

October 2002

Dear Sisters:

Welcome to the Enrichment Committee! We feel blessed to get to work with you this year. Relief Society's purpose is to bring the sisters and their families to Christ. This should be our guiding principle in everything we do. As Sister Kathy Hughes of the General RS Presidency put it:

If something we're planning doesn't accomplish some aspect of this purpose—don't do it. Don't spend time on it. Don't spend money on it. And don't expect your sisters to support you in it. And don't try to get them to leave their homes to participate in it.

We are excited to forward the purpose of the Relief Society through Enrichment! You are invited to a Committee planning meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 8 p.m., at April Perry's home, 2 SFP #322. In order to make the best use of our time there, please read this packet before then. It includes:

1. Church-wide Guidelines for Home, Family, and Personal Enrichment Meeting
2. Cambridge II Ward Enrichment Committee Monthly Responsibilities Checklist
3. 2002-2003 Monthly Responsibilities Grid (*please think about which responsibilities you would like to sign up for at the October 29th meeting!*)
4. Miniclass Planning Guide (which we give to the sisters when we invite them to teach)
5. Reimbursement Form (so you can be reimbursed for your Enrichment expenses)
6. Brainstorming for our upcoming Enrichment meetings
7. Assorted handouts from past Enrichment meetings

We invite you to prayerfully consider how we can bring the sisters and their families to Christ through our Enrichment Meetings this year. To that end, here are three questions to consider:

- ❑ *What can we do to realize the wonderful missionary potential of Enrichment?* Sisters should feel confident in bringing their neighbor friends to our Enrichment Meetings, knowing that they and their friends will enjoy an evening that is lovely, interesting, helpful, and uplifting in every way.
- ❑ *What can we do to "make certain that these meetings include classes that help develop skills in parenting and family relations" as the Church-wide Guidelines instruct?* We will try to offer at least one miniclass at each Enrichment Night that fits this criterion. What else shall we do?
- ❑ *What can we do to get all of our sisters to attend Enrichment?* Our meetings are carefully planned, beautifully orchestrated, spiritually uplifting, and giftedly taught . . . but if the sisters don't come, they don't receive any of these benefits. As a committee, we put a lot of effort into making attractive invitations and flyers, mailing or delivering them to less active sisters, following up with personal phone calls, group emails, and phone trees. We do this because we want the sisters to know about the meetings and be *excited* to come to them! Don't think that time spent making an appealing invitation is necessarily time spent frivolously or wastefully. (In fact, we may work assembly-line-style to put together invitations during our planning meetings, so that our hands are busy while we are doing our other planning.) Because invitations are important, let's make ours as creative and tempting as we can! If we fail to get the sisters to attend, our other efforts to plan a lovely evening are vain.

Again, we look forward to working with you on Home, Family, and Personal Enrichment this year.

Sincerely yours,
Erin McPhie and April Perry