

INVITATIONS TO IMPROVE TEMPLE WORSHIP

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Sterling Park Ward
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- I invite all the families of the ward to find a time, over the next year, to visit the temple grounds and take a picture of themselves with the Temple in the background. It would be nice if this picture could be framed and put somewhere in the public spaces of our homes. It need not be a large picture. This picture will be a visual reminder of the kind of family we always want to be.
- I invite those families who have already not done so, to put up a larger picture of a temple in a prominent position in your home, so all who visit will know what your family holds important.
- I invite all of the ordained high priests to either be set apart as an ordinance worker or to be set apart as a veil worker. About half are already set apart. I invite the rest to be so.
- I invite all of the youth, aged 12 to 18, to visit with a member of the Bishopric to get their own limited use temple recommend and to participate in at least one session of doing baptisms for the dead.
- I invite all those who hold current temple recommends to improve both the quality and quantity of their temple worship in 2007 from what it was in 2006.
- I invite all those who have been endowed, but whose recommends are out of date, to visit with me to resolve whatever issues might be keeping you from holding a current recommend and attending the temple.
- I invite those adults, who have not yet been endowed, to prepare for and then receive the temple covenants and associated blessings.
- I invite the primary children, to learn the song, "I Love to See the Temple" by heart, and to sing it to yourselves whenever you feel sad, or lonely, or mad. And then sing it to yourselves again when you are happy.
- I invite families to include the temple in our family prayers.
- Finally, I invite all to let the Spirit guide us as we consider how to improve our temple worship.