TEMPLE AND FAMILY HISTORY LEADERSHIP INSTRUCTION 2023

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Thank you for taking the time to gather and watch the Temple and Family History Leadership Instruction as leaders. As you watch the messages, you will be invited to pause the video and counsel together. Consider using the questions below as a guide, or adapt them to the needs of your council. Consider reviewing <u>"Principles of Effective Councils,"</u> General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4.4.

SECTION 1: BOUND TO THE SAVIOR THROUGH COVENANTS AND ORDINANCES

After you watch the welcome and section 1 of the session, consider and discuss the following questions.

- I. How has being bound to the Savior through covenants and ordinances blessed your life?
- II. What are some ways we can help members of our ward or stake bind themselves to the Savior through covenants and ordinances?

SECTION 2: UNITING FAMILIES FOR ETERNITY (HANDBOOK SECTION 25)

Restart the video and watch section 2 of the session. As a council, participate in the following activity and consider and discuss the following question:

- I. Ensure that you have your own FamilySearch account (your own brass plates) to assist other council members as needed.
- II. Help each other use Ordinances Ready on FamilySearch.org or the Family Tree app.
- III. How can we help every member of our ward or stake have the same experience?

SECTION 3: LOCAL AREA MESSAGE AND INVITATION TO ACT

Restart the video and watch the message from your Area Presidency, the testimonies of the panel members, and the witness of President Russell M. Nelson. After those messages, consider and discuss the following questions.

- I. What did the Spirit just teach you as you listened to this instruction?
- II. What are our next steps as a council?

Continue to prayerfully ponder what you might do to improve your own experience with temple and family history work and how you might enable those you serve to do the same.