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apostles, in ancient days, built up my church unto me.

"Therefore, let every man stand in his own office, and labor in his own calling; and let not the head say unto the feet it hath no need of the feet; for without the feet how shall the body be able to stand?"

"Also the body hath need of every member, that all may be edified together, that the system may be kept perfect." (D&C 84:108-110.)

This significant statement meant clearly that, first, each organization was to have its specific function, that it was not to usurp the field of the other which would be like the eye saying to the hand, "I have no need of thee"; second, that each subdivision is of equal importance in the work of salvation, just as each part of the physical body is essential to the complete human being; and third, that every member in the Church may be edified or educated together; and finally that the system may be kept perfect, or in other words, that within the framework of the Lord's plan of organization for the salvation of his children, the Church will perform as a perfectly organized human body with every member functioning as it was intended.

The key to the whole correlation movement was given us when the First Presidency in an important communication some years ago declared the fundamental principles on which we were to build. In this communication the First Presidency had said:

"The home is the basis of a righteous life and no other instrumentality can take its place nor fulfil its essential functions. The utmost the auxiliaries

can do is to aid the home in its problems, giving special aid and succor where such is necessary; that in aiding the home, the auxiliaries may well consider thinking of home life of the people as having three periods: the first from birth to twelve years of age, or the childhood period; then the youth period from twelve years up to the early twenties; and then adulthood, from the early twenties to the end of life."

Since that announcement we have gone forward with the development of the so-called correlation program, and tonight President McKay has requested that we report to this great body of the priesthood of the Church the correlation program as it has now progressed since that first announcement one year ago.

My associates of the twelve, as announced by President McKay, constituting the correlation committee, will each take time tonight in a unified report of progress. Elder Gordon B. Hinckley will first discuss the organizational development which has gone forward during this last year. Then Elder Richard L. Evans will discuss the curriculum studies and development. Elder Marion G. Romney will then talk to us about the priesthood correlation, which is in reality, an extension of what we have known as ward teaching in the past. It will then be my responsibility after they conclude, to summarize with an announcement of the first application of the new correlation program to be carried out throughout the entire Church, beginning in January of 1963 on a Church-wide basis. We will now proceed then with Elder Hinckley, then Elder Evans, and then Elder Romney, after which I will make a few concluding statements.

ELDER GORDON B. HINCKLEY

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

My brethren, I have been asked to give a report of progress on the organization of the co-ordinating program.

Brother Lee has made reference to Paul's analogy to the Church as a body whose various members have need one for another. In furtherance of that analogy the correlation committee and

its associated subdivisions might be likened to the nervous system whose responsibility is to keep the various aspects of the great teaching program of the Church operating harmoniously together.

Fundamental to the very program of the Church is the teaching of the gospel to the membership of the Church. In

fulfilment of the obligation which was laid upon the Church in its inception, there has developed within the Church a system of great teaching organizations—the priesthood quorums, both Melchizedek and Aaronic, the far-flung church school system, and the auxiliaries: the Relief Society, the Sunday School, the Primary, and the MIA, all of which play so important a part in the education of our people.

If it were possible, I would like to place before you on a chart the organization of the correlation program, but since we have outside the Tabernacle where only our voices reach eight to ten men for every man who is here tonight, I shall have to present the mechanics of the organization verbally. (See accompanying chart.)

I should like you to picture in your mind's eye the First Presidency at the top of an imagined chart and below that the Council of the Twelve, then beneath that is a subcommittee of the twelve known as the church correlation committee, comprised of four members of the Council of the Twelve who have been given responsibility for this work.

Associated with the correlation committee is an executive secretary, Brother Antone K. Romney. Associated with him are three other dedicated men. They, together with the heads of the various teaching organizations, constitute the body found next, below the correlation committee on the chart I am trying to describe for you. This body is known as the all-church co-ordinating council. It is comprised of the members of the correlation committee and their associates (Brother Romney, Brother Reed Bradford, Brother Vaughn Hansen, and Brother B. West Belnap), the Presiding Bishop of the Church, the chancellor of the Church School System, the general superintendent of the Deseret Sunday School Union, the president of the Relief Society, the president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, the general superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, and the president of the Primary Association, together with a secretary.

