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OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
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February 29, 2012

To: Members of the Church

(To be read in sacrament meeting)

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Names Submitted for Temple Ordinances

We would like to reiterate the policies first stated in 1995 concerning the submission of names for proxy temple ordinances:

- Our preeminent obligation is to seek out and identify our own ancestors. Those whose names are submitted for proxy temple ordinances should be related to the submitter.
- Without exception, Church members *must not* submit for proxy temple ordinances any names from unauthorized groups, such as celebrities and Jewish Holocaust victims. If members do so, they may forfeit their New FamilySearch privileges. Other corrective action may also be taken.
- Members are encouraged to participate in FamilySearch indexing which is vital to family history and temple work.

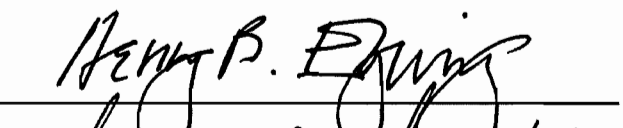
Bishops are asked to post this letter on their meetinghouse bulletin boards. Church members may seek the assistance of the family history consultants in their area for additional information, if needed. Name submission policies are also clearly stated on New.FamilySearch.org.

We appreciate the faithful adherence to these policies by all members of the Church.

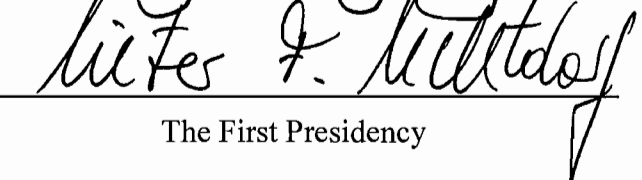
Sincerely yours,



Thomas S. Monson



Henry B. Eyring



Sister F. McLeod

The First Presidency

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