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## MONUMENT PARK STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

RS Vision: We are Women Disciples of Jesus Christ

#### DEAR RS PRESIDENCIES,

We hear about refugees throughout the world. In the April 2022 General Conference, Elder Gary E. Stevenson said that we can be "inspired by the outpouring of compassion and humanitarianism that has been demonstrated by people everywhere through their efforts to reach out to the marginalized—those displaced from their homes, separated from their families, or experiencing other forms of sorrow and despair."

He related "how a group of mothers in Poland, out of concern for desperate, fleeing families, left fully equipped strollers on a train station platform in a neat line, ready and waiting for refugee mothers and children who would need them at that border crossing as they deboarded a train. Surely, our Heavenly Father smiles upon acts of selfless charity such as these, for as we bear one another's burdens, we 'fulfill the law of Christ.'"

Let us speak about LDS refugees. Some people call them pioneers. Between 1847 and 1868, they traveled to Utah by wagon or handcart, walking thousands of miles. Women watched out for one another's

children along the way. They exchanged hunger, pain, and hardship for the hope of finding a safe place to live in peace. Then after the transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869, pioneers usually came to Utah by train. The mode of transportation differed, but people still left home and often family, uncertain of the future. Pioneer women needed basic necessities, friendship, a lifting hand and Gospel centered compassion. Those same needs exist today in each of our wards and Relief Societies.

How can we anticipate the needs of the sisters and children among us? Most importantly, we need to

know them—know who they are, meet them, welcome them and above all listen to their thoughts, needs, joys and sorrows without judgment. Performed in a Christlike way, ministering helps us achieve this. Let us "bear one another's burdens" as did those LDS refugees of the past and more closely emulate the Savior. Selfless charity is the lifeblood of discipleship.

Love, Lisa, Allison, Amy & Jill

#### CALENDAR EVENTS

#### **JULY 2024**

WELFARE ASSIGNMENTS AT DESERET MANUFACTURING SEE ATTACHMENT

#### JULY 4

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

#### SAT, JULY 20

YSA TEMPLE NIGHT AND MINGLE JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE & ADJACENT STAKE CENTER

#### **JULY 24**

HAPPY PIONEER DAY

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

**AUG 2 - 4** 

**UTAH AREA YSA CONFERENCE** 

#### SEPT 5 - OCT 10

MP STAKE RS DISCUSSION SERIES RESUMES THURSDAYS AT IO:OOAM



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#### JULY WELFARE ASSIGNMENTS

Monday, July 22nd	Deseret Manufacturing	Assembly -Bedding	12:00pm - 3:15pm	4	<b>Emigration Canyon</b>
Tuesday, July 23rd	Deseret Manufacturing	Assembly - Bedding	12:00pm - 3:15pm	4	Monument Park
Thursday, July 25th	Deseret Manufacturing	Assembly - Bedding	12:00pm - 3:15pm	4	Princeton
Friday, July 26th	Deseret Manufacturing	Assembly - Bedding	12:00pm - 3:15pm	4	St. Mary's

#### HANDBOOK MOMENT

## **GH 21.1 Responsibilities of Ministering Sisters and Brothers**Ministering sisters and brothers have the following

responsibilities for the individuals and families assigned to them:

- Help them strengthen their faith in Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.
- Help them prepare to make and keep sacred covenants with God as they receive ordinances. As needed, help parents prepare their children to receive ordinances and keep covenants.
- Discern needs and provide Christ-like love, caring, and service. Offer help and comfort in times of spiritual or temporal need. Discuss needs during ministering interviews and at other times.
- Help them become spiritually and temporally self-reliant.



"The Good Shepherd," by Del Parson

# THIS IS WHAT MINISTERING LOOKS LIKE

Did you know that our Church is giving US \$55.8 million to help 12 million children and 2.7 million women?

#### https://youtu.be/B6TfL5QOYz4

"Global progress starts with nourishing children and strengthening women,"
President Johnson said.
"When you bless a woman, you bless a family, a community, a nation.
When you bless a child, you invest in the future"
Church News Release, 12 June 2024.

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#### JUST FOR FUN

#### EXPLORE THE NEW HYMNS FOR HOME AND CHURCH

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/initiative/new-hymns?lang=eng

"For my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads. Wherefore, lift up thy heart and rejoice, and cleave unto the covenants which thou hast made" D&C 25:12-13.





### 25 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has prioritized the needs of women and children—through maternal and newborn care, child nutrition efforts, immunizations, and education worldwide. When you follow the Savior's commandment to care for those in need, you are a part of this global effort."

The following link "includes a few ideas to get you thinking and praying about the kinds of things you can do in your own home, neighborhood, and community to address the needs of women and children. Seek to be inspired where the Lord needs you and who you should lead, guide, and walk beside. When you serve your family, neighbors, and community, you are a part of the global cause of the Relief Society—bringing the love and relief of Jesus Christ to our sisters and brothers around the world." The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/serve/caring/stories/25-ways-to-participate-women-children?lang=eng

#### **WOMEN OF FAITH**

OUR BELOVED STAKE RS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, FLORENCE THATCHER, IS MOVING.

WE WILL MISS HER DEARLY!