

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
THE SEVENTY  
47 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE STREET, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84150-1200

February 18, 2022

To: Utah Area Seventies, Mission Presidents, Stake Presidents, Bishops, and Branch Presidents

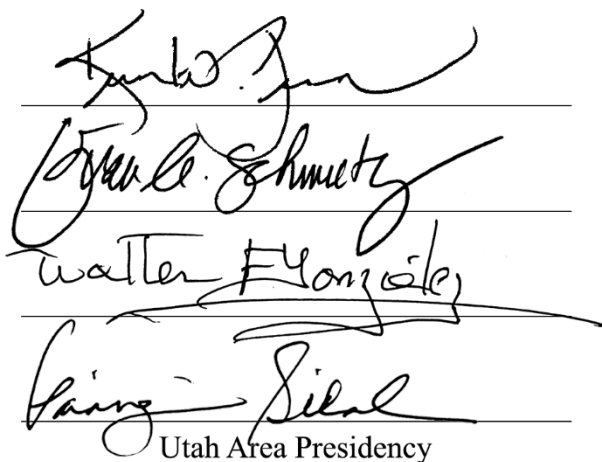
Dear Brothers,

We are grateful for the declining prevalence of the COVID-19 Omicron variant and reduction in hospitalization rates in Utah and surrounding states. Throughout the past 24 months, our goal has been to return to full church activity as much and as early as possible while minimizing risk to individuals and communities. We appreciate your leadership in these unusual times.

According to the February 18 notice from the First Presidency, we now feel that is appropriate for local priesthood leaders to determine, consistent with current guidance from state and local public health officials, when it is no longer necessary to encourage facial masks in church meetings. Those who wish to continue to use facial masks are welcome to do so. We urge leaders to continue to provide broadcasting to those who are unable or uncomfortable attending meetings in person. Church units should return to full activity wherever possible, including second hour meetings.

Thank you for your inspired leadership in unprecedented times.

Sincerely,



Kenton J. Smith  
Gerald E. Schmutz  
Walter H. Longley  
Craig S. Seal

Utah Area Presidency