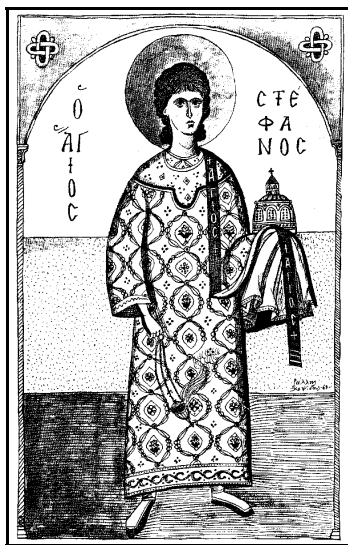


YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



GUIDELINES

Dear Faithful,

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, we are pleased to offer the parishes, clergy and youth workers of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the revised YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY GUIDELINES.

For some parishes, a young adult ministry is the standard. On the other hand, this is not the case in all instances. Statistics have proven that there is great potential for further ministry to young adults of our Archdiocese.

How do we effectively minister to young adults? How do we truly incorporate them into the living body of Christ? How do they become the leaders of today and tomorrow to usher our sacred Faith to the next generation? It is our fervent prayer that these Guidelines will begin to answer these questions for you and assist the local parish in creating and sustaining a vibrant young adult ministry.

These Guidelines have been reviewed and revised by the Archdiocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team, which is comprised of each Diocese Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry throughout our Archdiocese.

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On behalf of the Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team, I pray that these Young Adult Ministry Guidelines will be a source of inspiration to all who read them.

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WHAT IS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY?

MISSION AND GOAL OF YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The mission of young adult ministry is to lead all persons to the fullness of the Faith and likeness of God. Young adults must be integrated into the active life of the Orthodox Church on all levels, Parish, Diocesan and Archdiocesan. They, also, must be dedicated to serving the church, and its mission and ministries.

The Young Adult Ministry is a parish-based organization with Archdiocesan, Diocesan, and Parish organizational structures, which provide and promote opportunities for Orthodox young adults to grow and live in Christ through a balance of:

- *Worship* (Liturgia)
- *Witness* (Martyria)
- *Service* (Diakonia)
- *Fellowship* (Koinonia)

WHO IT SERVES

Young Adult Ministry is the ministry to young adults of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, 18-35 years in age. Since it is a ministry, the orientation and implementation of the program should reflect the Orthodox Christian Faith, Tradition, and Life. Furthermore, because there appears to be two distinct age groups within this group, the college-aged group (18-25) and the career-aged group (25-35), this ministry should minister to all young adults as they transition through their different life stages.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The objective of all young adult ministry is to cultivate and educate our young adults to help them become more active members of the body of Christ. There are many means to this end, which depend upon the needs of the parish and its geographic area. For some, it may be campus ministry at the local university through the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF). For others, it may be a young married group. Other parishes may have a geographic young adult group with other Orthodox parishes in their community. Whatever the organization, it must not stand alone, but be incorporated into the entire sphere of the church's mission.

There are countless young adults who are searching for meaning in life and for a cause to which they can commit themselves. Many want to offer themselves in a substantial way to the true work of the Church. A good young adult ministry will find avenues of expression for these desires, and at the same time will help our young adults develop an even deeper awareness of their identity as Orthodox Christians.

There is no need for a young adult ministry to be a social club. This fellowship is already provided for in so many other places. Of course, there will always be a fellowship dimension to the ministry. However, young adult ministry must focus itself on the spiritual needs of young adults. The fellowship will follow naturally.

PRAYER FOR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Lord, as we struggle for meaning and purpose in life,
guide us with Your helping hand.

Teach us to be aware of God's abiding love,
and stir our concern for our fellow man.

We commit to You our lives in the spirit of dedication and obedience
so that we may be spiritually renewed
through the teaching of our Faith and the guidance of the Greek
Orthodox Church.

For You are the God that loves mankind and to You we ascribe Glory
to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages
of ages. Amen.

