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To: General Authorities; Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents;
Bishops and Branch Presidents

(To be read in sacrament meeting)

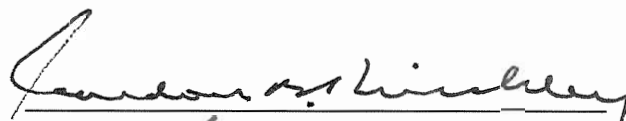
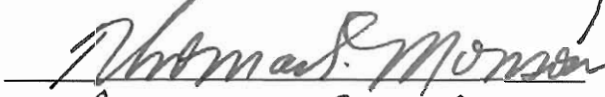
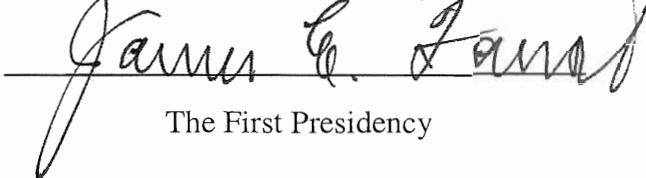
Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Home School Activities in Church Meetinghouses

Some members of the Church teach their children at home rather than sending them to a public or private school. Groups of these parents often combine to offer activities for their children and increasingly request that Church meetinghouses be made available to host such activities.

While the Church strongly encourages education, Church facilities are dedicated for the purposes of worship, religious instruction, and other Church-related activities. Church meetinghouses should not be used as home school or day care facilities, or for hosting home school activities. Adherence to this policy will help avoid safety and tax liabilities for the Church.

Sincerely yours,

The First Presidency

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