exactly what I was hoping to get when I created this thread. I'm serious. I have a bit of work to do, but it will work very well. Thank you. Everything you stinkin' SOB's and your petty attempts at comedy can go suck an egg because DDD and SU have spoken. But thanks to this thread anyone who doubted the value of SU to the board must now reassess their opinion of it. Dio perdona aunt cose per un'opera di misericordia God forgives many things for an act of mercy/Alessandro Manzoni Knock it off. This advice has enough problems without a dose of middle-aged fading. pelagius 10-07-2009, 03:39 pm #24 originally posted by SteelBlue varies according to ward I think. I decided that the best job description for the Sec exec. That sounds fair. Initially posted by happyone Fortunately, my bishop did not hand this over to the parish clerk even the more the sec exec runs the parish website, I don't even have the administrative rights - thank God for the small favors. Ha! I asked for a web administrator from Ward to be called. administrative rights, but no idea how to use them. 10-07-2009, 03:40 pm #25 Initially posted by smokymountainrain This right there is exactly what I was hoping to get when I created this thread. I'm serious. I have a bit of work to do, but it will work very well. Thank you. Anything you stinkin' SOB's and your petty attempts at comedy can suck an egg because DDD and SU have spoken. 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And I mean all of them. 10-07-2009, 05:21 PM #28 Originally published by SeattleUte In addition, you could elucidate the meaning of charity, perhaps various permutations of dictionary definitions (this will lead you to modern use, that is, help those in need), and quote (my favorite Pauline Scripture) 1 Cor. 13 re charity being greater than faith or hope or any other virtue. In support of the SU theme, perhaps you can use this vignette. The one who illustrated charity in his life was President George Albert Smith. Immediately after the Second World War, the Church was willing to collect warm clothes to ship to suffering saints in Europe. Harold B. Lee and Marion G. Romney took President George Albert Smith to Welfare Square in Salt Lake City to see the results. They were impressed by the generous response of the members of the Church. They saw President Smith watching the workers as they seeded the large volume of donated clothing and footwear. They saw tears running down his face. After a few moments, President George Albert Smith removed his own new overcoat and said, Please ship this too. The Brothers said to him, No, President, no; Don't send that; it's cold and you need your coat. But President Smith would not take it back; thus his cloak, along with all the others, was sent to Europe, where the nights were long and dark and where food and clothing were scarce. It's from a vintage TSM conversation, which you can extract further if you want here. I just realized that I am trying to collaborate on a gospel message with SU. Is the space-time continuum still intact? There is a lot of difference in believing something, and again, W.H. Auden God made angels to show his splendour - as He made animals for innocence and plants for their simplicity. But the men and women He did to serve him with humor, in the tangle of their minds. -- Robert Bolt, A Man for All Seasons It is only with the heart that one can rightly see; What invisible to the eye. --Antoine de Saint-Exupery 10-07-2009, 5:54 p.m. #29 Initially posted by LA Ute In support of the SU theme, perhaps you can use this vignette: The one who illustrated charity in his life was President George Albert Smith. Immediately after the Second World War, the Church was willing to collect warm clothes to ship to suffering saints in Europe. Harold B. Lee and Marion G. Romney took President George Albert Smith to Welfare Square in Salt Lake City to see the results. They were impressed by the generous response of the members of the Church. They saw President Smith watching the workers as they seeded the large volume of donated clothing and footwear. They saw tears running down his face. 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