



# Alliance Stake Temple and Family History Newsletter

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## *How Beautiful Thy Temples, Lord*

This is a small portion of a talk given by Elder D. Todd Christofferson in March of 2002 for a BYU Family History Fireside.

“President Gordon B. Hinckley has been no less emphatic. In remarks to new temple presidents and matrons in October, 2000, he compared our work for the dead in temples to the rescue of the Willie and Martin Handcart companies. He noted that he was speaking on the anniversary of their last day of bread, still some 300 miles from the Salt Lake valley. They were in desperate circumstances, unable to help themselves. If Brigham Young had not suspended General Conference and dispatched



Elder D. Todd Christofferson  
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the rescue parties, all of those in the handcart companies would have perished. President Hinckley then stated that those who wait beyond the veil for the ordinances of the gospel are in desperate circumstances analogous to the handcart pioneers. They need our help. Those who labor in the temples of the Lord are their rescuers, he said. We need to wake up the whole Church to their plight. He then quoted President Brigham Young’s powerful and moving declaration:

What do you suppose the fathers would say if they could speak from the dead? Would they not say, “We have lain here thousands of years, here in this prison house, waiting for this dispensation to come? Here we are, bound and fettered, in the association of those who are filthy?” What would they whisper in our ears? Why, if they had the power the very thunders of heaven would be in our ears, if we could but realize the importance of the work we are engaged in. All the angels in heaven are looking at this little handful of people, and stimulating them to the salvation of the human family. So also are the devils in hell looking at this people, too, and trying to overthrow us, and the people are still shaking hands with the servants of the devil, instead of sanctifying themselves and calling upon the Lord and doing the work which he has commanded us and put into our hands to do. When I think upon this subject, I want the tongues of seven thunders to wake up the people (Brigham Young, Discourses of Brigham Young, selected and arranged by John A. Widtsoe [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1954], 403).”

## October Zoom Meeting

**Friday, 15th January 2020 at 7 pm.**

We will be discussing plans for the year, answering questions about the “Helper Resource” and “Fan Chart” and if time allows going over the “Search” tab in the top menu.

## Helper Resource

### Goal for 2021:

Our hope for 2021 is that all Temple and Family History Leaders and Consultants will learn how to use the Consultant Planner and use this in helping others in their wards. With this helper resource a person can view another person’s account before meeting with them. You can then record thoughts on how this person can work on their person family history. You might find that they need simple things like changing females last names to their maiden names or how to search for hints. For other, they might encouragement to read the stories that are currently attached to their ancestors. There are many things people can do even if there seems to be no one else to research. Below are two videos to help you learn how to use these tools in Family Search.

### [Helper Resource Video](#)

### [How to use the Fan Chart Video](#)

## New Church Manual Instructions

The church leaders recently updated the Handbook section on Temple and Family History Work in the Ward and Stake. Below is the link so you can each read it.

### [Handbook Chapter 25](#)

## Completed Temple Ordinance Cards

“To improve recording accuracy and to remove patron wait time, the temple will no longer return cards after your temple visit. You will receive a FamilySearch notification to confirm that the ordinance was recorded.”

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