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March 26, 2018

To: General Authorities and the following leaders in the United States and Canada: Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents

Dear Brethren:

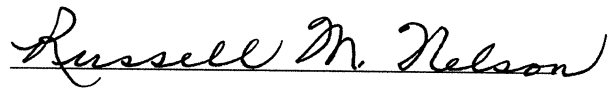
Preventing and Responding to Abuse

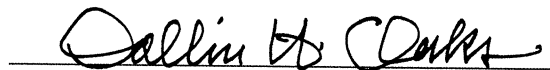
In 2008, the First Presidency issued a letter encouraging Church leaders to reach out in love to assist those who were suffering from abuse. This global issue continues to be of great concern to us today. Our hearts and prayers go out to all who are affected by this serious problem.

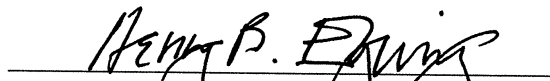
To help ensure the safety and protection of children, youth, and adults, we ask that all priesthood and auxiliary leaders become familiar with existing Church policies and guidelines on preventing and responding to abuse. A revised statement of these policies and guidelines is enclosed. We request that stake presidents and bishops once again review the attached with their stake and ward councils and teach this information as directed in the enclosure.

May the Lord bless you in your efforts to protect God's children from abuse.

Sincerely yours,







The First Presidency