



# FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS

10TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE ✨ NORTH STAR INTERNATIONAL 2024

## The Premier Conference on Navigating Sexuality, Gender, and Faith Within The Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ

The North Star Conference offers breakout sessions for church leaders seeking to understand how to minister effectively to their members who experience same-sex attraction or are navigating their gender identity. Discounted registration is available for in-person and virtual attendance.

The Annual North Star Conference includes keynote speakers and performers. Topical breakout sessions are facilitated by church leaders, scholars, mental health professionals, individuals who experience same-sex attraction or are navigating their gender identity and family members who are committed to living in accordance with the teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### Developing Understanding Among Church Leadership

As a church leader, understanding the unique challenges members face who experience same-sex attraction or are navigating their gender identity may help you when counseling together with them and their family members. President Nelson counseled, "good inspiration is based on good information" (Russell M. Nelson, "Revelation for the Church, Revelation for Our Lives," April 2018, General Conference).

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 recognize how you can help foster a culture of love and support within your congregation.

You will gain insights from faithful Latter-day Saints who personally experience same-sex attraction, are navigating their gender identity, and their parents/family members who seek to live according to gospel principles. North Star is a resource for building bridges of understanding within the established doctrine of restored gospel of Jesus Christ.

### 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 personally identify as SSA/GI/LGBT
- List your position of current service, ward, and stake on the registration form

### Suicide Prevention Training

Training provided free to all who wish to attend on Thursday, June 20th at 3:00 pm at 4917 South Viewmont Street (2085 E.), Holladay, UT 84117 in the relief society room, prior to the conference opening social.

### Opening Social Service Project

Join us for a service project assembling life-saving Turtle Shelter vests on Thursday, June 20th during our opening social dinner at 4917 South Viewmont Street (2085 E.), Holladay, UT 84117, in the cultural hall. Learn more about The Turtle Shelter Project at [turtleshelterproject.org](http://turtleshelterproject.org).

### Pre-Conference Temple Session

Join our North Star community as we kick off our annual conference weekend. Visit the website to find out which temple will be closest for you to attend.

# 2024 Keynote Speakers



Adam T. Anderegg

Adam got his professional start working in the editing department of the CBS hit *Touched by an Angel*, which gave him the confidence to co-found Kaleidoscope Pictures in 1998 to create his first feature, "Jack Weyland's Charly." Since then, he has directed two more movies, "Winter Thaw" and "Instrument of War," and several seasons of *Studio C*, *Show Offs*, *Christmas Under the Stars* and *The Book of Mormon Videos*. Beyond seeing his work on your screen, you'll find some of his most interesting films in places you'd least expect like historic sites and destination theaters around the world.



Dallyn Vail Bayles

Dallyn is a renowned professional actor, singer and recording artist with an illustrious career spanning Broadway, concert halls, and film. His diverse Broadway tours include multiple parts in *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Enjolras* in *Les Misérables*. As a concert soloist, he has performed in Carnegie Hall and performing alongside esteemed musicians like Tori Kelly and Colbie Caillat. His film credits include portraying Brigham Young in *Green Flake* and Hyrum Smith in *Joseph Smith: The Prophet of the Restoration* and Emma Smith: *My Story*. Dallyn is also celebrated for his three solo albums and contributions to film soundtracks in *17 Miracles* and *Ephraim's Rescue*.



Dr. Wendy Ulrich

Wendy is a licensed psychologist, an executive coach and trainer, and an author whose books include *Weakness is Not Sin; Let God Love You; Live Up to Our Privileges - Women, Power, and Priesthood*, and the business bestseller, *The Why of Work*, co-authored with her husband, Dave Ulrich. She has been president of the Association of Latter-day Saint Counselors and Psychotherapists, a visiting professor at BYU-Provo, and is the founder of Sixteen Stones Center for Growth, offering seminar-retreats on spirituality and mental health. She and her husband were mission leaders in the Canada Montreal Mission, and she has served as a member of the Relief Society General Council. Wendy and Dave have three children and ten grandchildren.



Kurt Francom

Kurt is the founder and executive director of Leading Saints, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Latter-day Saints be better prepared to lead. The Leading Saints podcast is one of the premier Latter-day Saints podcasts reaching 500,000 downloads each month and a lifetime reach of 20 million total downloads. Kurt is also a #1 best-selling author of the book *Is God Disappointed in Me?* Kurt graduated from the U of U in 2008 in Business Marketing. He ran a web development company for 5 years before focusing on Leading Saints full-time in 2016. Kurt currently lives in American Fork, Utah with his lovely wife Alanna. They are blessed to have three children and a dog. He has also had the privilege of serving on the North Star Board of Directors from 2016 to 2021.

## Leadership Sessions

There are several breakout sessions at the conference that are designed specifically for Church Leadership. While these sessions contain content for leaders, you will not be restricted from attending any other session you desire. The complete listing of breakout sessions can be located on the conference website.

Sessions that may be of particular interest to church leaders include:

- SSA/GI/LGBT 101: A Crash Course
- Panel of church leaders who have helped their LGBT members in their wards/stakes
- Ministering to Our LGBT Members and Their Families
- Walking the Covenant Path with the Savior at Your Side When You Have Gender Dysphoria (Parts 1 & 2)
- Panel of LGBT individuals and families for church leaders to hear their stories and ask questions