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To: General Authorities; General Officers; Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, District, and Temple Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents; Stake and Ward Councils; Church Members

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

New General Handbook

We are pleased to announce the release of a new handbook. It is titled *General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*. It is now available in the Gospel Library app and on ChurchofJesusChrist.org in English. Over time, it will be translated and published in an additional 51 languages.


The new *General Handbook* replaces *Handbook 1: Stake Presidents and Bishops* and *Handbook 2: Administering the Church* with a single volume. Key elements include:

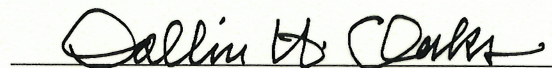
- Continuing an emphasis on helping all come unto Christ.
- Organizing content around Heavenly Father's work of salvation and exaltation.
- Providing greater flexibility to simplify programs and adapt to local needs.
- Making all content available to everyone.
- Providing instructional videos and helpful links to other Church resources.

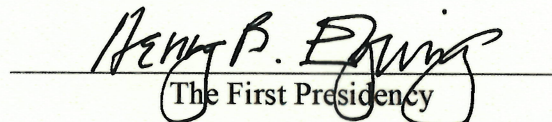
Nine chapters of the *General Handbook* are new or updated. Other chapters contain minor revisions from *Handbook 1* and *Handbook 2*. Updated versions of these chapters will be published as they become available. It is expected that the entire handbook will be updated by the end of 2021.

In English, printed copies of *Handbook 1* and *Handbook 2* are obsolete and should be discarded. In other languages, *Handbook 1* and *Handbook 2* should continue to be used until the new *General Handbook* is available. The copies should be discarded at that time.

Sincerely yours,

  
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