

SANDY UTAH WILLOW CREEK STAKE CONFERENCE  
 GENERAL SESSION SUNDAY  
 September 9, 2018  
 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  
 2350 E Creek Road, Sandy UT 84093

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Presiding President Joseph A. Staples  
 Accompanying President and Sister Lansing of the Utah Salt Lake City South Mission  
 Patriarch David Sperry

Conducting President Matheson  
 Welcome and announcements by President Matheson

Opening Hymn #243, "Let us all Press On"  
 Chorister Glenda Gleave (1st Ward)  
 Organist Jeanne Benson (1st Ward)

Invocation Spencer Park (3rd Ward Primary Teacher)

President Matheson - Melchizedek Priesthood Ordinations to the office of Elder since last conference:

Full Name	Ordination Date	Priesthood Office	Age	Unit
Westover, Jeffrey John	22 Apr 2018	Elder	19	Willow Creek 4th Ward
Dunn, Connor Allen	29 Apr 2018	Elder	18	Willow Creek 7th Ward
Grosclaude, Nicholas Gary	10 Jun 2018	Elder	18	Willow Creek 6th Ward
Ringwood, Dallin Vranes	19 Jun 2018	Elder	18	Willow Creek 4th Ward
Goaslind, Jackson Richard	24 Jun 2018	Elder	18	Willow Creek 3rd Ward
Turley, Derek Chase	1 Jul 2018	Elder	18	Willow Creek 7th Ward
Young, James Thomas	15 Jul 2018	Elder	18	Willow Creek 9th Ward
Hunt, Jared Sonntag	22 Jul 2018	Elder	18	Willow Creek 4th Ward
Harmer, Zachary Joseph	5 Aug 2018	Elder	18	Willow Creek 1st Ward
Borland, Zachary Paul	26 Aug 2018	Elder	18	Willow Creek 2nd Ward

including Bryan Patel – 7<sup>th</sup> Ward and Matthew Black – First Ward were sustained. **James Clinton Weaver** to stand. Bro. Weaver was called to serve on our High Council, and as a result was ordained to the office of High Priest.

Speaker: **Samantha Morgan**, 6th Ward (What I learned from Prophet's challenge) Her talk was taken from President Nelson's recent youth devotional. She participated in the Social Media fast and testified that by giving up Social Media she was better able to connect with others.

Speaker: **James Fetzer**, 7th Ward ( What I learned from Prophet's challenge ) James compared Laman and Lemuel with people who lost focus. By giving up his social media accounts he has found he

is now more productive and more in tune with the spirit. James is better able to focus on Christ and is no longer distracted by constantly checking posts.

Speaker **Sister Dianne Feil**, 1st Ward (Ministering through mission service) has filed paperwork to serve another senior mission with her husband. Previously they served in the Germany Frankford Mission in Public Affairs. She testified that LDS charities is very important since we are recognized in countries where the church has not yet been allowed to send regular missionaries. “We are Christ’s hands in this work.”

Speaker: **Brother Les Feil**, 1st Ward (Ministering through mission service) Feil and wife Deanne are currently church service missionaries. This gave him an opportunity to read Willard Richard’s Journal. He particularly enjoyed Richard’s account of the day he was with the Prophet Joseph Smith when he was killed. “When you receive spiritual impressions write them down. In doing so you receive more.”

Speaker **Sister Lansing, Mission President’s Wife** - Our missionaries have received great blessings as we have read the Book of Mormon. There is great power in reading the New Testament as a mission family. Sister Lansing described the symbolism of the Savior’s first miracle in turning water into wine at the marriage feast. Clay pots of Christ’s day held from 18 to 27 gallons of water. We are the living water of His church today.

Speaker: **President Lansing of the South S.L. Mission** - presides over 160 + missionaries in our area. They are outstanding young men and women. The Lansing’s are from Virginia and have twelve grand-children. They are pleased serve here in Utah and are enjoying their calling.

**Special Musical Number** - 1st Ward Choir: “The King of Love, My Shepherd is” Choir Director: Sharla Pearce (1st Ward) Choir accompanied by Megan Johnson. The First Ward was thanked by President Matheson for serving as host for this conference.

Speaker: **Zach Smith**, 6th Ward (Prioritizing the gospel in my life) He discussed the importance of putting the Savior first as you raise your family. Brother Smith is the father of a seven-year-old girl and four-year-old boy and expects a third child next week.

Speaker: **Ksenia Volkova**, SA Ward (Prioritizing the gospel in my life)  
Born in Russia and Ukraine, she and her mother began visiting Christian churches after the fall of the Soviet Union. It was a difficult time for the people of Russia. The suicide rate rose to 42 per 100,000, highest in the world and inflation was 21%. Ksenia and her mother were looking for clarity when they found the church. Her father brought them a pamphlet. He said he got it from two young men in suits with parachutes on their back. Missionaries wore backpacks then. The church gave her emotional, spiritual and temporal focus during troubled times. She learned to say “No” to things that did not matter. “In the absence of clarity everything looks like an opportunity. Volkova was licensed in health care in Russia but her license did not transfer to the U.S. She spent 10 years taking classes here to get licensed in health care. Ksenia appreciates what she has now as a member of the L.D.S. church living in Utah.

Speaker **President Staples**

Closing Hymn #124, "Be Still My Soul" by First Ward Choir and Strings

Benediction: Maureen Egan