



INITIAL ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

YOUNG WOMEN PRESIDENCY

VISION OF THE YOUNG WOMEN AUXILIARY

Help prepare each young woman to be worthy to make and keep sacred covenants and receive the ordinances of the temple.

AS A YOUNG WOMEN LEADER YOU ASSIST PARENTS AND PRIESTHOOD LEADERS TO WATCH OVER AND STRENGTHEN YOUNG WOMEN AGES 12 TO 18.

Help each young woman:

- Strengthen her faith and **testimony** in Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.
- Understand her **identity** as a daughter of God.
- Be **worthy** by obeying the commandments and living the standards.
- Recognize and act upon the promptings of the **Spirit**.
- **Prepare** for her future roles as wife, mother, homemaker, and leader.
- Keep her baptismal **covenants** and be worthy to make and keep sacred temple **covenants**.

WHAT AM I CALLED TO DO?

PREPARE SPIRITUALLY

- Study the scriptures with young women in mind.
- Pray, ponder, be worthy, attend the temple, and listen for revelation.
- Be strictly obedient to the commandments and exemplify the standards in behavior, language, dress, and so on.
- Rejoice in the privilege to serve.

PARTICIPATE IN COUNCILS

- Represent the needs of individual young women and their families to the council.
- Offer observations, concerns, and recommendations for consideration.
- Follow the direction of priesthood leaders.

MINISTER TO EACH YOUNG WOMAN

- Strive to retain each young woman; know, love, and recognize her individually.
- Strengthen each young woman's faith in Jesus Christ. Strengthen her in her family.

- Prepare each young woman for her future roles as wife, mother, homemaker, and leader.
- Gather young women to learn, lead, serve, and live gospel principles.

TEACH YOUNG WOMEN

- Help each young woman know and apply the first principles and ordinances of the gospel: faith, repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- Use the Book of Mormon and the words of latter-day prophets.
- Emphasize virtue, purity, worthiness, and the standards outlined in *For the Strength of Youth*.
- Teach the young women to receive, recognize, and rely on the Holy Ghost.

ADMINISTER THE YOUNG WOMEN PROGRAM

The following program tools are available to assist you:

YOUNG WOMEN THEME

- Use the principles taught in the Young Women theme as a framework for all you do in Young Women.

STANDARDS

- Know, exemplify, and teach the standards in *For the Strength of Youth* in Sunday instruction and in activities.

SUNDAY INSTRUCTION

- Hold a meeting with the young women each Sunday.
- Arrange for gospel instruction.
- Help young women read, understand, apply, and love the scriptures.
- Emphasize the Book of Mormon and the words of latter-day prophets.

ACTIVITIES

- Hold meaningful Mutual activities regularly.
- Hold camp, youth conference, and other events as determined by priesthood authorities.

PERSONAL PROGRESS

- Use Personal Progress to encourage and prepare young women for their future roles and temple covenants.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

- Train each Young Women class presidency on how to serve as a presidency. Advise on planning activities and ministering to each young woman.
- Prepare youth to participate in Bishopric Youth Committee.
- Provide opportunities for all youth to learn, serve, and practice Christlike leadership skills.

WHO CAN HELP?

- Parents
- Class presidencies
- Priesthood leaders
- Ward or branch leaders
- Other Young Women leaders, such as counselors and advisers.
- Stake Young Women leaders, as requested by the Ward or directed by the stake presidency

WHAT RESOURCE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE?

- Scriptures
- General Conference addresses
- Manuals and handbooks
 - *Guidebook for Parents and Leaders of Youth*
 - Young Women manuals and annual resource guide

- Personal Progress program
- *For the Strength of Youth* pamphlet
- *Young Women Camp Manual* and leader booklet
- *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 2: Priesthood and Auxiliary Leaders* (1998)
- Other publications
 - Church magazines
 - *True to the Faith*
 - *Preach My Gospel*
- Computer-based resources
 - youngwomen.lds.org

IN WHICH MEETINGS AM I ASKED TO PARTICIPATE?

- Sacrament meeting and other Church meetings
- Ward or branch council
- Bishopric Youth Committee
- Stake and general leadership training
- General Young Women meeting
- Other meetings, as directed by local priesthood leaders

FOR WHAT MEETINGS AM I RESPONSIBLE?

- Sunday Young Women meeting
- Activities
- Young Women presidency meeting
- Young Women class presidency meetings

PROPHETIC PRIORITY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

“My dear sisters, ours is the responsibility, yes even the solemn duty, to reach out to all the young women. Our duty is to guide our girls to the celestial kingdom of God. May we ever remember that the mantle of leadership is not the cloak of comfort, but rather the robe of responsibility. May we reach out to rescue those who are in need of our help and our love. As we succeed, as we bring a girl back into activity, we will be answering a mother’s fervent prayer, a father’s greatest desire. Our names will forever be honored by those whom we reach. With all my heart I pray that our Heavenly Father will ever guide us as we strive to serve and to save His children” (Thomas S. Monson, in “Sugar Beets and the Worth of a Soul,” Young Women training video, LDS.org, 2005).