

BMC Quarterly

Book of Mormon Central

April 2017

What is BMC Quarterly?

BMC Quarterly is a newsletter published exclusively for internal purposes – to inform Book of Mormon staff and volunteers as to what is and will be happening in the organization. The publishing schedule for the newsletter

will be January, March, June and September. We hope this will facilitate communication, encourage input, and allow you to apprise others about Book of Mormon Central.

BMAF/BMC Spring Conference



BMAF – BMC Conference 2017

The annual BMAF/BMC Conference was held Saturday, March 18th at the Utah Valley Convention Center. [See the schedule and list of speakers here.](#) The conference auditorium was almost filled to capacity, making this the most highly attended BMAF conference yet (nearly twice the attendance of prior conferences). We hope to

reserve a larger conference hall next year and double, again, the attendance at this conference. Warren Aston, from Australia, was the keynote speaker. Javier Tovar, one of the foremost archaeologists in Mexico, was in Utah to join the event. Attendees came from as far

Projects Under Construction



Questions and Answers

Book of Mormon Central is soon to release a “questions & answers” section on its website. This section will give a short answer to a frequently asked question regarding the Book of Mormon and will then refer the reader to further articles or research on the topic. It is anticipated that this feature will become a subscriber favorite.

Evidences Hub

The writers and researchers at Book of Mormon Central have been gathering and classifying Book of Mormon evidences. This “evidences information” will soon be presented and accessed in a way never done before – using a timeline showing that the Book of Mormon is being

north as Idaho and south from St. George.

In addition to vendor booths, several hallway displays featured hands-on replicas, including: the Gold Plates; the Grandin printing press; printed copy sheets from the printing press; the ancient high priest robes and breastplate; the Urim and Thummim; Joseph Smith's seer stone; and many other relics created or procured by Daniel Smith, a part-time employee of Book of Mormon Central. These replicas, along with explanations from the exhibitors, generated a lot of interest during conference breaks.

To add to the excitement, Version 2.0 of Book of Mormon Central's KnoWhy app on Apple and Android also went live on the day of the conference.

If you were able to attend the conference, we invite your feedback. [Please fill out this short survey](#). We want to make this event even better next year. This annual conference is one of many ways Book of Mormon Central is spreading an interest and love of the Book of Mormon - a truly marvelous work and wonder.

Projects Under Construction (continued)



increasingly corroborated over time.

Special Video Features

The staff at Book of Mormon Central are experimenting with new, creative and attention-grabbing ways to present the message of the Book of Mormon. In addition to the KnoWhy videos, look for special videos that will soon be featured on the website.

BMC Fan Mail

"This is just a short note to say how grateful I am for your presence on Facebook. I have not been active in the church since 1995, and your Facebook links to your articles mean a lot. I appreciate the scholarship behind the articles, and how well-written and accessible they are. Thank you for being a part of my daily life."

Book of Mormon Day Young Single Adult Fireside

Book of Mormon Central initiated the celebration of Book of Mormon Day at a Young Single Adult fireside at Salt Lake Community College's West Jordan Campus Institute Building. This event was held on Monday, March 20. John Welch was the speaker,

discussing the topic: "Do you have questions? The Book of Mormon has your answers." As part of his presentation, Welch introduced the audience to the Book of Mormon website and app, encouraging them to use these resources to study the Book of Mormon and find answers to

questions. The fireside was well attended and the chapel and overflow was filled with young adults – Book of Mormon Central's target audience. As a result, more of these firesides and devotionals will be planned and scheduled in the future.

BMC Website Directory

When you have a moment, take a peek at Book of Mormon Central's [website directory](#). Pictures of BMC's staff are posted, along with many photos of our volunteers. If you don't see your picture, please submit one to our web architect, Jasmin Gimenez, at gimenez.j@bookofmormoncentral.org.

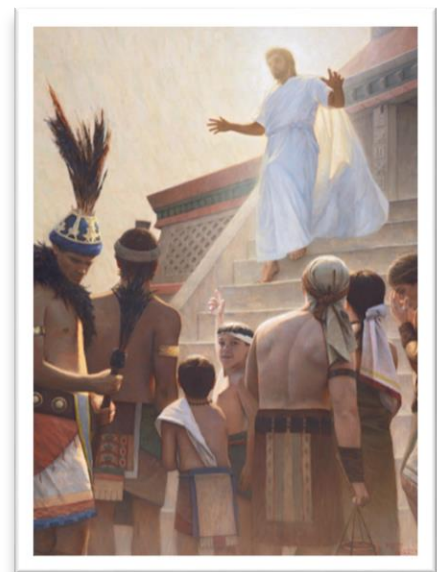
Book of Mormon Central Art Contest

The winners of the 2017 Book of Mormon Central Art Contest will soon be announced. Every quality artwork submitted will be put in Book of Mormon Central's Media Library Art Work Archive to be viewed and accessed by readers. In addition, these art pieces are a valuable resource for illustrating Book of Mormon Central KnowWhys and videos.

We are always in need of excellent works of art that relate to the Book of Mormon. Start early – now – in encouraging your talented students, friends and family

to create an entry for next year's contest. In addition to the money award, many participants will have the privilege of having their work archived and used in future KnowWhys. Each picture used in a KnowWhy identifies the artist who created the work.

There is discussion that next year, the BMAF/BMC Conference and Book of Mormon Day will be one event. Art work submissions will be displayed, the winners announced, and the awards presented at the conference.



First Place Winner from 2016 Art Contest, *Other Sheep* by Matthew Warren

What to Expect in the Next BMC Newsletter

The next *BMC Quarterly* (June 2017) will provide guidelines and instructions for peer reviewers. In addition, if you have any suggestions or questions that need answering regarding the peer review process, please submit them to ruthhschmidt@gmail.com. This will facilitate BMC's writers and researchers to address specific concerns.

SHARE YOUR EVENTS

Book of Mormon Central is fortunate to have devoted, informed, and talented volunteers such as you, the readers of this newsletter. Please send us a report on Book of Mormon events you have attended or have been involved in that would be of interest. We would love to post that information in this newsletter.



Book of Mormon Central Staff December 2016