PATRON SAINT

O, First Martyr and Apostle of Christ, you fought the good fight. You exposed the perversion of the persecutors, for when you were killed by stoning of the hands of the wicked men, you received a crown from the Right Hand on high.

Troparion of St. Stephen

Saint Stephen is the patron saint of young adult ministry. His total commitment to Jesus Christ shines as an example guiding the ministry. St. Stephen was one of the first Deacons ordained in the church. He actively preached the Gospel of Christ in Jerusalem where he was criticized and persecuted by many Jewish leaders. At a young age, Stephen was chased outside the walls of Jerusalem and was stoned to death. As his persecutors stoned him, he prayed, "Lord do not charge them with this crime," and he took his last breath. Stephen is an example to be followed, an important witness during an age when many Orthodox Christians died for their faith. The witness of Stephen and other martyrs is a challenge which all of us are called to meet. He is commemorated on December 27th. More can be learned about St. Stephen by reading the Book of Acts, Chapters 6 and 7.

THE FOUR CHARACTERISTICS

The National Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries recommends that young adult ministry be based on the following four characteristics: Worship (*Liturgia*), Fellowship (*Koinonia*), Service (*Diakonia*), and Witness (*Martyria*).

WORSHIP – LITURGIA

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand”
(Psalm 95:6-7)

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that God reveals His Truth through Holy Scripture and Tradition. *Worship* is the sacramental expression of Holy Scripture and Tradition, and is thus a very important element in ministering to our young people. It is important that young adults become active in the sacramental life of the Church.

Young adults can participate in Worship through:

- Private and Corporate Prayer
- Offering Reading, Chanting or Participation in the Choir
- Participation in the Divine Services and Sacraments of the Church (*not just Sunday Liturgy, but the entire cycle of worship*)
- Prayer services at young adult gatherings
- Prayer for those who are sick or in need
- Observance of the Church calendar, including the prescribed Feasts and Fasts
- Study of religious books and writings

FELLOWSHIP - KOINONIA

“For where there are two or more gathered in my name, I am there also.”
(Matthew 18:20)

Fellowship is the way Orthodox Christians integrate their faith with daily life. It is sacred when Orthodox Christians gather. This time spent together is more than just a meeting; it is a special gathering. The relationship of the Holy Trinity is the perfect model of *Fellowship*. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share perfect communion and exist in perfect love. By gathering together in fellowship, and by expressing love for one another, we emulate the relationship of the Holy Trinity, and further develop our Orthodox Christian lifestyle.

Young adults can participate in *Fellowship* through:

- Camp and retreat programs, church sponsored athletic programs, ethnic dancing, etc.
- Inter-Orthodox seminars under the guidance of the parish priest
- Films, videos, multimedia presentations, and subsequent discussions
- Performance of religious productions (*plays, musicals, role-playing, etc.*)
- Day, overnight or week-long outings
- Voluntarism at the parish level
- Discussions of various contemporary issues (*books, movies, music*)

SERVICE – DIAKONIA

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve . . .”

(Mark 10:45)

Christ came to serve, not to be served. Young adults are urged to do the same. Therefore, we can honor and glorify God by loving and serving mankind in His name. Young adults should use their God-given *charismata* (gifts) to serve.

Young adults serve God by serving the Church. For Orthodox Christians, service to God and community is a way of life, a way of living one’s faith. As Jesus Christ our Lord said, *“Let your light so shine for men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 5:16). For this reason, Orthodox Christian service is an integral part of the Orthodox Christian’s life. We need to ask the important question, "How can they use their God-given talents for the glory of God?" "How can young adults use their gifts to build up the body of Christ?" This is the true meaning of *service*.

