

THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

December 15, 2019

RE: 2020 Ward and Branch Conferences

Dear Bishops and Branch Presidents:

We are looking forward to our upcoming ward and branch conferences. We have outlined the following details for you below:

**Visits**

We have left it up to the stake organizations as to whether or not they would like to go on visits with their ward/branch counterpart in your unit. Where visits will occur, the arrangements will be made by the stake organizations directly with their ward/branch counterpart.

**Ward/Branch Council Training**

The stake presidency would like to meet with your bishopric/branch presidency (to include your ward/branch clerk, financial clerk and executive secretary) for training beginning 90 minutes prior to the start of Sacrament Meeting.

Please share with the stake presidency before ward/branch conference how you've delegated responsibilities between your bishopric/branch presidency.

We will finish this training meeting fifteen minutes before Sacrament Meeting begins so that we can review the sustaining list for accuracy with enough time to reverently move into the chapel and prepare for the Sacrament.

**Training**

All our organization training will occur as follows; Ward Mission Leaders (or those assigned to oversee missionary work in your units) will take place prior to the 2 hour block. Brother Caviglia our high councilor over missionary work will provide that training and make arrangements with the appropriate individuals.

The Relief Society, Young Men, Young Women, Primary and Sunday School will have training after the block. The respective stake organizations will confirm and follow up with those involved in this training.

**Block Meetings**

**Sacrament Meeting**

President Ballard will preside at each Sacrament Meeting. You can assign whomever you would like to conduct. President Marks will read the sustaining list as a part of your ward business. As per the handbook both the Bishop and the Stake President speak during this Sacrament meeting. Due to our shortened schedule, bishop if you would plan for 10-15 minutes followed by a short musical number and President Ballard will then speak for the remaining time.

## **Second Hour**

All of our Ward/Branch Conferences are on either a second or fourth Sunday. As such, your units will be having Priesthood, Relief Society, Young Women and Primary meetings that day. The following teaching arrangements will be in place: President Marks will teach the Elder's Quorum, President Coffey and the Stake Relief Society will teach the Relief Society, President Ballard will teach the Young Women and the Stake Young Men Presidency will teach the Young Men. Primary will proceed as usual with Singing Time and Classes taught by the regular teachers and leaders.

## **Miscellaneous**

1. The presidency members will be available after the block for temple recommend interviews. Please have members contact the stake executive secretary Corey Anderson to make specific arrangements. His number is (425) 829-2431.
2. Historically units have prepared sack lunches or other meals for the traveling stake leaders (this includes Sandpoint, Sunnyside, YSA to help out with those traveling from Bonners Ferry, Troy and Libby). That kindness fills us with gratitude, and we would appreciate it if you would help us identify the individuals who have provided the meals, so we can thank them in person.
3. You will find below a schedule showing the break-down of our plans for the two-hour block, as well as an attached schedule showing dates and start times for Sacramento Meetings and trainings. Please look the schedule over to confirm it is correct.

Brothers and Sisters as always, we're very grateful for the wonderful work you and your members are doing in your wards and branches. We look forward to spending these conferences with you and your wonderful saints.

Sincerely,

*Richard O. Ballard*

*Alene C Coffey*

*David B Marks*

## WARD/BRANCH CONFERENCE MEETING DATES

Newport Ward	January 26
Bonnors Ferry 1 Ward	February 23
Bonnors Ferry 2 Ward	March 22
Priest River Ward	April 26
Westmond Ward	May 24
Troy Branch	June 28
Libby Ward	July 26
Clark Fork Branch	September 27
Sandpoint Ward	November 8
Sunnyside Ward	November 22
Young Single Adult Branch	December 13

## MEETING BEGINNING TIMES

<b>Unit Name</b>	<b>Before Block Training</b>	<b>Sacrament Begins</b>	<b>After Block Training</b>
Bonnors Ferry 1	10:30	12:00	2:00
Bonnors Ferry 2	7:30	9:00	11:00
Clark Fork	8:30	10:00	12:00
Libby	8:30 MTN	10:00 MTN	12:00 MTN
Newport	11:30	1:00	3:00
Priest River	8:30	10:00	12:00
Sandpoint	8:00	10:30	12:30
Sunnyside	7:30	9:00	11:00
Troy	9:30 MTN	11:00 MTN	1:00 MTN
Westmond	8:30	10:00	12:00
Young Single Adults	10:30	12:00	2:00