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To: General Authorities; Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents; and Stake and Ward Primary, Young Women, and Relief Society Presidencies

*(To be read in stake, ward, and branch councils)*

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

“I Was a Stranger”: Refugee Relief

We remind Latter-day Saints throughout the world that one of the fundamental principles of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ is to “impart of your substance to the poor, every man according to that which he hath, . . . administering to their relief, both spiritually and temporally, according to their wants” (Mosiah 4:26).

In harmony with our letter of October 27, 2015, the general presidencies of the Relief Society, Young Women, and Primary invite women of all ages to join together to help refugees in their local communities.

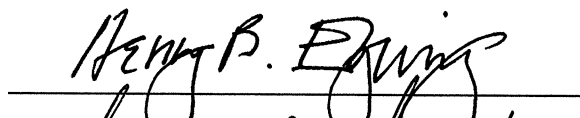
The sisters’ effort is entitled “I Was a Stranger” (see Matthew 25:35; Leviticus 19:34). “I Was a Stranger” gives sisters a way to serve as individuals, in families, and in organizations and to offer friendship, mentoring, and other Christlike service to the refugees in our midst. For further details, see the enclosed letter.

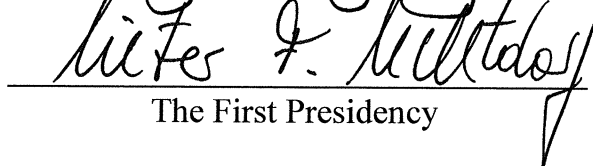
Sisters may participate in this effort when time and circumstances allow, making sure that no one is expected to “run faster than [she] has strength” and that all “things are done in wisdom and order” (Mosiah 4:27).

May the Lord bless you as you render service to those in need.

Sincerely yours,

  
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