

Reno Nevada Stake

2025 Ward Conference Reference Guide

Ward Conference Dates:

January 12th Canyon Creek (9:00 a.m.)

January 26 Beaumont (10:30 a.m.)

February 9th Peavine Valley (Noon)

February 23rd Hunter Lake (Noon)

March 9th Skyline (9:30 a.m.)

March 23th Tahoe North (10:00 am)

Ward Conference Theme

To Whom Or To What Will I Give My Life?

See President Nelson's October 2024 General Conference address "The Lord Jesus Christ Will Come Again" and this quote:

I have learned that the most crucial question we each must answer is this:
To whom or to what will I give my life?

Preparation for Ward Conference

- In preparation for Ward Conference, all members are invited to review scriptures and articles that pertain to the theme of the conference. (See Additional References below)
- Please announce and include in the ward bulletin for 3 to 4 weeks in advance of your scheduled conference, including the Additional References.
- Please have the Ward Clerk prepare five (5) copies of the sustaining list and provide it to the Stake Clerk in advance of the block for distribution.
- Your assigned Stake High Councilor will read the sustaining list during the business portion of Sacrament Meeting.
- Please invite reverence by having the Sacrament prepared well in advance of the start of the meeting.
- Prelude music should begin 15 minutes before the scheduled start time and should consist of music from the Hymns.

- Members of the bishopric and the stake presidency should be in their seats on the stand 5-10 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Please have a counselor in the bishopric conduct. Announcements should be kept to a minimum and placed in the printed program. Please conduct any required ward business and allow time for your assigned High Councilor to read the sustaining list during the business section of the program. If any ordinances are to be performed (confirmations, etc.) please do so following the business.
- Speakers in Sacrament Meeting will be the Bishop and the Stake President. The Bishop's remarks should be limited to 10-12 minutes. The remainder of the time should be left for the Stake President.

Second Hour Meetings

ELDERS QUORUM

President Smith will preside. The High Councilor assigned to coordinate with the ward will arrange in advance for an invocation and benediction, and he will conduct the meeting. Following the invocation, he will give time to the Elders Quorum Presidency for any Quorum business and announcements. He will announce the brother to provide the benediction and then turn the meeting over to President Smith who will lead the balance of the meeting.

RELIEF SOCIETY

A counselor in the Ward Relief Society Presidency will conduct the meeting and welcome the sisters, followed by an opening hymn and invocation. President Woodman will give brief remarks prior to joining the Youth. The meeting will then be turned over to President Rock and the Stake Relief Society Presidency to teach and testify in accordance with the Ward Conference Theme. Approximately the final five minutes of the meeting will be given to the Ward Relief Society President to share comments and her testimony, followed by the benediction.

YOUTH

President Woodman will Preside and will be accompanied by President Hunsaker, and Stake Young Women and Young Men leaders. All youth, Bishoprics, and Ward Young Women and Young Men leaders should attend, along with any Seminary teachers who are members of the Ward. The instruction will be under the direction of President Woodman and President Hunsaker with assistance from the Stake Youth Leadership. An email will be sent to the Bishop and Youth Leaders with other particulars.

PRIMARY

The Stake Primary Presidency will conduct Primary during the 2nd hour with any assistance from the Ward Primary Presidency as may be requested by the Stake leaders. They will coordinate with Brother Anderson of the High Council to arrange to have members of the High

Council help with teaching Primary classes, and/or help with or lead music and/or sharing time as the Stake Primary Presidency directs. Primary teachers and workers should attend the other appropriate second hour session of the Ward Conference, i.e. Relief Society or Elders Quorum.

Please advise the Stake Executive Secretary of the desired locations for the above classes.

WARD COUNCIL MEETING

The High Council Advisor to the unit will schedule a Ward Council Meeting prior to the meeting block. Wherever possible we will begin this meeting two hours prior to Sacrament Meeting. Please advise the Stake Presidency if an alternative time is necessary/appropriate.

Agenda Outline:

The meeting should begin with a prayer and brief reports on assignments from previous meetings. The agenda should be developed focusing on the following:

1. Living the gospel of Jesus Christ. Helping all members build faith, receive saving ordinances, and keep their covenants.
2. Caring for those in need. Sharing resources and skills to bless individuals, families, and the community. Helping ward members become self-reliant. (See [chapter 22](#).)
3. Inviting all to receive the gospel. Reviewing the progress of those who are learning about the gospel, as well as new and returning members. Discussing ways members can share the gospel with others. (See [chapter 23](#).)
4. Uniting families for eternity. Reviewing the progress of members who are preparing to receive temple ordinances. Planning ways to help more members qualify for a temple recommend. Discussing ways members can participate in temple and family history work. (See [chapter 25](#).)
 - If applicable, full-time missionaries who have recently returned home may be invited to report on their missions to the ward council (see [24.8.3](#)).
 - Please leave 10 minutes prior to the closing prayer for the Stake Presidency to share closing remarks.
 - **Participants**
 - The bishopric, ward clerk, and ward executive secretary. Presidents of the Elders Quorum, Relief Society, Young Women, Primary, and Sunday School, Ward Mission Leader, Ward Temple and Family History Leader, the full time missionaries, and the Stake Presidency.

POST-CONFERENCE MEETING

Immediately following the two-hour block, the Stake Presidency will meet briefly with the Bishopric, Ward Clerk, and Ward Executive Secretary.

Additional References:

Theme: To whom or to what will I give my life? (President Russell M. Nelson, October 2024, [The Lord Jesus Christ Will Come Again](#))

President Russel M. Nelson: Let God Prevail

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2020/10/46nelson?lang=eng>

President Russell M. Nelson: [Prophets, Leadership, and Divine Law](#) (January 8, 2017)

Elder D. Todd Christofferson: [Finding Your Life](#) (March 2016)

Elder D. Todd Christofferson: [Reflections on a Consecrated Life](#) (November 2010)

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf: [On Being Genuine](#) (April 2015)

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf: [Our Heartfelt All](#) (May 2022)

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf: [The Way of the Disciple](#) (April 2009)

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland: [The Cost—and Blessings—of Discipleship](#) (April 2014)

Elder Neal A. Maxwell: [Consecrate Thy Performance](#) (May 2002)

Elder Mark E. Petersen: What Will a Man Give? (October 1973)

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/1973/10/what-will-a-man-give?lang=eng>

Sister Carole M. Stephens: [Wide Awake to Our Duties](#) (November 2012)

Elder Rober D. Hales: [Becoming a Disciple of Our Lord Jesus Christ](#) (April 2017)

Elder Robert D. Hales: [The Covenant of Baptism: To Be in the Kingdom and of the Kingdom](#) (October 2000)

President Russell M. Nelson: [Choices for Eternity](#) (May 2022)

Church Leaders' Teachings from Social Media: [Discipleship in Daily Life](#) (January 2024)