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To the Arizona Mission Center

We are grateful for all who gather in loving community to support the mission of Jesus Christ. Trusting the Holy Spirit's guidance, we pray your time in worship, fellowship, and the business of the mission center is spiritually renewing and honors the values of Community of Christ. May blessings of beloved community abound as you create safe space for listening to God and one another; and may stories of mission enliven holy possibility in the places you live and serve.

In support of the important work of the mission center, the First Presidency is pleased to recommend Blake Smith to serve as Mission Center President. This role is vital in supporting congregations as they live the mission to which Community of Christ is called. We are deeply grateful for Blake's willingness to serve in this key role of ministry and leadership.

We ask for your prayerful consideration to sustain Blake to serve as the appointed Mission Center President and your prayerful support of all who serve in leading Christ's mission.

In the spirit of peace,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Janné C. Grover

cc: Carrie Welch, Kat Hnatyshyn, Matt Frizzell, Richard James, USA Apostles

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