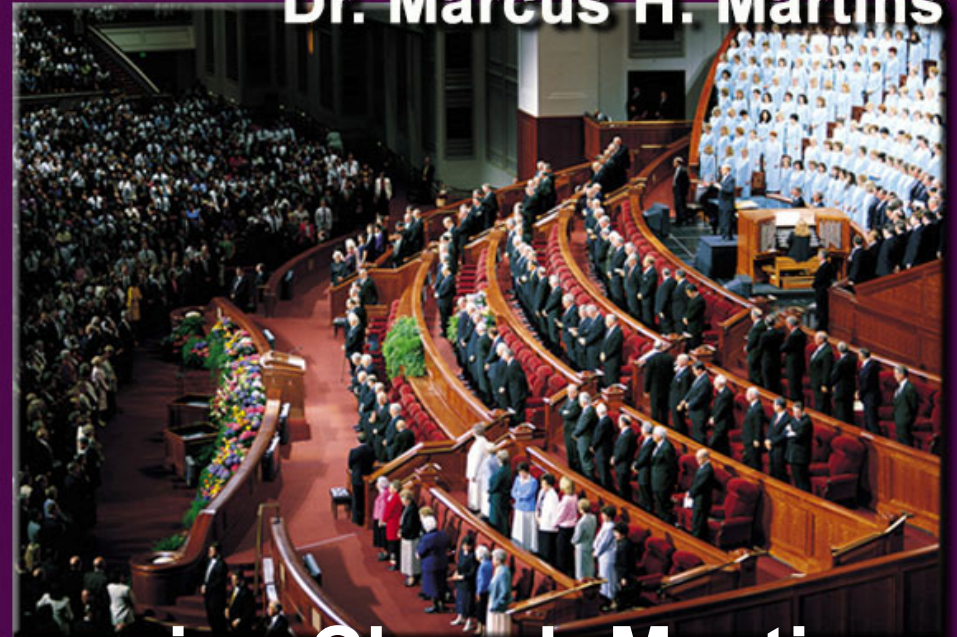


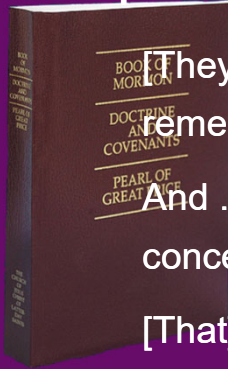
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Managing Church Meetings

Purposes of Sunday Meetings



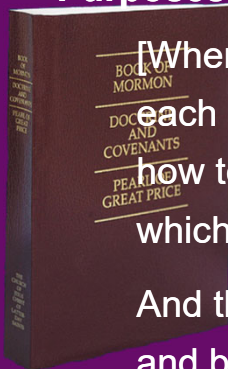
[They] did meet together oft to partake of bread and wine, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus. ...

And ... to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls. ...

[That] they might be remembered and nourished by the good word of God, to keep them in the right way, to keep them continually watchful unto prayer, relying alone upon the merits of Christ, who was the author and the finisher of their faith.

Moroni 6:6, 5, 4

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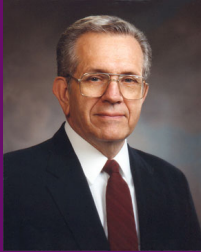


[When] ye are assembled together ye shall instruct and edify each other, that ye may know how to act and direct my church, how to act upon the points of my law and commandments, which I have given.

And thus ye shall become instructed in the law of my church, and be sanctified by that which ye have received ...

That inasmuch as ye do this, glory shall be added to the kingdom which ye have received.

Doctrine and Covenants 43:8-10

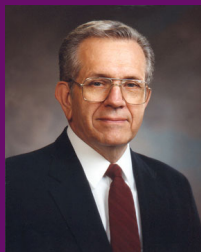


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The Unwritten Order of Things

- Our meetings should be conducted in such a way that members may be refreshed spiritually and remain attuned to the Spirit as they meet the challenges of life
- We are to establish conditions under which members can, through inspiration, solve their own problems
- Bishops should not yield the arrangement of meetings to members.
- Informal clothing in sacrament meeting leads to informal and slouchy conduct
- Loss of formality and dignity

Reverence Invites Revelation ^(1.3)



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- Our sacrament and other meetings must be worship services in which members may be spiritually nourished and have their testimonies replenished and in which investigators may feel the inspiration essential to spiritual conversion
- In our Sunday meetings, the music, dress, and conduct should be appropriate for worship

Reverence Invites Revelation ^(2.3)



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- Inspiration comes more easily in peaceful settings
- Music can set an atmosphere of worship which invites that spirit of revelation, of testimony
- The Spirit does not ratify speech nor confirm music which lacks spiritual substance
- Use reverential words in our prayers

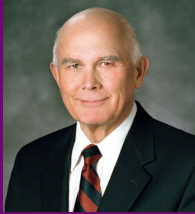
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- Irreverence obstructs the delicate channels of revelation in both mind and spirit
- Our socials, dancing, drama, even sports should be subdued when compared with what the world is doing

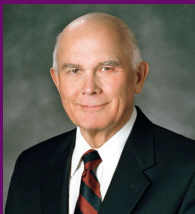
Worship Through Music (1.2)



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- Sacred music has a unique capacity to communicate our feelings of love for the Lord. This kind of communication is a wonderful aid to our worship.
- We depend on our choristers and organists to lead us at the prescribed pace. Too slow or too fast can detract from a worshipful mood.

Worship Through Music (2.2)



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- Many musical numbers good for other wholesome settings are not appropriate for Church meetings.
- Our hymns have been chosen because they have been proven effective to invite the Spirit of the Lord.
- Vocal or instrumental numbers should be chosen to facilitate worship, not to provide performance opportunity for artists, no matter how accomplished.