

Mormons choose new president

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SALT LAKE CITY - Thomas S. Monson has been named the 16th president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the church announced Monday in Salt Lake City. The naming of Monson to the Mormon church's top leadership post came just two days after the funeral and burial of President Gordon B. Hinckley, who was the church's "prophet, seer and revelator" for 13 years before he died Jan. 27 at age 97. Monson, 80, in turn, named two colleagues to top leadership positions -- Henry B. Eyring, 74, as first counselor and Dieter F. Uchtdorf, 67, as second counselor, The Salt Lake Tribune reported. "Hinckley's passing has affected all of us -- we shall miss him, yet he has left us with a wonderful legacy," Monson said in introducing his counselors.

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