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My Esteemed Missionary Companions,

Having just read about the solemn assembly held at the recent October General Conference I feel impressed to write to you regarding our new prophet, seer and revelator -- President Harold B. Lee. It is a wonderful feeling to know the man called to direct the kingdom of God on earth was not chosen by men but by the Lord. There was no political campaign involved, no popularity contest required, or for that matter anything faintly similar to what we hear and see as our country gears up for another election year.

To know the Lord chooses His leader of His church the way He does is to me very reassuring. He has done so with each president of the church since Joseph Smith. The priesthood quorums of the church, and for that matter, all members of the church, are given the right to sustain and support the Lord's choice.

President Lee comes well prepared and trained for his new calling. You know he was the president and senior member of the quorum of the twelve as were all his predecessors before they were called to preside over the Lord's Church.

I'm confident we will see many dynamic changes take place as the called leaders prepare inspired programs for a world-wide church. Already we have seen the direction President Lee is going to take as he proclaimed "The Church has need of every member."

As missionaries we have been called by one of His chosen servants and as such we now must lend our full and unwavering support to the prophet who now guides The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. We can best do this by living exemplary lives and doing all things in righteousness.

I pledge to each and every one of you, my wonderful missionary companions, my full hearted support to President Lee and ask you to do likewise. May we at all times realize the tremendous privilege we have of serving he who the Lord has chosen and through our good works be worthy of our callings. To so do will bring choice and wonderful blessings upon us and it is my sincere desire that this will be your good fortune.

Faithfully your brother,

Harvey S. Glade
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Dear Fellow Servants,

This mission is a constant climb,
A very rocky road.
So many of us slip and slide
Beneath the heavy load.
This mission is just a lot of rain
With very little sun.
Each day presents a problem
Hard work and specks of fun.
This mission is just a borrowed time
Alloted by the master.
Time moves in never ending strides
But the work moves so much faster.
This mission is just a bouncing ball,
We're up and then we're down
From top baptizer of the month
To opening a brand new town.
That's how it goes in the mission field
Just a constant climb.
And before we know it---

WE RUN OUT OF TIME!

This last month we were a little down, as far as records show, but everyone seems to have been working hard and united. I suppose it was just old Satan, trying to discourage us. Let's refuse to be discouraged! We must remember that the shame is not in the failure, but it is in the not bouncing back and continuing the constant climb to success. Let us prove ourselves and our consistency to the Lord, by working each day, one day at a time and doing it at our level of potential. We teach our investigators that first come the trials and then if we endure with faith the blessings are poured out abundantly. Let's prepare ourselves for the coming month and the great success that the Lord and our efforts will bring forth.

Sincerely,

Elder Randy Teel

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Fellow Companions:

It has been brought to my mind very forcefully in the past weeks how much the work that we are engaged in causes change to take place in our lives and in the lives of others. For the missionary entering the mission field there are a myriad of changes that must take place in him or her before effective service to the Lord can be rendered. The extent to which we as missionaries acquire Godly attributes will greatly determine our success as His servants. Our appearance, attitude, and conduct must begin to coincide with the holy ministry which we are called and set apart to. A mission becomes a very personal relationship between the missionary and the Lord. Many times testimonies must be gained; for as the salesman, we cannot hope to sell something we are not fully sold on ourselves. "Faith, hope charity, and love, with an eye single to the glory of God" becomes a cherished theme for living which changes our very outlook on life and helps us more ably cope with its daily problems in the mission field.

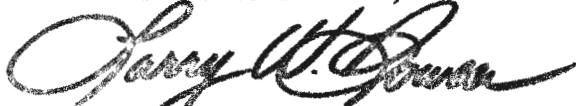
We have been called by prophecy to preach the gospel to a chosen and beautiful people. Through our message and the Holy Ghost we pray to be able to change peoples lives. How glorious and great it is to see someone embrace the gospel plan and let its message change his life. Lives can be completely turned around, from destitute failure to success and happiness. We need not look very far to see the tremendous affect the gospel has on people in all walks of life. For the convert physical, social, financial, and intellectual changes must be realized principally through the help of members. The programs of our mission are set up with this purpose in mind. Let us employ them.

