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PLANO TEXAS STAKE

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Dear Members of the Plano Stake,

Emergency preparedness has always been an important emphasis within the Church. The First Presidency has said, "We encourage all members worldwide to prepare for adversity in life by having a basic supply of food and water and some money in savings ... With careful planning, you can, over time, establish a home storage supply and a financial reserve." In keeping with this counsel, we will be offering a new preparedness challenge to the members of the stake.

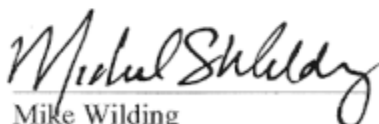
As part of the 2014 Stake goal on strengthening families, the Plano Stake has introduced the **2014 Plano Stake Preparedness Challenge**. The purpose of this challenge is to increase family and individual preparedness and within the Stake. Each family in the Plano Stake is invited to become more self-reliant and prepared by prayerfully setting and achieving certain preparedness goals in the area of Financial Preparedness, Spiritual Preparedness and Emergency Preparedness.

The Plano Stake Preparedness Challenge has been presented to members of the priesthood in the recent Stake General Priesthood Meeting and will be presented in a Ward Relief Society Meeting. Each family in the Plano Stake will receive details on the challenge from their home teachers before the end of the year. This will include an outline of goals each family should use as a guide for their goals along with helpful worksheets that can be used in assessing the family's current level of preparedness. In addition, each month in 2014, members will receive additional information in the areas of Spiritual, Financial and Emergency Preparedness that will help them reach their goals in each of these three areas of preparedness.

As a Stake Presidency, we are excited about the Plano Stake Preparedness Challenge and know that it can be an important tool for the member of the stake to become more self-reliant through being better prepared for much of the "adversity in life".

"...if ye are prepared ye shall not fear" (D&C 38:30)

Sincerely,



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