



The Singles Unit Conundrum: Cut the Cord or Gut the Ward?

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What's the purpose of a singles ward?



**What should be the top
priority of a singles bishop?**





**As a leader in the Church of Jesus Christ,
you support individuals and families in
accomplishing God’s work of salvation
and exaltation. The ultimate purpose of
this work is to help all of God’s children
receive the blessings of eternal life and a
fulness of joy.**

General Handbook, Sec. 2.0





Much of God's work of salvation and exaltation is accomplished through the family....

The blessings of an eternal family are realized as members keep covenants and repent when they fall short. Church leaders help members prepare to receive...ordinances and honor their covenants.

General Handbook, Sec. 2.0, 2.1



2025

Theme

ALIVE
IN '25 WE ARE MADE ALIVE IN
CHRIST BECAUSE OF OUR
FAITH | 2 NEPHI 25:25



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Theme
O God,

my heart is fixed;
I will sing and give praise,
even with my glory.

Psalm 108:1






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Shared Experiences



And again, the angel said: Behold, the Lord hath heard the prayers of his people, and also the prayers of his servant, Alma, who is thy father; for he has prayed with much faith concerning thee....

Mosiah 27:14








The “Kate Conundrum”



You’re her loving mom. You worry about Kate being happy, so you stay connected every chance you get. Without fail, you invite her every Sunday to the extended family dinner at your home.



You’re the ward Munch-n-Mingle coordinator. You and your committee work hard to provide a meaningful social event on Sundays for ward members, but Kate never stays because she goes to her parents’ house instead.






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You're her older sister. "Aunt Kate" is your kids' favorite. You make sure to include her at each of her niece's and nephew's milestones, recitals, soccer games, etc., to make sure she knows how much your family of six loves her.



You're her ministering brother. You invite Kate to group game nights, movie nights, pickleball, and more. But almost every time, she politely declines and says she has a family commitment. You conclude she doesn't really want friends.








The “Isaac Issue”



You're his widower father with ailing health. Since your other kids are either married and busy raising children or out of state, you turn to your oldest son Isaac to take you to doctors appts and help with house maintenance. He often gets home late at night after first stopping by your house after work.



You're his elders quorum president. As you're trying to minister to a singles ward of 190 households, you try to hold back your frustration because Isaac, your first counselor, is often a no-show for ministering appts and interviews, and hardly ever gets to ward temple night.




The “Isaac Issue”



You're his boss and happily married and busy with five kids. Business is good right now with a lot of new accounts. You appreciate that because Isaac is single and doesn't have as many obligations outside of work, he's always willing to be your “go-to guy” when a little more attention is needed on important projects.

You're Isaac's bishop. You see a lot of potential in him, and have been thinking that with some training, he could become an outstanding leader in the ward and church. The sisters are interested in him, too, but it seems that work and other responsibilities prevent him from participating in service and activities.



And he commanded them that there should be no contention one with another, but they they should look forward with one eye, having one faith..., having their hearts knit together in unity and in love one towards another. ...And thus they became the children of God.

Mosiah 18:21-22





What is Love?



How do you show it...

...as a family?


...as a ward family?






How do families and wards show love **TOGETHER?**






**...they were numbered among the people
of the church of Christ; and their names
were taken, that they might be
remembered and nourished by the good
word of God, to keep them in the right
way....**



And the church did meet together oft, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls. And their meetings were conducted by the church after the manner of the workings of the Spirit, and by the power of the Holy Ghost...



...for as the power of the Holy Ghost led them whether to preach, or to exhort, or to pray, or to supplicate, or to sing, even so it was done.

Moroni 6:4-9





Consider...

The Opt-In Ward





Thank you for participating!

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