Helping people change their lives becomes the most satisfying part of missionary work because of the love that we develop deep inside for them. Just as the main spring of a watch provides constant pressure to keep the watch running, this satisfying feeling that we receive keeps us going. "And now behold I say unto you that the thing that will be of most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father". (D&C 15:6)

As a missionary terminates the first two years of his life's mission he can reflect upon the changes that he has been able to make in his own life and how the paradox "if ye lose your life for my sake ye shall find it" in truth comes to pass. Thinking back over those special experiences of working with our Latin brothers hoping to influence and teach them the true ways of the Lord helps one develop a plan for future years and find in himself the capacity to go on doing for others. The greatest feeling of all though is thankfulness to a loving Father in Heaven for making it all possible.

Our influence for good in the world is more than we ourselves comprehend. "One can count the seeds in an apple but not the apples in a seed." May we use our talents and abilities each day of our lives in doing good, in bringing a change and a light into the lives of others is my prayer.

With sincere love,



Elder Larry W. Bowen

NOW YOU SEE 'EM

Daniel Martinez
Richard Anderson
Jeffrey Jones

San Blas Islands, Panama
Big Horn, Wyoming
Salt Lake City, Utah

NOW YOU DON'T

Richard Strong
Kathryn Seegmiller
Judith Marsh
David Young
Michal Magyar
Rodger Mc Donald
Bruce C. Kusch
Michael Keate
Robert Haack
Vona Young

Salt Lake City, Utah
Berkley, California
Los Angeles, California
Salt Lake City, Utah
Los Angeles, California
Woodland Hills, California
South Gate, California
Lancaster, California
Idaho Falls, Idaho
Burley, Idaho

ZONE TOTALS--SEPTEMBER, 1972

GUATEMALA ZONE 1 (XELA)	18 BAPTISMS
GUATEMALA ZONE 2 (GUATEMALA)	26 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 3 (SANTA ANA)	7 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 4 (SAN SALVADOR)	24 BAPTISMS

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LOCATION CHART -- OCTOBER 15, 1972

<u>adams, rich</u>	santa lucia	goodman	escuintla	<u>nelson, j</u>	zacapa
abrams	usulután	gudiel	ward 3	nelson, scott	santa tecla
adams, j	ward 1	gwilliam	ward 5	nelson, steve	zacatecoluca
adams, reed	chiquimula	guillen	xela 3	<u>nielson</u>	ward 4
adamson	patzun	gunnell	ward 1	nolte	xela 2
aguilar	xela 3	hansen	ward 3	nye	mazate 2
ahlstrom	antigua	hardy	patzicia	page	escuintla
aitken	coatepeque	hatch	ward 5	<u>park</u>	xela 3
allen, b	escuintla	hathcock	el molino	<u>paulson</u>	layco upper
allen, r	office	hearns	totonicapan	peñate	villa nueva
amesquita	zacamil	hegerhorst	chimaltenango	reintjes	florida 1
<u>andelin</u>	centro	henrie	cipresales	reynoso	solola
anderson	branch 5	hillery	monserrat	rhodes	santa lucia
andrew	ward 3	<u>hone</u>	jocotales	richards	oriente
anthony	ward 1	<u>hughes</u>	oriental	<u>rigby</u>	san marcos
avarell	el molino	jenks	santa lucia	roberts	florida 2
bailey	jocotales	johnson	chalchuapa	robinson	mazate 1
ball, j	occidente	jones, j	ward 2	rodriguez	florida 1
baria	zacamil	<u>jones, l</u>	monserrat	rogers	layco
barrus	florida 2	jorgenson	office	roper	chimaltenango
baxter	san jacinto	kaopua	villa nueva	roundy	barrio nuevo
bennion	milagro	<u>kellest</u>	mejicanos	salazar	patzicia
blake	ahuachapan	<u>kilgore</u>	chalchuapa	<u>sanders</u>	totonicapan
blakesley	el quiche	kirk	ward 4	schlosser	san vicente
bond	centro	kleinman	san jacinto	sellick	zacapa
<u>borgquist</u>	florida	knight	xela 1	<u>shelley</u>	ward 6
bowen	office	kuehne	modelo	shirley	san pedro
bower	centro	kulbeth	reu 2	skiba	momostenango
bumstead	delgado	lamoreaux	modelo	smith	huehuetenango
buttars	momostenango	landeen	patzun	stevenson	usulután
cacuango	office	<u>lauritzen</u>	sololá	stewart	monserrat
<u>call</u>	san jacinto	layton	branch 5	stoker	santa anita
cameron	barrio nuevo	lee	jutiapa	stuart	zacatecoluca
cammack	el quiche	lefler	sonsonate	stumpe	sta.lucia c.
<u>cheney</u>	antigua	<u>lemus</u>	escuintla	symmes	reu 1
clark, s	chiquimula	lewis	sonsonate	taylor	branch 7
clark, t	santa anita	lezama	occidente	teel	office
<u>cuff</u>	mazate 1	<u>lippincott</u>	xela 3	<u>terry</u>	jalapa
curtis	san jacinto	lloyd	el molino	tew	jocotales
daines	jutiapa	mc cracken	florida 1	theodore	florida 2
davis, c	ahuachapan	mc gaughey	soyapango	thompson	centro
davis, lb	occidente	mc quarrie	totonicapan	tueller	totonicapan
<u>de waal</u>	xela 2	nack	sonsonate	twiggs	sonsonate
<u>diehl</u>	ward 3	mahoney	office	valle	occidente
dodge	milagro	mangus	santa tecla	vermillion	mejicanos
dominguez	cipresales	marquez	layco	waite	cipresales
draper	patzicia	martinez	san marcos	wallace, d	cipresales
dugan	ahuachapan	<u>martinson</u>	san vicente	wallace, k	patzicia
eddo	ward 2	matheson	delgado	weaver	soyapango
erskine	office	maughans	layco	whitmer	zacamil
escalante	branch 7	maurent	ahuachapan	williams, a	el molino
<u>evans, m</u>	barrio nuevo	mauzy	coatepeque	williams, d	monserrat
evans, r	ward 1	melendez	oriente	wilson	zacamil
faye	mazate 2.	miller	san pedro	woodman	reu 2
gagon	jalapa	montoya	reu 1	wright, scott	office
gamboa	oriente	moore	huehue	<u>wright, steve</u>	ward 6
gardea	santa lucia	morgan	xela 1	wylie	santa lucia
golightly	jocotales	mortenson	florida 1	young, s	sta. lucia c.
<u>gonzales</u>	barrio nuevo	mundy	lourdes	<u>zollinger</u>	layco upper
gonzales	lourdes				

