

RootsTech 2023 Connecting with Your Community At Your FamilySearch Center

Resources and Quotes

- FamilySearch Purpose Statement: “We create inspiring experiences that bring joy to all people as they discover, gather, and connect their family—past, present, and future.”
- FamilySearch Quality Standards:
 - Inspiration
 - Trust
 - Kindness
 - Effectiveness
 - Simplicity
- Church Communication Guide
 - “Messages that include these attributes help people feel God’s love for them.”
 - Welcoming
 - Compassionate
 - Global
 - Straightforward
 - Honest and True
 - Hopeful
 - Humble
 - Inspiring
- FamilySearch Center Operations Guide 2023:
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/fieldops/article/familysearch-center-operations-guide-2023>
 - “Because anyone is invited and welcome to use a FamilySearch center, we encourage you to use the purpose statement and the quality standards to guide all your interactions with visitors. Consider how to best provide individual help so that each guest will feel cared for and unique. The FamilySearch center can be a great resource for reaching out to your local community.”
 - “Counsel with proper priesthood leaders about ways the center can assist with priesthood efforts and goals.”
- BYU Office of Belonging Statement: <https://belonging.byu.edu/statement-on-belonging>
- Preach My Gospel, page 1: preachmygospel.churchofjesuschrist.org
 - ““Many of these people are searching for purpose in life. They are concerned for their families. They need the sense of belonging that comes from the knowledge that they are children of God, members of His eternal family.”
- President Russell M. Nelson:
 - HopeofIsrael.ChurchofJesusChrist.org

- <https://www.thechurchnews.com/2015/7/1/23213145/elder-russell-m-nelson-epistles-of-the-lord>
- <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/1998/04/a-new-harvest-time?lang=eng>
- Elder Gerrit Gong: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2022/04/26gong?lang=eng>
- Elder David A. Bednar:
 - <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/church/news/the-divine-relationship-between-missionary-work-and-the-spirit-of-elijah?lang=eng>
 - <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2011/10/the-hearts-of-the-children-shall-turn?lang=eng>
- Elder Christofferson, pages 10-11: https://rsc.byu.edu/sites/default/files/pub_content/pdf/Family_History_An_Inter%E2%80%8BView_with_Elder_D_Todd_Christofferson.pdf
- Council with local leaders to communicate and coordinate community activities with your Area Temple and Family History Advisers, 25.3.7: https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/general-handbook/25-temple-and-family-history-work?lang=eng¶=title_number13#title_number13
- Council with local leaders to communicate and coordinate community activities with your Stake Communication Director, 6.2.1.7: https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/general-handbook/6-stake-leadership?lang=eng#title_number39
- Find with Family History video: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/video/2019-11-0010-finding-with-family-history?lang=eng&alang=eng>
- Family History: Let's Do Good Together, uniting communities. Learning from each other, inspire each other, and build a toolbox of resources to help everyone:
 - FamilySearch Community group: <https://community.familysearch.org/en/group/56-lets-do-good-together>
 - Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/261280875337837>
- The Bridge Forum, monthly forum to share projects that grow Family Tree and help people see their connections with each other and their communities: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iRiElf28Kk3HgEFv5haOr8D-tTVi3fxy/view>
- FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries help extend FamilySearch services to millions of patrons worldwide. Affiliate libraries have access to FamilySearch's digital genealogical collections. They are community centers. Affiliate libraries may be a public or higher education library, archive,

museum, cultural center, or genealogical or historical society. Connect with a local library to collaborate on joint community family history opportunities. For more information about FamilySearch affiliate libraries: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/affiliates/about>

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 - Identifying villages in Punjab project
 - Sikh festival in Yuba City: <https://www.thechurchnews.com/living-faith/2022/12/2/23485544/sikh-festival-yuba-city-california-family-history-booth>
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 - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008275321369>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HU4L-HL9GLw>
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 - Identifying Tacoma African Americans in records project
 - <https://www.tacomaaafhe.com/>
 - <https://www.thechurchnews.com/2022/2/9/23218917/african-american-family-history-event-tacoma-washington-a-proud-heritage>
- Elder William and Sister Margaret Huang, FamilySearch missionaries leading Chinese Jiapu Volunteer Indexing Project in Taiwan
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 - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/chinese-jiapu-volunteer-indexing>
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