



Chapter News - February 2017

March Program (March 2, 2017 at 7:15pm) - Tenth Ward Chapel

Margaret Blair Young



This photo accompanied a report posted February 4, 2016 on [Brigham Young University Humanities web page](#) when Margaret Young Spoke at a Women's Studies Honor Society Fireside on "Women in the Congo".

Margaret Young teaches creative writing at BYU. She co-authored a trilogy of historical novels about Black Mormon pioneers titled Standing on the Promises with Darius Gray. More recently, Young served as the project director for the Utah chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society's film *The Wisdom of our Years*. In 2008, Young and Gray completed a long documentary titled *Nobody Knows: The Untold Story of Black Mormons*, which has been shown on PBS stations, in film festivals, and on the Documentary Channel. Her award-winning play, *I Am Jane*, also about Black Mormon pioneer [Jane Manning James](#), has been produced throughout the country. Young has also authored encyclopedia articles on Blacks in the western United States. She is currently working on a film set in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where she has several humanitarian projects. Filming will begin this spring.

Margaret Young of BYU is in the English Department, Humanities, University Writing. She teaches as an Adjunct Professor. She has been very involved in researching the stories and history of the black members of the church.

She has cooperated with a team of eight members to form a website named [BlackLDS.org](#) where they have posted articles, histories, news, and testimonies of the black members of the church from the earliest days. You can find there some fascinating [videos](#) about them.

This will prove to be a wonderful evening, as sister Young is an excellent speaker/presenter.

Our Last Month Speaker

Jeffrey D. Meservy

February 2, 2017



We were enchanted again by the intimacy with the Pioneer Trail that Brother Meservy possesses.

Out of the box he related that over the years his wife has not shared with him the same enthusiasm for the Pioneers Trails Workshops, walking the trail and camping out. So, he said, it was with some relief for her that when they were assigned to preside over the Chile Santiago North Mission they might be away from the Pioneer Trail for a while.

He then recounted the story of the 238 Latter-day Saint men, women, and children Pioneers leaving New York on the ship Brooklyn on the same day that the saints left Nauvoo (February 4, 1846), sailed around Cape Horn, ran into the worst storms the captain had ever seen and had to land for a time on the Juan Fernandez Islands (off the coast of Chili), bury some of their dead, and resupply the ship with food, water, and fuel.

Brother Meservy said those islands are in his mission, so he will "still" have some Pioneer Trail connections for the next three years.

His talk was full of inspiration about personal stories of men and women and their travails, the rescuing efforts of others and how much they became acquainted with God; then how like all that compares to our own lives and the rescuing efforts of others we experience, most of all that of the Savior and his sacrifice in our behalf and we ourselves being able to be rescued in every way.

Brother Meservy and his family will begin their assignment in the Chile Santiago North Mission in July.

Other News

Udell Poulsen (1928 - 2017)



Udell Elmo Poulsen passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on January 22, 2017. He was born on May 4, 1928 in Rupert Idaho to Lorenzo George Poulsen and Selma Christena Sorenson Poulsen. He served a three-year mission to Finland and later graduated from BYU with a degree in Accounting and Finance and was hired by Del Monte Corporation. He met his sweetheart, Pauline Dyreng, in New York City and were married in the Manti Temple. Udell managed a subsidiary company of Del Monte's in Capetown, South Africa and was called to be Mission President in Helsinki, Finland. Following his mission Udell worked for the LDS church in the Financial Department and later in the Missionary Department. He also served 24 years as the Manager of the Tabernacle Choir. He served on the boards of the Promised Valley Playhouse and United Way. He held many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints including Counselor in several bishoprics, Ward and Stake Young Men's President, Branch President, Stake Clerk, High Priest Group Leader, and Temple Ordinance Worker. He is survived by his, sweetheart of 61 years, Pauline Dyreng Poulsen, his two girls, Ezma Pearson (Eldon) and Vera Dee Spencer (David) and his four children Stanford (Joanne), Pamela Croft (David), Camille Mauerhan (Peter), and Dallin (Angela), 17 grand-children, and 9 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the Monument Park Stake Center 1320 South Wasatch Drive on February 4 at 11:00 AM. Arrangements were by Larkin Mortuary Sunset. Burial in Manti, Utah. In lieu of flowers send donations to the LDS Missionary fund.

New Board Members

Ted Marshall has joined the Board and will work on Membership for the Chapter, Briant Jenson will work on Chapter Treks.

New Members

We welcome two new members . . . Ronald Read and Larry Montgomery !

National Events		
All National newsletters. Trail Marker	National Headquarters Clean-up Day Saturday, May 6, 2017 - 8:00am - 12:00pm - lunch will be provided, including a special birthday cake.	National Symposium Saturday, May 13, 2017 - 1:00pm - 8:00pm - Title: Pioneer Legacy. Additional details to come.
SUP/DUP Day This is The Place Heritage Park, Monday, July 17, 2017 - 4pm - 9pm	Days of '47 Sunrise Service, Monday, July 24, 2017 - 7am - 8am Tabernacle - Days of '47 Parade 9am -12pm - South Temple	National Convention Centerville, Thursday, September 14 - Saturday, September 16, 2017

Brighams's Christmas Ball, Friday, December 1, 2017, 6:00pm - 9:00pm - National Headquarters

The Pioneer Magazine

The latest issue was mailed, you should have received yours. [Pioneer Magazine](#)

Monuments

There are supposed to be 450 monuments on a list maintained by the National Committee and they now have 389. Two members, L. Steward Radmall and Mark E. Walker, are tracking them, and trying to assess their condition, get the GPS coordinates for each one and assign them to chapters for oversight and upkeep. They do

not know the location of the 61 monuments, and would enjoy input from anyone if something is known about those missing. Our Chapter is assigned 5 monuments, 2 have been surveyed, and we need to track down the other three. [Monuments](#)

Sustaining Heritage Membership

A mechanism to support contributions to The Sons of Utah Pioneers by a monthly transfer from your bank account to National SUP ranging from \$10 to \$100 a month. The \$10 per month plan covers national dues and a \$70 donation to SUP. It also provides special registrations to selected SUP programs. National reports the success of this membership category is encouraging and eventually can make unnecessary the funding drives of the past. The forms are available through David Smith or the National office.

National Conventions - see a full [Convention List 1935 - 2018](#)

2017 -- Centerville, Utah - September 14-16

2018 -- Cedar City, Utah (planned)

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