First Businessman Leader of Mormons to Rely on Revelation

President Lee Believes That God's Wishes Will Be Made Known to Him

BY DAN L. THRAPP
Times Religion Editor

SALT LAKE CITY — Harold Bingham Lee, the 11th president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is the first businessman to head the 3 million-member Mormon faith, but he will guide it the way all his predecessors did—largely by revelation.

"It is a glorious thing," he confided, speaking of the guidance he believes he receives from the Lord.

President Lee follows a distinguished chain of leaders of diverse emphases.

Joseph Smith was a prophet. Brigham Young was an empire builder. Wilford Woodruff, a missionary-reformer. In recent years, David O. McKay was primarily an educator, Joseph Fielding Smith, a historian. All were presidents of the church. All were convinced that they guided it by revelation from God.

Tradition to Continue

President Lee will continue in that tradition, that faith, as "prophet, seer and revelator," as Mormons describe his function.

"You know, it has been in the past, it is in the present, it will be in the future," he said in an interview. "If the Lord has anything to say, He'll say it through the channels that He has established."

And President Lee, on July 7, five days after the death of his predecessor, 95-year-old President Smith, became that primary channel.

"There is only one man on earth at a time, according to Revelations, who holds all the keys of authority," he explained. "He may delegate some of those keys, but reserves to himself certain things that he alone will administer."

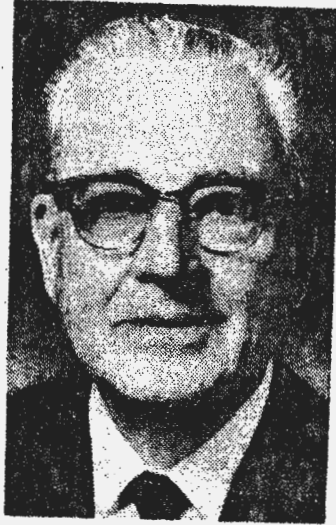
"Jesus Christ is head of the church, but I happen to be the earthly presiding authority, as the president."

Does he actually feel the presence of God? In what way?

He replied by quoting from the holy writings of his church:

"Yea, behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart the will of God. It shall come upon you and it shall dwell in your heart. Now behold, this is the spirit of revelation, which was described as the wind, which 'bloweth where it listeth.'"

