

2019 General Conference
"Rejoice and Prepare Quickly – The Bridegroom Cometh!"

Brothers and Sisters:

Welcome to the 2019 General Conference! That you have willingly laid aside your day-to-day activities to come together for this event is humbling. We are happy to have you in attendance.

You were asked to come to this Conference fasting and in prayer for the Lord's presence and direction. We encourage you to continue in that vein (disposition) throughout the Conference, that his Voice may be upon us.

We anticipate that meaningful things will transpire during this week together, expectantly desiring the Lord will nurture us, bring healing to us, instruct us, and will resoundingly call us to demonstrations of greater faith that will be revealed through our works.

Should you have desires to serve or contribute during this conference, we encourage you to communicate that to a member of the Logistics Committee. We have asked the Lord to lead us this week, and our response to His leadings has the capacity to change things in ways that never could have been planned or arranged.

We have asked each quorum leader to petition the Lord for instruction on how to proceed this year, and look forward to hearing about the fruits of those gatherings. Quorums who wish to report to the body will be offered an opportunity to do so during the Business Sessions on Thursday.

The themes we have chosen are reflective of our hope in the pending arrival of the Bridegroom. Our desire is that all we engage in this week (and beyond) will draw our focus to what the Lord, Jesus Christ, is calling us to do as a people who profess to be *His*. As has been prophesied, the time for His return to the earth draws near. Preparation for that day begs we ask ourselves deep questions and begs a strong, deep and sincere response.

For your consideration, our theme on Monday is a Hebrew idiom. "*Thief in the night*" refers to *someone who has a high calling and an honorable task to fulfill*. The context in which the idiom is used reveals its meaning. As we explore the opportunities and ramifications inherent in the themes for this week, our hope is that your hearts will be strengthened and that your resolve to be engaged in faith-led works will be fortified and become a valiant, steady and pure testimony in the earth.

May the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior uplift and inspire you throughout this conference, is our prayer.



In Service,
The 2018/2019 Logistics Committee:

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