

October 2020 General Conference Speaking Order Predictions¹ [Correct information, where applicable, is shown in brackets]

Sess.	Conducting	Speaker
SAM	President Henry B. Eyring	President Russell M. Nelson ²
		Elder David A. Bednar
	[Elder Scott D. Whiting]	Lisa L. Harkness ³
	[Michelle D. Craig]	Elder Gerrit W. Gong
	[Elder Quentin L. Cook]	Elder Enrique R. Falabella ⁴
	[Elder Ronald A. Rasband]	Elder Gary E. Stevenson
		President Dallin H. Oaks
SAA	President Dallin H. Oaks	President Henry B. Eyring (Sustaining of General Authorities, Area Seventies, and General Officers) ⁵
	[Elder D. Todd Christofferson]	Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf
	[Bishop W. Christopher Waddell]	Elder Carlos A. Godoy ⁶
	[Elder Gerrit W. Gong]	Elder D. Todd Christofferson
	[Elder Matthew S. Holland]	Elder Neil L. Andersen
	[Elder William K. Jackson]	Elder Matthew S. Holland
	[Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf]	Elder Ronald A. Rasband
WS⁸	Bonnie H. Cordon	Becky Craven [Sharon Eubank]
	[Becky Craven]	Sharon Eubank
	[Cristina B. Franco]	Joy D. Jones
		President Henry B. Eyring
		President Dallin H. Oaks
		President Russell M. Nelson
SUM	President Henry B. Eyring	Elder Ulisses Soares [President M. Russell Ballard]
	[Lisa L. Harkness]	Elder William K. Jackson
	[Elder Ulisses Soares]	Elder Quentin L. Cook
	[Elder Carlos A. Godoy]	Elder Scott D. Whiting ⁹
	[Elder Neil L. Andersen]	President M. Russell Ballard
		President Russell M. Nelson
SUA	President Dallin H. Oaks	President Henry B. Eyring
	[Elder Jeremy R. Jaggi]	Bishop W. Christopher Waddell ¹⁰
	[Elder Gary E. Stevenson]	Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
		Milton Camargo ¹¹
	[Elder Dale G. Renlund]	Elder Jeremy R. Jaggi
		Elder Kelly R. Johnson
	[Elder Jeffrey R. Holland]	Elder Dale G. Renlund
		President Russell M. Nelson

81/120=67.5% accuracy on speaking order predictions.

References

¹ I have previously mentioned that each General Conference held under President Nelson's dynamic leadership has been different in unique ways from General Conferences held under his two immediate prophetic predecessors. With last April's conference following a different format than the usual (with a general Saturday Evening Session instead of the standard Priesthood Session), I particularly wasn't sure whether this conference would involve something similar. But on August 28, a letter from the First Presidency confirmed that this conference would include a Women's Session as usual. So while I continue to figure out how standard patterns from the past have changed or will change conferences going forward, I will continue to allow myself a small margin of error.

² Aside from October 2018, last April's General Conference was only the second time when President Nelson gave the traditional prophetic address to open General Conference. Unless anything very unexpected occurs, I have theorized that he will open this General Conference as well.

³ In October 2019, with the Women's Session being held, 2 female general leaders spoke outside of that session. In October 2018, with President Nelson opening that General Conference, only one female General Officer spoke outside the Women's Session. I have a feeling that this conference may be more like the latter, so I have predicted accordingly that Sister Harkness may be that one female leader this go-round.

⁴ Elder Falabella is the only 1 of the 3 General Authority Seventies turning 70 in 2020 who has not spoken in General Conference in the recent past, so I anticipate he will do so this go-round.

⁵ Given the newly-established pattern which has been observed under President Nelson, I anticipate President Eyring will lead the Sustaining during this session, just as he has done so during the previous two October General Conference.

⁶ Contrary to what I had predicted, neither Elder Godoy nor Elder Teixeira represented the Presidency of the Seventy in speaking last April. Of the two, Elder Godoy has not spoken in the longest period of time, (having last done so in October 2014) so I anticipate he will do so this go-round.

⁷ Matthew S. Holland is the son of Elder Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and would be the first General Authority Seventy called last April who is not serving outside the United States currently. In the past, when a GA Seventy has been related to an apostle, for the most part, it has been customary to not have the father-apostle and son-seventy speak in the same session. That's why I am predicting the son will speak in this session, with his father doing so the following afternoon.

⁸ As I mentioned above in note 1, the Women's Session will be held as usual on Saturday evening. Since it has been traditional for a General President to conduct the session, and for 3 female officers and the entire First Presidency to speak during this session, I have made my best effort to accurately predict what might happen in that respect this go-round. The female General Officers listed here, for the most part, have not spoken during this session for a while.

⁹ Of the GA Seventies who have not spoken to us recently, Elder Whiting is the one who has not done so since his original call in April 2012. I therefore anticipate he will do so this go-round.

¹⁰ I had predicted Bishop Waddell would speak during the April 2020 General Conference. Since he did not do so then, it seems likely he will do so this go-round.

¹¹ I had predicted that Jan E. Newman, a direct descendant of Hyrum Smith, would speak during the last General Conference, despite him being the Second Counselor in the Sunday School General Presidency. Since that did not happen, and since General President Mark L. Pace spoke

during last October's General Conference, his First Counselor, Milton Camargo, appears likely to do so during this session.