Young adults can participate in *Service* through:

- Local work projects to beautify and maintain the parish
- Outreach to the elderly, the sick, the shut-in’s, etc.
- Support of missions abroad and at home
- Contributing to Archdiocesan, Diocesan, and parish ministries (*Saint Basil Academy, St. Michael’s, Hellenic College/Holy Cross, etc.*)
- Voluntarism in a local soup kitchen for the day
- Personal Stewardship – giving of our time, talents, and treasure

WITNESS – MARTYRIA

“For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.”
(Acts 22:15)

Man is both a spiritual and physical being. The spiritual reality is not always expressed in the material world. In order to be true to oneself and to the Orthodox Christian Faith, young adults should strive to exemplify the Faith. To Witness is to live an Orthodox Christian life and serve as an example to others.

Young adults can participate in *Witness* through:

- Attending spiritual classes and reading about the faith
- Sharing the faith with one another and with others outside the group
- Visitation to the sick and elderly
- Maintaining Christian integrity in and out of the workplace
- Inviting a non-Orthodox friend to a Church service or young adult event
- Participation in a campus ministry program (OCF)
- Being ambassadors of Christ in all that we say and do

THE YOUNG ADULT

The young adult period is full of transitions. Such transitions occur from high school to college, college to career, single life to married life, dependence to independence. With all of the new demands in the young adult's life, it is an important time for him/her to be actively involved in the life of the church. However, often times just the opposite occurs. They replace the church with school, careers, relationships, and money. Therefore, the young adult ministry should strive to keep the young adult involved in the life of the church and to reintroduce the church to those young adults whose lives have taken them away.

There are many different phases of the young adult life: college, career development, and single and married living. Young adults will benefit from each other's differing perspectives that result from their different stage in life. It is equally important to remember that they also have different needs. However, striking a balance between integrating the different young adults while still meeting their individual needs is the challenge.

COLLEGE AGE (18-25)

As high school graduates, new young adults are faced with many decisions concerning education, money, morality, and other issues that come with newfound independence. They are meeting new people and are faced with many different beliefs. Although this group of young adults has reached a new level of independence from their families, often times they are still financially dependent upon their parents. These individuals are very much adults, but often are not treated like it. Many have left their homes for the first time and are living at school or away. For some, they are on a campus with no OCF/Campus Ministry with dozens of other denominations and faiths willing to make them their own. We must take an active role on campus!

CAREER AGE (25-35)

At this age careers can overwhelm a young adult's life, leaving him/her little time for anything else. This can also be a period where they have more financial resources but have limited time to use them. They are settling into adult-life with all the responsibilities of financial bills, stresses, and decisions that usually accompany it. The issues which this group faces differ from those of the college-aged young adults. While college age young adults are exploring their lives, career age young adults are searching to settle their lives.

MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Often times when we think of young adults we think solely of single people. However, this ministry needs to address the need of married young adults as well. There are many issues newly married couples face, especially as they begin a family. It is important for them, as individuals, as a couple, and as a family, to continue in their spiritual growth for the good of their marriage and family.

MODELS FOR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The young adult ministry strives to help young adults find a richer and fuller life in the Orthodox Church through the active participation in the life of the Church. An effective young adult program must be a ministry for young adults, by young adults. The clergy and advisors will provide guidance, but leadership must be cultivated among the young adults themselves.

There are countless formats upon which a young adult group can be organized. A primary goal should be to create an atmosphere where familiarity can develop. Familiarity is most important in creating a setting for trust, sharing and cultivation of the goals mentioned above. A balanced young adult program should be developed further based upon the four characteristics of worship, fellowship, service, and witness.

Through the guidance of a Spiritual Father, young adults themselves should play the major role in deciding what format the ministry will take at the parish level. An organizer should suggest and help them experiment with formats that might appeal to the group.

In making decisions about the format of a young adult group, one should ensure involvement of young adults from different ages and stages of the young adult spectrum to assure the group is meeting the needs of all participants. If a parish young adult ministry gathers most of its participants from only one phase of life, it should look closely to how other young adults in its community.

Below are examples of different types of young adult ministry. This is not an exhaustive list, but rather, an example of the spectrum of ministry opportunities.

