

## **SUGGESTIONS ON PRESENTING THE GIFT OF FAMILY HISTORY**

Receiving a gift of time and love from another person brings an unusual degree of receptivity and acceptance of what that gift entails. When that gift is as potentially life-changing as is the Gift of Family History, the Spirit is likely to be there in abundance. As you present your gift, seek to be sensitive to the Spirit in what you say and how you say it.

**Presenting Section I: Our Family History.** Read through the “Findings & Recommendations” introduction to this section that you have prepared. If you have not been able to find additional ancestors, explain where you have searched and what they will be able to do to continue their research. Explain that what you have done to organize the information they currently have will assist them as they proceed. Go over each entry in this section. Recipients are particularly interested in the Time Capsule. Explain how they can use the record order forms that you have included. Invite questions.

**Presenting Section II: Connecting with Your Heritage.** The purpose of this section is to motivate the recipient to be involved in family activities that will strengthen their family now and provide family treasures for their children and grandchildren. Use the inserts as your guide. Invite questions.

**Presenting Section III: Why Family History?** This section is perhaps the most important part of your gift and should be presented in a prayerful, humble manner. Be sensitive to the Spirit and if impressed to do so, bear your testimony about the principles presented here. The receiver of your gift is likely to *feel* the truth of what they are hearing and seeing and understand more fully why their hearts have been turning to their fathers. Use the inserts as your guide as you present. *If you feel it appropriate when discussing the last insert ask your friend if they would like to learn about this “great plan of happiness.”* If they say yes, invite them to come to your home for a presentation by two representatives of the Church. If they say no, simply respond: “If in the future you ever want to, just let me know,” and go right on to Section IV of your gift. If approached in this way there will likely be no awkwardness at all.

**Presenting Section IV: Furthering Your Research.** The purpose of this section is to give the recipient direction in how to proceed with their research. Use the inserts as your guide. You should consider offering to take your friend to a Family History Center and introducing them to those who can assist in furthering their research.

**Presenting the Materials in the Binder Pockets.** Show each flyer/brochure and briefly explain what it is. Strive to be particularly sensitive to the Spirit in your explanation as you refer to the documents “The Living Christ,” and “A Proclamation to the World.”