

Notice

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To: General Authorities and the following leaders
of English-speaking units: Area Seventies;
Stake, Mission, and District Presidents;
Bishops and Branch Presidents

From: Priesthood and Family Department (801-240-2134)

Subject: Suicide Prevention and Ministering

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The following Church resources are available to help leaders and members prevent suicide and to help leaders minister to individuals and their families impacted by suicide.

- The updated Church website suicide.lds.org includes helpful awareness and prevention resources as well as supportive counsel for those struggling with thoughts of suicide, for those who have survived an attempt, and for those who have lost a loved one.
- Counseling and ministering helps for leaders and ward council members can be found at MinisteringResources.lds.org.
- Magazine articles about suicide and depression appeared in the September 2017 issues of the *Ensign*, *Liahona*, and *New Era*.
- Additional information for LGBT individuals, who may be at greater risk of suicide, and their families can be found at MormonandGay.lds.org in the Understanding section. Leaders should be especially mindful of extending love and support to these members of their congregations.

Leaders should consider appropriate ways to ensure that members are aware of these resources. Members and leaders are encouraged to learn about and use trusted local resources to take advantage of formal suicide prevention training and to support community initiatives to prevent suicide.

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