

homes, in wards and branches, and throughout the Church.

Application of the Gospel

Real growth and conversion come from applying the gospel to daily life. In a question-and-answer discussion, Elder L. Tom Perry and Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained that the ultimate application of the gospel is making and keeping temple covenants. Obedience to covenants, Elder Christofferson said, can change the natural man to a Saint over time.

Reaching out to others is another important aspect of gospel application. Members are responsible individually and as a Church to reach out to rescue those in temporal and spiritual need, leaders said.

We should not hesitate to join hands with other faiths and service-oriented organizations to care for the poor and the needy, Elder Christofferson said. Priesthood leaders should lead out in these efforts, but members and missionaries should support that role as well.

A panel discussion emphasized focusing on ministering to families, strengthening Melchizedek Priesthood holders, and helping to build the faith and testimonies of the

youth. Elder Ballard and Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles participated, along with Elder Ronald A. Rasband of the Presidency of the Seventy; Elaine S. Dalton, Young Women general president; and Rosemary M. Wixom, Primary general president.

Elder Rasband said that every leader needs to be involved in bringing members back to full activity, and Elder Andersen emphasized that the youth need to be more involved in reactivating and strengthening other youth.

Achieving Real Growth

Real growth comes as we apply gospel principles in our daily lives, President Uchtdorf emphasized.

“As you consider these topics, ask yourself about the ‘why’ of your service and ministry and the resulting ‘therefore, what’ in your responsibilities as individuals and as councils,” he said.

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Church Introduces New Leader’s Guide to Temple and Family History Work

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Church News and Events

In November 2010 the Springfield First Ward council in the Springfield Illinois (USA) Stake decided to invite a newly reactivated family, the Michael and Jessica Dauphinee family, to meet with ward family history consultants. With encouragement from priesthood leaders and the consultants, the Dauphinees, who hadn’t yet been to the temple, intently began searching out their ancestors to submit their names for sacred temple ordinances.

As the family prepared to do the work of their ancestors at the temple, they were also preparing themselves for the temple, demonstrating that family history and proxy temple work aren’t just about redeeming the dead. Work for the living and the dead are both part of the work of salvation.

This and three other stories from the Springfield Illinois Stake are highlighted in a new training guide titled *To Turn the Hearts*, a resource created for priesthood leaders and Church family history consultants. The training aims to assist leaders in identifying and helping families and individuals research their family history while concurrently preparing them to make and keep temple covenants.

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, who speaks in an interview included in the guide’s accompanying DVD, said, “This is not a function of simply the leaders in Springfield. Although they are excellent and

To Turn the Hearts DVD

Demonstrating Principles in the
Leader's Guide to Temple and Family History Work



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The new To Turn the Hearts training materials include a guidebook and accompanying DVD that teach leaders and family history consultants how to use family history initiatives to assist in achieving local priesthood objectives such as missionary work and member retention.

inspired, . . . these promises, these spiritual outcomes, are available to all who seek the appropriate inspiration. These results are replicable all over the world.”

The resources for *To Turn the Hearts* include a 25-page guidebook, a training DVD, and a website housing the two. ■

Read more at news.lds.org using the keywords “To Turn the Hearts.”

FamilySearch to Launch Census Indexing Project

By Heather Whittle Wrigley

Church News and Events

FamilySearch, in collaboration with other leading genealogy organizations, will begin publishing the 1940 U.S. Federal Census free online on April 2, 2012—and tens of thousands of indexers are needed to help make the digital images searchable online.

Unlike previous census years, the 1940 census of the United States will be released by the National Archives and Records Administration in the form of free digital images. By law, census records cannot be released until 72 years have passed.

April 2, 2012, marks 72 years to the day since the 1940 census was taken. Census records from 1790 through 1930 are currently available on FamilySearch.org.

FamilySearch will provide those images online to tens of thousands of volunteers to start transcribing the records so they become searchable. Indexers type information from the digital images into electronic forms that make the information searchable online.

FamilySearch expects the 132 million records to be indexed by the end of 2012, but meeting that deadline will depend on how many volunteers work on them.

“We’re looking for 100,000 additional indexers for this project,” said Michael Judson, FamilySearch’s indexing work-force development manager. “It’s the genealogy story of the year, and there is a lot of interest both in and out of the Church.”

The 1940 U.S. Federal Census is the largest, most comprehensive, and most recent record set available that records the names