"You ask how did it come? I cannot



Harold Bingham Lee

explain it any more than I can tell you where the wind blows. When it leaves me I cannot tell you how or why it leaves me, any more than I can tell you where the wind has gone when it stops blowing. The Lord said that the spirit shall be given you by your prayers and your faith."

President Lee seems a pragmatic man, one whose long business experience will be a forming influence upon the church as it turns from its pioneer past to face new and urgent problems in the years immediately ahead.

Face Belies His Age

Although his unlined face makes it scarcely credible that he is 73 (noting with a smile that this was the average age of his predecessors), he is relatively young for recent presidents of the church. President McKay died at 96; President Smith at 95.

President Lee declined to categorize himself as a liberal, conservative, or in-between, philosophically.

"I suppose that I follow only one course," he said, "and that is to yield myself to that kind of situation required by the office I hold, without thinking in terms of liberal, conservative or what-have-you."

President Lee was born March 28, 1899, at Clifton, Idaho, of Mormon parents.

Like most of his faith, he filled secular positions and gave much, perhaps all, of his spare time to the church.

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"For four years I applied myself to the business of Salt Lake City as a member of the City Commission," he recalled. "It was one of the biggest corporations in the state of Utah. I was invited to become a director of the Union Pacific, the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S., to serve on the board of governors of the American Red Cross.

"As a director of these various institutions, if you apply yourself, you certainly must pick up some business experience."

During this period, he largely organized, became the virtual father of, the church's far-famed welfare system. This was in the Depression-ridden 1930s.

Welfare System

"It took a lot of management, application of business principles, to see that this was done. The spiritual must never forget that there is a temporal side of life."

If the church is famed among non-Mormons for any specific virtue, it is the womb-to-tomb care it takes of its members, a solicitude in which its extensive welfare system is a vital cog.

The church stresses that its people should look out for one another. When disaster strikes one Mormon family, others close in with support in every way possible, and this is part of the formal teaching of the faith.

Doubles Membership

Its welfare program, President Lee said, is one key to the surprising growth by which the church has doubled its membership within 12 years and now stands at about 3.1 million, sixth largest among 217 American church organizations. It scored this swift growth when other faiths are stagnating or even losing membership.

"The biggest problem we have is that of tremendous growth," said President Lee.

"We're all over the world, now. We're no longer just a Western church or a Utah church, or an American church. We're teaching the Gospel in 110 languages. We are gearing ourselves up to meet the challenge of growth."

The most controversial issue concerning Mormonism, at least among non-Mormons, and possibly even among the faithful themselves, is the attitude of the church toward Negroes. It has about 5,000 black members, according to reports, including three who sing in the highly respected Tabernacle Choir.

Priesthood Denied

The church, while admitting them as members, denies them the "priesthood," which means that they can never rise above a particular level of the church or enjoy certain presumed after-life benefits, at least until the policy is changed. The practice stems from one of the writings of Prophet Joseph Smith.

Asked if there was any possibility of a change in the official position, President Lee replied:

"The only one who could answer that would be the Lord Himself."

"I was asked by a Harvard student, 'How would you explain to a nonmember the position of the church on this question?'" said, "To one who doesn't believe in revelation, there's no satisfactory answer; to those who do believe in revelation, there should be no question."

Promise to Blacks

"We're standing by. We say this: We have thousands of those who are blacks, and some of them are the most faithful people we have. The promise has been made that if they are true and faithful, that while they may not presently attain to the highest privileges, they will get more by a baptism into the true church than they would otherwise."

"So we encourage them to be true and faithful. We open the door as wide as we can to church activities. Negro girls sing in the choir. We have fine black boys as athletic d

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rectors, scoutmasters or assistants in Sunday schools. They can go to the temple and perform certain ordinances there that don't require the holding of the priesthood."

President Lee sees no major changes of direction for the Mormon Church in the immediate future, stressing the continuity of administration evidenced in the practice of naming to the presidency the member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles with longest service on it. Lee, while not its oldest member, was named to it in 1941, which gave him seniority.

"The foundation that's been laid in the past is the foundation upon which we will build for the present and the future," he said.

Missionary Program

One strong reason for the church's astounding growth is its intensive missionary program, by which it constantly keeps approximately 15,000 young men at home and abroad pounding the streets and knocking on doors, seeking converts. These youths labor for two years, ordinarily, and always at their own expense, and the list of applicants is longer than the openings.

