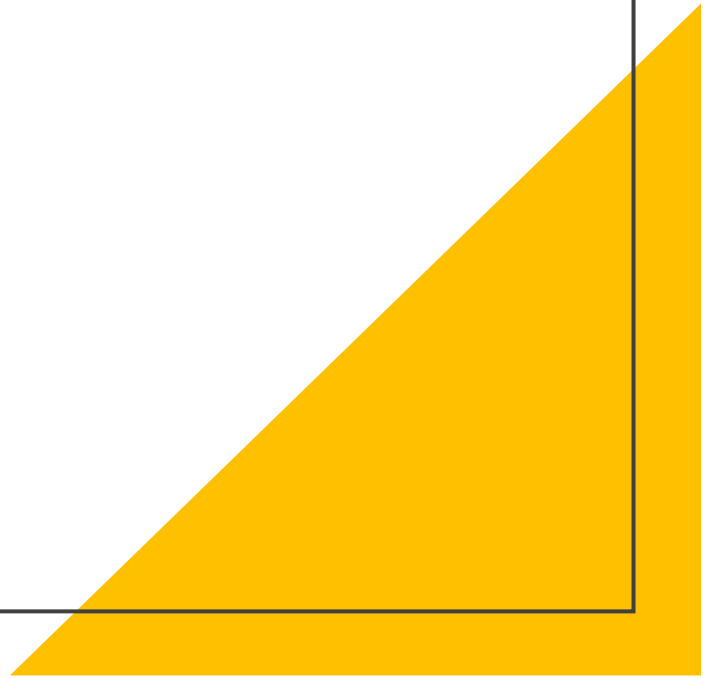


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Area Temple and Family History Advisers Ministering to the Stakes

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Called to
serve the
stakes

As an Area Temple
and Family History
Adviser (ATFHA) ...

You have been called
by the Lord to minister
to the stakes of Zion
where you serve.

As you serve there are many principles to consider and practice. Here are just a few.

Work closely with the Area Seventy and knows the Area's Focus

Connect regularly with each stake in the coordinating council

Have a main contact in the stakes (stake presidency or high council)

Ministers to all stake leaders assigned to temple and family history work

Never boring – teach by the spirit

Prayerfully offers inspired suggestions when approached

Focus on training the trainers – like the “adult leadership committee”

Offer advise...never “tell” a stake what to do

Sharing the “Principles” of Temple and Family History Work

Find them, Know them, Understand them, and Use them:

- *Study* the wonderful talks and messages of President Russell M. Nelson and others.
- *Study* and look for scriptural references to the work.
- *Attend* the temple regularly.
- Be *involved* with your own family history “gathering.”
- *Study* the General Handbook chapters: 1-4 and 25-27.



Most
Importantly...

