



# Ministering Visits We Want to Get the Word Out in Utah

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# President Russell M. Nelson

“We have felt a pressing need to improve the way we care for our members and report our contacts with them. To do that better, we need to strengthen our priesthood quorums to give greater direction to the ministering of love and support that the Lord intends for His Saints.

...We have made the decision to retire home teaching and visiting teaching as we have known them. Instead, we will implement a newer, **holier approach.**”

“Introductory Remarks,” April 2018 General Conference

# General Handbook 21.0 - Introduction

- Ministering means serving others as the Savior did (see Matthew 20:26-28).
- He loved, taught, prayed for, comforted, and blessed those around Him (see Acts 10:38).
- As disciples of Jesus Christ, we seek to minister to God's children.





## Responsibilities of Ministering Brothers and Sisters

... to watch over the  
church always, and be  
with and strengthen  
them ...

D&C 20:53

# Responsibilities of Ministering Brothers and Sisters

- 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 Christlike 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.

General Handbook, 21.1

## Mosiah 23:18

Therefore they did watch over their people, and did nourish them with things pertaining to righteousness.







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**47** And visit the house of each member, and exhort them to pray vocally and in secret and attend to all family duties.

**59** They are, however, to warn, expound, exhort, and teach, and invite all to come unto Christ.

# Responsibilities of Ministering Brothers and Sisters

**Personal visits are encouraged**, considering factors such as safety, distance, and cultural appropriateness. Ministering sisters and brothers can also reach out in other ways. These include phone calls, video calls, texts, emails, letters, social media, contact at church, and acts of service.

General Handbook, 21.1





## Ministering Assignments for Youth

General Handbook, 21.2.2

- A young woman may serve as a ministering companion to a Relief Society sister when the young woman is willing and able. She may begin serving in the year she turns 14. The Relief Society presidency counsels with the young woman, her parents, and the Young Women presidency as they consider ministering assignments.
- A young man serves as a ministering companion to a Melchizedek Priesthood holder when he is ordained to the office of teacher or priest. The bishop determines whether the young man is worthy and prepared to be ordained. (See 10.1.3.2.) The elders quorum presidency counsels with the young man, his parents, and the bishopric as they consider ministering assignments.

# Ministering Visits

## We Want to Get the Word Out in Utah

Establish a new floor as a minimum, thus raising the level of our ministering efforts:

1. Monthly home visits are the hallmark
2. Go with the youth
3. Share a gospel message
4. Leave a prayer and blessing on the home





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“A hallmark of the Lord’s true and living Church will always be an organized, directed effort to minister to individual children of God and their families. Because it is His Church, we as His servants will minister to the one, just as He did. We will minister in His name, with His power and authority, and with His loving-kindness.”

Ministering with the Power and Authority of God, April 2018  
General Conference