- Campus Ministry/Orthodox Christian Fellowship (www.ocf.net)
- Catechetical Class
- Young Married Club
- New Parents
- Inter-Orthodox Young Adults
- Bible Study
- Book Club
- Discussion Group
- Grief Support Group

ROLES IN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

ARCHDIOCESE DEPARTMENT

The Archdiocesan Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is located on the grounds of Saint Basil Academy in New York. The Department oversees the Office of Camping Ministries and Ionian Village, and works to create and distribute resources for parish ministry. The Department works together with each Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries to coordinate national and regional youth and young adult ministry events and activities.

DIOCESE OFFICES

The Diocese Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries acts on behalf of the Diocesan Hierarchy in regard to Young Adult Ministry. He or she oversees all young adult ministry within this Diocese. These directors are trained not only in Theology, but also in the implementation of young adult ministry. They are a good resource for local parish programming, and should be called upon for assistance!

NATIONAL YOUNG ADULT COMMITTEE

This committee consists of the two young adult representatives from each Diocese and members of the Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team. This team meets three times per year to be trained and sustain the young adult ministry throughout the archdiocese. These representatives can be an excellent resource to assist you in young adult ministry. Don't be afraid to call upon them for assistance.

PARISH PRIEST

The Parish Priest is responsible for the spiritual well being of the entire parish. Under the direction of the Diocesan Hierarchy, the parish priest ministers to all of the parishioners and groups of the parish. The young adult ministry is a part of his overall ministry. It is imperative that the priest be active in young adult ministry by guiding and working with the young adults. The priest should always share his insight for the parish's young adult ministry.

Furthermore, the parish priest should attend all young adult gatherings. He should come to know the ever-increasing spiritual needs of young adults, and make a personal commitment to an active young adult ministry, so that when he is called to serve young adults, he will do so from his heart. The priest can be an excellent resource to the young adult ministry and should be consulted for guidance. In general, he will try to meet all the spiritual needs of young adults.

PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council represents the parish as a whole. It is important that they be kept informed of all activities in which the young adults participate. Additionally, it is best if one of the young adults serves as a liaison between the young adult ministry and the parish council. It is recommended for a young adult parish council member serve as this liaison.

PARISH YOUTH DIRECTOR

Under the direction of the parish priest, the parish youth director is responsible for all youth ministry in the parish. This youth director is the chairperson of the parish Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team and specifically oversees the work of the young adult group. The youth director should also review the overall young adult program to assure that the best opportunity for ministry exists.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

It is highly recommended that a Youth and Young Adult Ministry team be formed in each parish. This team assists the priest, youth director and advisors in creating and sustaining youth and young adult ministry on a parish level. Members of the team should include the parish priest and youth director, youth advisors, parents, young adult leaders, and professionals who work with young people (ie: educators, psychologists, physicians, social workers, etc.). The young adults on this committee will discover how young adults can provide assistance to the other parish ministries and consider how to transition GOYAns into young adult groups.

YOUNG ADULT LEADERS

Under the guidance of the above-mentioned team, the young adult leaders should be responsible for the planning and implementation of all young adult activities. The young adult leaders are responsible for working with the other young adults in the group and should ensure everyone is involved.

YOUNG ADULTS

In general, the role of young adults is to actively live their Orthodox faith. Young adult groups should be vehicles in which young adults can develop their lives, faith, and morals. Young adults should make a personal investment in the group, and should feel that they have a responsibility to keep the group strong and active.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Young adult ministry represents the Orthodox Christian Faith. All activities, discussions and situations should represent the Orthodox Christian lifestyle. Young adults reflect and represent the parish, no matter the activity or outing, be it inter-denominational or a public gathering. Therefore, the activities selected should reflect and promote Orthodox Christian values and morals. Additionally, it is recommended that at least one activity be planned per month in addition to the regular meetings. Gathering together with young adults from other Orthodox jurisdictions is highly encouraged and fruitful.

