

Two members of the Pacific Area Presidency spoke at the recent general conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held at the Church's headquarters in Salt Lake City.

Elder Tad R. Callister, the newly-called Pacific Area President, and Elder Brent H. Nielson, also newly-called as second counselor in the Area Presidency, addressed congregations in Salt Lake City during the two-day conference held on the weekend of 3-4 October. The proceedings of the conference were viewed and listened to by Latter-day Saints and other guests worldwide in 92 languages, via radio, television, satellite and the Internet.

The Pacific Area Presidency was re-organized this month with former Area President, Elder David S. Baxter, being released; and Elder James J. Hamula called to be the first counselor.

Read transcripts, or listen to or view audio and video files of Elder Callister's and Elder Nielson's sermons [here](#).

Pacific Area Presidency:



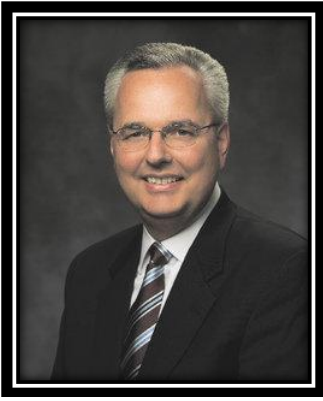
TAD R. CALLISTER

Elder Tad R. Callister was sustained a member of the Second Quorum of the Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 5, 2008, at age 62. At the time of his call, he had been serving as the president of the Canada Toronto East Mission. He served as a member of the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy, North America West Area, from 2000 to 2005.

Elder Callister received a bachelors of science degree in accounting from Brigham Young University in 1968. He later attended UCLA Law School, graduating with a law degree in 1971. The following year, he earned an LLM (Master's) degree in tax law from New York University. Prior to his call as a mission president, he was employed as a practicing attorney with the firm of Callister & Callister since 1972.

Elder Callister has served in a number of Church callings including full-time missionary in the Eastern Atlantic States Mission, elders quorum president, stake mission president, stake president's counselor, bishop, stake president, Regional Representative, mission president's counselor, mission president, and Area Seventy.

Tad Richards Callister was born in Glendale, California, on December 17, 1945. He married Kathryn Louise Saporiti in December 1968. They are the parents of six children.



JAMES J. HAMULA

Elder James J. Hamula was sustained a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 5, 2008, at age 50. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Sixth Quorum of the Seventy in the North America Southwest Area.

Elder Hamula received a bachelor of art degree in political science and philosophy from Brigham Young University in 1981. He graduated magna cum laude with highest honours. In 1985, he received both a master of art in political philosophy as well as a juris doctorate degree from Brigham Young University. After graduation, he started his legal career as an associate at the law firm of Evans, Kitchel & Jenckes, P.C. Currently; he is a shareholder of Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A. He has been listed in Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business from 2005-2008. He was also listed as one of the Southwest Super Lawyers in 2007 and 2008.

Elder Hamula has served in a number of Church callings including full-time missionary in the Germany Munich Mission, bishop, elders quorum president, high councilor, stake president, president of the Washington D.C. South Mission, stake Young Men president, and Area Seventy.

James Joseph Hamula was born in Long Beach, California, on November 20, 1957. He married Joyce Anderson in April 1984. They are the parents of six children.



BRENT H. NIELSON

Elder Brent H. Nielson was sustained a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 4, 2009, at age 54. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy in the Idaho Area.

Elder Nielson attended Brigham Young University and in 1978, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Then in 1981, he received a juris doctorate degree in law from the University of Utah. He has been an attorney/partner at Roy, Nielson, Barini-Garcia & Platts since 1985.

Elder Nielson has served in numerous Church callings, including full-time missionary in Finland, ward Young Men president, bishop, high councilor, stake president's counselor, stake president, and Area Seventy.

Brent Hatch Nielson was born in Burley, Idaho on December 8, 1954. He married Marcia Ann Bradford in 1978. They are the parents of six children and eight grandchildren.