

# PROVIDING IN THE LORD'S WAY

A CHURCHWIDE PLAN FOR CARING FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY



*“My first thought was, ‘What kind of an organization will we have to have, to do this?’ . . . It was as though the Lord . . . said to me: ‘Look, son. You don’t need any other organization. I have given you the greatest organization there is on the face of the earth. Nothing is greater than the priesthood organization. All in the world you need to do is to put the priesthood to work. That’s all.’”*

—Harold B. Lee

# CHURCHWIDE PLAN

## INDIVIDUALS



### Individuals are responsible for personal self-reliance:

- Prayer and revelation
- Personal talents and abilities
- Personal assets and home storage
- Family and extended family
- Resources in the community
- Quorum and Relief Society leaders

### • BISHOP



### Bishops can use the following resources to assist individuals:

#### Ward and Stake Resources (Lord's Storehouse)

- Ward and family members
- Church handbooks
- Quorums/Relief Society
- Ward council
- Fast offerings/commodities
- Resources in the community

#### Churchwide Resources (Lord's Storehouse)

- Array of electronic tools for bishops and members (finding employment, overcoming addictions, etc.)
- 24-hour helpline for bishops and stake presidents
- Specialized resources and short-term projects (home gardening, self-employment, etc.)
- Humanitarian aid where appropriate

# Objectives

- Place responsibility for self-reliance primarily on the individual, with assistance from the family, bishop, quorum, Relief Society, and ward council.
- Center teaching, training, and execution of welfare work in the priesthood line.
- Shift emphasis away from bricks and mortar (the traditional “Wasatch Front model”).
- Introduce Churchwide uniformity in tools available to provide in the Lord’s way.
- Allow flexibility in producing and distributing commodities.
- Accommodate Church growth.



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