

## FW: Same-sex Marriage

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Cc:  L. Whitney Clayton;  Don R. Clarke;  Mervyn B. Arnold;  David B. Wirthlin;  Renn Patch;  
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Brethren,

Elder Clayton asked that we forward on to you this information and ask that you also forward it to all of your stake presidents. This helps clarify the Church's position on the recent ruling by the District Court.

Many thanks and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cory Bangerter  
David Wirthlin  
Executive Secretaries

-----Original Message-----

From: L. Whitney Clayton  
Sent: Tuesday, December 24, 2013 11:10 AM  
To: Cory W Bangerter; David B. Wirthlin  
Cc: Don R. Clarke; Mervyn B. Arnold; Renn Patch; Linda Christensen  
Subject: Same-sex Marriage

Please forward the following message to all the Utah Area Seventies, and copy Elders Clarke, Arnold, and me when you do so. Please ask the Area Seventies to forward the message to the stake presidents in their coordinating councils. The stake presidents should distribute the statement to the bishops and branch presidents over whom they preside.

Thank you very much,  
LWC

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution does not require ministers to perform marriages that are contrary to their faith. The doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints holds that marriage is between a man and a woman. Consistent with that fundamental belief, the Church does not perform marriages between two people of the same sex. Church policy also precludes the use of Church meetinghouses or properties for ceremonies, receptions, or other events associated with same-sex marriage. God loves all of His children and the Church respects those with different opinions but its position on marriage is clear and unchanging.

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