

## **Don't Miss This Excitement Event: RootsTech 2021 (World's Largest Genealogy Conference)**

February is known through-out the Genealogy world as the month that the huge RootsTech Family History Conference is held. This year there is no cost for the Feb 25-27 conference, and no need to travel to Salt Lake City. Instead, you can view as many of the top-notch courses as you wish right from your home. The Link to easily register for the conference is within our area Temple & Family History Leader monthly letter below. My wife and I are registered and hope you will take advantage of this famous conference as well which I have attended the past 10 years with nothing but the very best recommendations for its impact on improving your temple and family history pursuits. The only times I have missed it was when my wife and I were teaching in China and traveling to Israel.



If the links in the letter below does not work try copy/pasting this link to a fresh URL line.: <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>

### **Greetings From the Denver-area Temple & Family History Coordinator: President & Sister Jibson**

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and are ready to hit the ground running. It's that time to make a fresh start and set new goals for the upcoming year. We have just a few things to share, but they are big ones and so we have included stake presidents in this month's update. Follow the links to get more information.

- [RootsTech](#) is just around the corner (25-27 February). Begin to get the word out to your members about the new virtual format and the free access to the entire program. It should be a great event. Elder and Sister Holland will be the hosts for the [Family Discovery Day](#), so you know that will be especially good.
- Of particular importance is the RootsTech [Leadership Session](#). This is where leaders receive up-to-date instruction from members of the Twelve on the direction for temple and family history work in 2021. Follow the link above for information about the theme, who is invited, and how to watch. Please get the word out to your leaders and encourage them to watch.
- The biggest news is the revised Handbook chapter 25 on [Temple and Family History Work in the Ward and Stake](#). This long-awaited revision includes all of the relevant information from letters, RootsTech Leadership Sessions, and other communications for the last few years that have dramatically changed how this part of the gathering of Israel is conducted. It has been a challenge to keep track of all of these communications and remember what supersedes what. Now we have a concise, authoritative chapter that includes organization, roles, and responsibilities for those engaged in this work. It is magnificent in its clarity and simplicity. Please prayerfully read and study this chapter and make needed adjustments to align with its direction. Encourage those under your stewardship to do the same.

## More Inspiration for RootsTech 2021

Many of us--and certainly many of our members--have a sense of guilt about not doing enough in temple and family history work. Here are a couple of quotes from an [article](#) by Dallin H. Oaks that can help alleviate guilt and put things into perspective:

"...we should understand that in the work of redeeming the dead there are many tasks to be performed, and that all members should participate by prayerfully selecting those ways that fit their personal circumstances at a particular time. This should be done under the influence of the Spirit of the Lord and with the guidance of priesthood leaders who issue calls and direct the Church-administered portions of this work. Our effort is not to compel everyone to do everything, but to encourage everyone to do something."

"In mapping out our personal efforts in temple and family history work, we need to take a view that is not only broad in scope but at least lifetime in duration."



For more information of how to find relatives attending RootsTech 2021, click [here](#).