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## **BELOVED DAUGHTERS**

You are all remarkable young women. ...

President Russell M. Nelson . . . has asked that I share some inspired changes that will help you "develop [your] sacred personal potential" and increase your righteous influence. I will address four areas of adjustment tonight. . . .

Tonight, I would like to announce a revision to the Young Women theme. I pray you will feel the Holy Ghost testify of the truth of these words. . . .

[See the new theme on page 49.]

The second area of change affects Young Women classes. ... Our classes must be sanctuaries from the storms, secure places of love and belonging. . . .

For over 100 years, young women have been divided into three classes. Beginning immediately, we invite Young Women leaders and bishops to prayerfully consider the needs of each young woman and organize them according to the ward's specific circumstances. . . .

Third, with this new class organization, all classes will be referred to by the unifying name of "Young Women." We will retire the names of "Beehive," "Mia Maid," and "Laurel." . . .

The final area I wish to address is the importance of class presidencies. . . .

The role and purpose of class presidencies have been strengthened and more clearly defined. The work of salvation is one of these significant responsibilities. . . . Yes, this is how we gather Israel. . . .

Class presidents, we need your wisdom, voice, and energy in the new ward youth council. . . .

I pray that the same Spirit that has guided these adjustments will guide you as you press forward on the covenant path.

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