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Dear Elder Rasband,

New Presidency Training Visit Response

We appreciated the training visit report of Elder and Sister Clarke's and Brother [REDACTED]'s visit which occurred on February 28-March 1, 2005. We learned much during these two days and appreciated the fine counsel we received.

The volume of work which continues to flow smoothly through the Provo Utah Temple is wonderful. The baptistry continues to be a very busy area. To alleviate this concern additional operating hours will be added to our baptistry this fall. A request to change our schedule will come by separate letter.

We are reviewing existing training materials to ensure that no sacred ordinance wording or procedures are included. We face a continual challenge in training our over 2000 workers because of an inability to show the training film on a regular basis. It would be very helpful if arrangements could be made to show portions of the training film in the preparation meeting room.

We have been thrilled by the response to the recent procedural changes in the initiatory areas. We have shortened the stools for both the men and women and have received favorable feedback from our workers and patrons.

We have been excited by recent upgrades to several areas of the temple. We will continually work together with the staff and the Temple Department to develop appropriate plans to restore areas of the temple that may be showing wear and to enhance the beauty and appearance of the temple. We appreciate the assistance of the Temple Department in these projects.

It was observed that several non-standard signs are in place in the temple. We are in the process of having those replaced. We are also working to minimize the use of signs throughout the temple.

We greatly appreciate the recent emphasis on reverence and worship in the Celestial Room by the First Presidency and Temple Department. Developing an atmosphere of worshipful reverence will continue to be stressed to our workers and patrons.

Please relay our appreciation to Elder and Sister Clarke and to Brother [REDACTED] for taking to time to visit us. We gained an increased appreciation for our sacred responsibilities because of their visit.

Thank you for your continued assistance as we continue in this sacred work.

Sincerely yours,

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