

NORTH STAR INTERNATIONAL 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

February 27 - March 1, 2025 | Salt Lake City, Utah

The Premier Conference on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The North Star Annual Conference offers sessions uniquely relevant to church leaders seeking to understand how best to minister to those in their stewardship. Discounted registration is available for both in-person and virtual attendance.

The Conference features keynote sessions and a host of topical breakout sessions facilitated by church leaders, scholars and mental health professionals as well as individuals who personally experience same-sex attraction or gender identity issues and are striving to live their lives in accordance with the teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Developing Understanding Among Church Leadership

As a church leader, counseling with individuals who experience same-sex attraction or gender identity issues, you may wish to better understand the unique challenges and opportunities these individuals and their families are facing.

North Star offers a forum to engage in an open, candid dialogue leading to greater understanding, compassion and empathy. Learn how to offer support, to discuss sensitive subjects, discover faith-promoting resources, and understand how you can help foster a culture of love and support within your congregations.

You will come away with insight from Latter-day Saints who personally experience same-sex attraction or gender identity issues and are seeking to live their lives in accordance with gospel principles. We have the greatest respect for established church doctrine, and North Star can be a resource in building bridges of understanding.

Reduced price conference tickets for Church Leaders

Qualifications for reduced priced Conference Tickets include:

- Currently serving in a role of ministry to others (i.e., any stake or ward leadership or support callings, including presidencies, teachers and church employees, etc.)
- Do not identify as SSA/GI/LGBT yourself
- List your position of current service, ward, and stake on the registration form

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2025 Keynote Speakers



S. Michael Wilcox, Ph.D.

S. Michael Wilcox received his PhD from the University of Colorado and taught for many years at the LDS Institute of Religion adjacent to the University of Utah. He has spoken to packed crowds at BYU Education Week and has hosted tours to the Holy Land, to China, to Church history sites, and beyond. He has served in a variety of callings, including as bishop and counselor in a stake presidency. He has written many articles and books, including *House of Glory*, *Sunset*, *10 Great Souls I Want to Meet in Heaven*, *Twice Blessed*, and *Finding Hope*. He and his late wife, Laurie, are the parents of five children.



Ganel-Lyn Condie

Ganel-Lyn is a motivational speaker – known for inspiring others with her unique honesty, authenticity and spirit. She is dedicated to her family, faith, and inspiring others. She loves teaching others with speaking and writing. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Arizona State University with a Bachelors in Education and a minor in psychology. Ganel-Lyn has experienced healing from a major chronic illness and is the mother to two miracle children. After the heart-breaking suicide of her 40 year old sister, Ganel-Lyn is constantly working towards prevention. She lives with an open heart and feels passionate about sharing principles that will empower others to live life with more joy. She is a regular television/radio guest and hosts the popular shows “TALK OF HIM” and “THE MIDDLE.”



J209

J209 is the nonprofit, Jesus vocal band from Utah. Anchored in the words of Jeremiah 20:9, their mission is simple: ignite the fire of faith in Christ in the rising generation. Wielding soulful arrangements of today’s biggest Christian hits, these 7 singers are ready—sharing music and faith like fire wherever God calls. Each member of J209 has felt the love of Jesus Christ in their life and is passionate about sharing it with every open heart. While the world grows increasingly darker, they believe—with the help of God—music can make a difference. Having left school, work, and many other professional pursuits, J209 came together with the hope of inspiring a community of followers who will join them in reigniting faith like fire wherever they may be.

Suicide Prevention Training

This training is free to anyone who wishes to attend. It is held on Thursday, February 27, prior to the conference opening social.

Location: 4917 South, Viewmont Street (2085 E.), Holladay, UT 84117, in the Relief Society Room.

Opening Social Service Project

Our service project, held during our opening social dinner, is helping put together life-saving Turtle Shelter vests. Learn more about The Turtle Shelter Project at turtleshelterproject.org.

Location: 4917 South, Viewmont Street (2085 E.), Holladay, UT 84117, in the Cultural Hall.



For more information and registration:
northstarconference.org