

These points and others are outlined in detail on the updated **Visiting Teaching Training** page, found under “**Relief Society**” in the **Serving in the Church** section of **LDS.org**.

Leadership Training Library

This interactive online supplement to *Handbook 2* features short videos that teach core leadership principles. Viewers can find helpful content both on the right navigation (“Minister to Others,”) and the top navigation (“Relief Society”). The latter includes a content outline that directly corresponds with the content of *Handbook 2*.

Mormon Channel

Each month Mormon Channel programming expands the Visiting Teaching Message through quotes and insights from General Authorities. Even though January 2012’s Visiting Teaching Message, “Watchcare and Ministering through Visiting Teaching,” preceded the official change to the Visiting Teaching Messages, it teaches principles that are central to ministering. To listen to this episode, find **Visiting Teaching Message, Episode 14**, at **mormonchannel.org**, and watch for forthcoming episodes at the same location.

Read more of these stories—and many others—at news.lds.org. ■

New biographies of the current prophets and apostles on prophets.lds.org show the hand of the Lord in preparing them to serve.



Prophets.LDS.org Features New Biographies of Living Apostles

By Heather Whittle Wrigley

Church News and Events

New biographies of members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles have been published on prophets.lds.org, under the section titled “Meet today’s prophets and apostles.”

The first biography to be featured on Prophets and Apostles Speak Today was that of President Boyd K. Packer, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. One biography has been added each week since, in order of the Apostles’ seniority, and will continue to be added until the full quorum is represented.

Biographies of the members of the First Presidency—President Thomas S. Monson, First Counselor Henry B. Eyring, and Second Counselor Dieter F. Uchtdorf—have been available on the site since October 2011.

“Learning about their childhood, student years, family life, and careers prior to their calls to the apostleship will help us see the hand of the Lord in their lives and will serve as another witness of how He calls

and magnifies ordinary men and women to serve in the kingdom,” said Elder Paul B. Pieper of the Seventy, who serves as the Executive Director of the Curriculum Department.

The biographies will include information and stories of each leader’s life, but most of all, they will show how the Lord prepared them to serve. Accompanying photographs—some of which have not been widely published—will highlight their individual ministries, families, and childhood.

Elder Pieper emphasized that these biographies will provide a more personal resource for studying and appreciating the lives of the Brethren and their lifetimes of consecration and service.

“It will be valuable to all who want to know more about living prophets,” he said. “These biographies will help us to feel that prophets and apostles live and speak today and that God continues to raise up chosen servants to lead His Church.”

The biography section will remain a permanent part of prophets.lds.org. As new apostles and prophets are called, new biographies will replace the old ones. The site will be a wonderful resource to use in family home evenings, classes, and personal study, Elder Pieper said. ■

President Packer Teaches at Seminary Centennial

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints celebrated a century of seminary on Sunday, January 22, 2012, with a special program broadcast featuring remarks from President Boyd K. Packer, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

Watch for text from President Packer’s talk to be published in Church magazines later this year, or view or read the talk online at seminary.lds.org. You can also find a report on the program at news.lds.org. ■

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ASL seminary instructor Emmalee Christensen teaches multiple students through videophone technology.

ASL Seminary Classes Blossom at Site of Original Seminary

Today in Salt Lake City, at the same site where seminary was first offered in 1912, Nathan Van De Graaff teaches seminary in American Sign Language (ASL) to students who are participating from their homes across the United States.

The class is possible because of videophone technology, similar to Web cameras, which allows the Deaf to see and talk with each other using ASL. It allows a teacher to teach several students at once and makes it possible for students to see and sign to their classmates.

For more information about ASL seminary, visit news.lds.org and search using the keywords “ASL seminary” or visit seminary.lds.org/asl.

Relief Society Sisters Invited to Serve to Mark Anniversary

To honor the 170th anniversary of the organization of the Relief Society on March 17, 2012, members of the organization are invited to participate in activities throughout the year that engage them in the work of Relief Society.

This anniversary, said the Relief Society general presidency, presents a natural opportunity for sisters to reinforce in their lives the purposes taught in *Daughters in My Kingdom: The History and Work of Relief Society*.

Suggestions for activity ideas and additional information are available in the “Relief Society” section of **Serving in the Church** on **LDS.org**.

New Features Available on Gospel Library App

In an effort to provide additional Church content to more people around the world, the free Gospel Library app is now available in more than a dozen languages across five platforms.

At mobile.LDS.org, members can download the app for Android, Apple, BlackBerry, webOS, and Windows Mobile, gaining instant access to the scriptures, general conference addresses, Sunday manuals, and other Church materials on their mobile devices.

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