This group, representing the great teaching organizations of the Church, stand together as the all-church co-

ordinating council to bring about the harmony of which Brother Lee spoke.

Operating under the direction of the all-church co-ordinating council are three groups or subdivisions which constitute what we have come to describe as executive planning committees, one for children, one for youth, and one for adults. One of the twelve serves as chairman of each of these committees, with a secretary in each—Brother Belnap for the children's committee, Brother Hansen for the youth group, and Brother Bradford for the adult committee. Associated on each of these committees are men and women of great ability, extensive experience in the Church, and proven devotion, who constitute respectively, planning organization for children, for youth, and for adults.

Now, working with each of these executive planning committees are three other groups, one tied to each of the three. These are task committees, chosen from over the Church because of their experience, their devotion, and their ability. It is their assignment, and I think the word *task* fits the assignment, to review carefully the entire curriculum of the Church, past and present, to become acquainted with all courses of study and activity programs used now and used in the past. This is a tremendous undertaking. This study will become the foundation upon which will be built a program of co-ordinated study and activity for the entire Church in all the world, including all age groups.

I hope I have made reasonably clear the mechanics of the all-church co-ordinating program designed to further harmony and orderly sequence in the teachings and activities of the organizations of the Church.

Now, let me quickly review it as we proceed from the top—the First Presidency, the Council of the Twelve, the correlation committee, the all-church co-ordinating council, three executive planning committees each with a task committee of curriculum study, whose responsibility it is to dig and study and conduct research, out of which will come co-ordinated courses of study and programs of activities that will build testimony in the hearts of the Latter-

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day Saints from the day they are old enough to attend classes.

I desire in conclusion to say a word of appreciation for the magnificent service of those who have been called to serve on the various committees. Many have been released from positions of great priesthood responsibility including those of stake president and bishop; men and women have been re-

leased from general boards to work quietly in the background to bring about this great work of correlation which shall bless the lives of the Latter-day Saints throughout the earth.

God bless them in their labors and bless us with a sense of appreciation for their devotion, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER RICHARD L. EVANS

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

President McKay, and my beloved brethren, it would be difficult to say in words how cherished is your fellowship in the priesthood. God bless you all, wherever you are.

You who have visited Seattle's Century 21 Exposition would perhaps have noticed in one of the scientific exhibits a moving meter which indicates the present population of the world, more than three billion, two hundred-eighty million, as I recall, with the clicking of a number, every second or so it seemed, as each additional newcomer arrives from eternity into time. It is a sobering sight to see—more than 3,280,000,000—all of them ultimately our responsibility, and many of them currently being added to the Church, each one to be taught (as well as all else), each one to be made to understand the purpose of time and life and eternity.

It is a sobering and a wonderful assignment. With the Church growing as it is, ever more widely over the world, it becomes apparent that it must more sharply focus its purposes, avoiding duplications and obvious unessentials, but doing what is essential, as to teaching and training and activities and understanding. We have an obligation to see that our children, our youth, and all of us—and those who come to us by conversion—know what they ought to know. And it cannot be haphazard. This brings us to the question of the correlation of the curriculum.

Now, these dedicated groups, already referred to, who have been working so well so many months—former stake and general board members, members of bishoprics and stake presidencies, pro-

fessional educators, and others—have arrived at a recommendation, which in principle the First Presidency has approved: that the gospel be taught as completely as possible at least three times during these three age levels of life: children, youth, and adults.

Within these major groupings there will be many minor groupings, taking into account school associations, social interests, priesthood ages, missions, marriage, and other factors.

The committees at work gratefully know that they are not beginning from nothing or from nowhere. Gratefully they know that they already have going activities and organizations, and revealed truth, and the priesthood of God, and the gospel, and the greatest organization on earth.

They know also that from decades and generations past there are priceless study courses and lesson materials already written, and, as reported to President McKay, and as I feel sure he has very much in mind, these task committees are reviewing all that has been written and used, all that is now being used, as well as seeking to determine the need for further lesson writing.

There is no presently defined limit as to how much we can enlarge or expand the curriculum. It is inclusive, but does not exclude the possibility of adding anything that should be in it. In general, it is proposed to preserve the traditions, names, influence, experience, objectives, and activities of the various organizations, but all to be directed through the priesthood and co-ordinated not only at the level of the General Authorities and general boards, but co-