

Lincoln Nebraska Stake Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Dear Youth of the Lincoln Nebraska Stake,

Thank you for registering for and planning to attend the Lincoln Nebraska Stake Youth Conference this summer on June 13th-15th. Stake and other leaders are excited for this opportunity with all the youth in the stake turning 14 and older in 2022..

The stake youth council members chose this year's youth conference theme, "Trust in the Lord as They Did" with a focus on turning our hearts to our ancestors and others who are connected to the locations we will be visiting in the Kansas City area. These locations are not only significant in the Church's past, but also its future.

In line with President Nelson's invitation to maintain positive spiritual momentum and to increase our time in the temple, as a stake presidency we want to invite you in the next month to prepare for our youth conference in June in the following ways:

1. Prepare at least one family name from your family tree to take to the temple. If possible, learn something about their life that you can share with others. Whether or not youth are attending youth conference, we invite all youth in the stake to help in Gathering Israel and to accept Elder Gong's invitation to "find your family, all generations, and bring them home" by preparing for and securing saving ordinances for their ancestors.
2. Learn how an ancestor, or pioneer from Church history in Missouri, trusted in the Lord and be able to share their story and how their example helps you in your life today.
3. Set aside personal time to reflect on the evidence found in the scriptures and experiences in your and others lives of why it is important to "Trust in the Lord... (and) lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

We ask class and quorum presidencies and youth leaders to lead by example in preparing in these and other ways.

President Russell M. Nelson said, "Anytime you do anything that helps anyone—on either side of the veil—take a step toward making covenants with God and receiving their essential baptismal and temple ordinances, you are helping to gather Israel."

We know that as you prepare in these ways, that you will not only assist in the Gathering of Israel on both sides of the veil, but you will also be fulfilling the prophecy in the Old Testament of turning our hearts to our fathers.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Nebraska Stake Presidency,

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