

Create diverse
Communities.

Strengthen family relationships.



As Christ's disciple, you are called to strengthen family ties through mutual respect and the building of healthy relationships. Support is available through church and other good resources to empower your family to tackle any difficulties with courage, love, and skill. Families in all their diverse forms are the foundation for strong communities.

Family ministry includes helping parents bring up children with faith in God, healthy values, and a strong sense of self-worth so that when they have families of their own they can form long-lasting, happy relationships and develop disciples for Jesus Christ.

"Do not neglect the smallest among you, for even the least of these are treasures in God's sight. Receive the giftedness and energy of children and youth, listening to understand their questions and their wisdom. Respond to their need to be loved and nurtured as they grow. Be mindful of the changing of life's seasons, of the passage from the springtime of childhood and youth to the winter years of life. Embrace the blessing of your many differences. Be tender and caring. Be reminded once again that the gifts of all are necessary in order that divine purposes may be accomplished." --Doctrine and Covenants 161:4a, b



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**Establish congregational
partnerships.**

If you have ever attended a congregation different from your own--rural or urban, in Seattle or Sydney, Hispanic or African American--that experience may have brought you new understanding and respect for differences, built new relationships, and brought multiple blessings. The church encourages your congregation to be one of the 1,000 congregations that will establish cross-cultural partnerships to enrich discipleship. Through these partnerships, you will catch a glimpse into another congregation's "world" and learn how the gospel is lived out and shared there.

Partnerships will be for a specific period of time and for a variety of missional purposes. Interactions may vary--through correspondence, the Internet, video exchange, sharing ministries, and more. These partnerships are not for the "haves" to give and the "have-nots" to receive, but for the mutual blessing of both.

*"Heed the urgent call to become a global family united in the name of the Christ, committed in love to one another, seeking the kingdom for which you yearn and to which you have always been summoned. That kingdom shall be a peaceable one and it shall be known as Zion." --
Doctrine and Covenants 161:6b*

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Help expand
WorldService Corps.



You can help the church identify volunteers age twenty and older who seek to grow and learn in new, cross-cultural settings and support WorldService Corps's ministry without boundaries. These volunteers experience profound personal growth while serving for specified times in cultural settings unlike their own. As WorldService Corps opportunities expand to include, for example, retirees, you may sense a call to serve in this life-changing way. Visit their Web site at www.CofChrist.org/worldservice for more information.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." --Matthew 5:14-16 NRSV