When planning activities, be sensitive of the cost. Many young adults have established themselves in their careers, but others are still in school or just beginning their careers. No young adult should ever feel excluded because an activity is too expensive. Be careful to consider how to include everyone in activities despite financial situations.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Meetings can take on many different forms depending on the needs of the group. Below are some examples:

- Weekly Bible Study
- Discussion Groups
- Monthly Book Club
- After Work Coffee or Dinner Gatherings
- Sunday Lunch

RETREATS

A good way to heighten fellowship and to begin living and learning the Orthodox Faith is through retreats. While serving as significant tools in enlightening lives, retreats set aside a special time for a change of pace, fellowship, reflection, growth, and bonding as a community of faith. Retreat themes need to be relevant, pertinent and challenging to the group. Moreover, the correct format and facilitators should be selected in order to achieve a successful retreat. Young adult fellowships should have retreats at least two times per year. When interested in holding a retreat at the parish, contact the Archdiocese Department or respective Diocese Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

CONFERENCES

Conferences can be a fun way to gather together young adults for a few days of fellowship, worship, spiritual growth, and fun. For more information on planning a conference, please see the Young Adult Conference Guidelines. All conferences should be planned with the blessing of the Diocesan Hierarch and the guidance of the Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Currently, there are several regular young adult conferences held throughout the Archdiocese. For more information, go to <http://www.yal.org>.

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Fellowship activities are a great way to build unity within a young adult group and are just as important as the regular meetings. Some of the great

est ministry can occur when nothing educational is planned. Do not underestimate the power of spending time together as a group while participating in fun activities. In fact, these activities will build the group, and young adults that have not attended church in a while may be drawn in by these activities.

As a ministry, celebrations such as parties, dances, or other gatherings should reflect the Orthodox Christian lifestyle. Special emphasis needs to be placed on group interaction. Also, special attention should be paid to the church calendar as to make sure the activities do not conflict with the feasts and liturgical life of the church. Consult with the parish priest when selecting dates for all activities.

INTER-ORTHODOX ACTIVITIES

Our Orthodox Faith reaches far beyond our culture. It is recommended to plan activities and events with other young adults from various jurisdictions. Attending other Orthodox Church services with the group can help emphasize the oneness of the faith. If your young adult ministry does not have many participants, have your priest call another local Orthodox church in the region -- join together!

STARTING A YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Starting a young adult ministry where one has not existed is a difficult but worthwhile task. A difficulty when starting a young adult ministry is communicating that it is not a club but a ministry. After talking with the parish priest, contact the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for guidance. They may be able to refer you to others who successfully have started young adult groups within the diocese.

MINISTRY VS. ORGANIZATION

This is a ministry of the Church, not an organization or club. It is simply a ministry for the faithful of the Church who share the same stages of life and common interests. Furthermore, this is a spiritual ministry based upon the theological tenets of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

PARTICIPANTS VS. MEMBERS

Participation solely depends on being an Orthodox Christian. A young adult who participates is not classified as a member or non-member. If he/she is a member of the Faith, he/she belongs! Therefore, these young adults should be called participants rather than members. Moreover, if a non-Orthodox Christian wishes to participate in the young adult programs, do not be afraid to offer ministry to them.

GUIDELINES VS. CONSTITUTION

Since young adult ministry groups are not clubs or organizations, they have guidelines, rather than constitutions. The Archdiocese Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries offers these guidelines to inform and direct the faithful as to the ecclesiastical purpose of young adult ministry. These guidelines stress the four characteristics of Worship (Liturgia), Fellowship (Koinonia), Service (Diakonia) and Witness (Martyria).

GETTING STARTED

Through the guidance of the parish priest, organize a small committee of interested Orthodox Christians. This committee should consist of the priest and a cross-section of the different young adults in the community. This group should be diverse in its make-up, but united in its mission. They should meet regularly to consider the needs of the parish, determine goals, and plan an initial activity.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

It is important to take an inventory of your community and the young adults in it. Consider the following questions.

