

CHAPTER 10

A Treasure of Website Resources



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Whether you're a novice or experienced in using the Internet, these reviewed websites can help you get started with your family history, help you search for your family roots and stories, and help you share it with others. They are a virtual treasure chest of knowledge and information. Web sites come in all categories, and this valuable collection is not meant to be even close to comprehensive, but is only a selected sampling of web sites for your information, exploration and pleasure. Enjoy!

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Suggested Activities

1. Explore these web treasures to learn what is available to assist you in your family history, including the LDS websites along with the many other websites.
2. Don't be afraid to dig deep into many sites to mine the valuable information enclosed.
3. Subscribe to an online newsletter described on page 144.
4. Surf the family history libraries on pages 146-147.

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LDS Church Sites

Official Website of the Church - www.lds.org



This is the official web site of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It can be viewed in 37 different languages, and contains news headlines, calendar and events information,

archived information from church magazines and general conference, the scriptures, and much more. The powerful search tool enables users to quickly and easily find specific information of interest from either the Church magazines or the scriptures. You can order online any materials from the Distribution Center, and it also contains links to other Church web sites.

The Church Magazines section contains articles and artwork originally published in the Ensign, New Era, and Friend magazines since January 1971 and in the Liahona magazine since May 1977. It also contains current curriculum materials, and magazine articles are added during the month of their print publication.

The Internet version of the scriptures allows us to use today's technology to quickly find scriptural sources and information and give Church members and others access to accurate and complete scriptures. It contains the full text of the standard works of the Church: the Holy Bible (King James Version); the Book of Mormon;

The calendar highlights upcoming temple dedications, pageants, devotionals, broadcasts, and other Church-related events.

the Doctrine and Covenants; and the Pearl of Great Price. It also contains the study aids that are now included with the printed version of these scriptures: the Bible Dictionary; the Topical Guide; the index to the triple combination; selected passages from the Joseph Smith Translation (JST); Bible maps and photographs; Church history chronology, maps and photographs; footnotes; and abbreviations and designations.

You can also access broadcast events and audio and video archives, including the scriptures, general conference, and devotionals, and listen to live streaming instrumental music and LDS-related radio. You need to have special free software called a "player" loaded on your computer which you can download for free from lds.org. The player software does all the work of taking the audio and video from the lds.org site and translating it into a format that you can hear and watch on your computer.

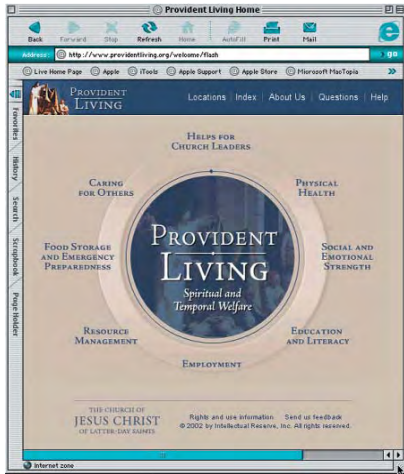
Official Visitors Web Site - www.mormon.org



This is an official site of the Church that is specifically designed for those who are interested in learning more about the basic doctrines, teachings, history, and

organization of the Church. It helps visitors understand who we are and what we believe. Visitors can view basic information about the Church itself or explore our beliefs about families, the nature of God, and the purpose of life. Visitors can also view answers to frequently asked questions or to ask a question of their own. The Church does not track individual visitors to this site, and will not contact visitors unless they make a specific request to be contacted.

Official Web Site for Spiritual & Temporal Welfare - www.providentliving.org



This is an official site of the Church for the spiritual and temporal welfare of others. It is specifically designed to help members of the Church learn to care for the poor and needy, become more self-reliant, and offer

Christian service to others. The various subjects include: Caring for Others (helping people care for themselves, and providing opportunities for service), Food Storage and Emergency Preparedness (help to produce and store food storage), Resource Management (council on how to manage temporal resources), Employment (helping people find jobs, training and self employment), Education and Literacy (perspective on education for every member of the family), Social and Emotional Strength (learn about available resources), Physical Health (information to improve and maintain a healthy lifestyle), and Helps for Church Leaders (welfare related information and tools).

Serving in the Church - www.lds.org/pa/welcome



The Church has recently launched *this site* designed to strengthen individuals and families by helping priesthood and

auxiliary leaders fulfill their callings. Members newly called to positions in all organizations of the Church can turn to the Web site to better understand their new responsibilities and the purposes behind them. It contains introductions to and descriptions of the Melchizedek

Priesthood, Atonic Priesthood/Young Men, Young Women, Relief Society, Primary, and Sunday School organizations of the Church. It also has a Military Relations link for those who are currently or will be serving in the military and those who preside over them.

Church Music Site - www.lds.org/churchmusic



Members can now listen to the Church magazines, scriptures and recent general conference addresses, or the soundtrack to a

Church movie almost anywhere and anytime. The Interactive Church Music Player allows you to view, listen to, transpose, and print the Church hymns and children's songs to assist you in using Church music more effectively in your home and meetings. You can easily browse a list of the titles and first lines of all hymns and Primary songs and download any song (MP3). Included are explanations of the elements of the hymnbook; discussions on using the hymns for congregations, choirs, and special groups; and information for beginning music directors, organists, and pianists.

Home and Family - www.lds.org

(Click on *Home and Family*)



This website has been prepared to help us to build a strong family and better apply those principles that we teach and learn during home evenings.

It was written generally to parents with children; but whether we are single or married, parents or not, living alone or with family or friends, we can adapt material from this section to meet the challenges of our own circumstances. It also