



pronounce in this blessing, a blessing on them, as if they were in this congregation.”¹⁷

Church service in Afghanistan was difficult, but Latter-day Saints found if they would “pray always, and be believing” then “all things shall work together for your good” as the Lord has prom-

ised.¹⁸ As President Wikle observed, “I have yet to ever hear the testimony or receive an e-mail from a Latter-day Saint who has said that their experience in Afghanistan has not uplifted them [and] has not strengthened their testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ.”¹⁹

Kabul Afghanistan Military District

Organized July 1, 2008

District President	Called	Released
1. Eugene J. Wikle (Retired military, civilian contractor)	July 2008	June 2011
2. Lloyd Oaks (Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve JAG Corps)	June 2011	August 2011
3. Allen Nelson (Civilian contractor)	August 2011	July 2012
4. Joseph Lorenzo “Ren” Allred (Civilian contractor)	July 2012	December 2014

Deactivated December 31, 2014

Table 2. Kabul Afghanistan Military District