- How many young adults could this group (or groups) potentially serve and facilitate?
- What other activities are these young adults already involved in that might conflict with these activities?
- What do the young adults like doing?
- Where do they like going?
- What do the young adults want from this ministry?
- How often should this ministry meet?
- What resources does the parish have to assist this ministry?

GOALS AND PLAN

After completing the assessment of your parish community, develop some preliminary goals of the young adult ministry. Consider the following questions using information from your needs assessment.

- What purpose will this ministry serve?
- How will we meet this purpose? (activities, meetings)
- What resources are available to support the purpose of this ministry?
- When is the best time to hold activities?
- What do we want to do for our initial activity?
- What will be the different roles and responsibilities of those involved?
- How will we communicate and plan activities?
- How will we track new members?

INITIAL ACTIVITY

The initial activity should be a fellowship activity that is indicated by the needs assessment as something the young adults are interested in. The purpose of this activity is to get people interacting. The activity should be cost free, and having food is always a good idea. At the end of the activity, take ten minutes to review the plans for young adult ministry and gather input from the young adults in attendance. Additionally, have a date selected for the next gathering and hand out its itinerary there. Be sure to have everyone sign in and record his or her e-mail address.

PUBLICITY

This organizing committee should send an introductory letter to all of the potential young adults, to let them know about the formation of the young adult ministry. There should also be an invitation to the first activity. Although sending out invitations assures some communication of that information, it is impersonal. Whenever possible, the invitation should be followed with a phone call or personal e-mail. Different young adults in the community should share in the communication so that the burden does not fall on one person. The activity should also be listed in the church's monthly and weekly bulletins.

As the group grows, have different young adults alternate when calling about meetings. It is not necessary to call everyone all the time, but it is important to call new participants or those who do not attend as frequently. E-mail is another great way to send out meeting notices and quick reminders the day before. By communicating what is going on in the group and having the young adults reach out to one another, the group will grow over time.

YEARLY MAINTENANCE

Every year, the group (or groups) will experience some fluctuation in size as young adults enter different stages of their life. Therefore, special efforts should be made to keep the ministry strong and healthy. When it is evident that a certain individual is not participating in activities, a special effort should be made to reach out to that young adult and bring them back to the group. Ways to do this are:

- Have the parish Priest contact them
- Have a peer contact them by e-mail, phone, or personal visit
- Send a "We Miss You" letter

It is important to ensure that the young adult ministry is meeting the needs of the young adults involved. Occasionally, and at least once per year, those involved should evaluate the program to see if it is accomplishing its goals.

RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

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INTERNET MINISTRY

With the advent of the Internet, making resources available to parish youth workers has become much easier. Through the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Internet Ministries, an extensive web site has been created. We are continually updating our site so that it will serve as a virtual resource center for those who work with youth and young adults. To access resources on the Internet go to: <http://www.youth.goarch.org>.

Each Diocese has a youth and young adult ministry web-site.. Below is a list of the Diocese Web-sites which link to their youth ministry page. They can also be accessed through the Archdiocese Web page at *www.goarch.org*.

Archdiocesan District	http://www.goarch.org/goa/archdiocesan/
Diocese of Atlanta	http://www.atlanta.goarch.org
Diocese of Boston	http://www.boston.goarch.org
Diocese of Chicago	http://www.chicago.goarch.org
Diocese of Denver	http://www.denver.goarch.org
Diocese of Detroit	http://www.detroit.goarch.org
Diocese of New Jersey	http://www.newjersey.goarch.org
Diocese of Pittsburgh	http://www.pittsburgh.goarch.org
Diocese of San Francisco	http://www.sf.goarch.org



FEEDBACK

As we are updating our resources and website, we would love feedback. If you have suggestions for resources needed, or other questions, please feel free to e-mail the Archdiocesan Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Let us know how we can better serve you and your youth ministry.

It is our fervent prayer that these guidelines will assist you in allowing your young adult ministry the opportunity to grow in the faith, develop a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and continue to strive toward our Lord's Kingdom.



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