The missionaries work under the mission presidents, who are assigned for three years in the country to which they are sent. The missionaries have little choice where they go, except that in filling out a questionnaire they note what languages they have studied and any particular background or interests they may have.

"We teach them always to be very sensitive about the political situations where they go. Not to interfere," said President Lee.

Discussion Topics

"We say to our mission-

aries, 'Now don't get too smart about anything—about the social or political situations. You are not sent out to talk about that. You know nothing save Jesus Christ and Him crucified: that's the central core of your mission.'

"Now once in awhile some veer off, and they can cause us embarrassment on certain occasions. But by and large they deport themselves beautifully."

One reason Mormons have established the age of their missionaries at about 19 or 20, he said, "is that usually they have had their first two years in college and missionary service gives them a chance to mature, to see the world, to determine what they wish to major in. When they return home it is time to think about what they are going into, of marriage, of home and family

No Hired Ministers

"We have no professional ministry—no hired ministers who spend their whole lives in it. Our ministry includes the finest, strongest men in the community—the doctors, the lawyers, the farmers, the mechanics. His lay profession makes no difference.

"If he has the faith and the standards we require, he rises in the church."

President Lee conceded that "leakage," the drifting away of the faithful, is a matter of concern in the Mormon Church, as it is in all others.

"There will always be such, as it was in the days of the Master," he said.

"We have some members who are 100 percenters, without any question. We have some 60 percenters. We have some 30 percenters.

Rehabilitation Efforts

"Now it has always been that way, and we are working to strengthen them. There are some guilt of such transgressions we may have to disassociate with them as a church, until they square themselves and get back into line. But even then we don't let them drift. We try to bring them back. We are searching for the Prodigal Son all the time."

Intermarriage, of Mor-

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mons to non-Mormons, is of concern.

"We know from experience that the religion to which an individual belongs is one of the most important considerations of a happy marriage," said President Lee.

"We've always said, in effect, that if you plan a marriage to someone outside the church, you'd better count the cost. When the children come along there'll come a contest, and if it results in a quarrel they might say, 'Just let them grow up and make their own choice.'"

"In that case you let children grow up with no choice. The fact is that they will be wholly irreligious."

"So we try to say, 'It will be wise for Catholics to marry Catholics, Methodists to marry Methodists, and Mormons to marry Mormons.' Therein is the safest course."

Interracial Ties

"Now the same thing with interracial marriages. You know and I know that when you cross over into different cultures, you have a biological problem and a sociological problem. We don't condemn them, however."

Mormons believe "the glory of God is intelligence" and encourage education at every opportunity, President Lee said.

"Man is saved no faster than he gains knowledge," he said. "We encourage our people to get into educational pursuits, but always with the teachings of the Gospel to measure truth against the truths of science, and so on."

President Lee believes the basic reason for his church's tremendous growth is that it possesses the truth, and holds it alone among the great churches of the day.

All Missionaries

Every Mormon is a missionary, in that sense.

"He must know for himself the vitality of what he is teaching," said the churchman.

"He knows what he is doing is the truth, the will of God. He is to teach that the Gospel of Jesus Christ meets the needs of the earth."

"Students of Scriptures know that following the death of the early Apostles, there was, as predicted, an apostasy from the truth. As the Scriptures report, men wandered to and fro seeking the truth; and it was nowhere to be found. There was a famine in the land, spiritually speaking. But the promise was made to John, on the island of Patmos, 'And I saw another angel flying, in the midst of heaven, and having the everlasting Gospel . . ."

Turns to Scriptures

"That was fulfilled when this young boy, Joseph Smith, faced with this same dilemma, of where to go, came across the Scripture: 'If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally . . ."

"Now in his mind that meant only one thing: go ask the Source. In answer to his question came one of the mightiest revelations ever given to man: 'In answer to your question, This is my beloved Son, hear Him . . ."

"Now the Gospel was restored. The Lord knew we needed a new witness for the Lord's mission. The Book of Mormon provided that. It gives the history of God's dealings with another people, and was not subjected to any number of confusing translations."

Same Direction

He said that all of the LDS organization, patterned after the organization of "the primitive church," came by the same direction.

"Now we say to the non-Mormons to whom we speak, 'We are not asking you just to join the church to put your name on the record. That isn't our concern.'"

"We've come to offer you the greatest gift that you've ever been given. We're offering you the Kingdom of God, which is here for you if you will only accept and believe."

"Now that's a challenge. People accept it."