THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

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To: General Authorities; Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents

Dear Brethren:

Travel Costs

Increased costs of gasoline in many parts of the world cause us to be mindful of the resulting financial burden on leaders and members.

We encourage you to be wise concerning the frequency of meetings and activities that are held in addition to the regular Sunday meeting schedule. Planning for such events should be done with prudence, judgment, and the direction of the Spirit. Please avoid unnecessary or excessive demands on the time and financial resources of members as you strive to strengthen them.

Sincerely yours,

The First Presidency

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