

Dear Willow Creek Stake Members,

This has been a busy and eventful week. We've seen many blessings as we've faced challenges and changes. It has been amazing to see what it means to be led by a Prophet of God.

One of our biggest considerations as we met as a stake presidency, and received input from the Bishops, was how to best administer the sacrament -- the most important part of our Sabbath day worship. We have asked the Bishops to administer the sacrament in a uniform way across the stake. We would like everyone who desires to partake of the sacrament to be able to do that each week. At the same time, we want to minimize the risk of spreading the virus. With these two goals in mind, any household that has a worthy Melchizedek priesthood holder, or Aaronic Priesthood holder that has been ordained a Priest, is authorized to bless the sacrament for himself and his family. The priesthood holder should honor the ordinance in their demeanor and dress while filling this priesthood role. This authorization is given until regular church meetings are resumed. For others, we ask you to first consider a family member who holds the correct Priesthood to administer the sacrament to you (this is done under the keys held by the Bishop of the Ward). If neither of these are options, for family wards, young men and their leaders will come to your house and provide the sacrament to you each week. They will not enter your house, but will provide bread and water that has been blessed prior to their arrival. For the SA ward, providing the sacrament will be done by Priesthood holders as assigned by the Bishop.

We are so blessed to be part of ward and stake families. During this time, we'd like to ask every ministering brother and ministering sister to make weekly contact via text, phone, or email just to check on the person or family they minister to.

**Other Items:**

- Wards will create and broadcast a monthly web-based worship meeting. The first one will be held on March 29th. Wards will provide you with connection information.
- The stake baptism scheduled for April is being canceled. Children planning to be baptized in April will be scheduled at a later date.
- The Feed Utah food drive scheduled for March 21st has been canceled.
- Please follow the directive that there are to be no church activities. This includes things like church sporting events, empty-nester family home evenings, girl's and boy's activity days, young men/young women weekly activities.
- The high school senior morningside will be held via a web-based broadcast on March 15th at 10:00 a.m. The stake youth leaders will provide connection information.
- Individual appointments with Bishops and other ward leaders can still be scheduled.

- Temple recommend interviews will continue to take place. For stake interviews, those take place at the stake center from 2:00 - 3:00 pm each Sunday (not on General Conference Sunday).

The *Come Follow Me* curriculum was introduced in July of 2018 and the home-centered, church supported gospel study began in January of 2019. We've been taught, "God has revealed a pattern of spiritual progress for individuals and families through ordinances, teaching, programs, and activities that are home centered and Church supported." We are prepared for this day. We encourage all members to use the Sabbath day as a time of study, prayer, and gospel conversations.

To our youth: you live busy lives. You will now find that you have more time. The question to ask yourself is, "How will I use that time?" What a great opportunity to work on your goals, do family history work, and study the gospel. Look at the events of the day as an opportunity for you to grow.

Lastly, we are all here to do as the Savior has asked, to help one another. Let us be diligent to doing this as needs arise. We love you and are grateful for our association with you.

The Sandy Utah Willow Creek Stake Presidency

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Dear Sandy Utah Willow Creek Stake Members,

As many of you know, today the leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced that for the [April 2020 general conference](#) the plan is to conduct all five sessions of the conference at the Conference Center. However, proceedings of the conference will be distributed throughout the world via technology only. The public will not be admitted in the Conference Center in Salt Lake City, or in stake centers or meetinghouses in our area.

Additionally, the Willow Creek [stake conference](#), scheduled for March 21-22, 2020 has been postponed. Since we are just over a week away from the date when we would have held stake conference, many of the preparations have already been made. We'd like to thank those who worked to prepare for those meetings. The normal two hour meeting schedule will be held on March 22nd in each of our four buildings under the direction of the Bishop of each ward in the stake.

Lastly, as a precaution we'd like to discourage hand-shaking at our church meetings in an attempt to minimize the possibility of spreading any virus, and ask that you follow additional recommendations issued by health officials.

May the Lord bless you in all that you do.

Joseph Staples

Alan Matheson

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