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To: General Authorities; General Auxiliary Presidencies; Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents; High Priests Group Leaderships; Elders Quorum Presidencies; Stake and Ward Relief Society Presidencies

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Come, Follow Me—For Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society Meetings

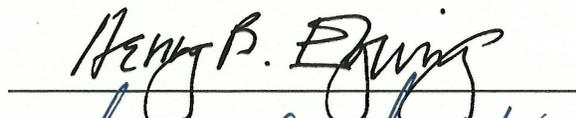
We are pleased to announce new materials for Sunday meetings of high priests groups, elders quorums, and Relief Societies. *Come, Follow Me—For Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society Meetings* emphasizes learning from recent general conference messages and other priority topics; counseling together in quorums, groups, and Relief Societies; and organizing to meet local needs.

The new materials, along with information about how to use them, will be available at ComeFollowMe.lds.org, in the Gospel Library app, and in the November 2017 *Liahona* and *Ensign*. These materials should be used beginning in January 2018.

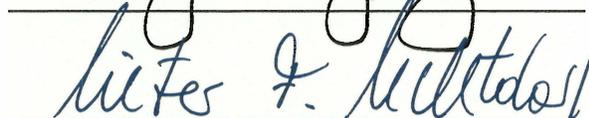
Sincerely yours,



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The First Presidency

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Questions and Answers

What will we focus on during Sunday meetings? Starting in November 2017, ComeFollowMe.lds.org, the Gospel Library app, and general conference issues of the *Liahona* and *Ensign* will include materials for Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society Sunday meetings. Beginning in January 2018, Sunday meetings will follow this monthly schedule:

Week	Topic	Led by
First Sunday	Counseling together about local needs	Presidency or group leadership
Second and Third Sundays	Recent general conference message	Presidency or group leadership or a called teacher
Fourth Sunday	Special topic chosen by general Church leaders	Presidency or group leadership or a called teacher
Fifth Sunday	Topic chosen by the bishopric	Bishopric or someone they assign

What does it mean to counsel together about local needs? Melchizedek Priesthood quorums and Relief Societies “sit in council” (D&C 107:89) on the first Sunday of each month. Under the direction of priesthood or Relief Society leaders, first-Sunday meetings are used to identify local needs and counsel together about how to meet those needs. Possible topics for first-Sunday councils include how to improve communication with family members, serve in the community, and mentor youth in the ward or branch. In subsequent meetings, the quorum, group, or Relief Society follows up on impressions and actions.

Is this curriculum the same as *Come, Follow Me* for youth? Although the topics and materials of *Come, Follow Me—For Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society Meetings* are different from those of *Come, Follow Me* for youth, the teaching and learning approach is the same. For more information about gospel teaching and learning, see *Teaching in the Savior’s Way* at teaching.lds.org.

I’m not a teacher. Do I need to subscribe to the *Liahona* or *Ensign*? Your experience will be richer if you read the general conference messages and bring them to your Sunday meetings. You can access the messages digitally at conference.lds.org and on the Gospel Library app or by subscribing to the *Liahona* or *Ensign* (see store.lds.org).

What if a general conference magazine isn’t available in my language? General conference messages are available in many languages at conference.lds.org and on the Gospel Library app, and curriculum materials will be available at ComeFollowMe.lds.org. If your language doesn’t receive the new curriculum materials either online or in a magazine, see *Instructions for Curriculum 2018* for additional information.

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When do we begin to study new general conference messages? You will begin to study the October 2017 general conference messages in January 2018. After that, your local leaders will decide when to begin using messages from the next conference—likely in May and November of each year.

Who chooses which general conference messages we study? Your local leaders counsel together about which conference messages will best meet the needs of your quorum, group, or Relief Society. A high priests group, elders quorum, and Relief Society in the same ward or branch might study different messages in order to meet different needs.