

**President  
Joseph F.  
Smith**



This organization is divinely made, divinely authorized, divinely instituted, divinely ordained of God to minister for the salvation of the souls of women and of men. ... Make [Relief Society] first, make it foremost, make it the highest, the best and the deepest of any organization in existence in the world. You are called by the voice of the Prophet of God to do it, to be uppermost, to be the greatest and the best, the purest and the most devoted to the right.



**Sister Anne  
Pingree**

When the sisters of Relief Society look 'with an eye single to the glory of God' (**D&C 4:5**), they can experience rich spiritual insights and share deep spiritual strength together. ... Connections forged among covenant women in Relief Society can indeed *enlighten*, *enliven*, and *enrich* the journey of life because we can help each other learn how to put the Lord *first* in our *hearts* and in our *lives*.

My dear friends of the Relief Society, whatever your circumstances, wherever you may live, may the windows of heaven be opened and blessings come down upon you. May you live with love for one another. May you reach down to lift up those whose burdens are heavy. May you bring light and beauty to the world.

**President  
Gordon B.  
Hinckley**



## **Why Relief Society?**

*The purpose of Relief Society is to assist priesthood leaders in carrying out the mission of the Church by helping sisters and families come unto Christ*

The following objectives support the purpose of the Relief Society:

1. Build faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and teach the doctrines of the kingdom of God.
2. Emphasize the divine worth of each sister.
3. Exercise charity and nurture those in need.
4. Strengthen and protect families.
5. Serve and support each sister.
6. Help sisters become full participants in the blessings of the priesthood.