

Sandy Utah Willow Creek Stake Annual Summary

In 2015, the primary emphasis and focus within the Sandy Utah Willow Creek Stake was “Strengthening faith in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ.” This emphasis was included in stake conference talks and in various meeting topics throughout the year.

On October 11, 2015, under the direction of C. Scott Grow, a member of the First Quorum of Seventy, and accompanied by Kyle S. McKay, and Area Seventy, the Sandy Willow Creek Stake Presidency was reorganized. Released were Jonathan W. Parker as President; Randolph H. Luke as 1st Counselor and H. Burt Ringwood as 2nd Counselor. Sustained were John Ross Kimo Esplin as President, Kevin Lynn Ludlow as 1st Counselor and Joseph Alan Staples as 2nd Counselor.

There were no changes in membership of the Stake High Council in 2015. Members during 2015 were: Alan Matheson, William Christensen, Duane McCleery, William Lodder, Kent Griffiths, Steven Eyre, Steven Glick, Kerry Rolfe, Steven Gough, Scott McMillan, Richard Johnson, and Brent Robinson.

There were a total of 33 missionaries sent out to labor from the Sandy Willow Creek Stake during 2015. This includes: Mario Garcia (California, Arcadia), Brett Walker (New Jersey, Morristown), Madison Hyland (Guatemala City Central), Jacob Jensen (Denmark, Copenhagen), John and Jeanette Payne (Canada, Montreal), McKay Fackrell (Australia, Melbourne) Thomas Fackrell (Australia, Brisbane), Craig and Connie Thomsen (Washington, Tacoma), Jade Jones (Brazil, Londrina), Robert Jorgenson (Italy, Rome), Madeline Tolley (Korea, Seoul South), Delaney Oliver (Idaho, Twin Falls), Douglas and Julie Moore (Washington, Vancouver), James and Rosalind Hoggan (Utah, Salt Lake City South), Norriss and Carol Webb (Philippines, Quezon City), Matthew Teynor (Denmark, Copenhagen), Jaden Durling (Wisconsin, Milwaukee), Jared Worth (Argentina, Bahia Blanca), Carter Matheson (Philippines, Angeles), Levi Lambson (Philippines, Cavite), Andrew Goaslind (Arkansas, Little Rock), Danielle Shumway (Washington, Kennewick), Jerry Barlow (El Salvador, Santa Ana), Colton Smart (Philippines, Bacolod), Michael Tellez (Ecuador, Quito North), Ethan Leiter (Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo East), Leanne Schmidt (Florida, Ft. Lauderdale), Adam Metcalf (Australia, Sydney North).

The stake participated in the children’s parade in July 2015 with the construction of a float. The theme of the float was “New Frontier Heroes.” A number of the primary children from the stake walked alongside the float during the parade.

As a new Stake Presidency, we feel blessed to live and serve amongst such wonderful, faithful church members. We appreciate the many good practices and traditions that were put in place by those who served in these positions before us. And we cannot express enough how grateful we are for the countless hours spent by those who serve so faithfully. As we look forward, we do so with faith, with a reliance on a loving Heavenly Father, and with an invitation to all to come unto Christ. We testify of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; of the realization that God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ live; and that the gospel, in its fullness, was restored through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Sincerely,

President Esplin
President Ludlow
President Staples