

March 10, 2022

## “Presidential Charge given to President Brian K. Ashton”

*Jeffrey R. Holland*

*Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

President Oaks, under your direction with that of your colleagues in the First Presidency, and as chairman of the Executive Committee of Brigham Young University–Pathway Worldwide and acting on behalf of our entire Board, all of whom are here tonight, we hereby install you, Brian K. Ashton, as president of Brigham Young University–Pathway Worldwide this 10th day of March 2022.

In doing so we confer upon you the all the rights, responsibilities, authority, and prerogatives necessary to act as the chief executive officer and program spokesman for this newest and most far-reaching service within the Church Educational System. We charge you with the responsibility to be the chief moral and spiritual officer over this program as well, safeguarding as you must the religious mission of BYU-Pathway Worldwide and what that means for administrators, teachers, families, and especially the students themselves.

While readily acknowledging the educational, social, and economic boon this program will be to the students, it is this spiritual impact — the part that is not readily available from other traditional universities or other programs — that will justify the Church’s support and justifies your appointment to this position this evening. The eternal welfare of these sons and daughters of God is and ever will be a principal concern for you in this singular, sacred trust that is placed upon you.

Now, we will ask Sister Melinda Ashton and President Oaks, if you two would join me, and place that medallion, Melinda, on your husband.

President Ashton, with that you are formally inaugurated as the president of BYU-Pathway Worldwide. We love you and honor you. We sustain you in this office, and we would now enjoy your response to this charge.