

Joy in the Journey - 2010 Regional Single Adult Conference

Background Material

Conference Theme: “Brightly Beams Our Father’s Mercy . . .Send a Gleam Across the Wave”

Brightly beams our Father’s mercy
From His lighthouse ever more,
But to us he gives the keeping
Of the lighthouse on the shore

Chorus -

Let the lower lights be burning;
Send a gleam across the wave.
Some poor fainting, struggling seaman
You may rescue, you may save

Dark the night of sin has settled;
Loud the angry billows roar.
Eager eyes are watching, longing,
For the lights along the shore.

Chorus –

Trim your feeble lamp, my brother;
Some poor sailor, tempest tossed,
Trying now to make the harbor,
In the darkness may be lost.

Chorus –

Leadership Training Emphasis

To accomplish the mission of the Church, leaders should encourage every member to receive all essential priesthood ordinances, keep the associated covenants, and qualify for exaltation and eternal life. Church leaders should use priesthood quorums, auxiliaries, and stake and ward councils to help produce the following results:

- Families** Teach the preeminence of the home and family as the basic organizational unit of the Church. Emphasize the place of the higher priesthood in helping individuals and families qualify for exaltation (see D&C 84:19-22). Encourage each family member, parents and children, to study the scriptures, pray regularly, and live the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Adults** Encourage each adult to be worthy to receive the ordinances of the temple. Teach all adults to identify their ancestors and perform vicarious temple ordinances for them.
- Youth** Help prepare each young man to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood, to receive the ordinances of the temple, and to be worthy to serve a full-time mission. Help prepare each young woman to be worthy to make and keep sacred covenants and receive the ordinances of the temple. Strengthen youth through participation in meaningful activities.
- All Members** Help priesthood and auxiliary leaders, ward councils, ward and full-time missionaries, and members work cooperatively in a balanced effort to rescue individuals, strengthen families and Church units, increase priesthood activity, and gather Israel through conversion, retention, and activation. Teach members to provide for themselves and their families, and assist the poor and needy in the Lord's way.

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Restatement of the Church's Purpose

“In fulfilling its purpose to help individuals and families qualify for exaltation, the Church focuses on divinely appointed responsibilities. These include helping members live the gospel of Jesus Christ, gathering Israel through missionary work, caring for the poor and needy, and enabling the salvation of the dead by building temples and performing vicarious ordinances.”

—General Authority Training, Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Parable of the Pearl and the Box

The parable: A merchant man seeking precious jewels found at last the perfect pearl. He had the finest craftsman carve a superb jewel box and line it with blue velvet. He put his pearl of great price on display so others could share his treasure. He watched as people came to see it. Soon he turned away in sorrow. It was the box they admired, not the pearl.

(President Boyd K. Packer, *Ensign*, May 2000, 7)