## Plan to Unite Families for Eternity Park City Utah Stake

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**Love.** Because of Heavenly Father's infinite love for us, He sent His Son to redeem us from sin and death through His atoning sacrifice (see <u>John 3:16</u>). To receive eternal life, we must "come unto Christ, ... be perfected in him" (<u>Moroni 10:32</u>) and receive the saving ordinances of the temple. This invitation extends to all who have lived or will ever live on the earth.

**Share.** Because we love God and His children, we naturally want to share the blessings He has given us and help gather Israel. We seek to help people feel the joy we feel. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we hold up His light. We speak openly of the Savior and His influence in our lives. We share love, time, experiences, and gospel truths to bless God's children and help them draw closer to Christ. We share these things in normal and natural ways, using technology to amplify our efforts.

**Unite.** Uniting families for eternity is central to God's Plan of Happiness. When we gather our family histories and go to the temple on behalf of our ancestors, we are participating in Heavenly Father's work and glory to "bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man" (Moses 1:39). We are helping Him bring promised blessings on both sides of the veil.

(See General Handbook Section 1:1)

## Practices

**Love**. We show our love for God as we keep His commandments and serve His children (see John 14:15).

- Study and ponder the "Gathering of Israel";
- Prepare for your next step on the covenant path;
- Consider how you can love, encourage, and help others to progress along the covenant path;
- Cultivate a "Find My Family" focus in your home.

**Share.** Learn about your ancestors and encourage family and friends to join you.

- Create a FamilySearch account;
- Watch <u>help videos</u> and schedule a free <u>online</u> consultation to expand your FamilySearch skills;
- Add to your family tree in FamilySearch;
- Submit family names to the temple;
- Ask a Temple and Family History Consultant in your ward or branch for help.

**Unite**. Help unite families for eternity.

- Do whatever necessary to receive and retain a current temple recommend, that you may always be "recommended to the Lord".
- Magnify your calling by helping those within your stewardship make covenants and receive temple ordinances;
- Perform ordinances for your ancestors in the temple so they can make covenants with God;
- Go to the temple regularly to worship God and perform ordinances for His children.

**Personal Plans.** Create a simple plan for how you & your family will help redeem your ancestors and enjoy the peace, joy, and revelation that comes from serving in the temple.

**Stake Goals.** 1) Encourage members to create and follow a simple Plan to Unite Families. 2) Help Ward Councils create and implement an annual Plan to Unite Families with specific, measurable goals.