As we work in unity with our priesthood brothers, we become little by little a more Zion-like people (see Moses 7:18).

Sister Reeves: When we read “The Family: A Proclamation to the World,” we see that our Heavenly Father uses the strengths of men and women according to the roles and responsibilities that will bring the optimum number of His children back to Him. The purpose of Relief Society helps us do that.

6. What is it like for your presidency to work with the prophets?

Sister Burton: Just as Jesus Christ was a champion for women in His day, so are His Apostles in our day. Our prophets are thorough in their deliberations, always seeking input and the perspective of the sisters in the Church. I wish every sister in the Church could see and hear and feel what we get to experience in our association with prophets, seers, and revelators on a regular basis. They are true disciples, selflessly and cheerfully giving their lives to the Lord as they seek to do His will and trust in His timing. They often testify that this Church belongs to Jesus Christ and that He leads and guides it.

Sister Reeves: When we have the ear of our leaders, which we have often, they petition us at an ever-increasing rate. The Brethren in these councils listen to and value what we say, and they work with us toward our common goals.

Sister Stephens: The First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles are special witnesses of Jesus Christ. They know Him. They are becoming like Him. So if you want to understand the relationship that women leaders have with these witnesses of Jesus Christ, look at His example in the scriptures. Jesus Christ championed women, included women, and ennobled women. In councils with the Brethren, I have often looked at them and thought, “This is a small portion of what it may feel like to be in the presence of the Savior.”

7. What is the relationship between spiritual power and our covenants?

Sister Stephens: Spiritual power comes to us through the ordinances we receive and the covenants we make. There’s also spiritual power that comes from keeping our covenants.

Spiritual power comes when we worthily partake of the sacrament on Sunday. This is when we can renew all the covenants that we have made with the Lord. We take His name upon us, “remember him,” keep His commandments, and strive to always “have his Spirit to be with [us]” (D&C 20:77, 79).

Sister Burton: Of this spiritual power, Nephi said, “I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb” (1 Nephi 14:14). Isn’t that term saints inclusive? Nephi continues in the same verse to say that the power of the Lamb of God descended “upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth, and they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory.” We as covenant leaders are the people who were scattered upon all the face of the earth. We are the people who are being armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory. This is the power of covenant leadership. We lead because we are the people who have received the covenant. We lead because we have the power of the covenant, and we lead our sisters to the Lord through our example and our witness. Our examples set the stage for the covenant blessings that are coming. This is our charge. This is our calling. We have a responsibility to be diligent in our work so that we can assist our sisters and their husbands in receiving the covenant blessings that already belong to them.