

[“Family History Plan of Action” for Everybody!!!!](#) & [Why Does Family History Matter?](#)

Resulting from our June 3, 2020 Foothills Ward Temple & Family History Training, here’s a plan of action for everybody to become ministering angels in and of themselves, to their entire and extended families and to friends. It is based on an article from the February, 2020 issue of the *Ensign*. Consider reading this article entitled: [Ministering Through Family History](#).

There are three unique segments of this article outlined below.

- Find Family at 30,000 Feet
 - Surrounded by New Family
 - Recipe for Ministering
 - Plus specific ways to help minister through Family History. I’ve added some key links for their plan of action to put these suggestions into affirmative action for each of us, your family, extended families and friends. **“Together, we can a make a world of difference as difference-makers!”**
1. Help them upload family photos to [FamilySearch](#) and [Training 3](#):
 2. Help them record and upload audio recordings of family history stories, especially ones that match photos. [Training 2](#): Create a fan chart or other printable family history document that you can give as a gift. Click [here](#) for The Family History Guide solution
 3. Teach ways to capture their own history through keeping a journal in a way they enjoy. [Audio journal](#)? [Photo journal](#)? [Video logs](#)? There are many options for those who don’t prefer standard journal formats.
 4. Go to the [temple together to do ordinances](#) for ancestors. Or offer to do ordinances for their family names if they have more than they can handle.
 5. Get together to share family traditions. [Family Reunions](#)
 6. Take a [family history class](#) together.
 7. Find other ideas at [ministering.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](#).
 8. [Invitation to Minister Through Family History](#)

Closing Comments

Please let me know which suggestions are successful for you are helpful to each of you. Without any plan, there are no expectations. Thanks to Hugh Christensen’s recent posting, here’s a noted family history quote by Steve Rockwood, the CEO of FamilySearch, that hits the central core for all temple and family history endeavors as to who we really are.

- *Family history is continuously being written. Your story matters. We don’t just study family history, We **live** family History.*



Here's a family tree image of Queen Victoria's 1901 family tree which was used in an excellent summarizing article for this Facebook posting entitled: [Why Does Family History Matter?](#) Its final *paragraph* says it all:

"Who we were is so much a part of who we are. What is your story? What in your family's past brought you to where you are now? Does family history matter to you?"

