

September 16, 2020 Foothills Ward Consultants Training: **As Part of the Remote Ward Temple and Family History Night**

Opening Prayer: Representative from the Relief Society

7 pm to 7:15 pm: Welcoming Theme: Fellowship with Zoom One-On-One in Homes equals "Spirit of Elijah!" and Let's Prepare **Now** for the Denver Temple, levels 3 and 4 during the Coronavirus Pandemic,

1. Welcome representatives from the Elders Quorum and Relief Society, Ward Mission Leader and Brother Elliot from the Foothills Ward Bishopric as well as all the Foothills Ward Temple & Family History consultants and our ward missionaries.
2. We can still make a difference in spite of the coronavirus pandemic lock-down. See line item #4
3. In June, three ward members were invited for assistance their Family Tree counts on FamilySearch.org
 - o Corey Hixson
 - o Sister Ramona Excell
 - o Brother Chris Elliott
 - o Can you suggest three others for our next November 18th Ward Temple & Family History leadership training meeting?
4. **A Creative Option for Our Ward and Our Temple & Family History Consultants**
One suggestion I have is that it would be wise to dedicate an even number of hours to temple and family history in lieu of not being able to attend the temple presently. For example, we would be better able to finalize our names for submitting temple ordinances. This is where our ward consultants can be helpful to ensure that names are correctly prepared. Knowing that it takes about three hours to attend the temple perhaps once a month, each member of our ward has adequate time to prepare their names for ordinances. I believe this plan has "legs" over several months or more when temples are finally opened for levels 3 and 4 sometime next year. **The trick is to make a commitment now on a ward basis** to best utilize the available time and talents of our ward consultants. Fortunately, we have sufficient **now time** to assist our ward to be ready for temple levels 3 and 4. This available training time will never be so evident once the Coronavirus pandemic is eliminated.

7:15 pm to 8 pm or longer depending on questions with guest presenter:

5. **Special guest presenter: Brother John Mears**, former Denver Temple Recorder for 21 years. A graduate of Harvard University and Ohio State University and served together with Roslyn and I as an employment missionary at the Denver Regional Employment Center. Brother Mears has been a guiding light in my genealogical pursuits since 1998 resulting in spiritual success for me and my entire family. He is also a faithful follower of our Foothills Ward Temple & Family History Facebook Group along with a vast amount of expertise and experiences in temple and family history.



8 pm to 8:30 pm based on interaction between Church leaders and consultants to cover the following line-items below. Potential Homework and Preparations for further discussions.

6. **Self-Paced FamilySearch Training Materials.** More to come. But need input from ward consultants and ward leaders of how to expand any of the essential tools and techniques needed to reach members for motivation purposes. Namely, we need referrals of who is ready for V.I.P. assistance one-on-one with Zoom.
- [Time To Expand & Improve Your Family History Techniques: No Excuses Now!](#)
Here are weekly tips from The Family History Guide going back to January 1, 2020 with links and tutorials.
 - [Table of Contents for the Foothills Ward Temple & Family History Facebook Group](#)
Here are nearly 400 individual postings well organized by topics with “how to” do tutorials covering just about every aspect of doing family history with topics and links ready to go to better adapt any presentation consultants and/or Church leaders need to share their members.
- **FamilySearch Training Exercises:** Family Search is the fundamental website for temple and family history pursuits for members of our Church. Thanks to Bob Lathen of the Littleton Colorado Stake, we now have eight appropriate on-line tutorials specifically designed for both consultants and missionaries with their investigators!

FamilySearch is the single most important genealogical website in the world! Here are eight excellent self-paced tutorial study guides to learn how to improve using FamilySearch. They are designed for family history literacy so Church leaders and ward consultants have the tools to make a difference.

[Training 1:](#) covered at our November 11th training meeting pertinent to learning the **Help Areas of FamilySearch** for helping patrons in using FamilySearch more effectively.

[Training 2:](#)

1. Adding someone to your planner
2. Personalized Family History Experiences
3. Family History Activities
4. Family Search Discovery - all about me”
5. Finding Temple Opportunities”
6. Memories/Gallery
7. Create/Record My Story

[Training 3:](#)

1. Historical Records
2. Media Resources
3. Familysearch.org Basics”
4. Church Policies

[Training 4:](#)

1. Resources for helping others
2. My Temple and Family History Network”
3. Record Hints, Attach Sources

[Training 5:](#) view four videos in total they take less than 30 minutes

1. [Records and Family Tree:](#) introduction to FamilySearch, with a brief mention of Web Indexing, Historical Records and Family Tree.
2. [Working Together in Family Tree:](#) easy way to share family history information, compare research and go further and faster more accurately by working together.
3. [Guidance on Family Tree:](#) more hints and tips to help you work more productively and get the best out of Family Tree.
4. [Family Tree:](#) guidance on reserving family names for Temple ordinances.

[Training 6a: Training 6b](#) (strategies for teaching investigators temple and family history principles.) and [The Promised Blessings of Family History: "Spirit of Elijah"](#)

- Doctrines that support Temple & Family History work for members and investigators

[Training 7: Merging Duplicate Records in FamilySearch](#)

[Level 8: Solutions for Challenging Unindexed FamilySearch Research Topics](#)

- My Temple and Family History Network

8:30 pm to 8:55 pm Revelations from the Foothills Ward Facebook Group and Discussion from the Ensign, February 2020: [Ministering Through Family History](#)

- Find Family at 30,000 Feet
 - Surrounded by New Family
 - Recipe for Ministering
 - Specific Ways To Help Minister Through Family History
1. Help them upload family photos to [FamilySearch](#) and [Training 3](#):
 2. Help them record and upload audio recordings of family history stories, especially ones that match photos. [Training 2](#): Create a fan chart or other printable family history document that you can give as a gift. Click [here](#) for The Family History Guide solution
 3. Teach ways to capture their own history through keeping a journal in a way they enjoy. [Audio journal](#)? [Photo journal](#)? [Video logs](#)? There are many options for those who don't prefer standard journal formats.
 4. Go to the [temple together to do ordinances](#) for ancestors. Or offer to do ordinances for their family names if they have more than they can handle.
 5. Get together to share family traditions. [Family Reunions](#)
 6. Take a [family history class](#) together.
 7. Find other ideas at [ministering.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](#).
 8. [Invitation to Minister Through Family History](#)

Zoom for Future Ward Assistance to Members

- Brother Kuzmich will jointly Zoom with each of you with any member of our ward with his account to field test our effectiveness of using this technology. It is easy and free to get your own account and there are many members of our ward who are more experienced with Zoom than me.

Zoom Rescue: Collaboration Time With Ward Temple & Family History Consultants (reads better via the link above) **Missing Zoom Links Updated and Added!**

The time has come that all of us can benefit with videoconferencing. Consider setting up a Zoom.com free account between two people with unlimited duration and 40 minutes for group meetings. Now that our church meetings are using Zoom, have no fear because someone in our ward already can probably be able to tutor you. There are a plethora of ...

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8:55 pm Meeting Closure

- **Closing Prayer:** Representative from the Foothills Ward Elders Quorum

