

LIVING STOREHOUSE

*A dynamic, vital exchange among the Saints,
endeavoring to promote better stewardship.*

What IS “Living Storehouse?”

Living Storehouse is a way for church members and their families to become better stewards by the posting and exchanging of their needs, surplus and other resources. Doctrine and Covenants 42:8-14 lines out the best way for us, as Saints, to handle our wants, needs and surplus. We are admonished to remember the poor and share with those who are needy:

“And, behold, thou wilt remember the poor, and consecrate of thy properties for their support, that which thou hast to impart unto them, with a covenant and a deed which cannot be broken; and inasmuch as ye impart of your substance unto the poor, ye will do it unto me, and it shall be laid before the bishop...

...every man shall be made accountable unto me a steward over his own property, or that which he has received by consecration, inasmuch as is sufficient for himself and family. And again, if there shall be properties in the hands of the church, or any individuals of it, more than is necessary for their support, after this first consecration, which is a residue, to be consecrated unto the bishop, it shall be kept to administer unto those who have not, from time to time, that every man who has need may be amply supplied, and receive according to his wants.

Therefore, the residue shall be kept in my storehouse, to administer to the poor and the needy, as shall be appointed by the high council of the church and the bishop....

Thou shalt stand in the place of thy stewardship; thou shalt not take thy brother's garment; thou shalt pay for that which thou shalt receive of thy brother and if thou obtainest more than that which would be for thy support, thou shalt give it unto my storehouse, that all things may be done according to that which I have said.”

Living Storehouse can help the Saints in the Restoration to more closely meet the needs and just wants of one another. It is a forum on paper where you can:

List items that you would like to give away.

List items you need.

List items you have to sell.

List services you have to give as ministry.

List services you have to sell.

List services you need.

List items you would like to borrow.

List items you would like to lend.

List employment needs.

List employment opportunities.

In a nutshell, Living Storehouse is a dynamic, vital exchange among the saints, endeavoring to promote better stewardship.

Things to Consider When Making Exchanges – Please Read

* Take care of our church building; keep exchanges neat.

* To avoid messy build-up in the coat room when exchanging clothes or small items, make sure the person you intend to share with gets the stuff you want them to get. Please don't bring bags of clothes or other items to the church without someone specific in mind. We are not currently set up for storage.

(A Note About Clothes: If you have clothing to share with someone please make sure they are in fairly good shape. Consider your own standard of dress when giving used clothing away. Would you be happy to receive what you want to give away? Some stained clothing makes decent play-clothes for children or work-clothes for adults. Some clothes are better off turned into rags after a certain point. Use your good judgment and when giving clothes away.)

* Be Honest!

* Be fair and honest in your exchanges. If something you have to give or sell needs repair, please make a note of the defect or part needed to be replaced in your listing.

* **Please, no Multi-Level Marketing Listings.** Please honor the request from Living Storehouse that no multi-level marketing offers are to be listed in this forum. Although there may be many good multi-level marketing products available, too frequently are unsuspecting middle-income individuals lured into moneymaking schemes that turn out to be unfruitful and sometimes harmful to their family's finances.

On Borrowing – And Loaning

* If you borrow something, please care for the item as though it were your own (or better), and return it promptly: *“And I would that ye should remember, that whosoever among you that borroweth of his neighbor, should return the thing that he borroweth, according as he doth agree, or else thou shalt commit sin, and perhaps thou shalt cause thy neighbor to commit sin also.” Mosiah 2:56*

* Likewise, if you are lending something, do the borrower a favor by letting him or her know when you need the item returned. It's best to be up front in the beginning than disappointed later when your item seems loaned indefinitely.

How to Use the Living Storehouse Book

This notebook is divided by months and years. When listing your exchange, go to the current month and year. You will find seven categories in each month:

- 1) Living Storehouse Items or Services Needed
- 2) Living Storehouse Items or Services to Give Away
- 3) Living Storehouse Items or Services for Sale
- 4) Living Storehouse Items Needed to Borrow
- 5) Living Storehouse Items to Loan
- 6) Living Storehouse Employment Needs or Opportunities
- 7) Living Storehouse Other – Use this category to post listings too large to separate into the preceding six categories or listings that don't fit well into the other categories, like real estate.

Go to the appropriate category and use the blank lines to list your information including:

- a) A description of the item/service you need or have.
- b) Your name, phone number/e-mail address and time you can be reached.

Your listing will remain in Living Storehouse for up to one year after it's posted. If your need or service listing is respectively fulfilled or exhausted please help to update our book by crossing through your listing at that time.

Example:

Living Storehouse Items or Services Needed

cross through your listing when your need is met

- 1 15 year old Refrigerator - good condition, white / Michael Smith / 555-3241 / 6-8 pm Home phone
- 2 Child's table with 2 chairs / Jones Family / 555-2731 / call anytime weekdays
- 3 Dresser Drawers for child / Jane Goodman / 555-5932 / call weekends