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New Area Leaders Assigned


The First Presidency has announced changes in area leadership assignments, effective on August 1, 2017.

The Seventy are called by revelation, under the direction of the First Presidency, to assist the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in their ministry

throughout the world. The Presidency of the Seventy and Area Presidencies preside over geographic areas, and area leaders travel within their assigned area to teach and encourage local leaders and members of the Church.

During Christ's mortal ministry, He called the Seventy, instructed them in a manner similar to the Twelve Apostles, and sent them out "before his face," explaining that those who heard their voices would hear His voice (see Matthew 10:1, 16–17; Luke 10). ■

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