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To: General Authorities and the following leaders outside the United States and Canada: Area Authority Seventies; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents

Dear Brethren:

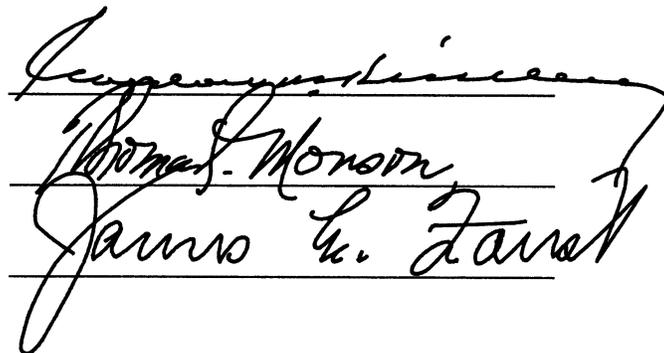
Member Care of Church Meetinghouses

We are asking Church members to assume a greater responsibility for cleaning and caring for Church meetinghouses. Aaronic Priesthood quorums should play a prominent role in fulfilling this responsibility. They may be assisted by young women of corresponding ages. From this service, young people can deepen their reverence and feelings of respect for the house of the Lord.

Bishoprics and branch presidencies should enlist their youth to be part of this weekly activity. They may participate in this responsibility as family members, quorums, or classes. Some of the weekly tasks that may be assigned are shown on the enclosed sheet.

Where possible, most of the cleaning tasks should be accomplished as part of ongoing weekly youth activities. Local priesthood leaders should determine the details of how to organize and carry out the work.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas S. Monson
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The First Presidency

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The local Facilities Management Group will continue to play an important role in caring for meetinghouses by performing repairs and maintenance, caring for lawns, trees and shrubs, and doing scheduled deep cleaning. Facilities managers will visit with stake presidencies and stake physical facilities representatives to work out cleaning schedules and respond to questions.

Suggested Assignments

Local circumstances may dictate the need to adjust these assignments.

- Vacuuming the chapel, classrooms, corridors, and foyers and dusting chalkboards.
- Cleaning restroom floors and counters and replacing paper products.
- Sweeping the cultural hall floor, platform area, and exterior entrance walks.
- Cleaning the meetinghouse and sacrament preparation areas.
- Cleaning grounds, parking lots, and adjacent Church-owned property.
- Preparing the meetinghouse for Sunday worship.
- Planting, weeding, and caring for flowerbeds.
- Removing snow from sidewalks as needed.

Young people should not be responsible for:

- Locking up the building at night.
- Operating equipment such as snow blowers or lawn mowers.
- Using caustic chemicals.