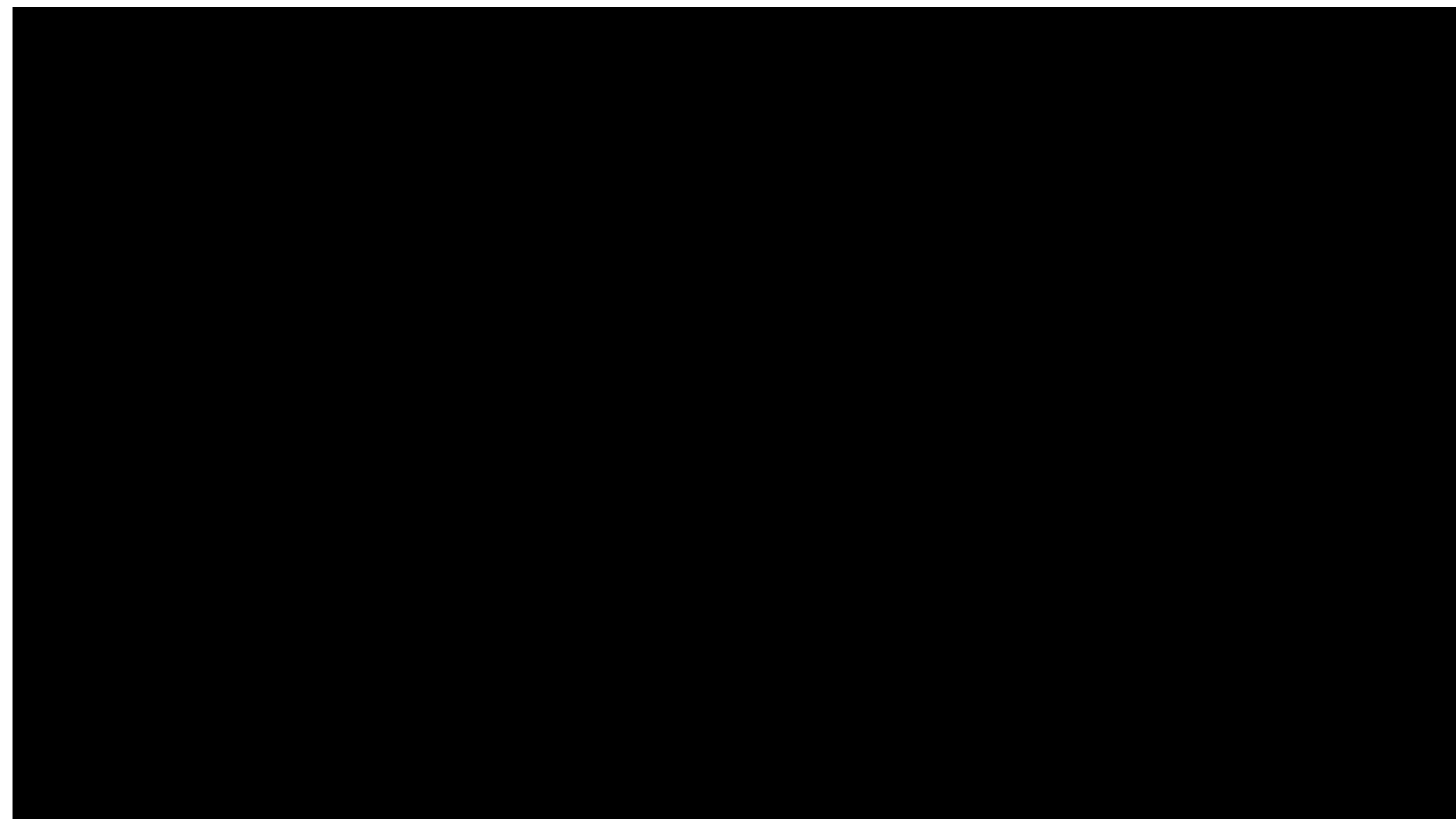
To accomplish this work, rely on the
Holy Ghost to give you the way to
minister to the individual needs to each
of the stake leaders





An interview
with ATFHAs

Anthony and Karalee Nelson



Ponder these principles that the Nelson's just shared.

- Seek revelation as you serve
- Minister to the needs of stakes
- There is power in councils
- “Temple Worship” is important
- Seek growth in your calling

Greatest Needs of Wards (recent survey)

- Having the EQ and RS collaborating together
- Having a simple, effective ward plan
- Holding “regular” informal and brief coordination meetings
 - What does regular mean?
 - Focus on the “one” – make assignments to minister and help
 - Include the youth – let them lead and do their own planning





Here are 3 important questions
from other Area Temple and
Family History Advisers.

We are having a difficult time connecting with a few of our stakes. How can we change that?

Is your Area Seventy aware of this?

What does he recommend?

Follow his counsel!



Who and What can we teach?

Stake Adult Leadership Committee

- Inspiring them to minister to the elders quorums and Relief Society presidencies
- Effective counseling between the EQ and RS Presidencies
- Planning to help members receive their next ordinance
- Lead a Q&A discussion

Stake Temple and Family History Consultants

- Best practices in training the ward consultants
- The importance of ministering to the one
- 1-on-1 personal discovery experiences
- Online resources to help all TFH consultants

When we get the opportunity to meet with a stake presidency, what do we talk about?

Answer: It is far more effective to find out what they are doing or in need of than “telling” them what they ought to do.

When approached by the people, Jesus would often answer a question with a question.

He was a Master in asking the right questions.

You also, can ask inspired questions!

We invite you:

- Prayerfully seek inspiration on helping the stakes
- Focus on listening, not telling
- Assume the posture of serving as a minister
- Never forget the “one”
- It’s all “one work” – the Work of Salvation and Exaltation!



New - Support Email Address

- Atfha.support@churchofjesuschrist.org
- Please send your questions and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.
- Also include:
 - Your name
 - Coordinating Council, State
 - Telephone Number (incase we need to call and discuss further)

Thank You!

May the Lord bless you as you serve!
