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Dear Sisters and Friends of the Circle,

Each month I wait to see what the Lord has for us to think about. Today I received a call from a sister who told me that the word *gregarious* came to her. Amazingly, or maybe not so amazingly since I know God always has a plan, I have been inquiring of the Lord how we might increase the number of Circle workers.

I believe that the Lord has an even greater work for the General Ladies' Uplift Circle, but that a significant increase in membership is necessary for our organization to meet what will be the needs of the missionary work of The Church of Jesus Christ. The Lord has told us that *this is our time* and I believe that this applies to each of us. It is time to find our work and enthusiastically embrace it.

What does gregarious have to do with this need for increased interest and membership in the Ladies' Uplift Circle? Gregarious means inclined to associate with others. Isn't that the way we work best, working together? I often think that the sisters work quietly and industriously on their various projects. In Proverbs 30<sup>th</sup> chapter, God reminds us to be like some of the creatures He created. We are told "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer. The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces." God is reminding us that insignificant creatures known for working together accomplish what seem to be impossible tasks. So it is with the Ladies' Circle. When we work together, we accomplish much and we do it quickly and quietly, with God's help and guidance. Of ourselves we are very little, but when we work together we are a force.

Gregarization is a derivative of gregarious and means a swarming form of locusts and the development of swarming behavior in locusts. When locusts swarm they can devastate a field in a short period of time. While we think of this swarming as a negative because of the devastation of crops planted by man, the experience of our sister made me realize that for the locust, the swarming is a very productive and successful activity.

You might wonder, "How does this possibly apply to the sisters of the Circle?" If our sisters were to band together in their activities, just imagine the power of the women of The Church of Jesus Christ. What could possibly prevent us from accomplishing our goals or for that matter doubling our production?

- Start to think of how you might encourage a sister or friend to become a member of the Circle.

- Pray that God will create a desire in each sister of The Church and all its young women to become not only a member of the Circle, but also a member who desires to work diligently to promote the aims of the Circle.

God can do it and we will give Him the praise and glory for the marvelous accomplishment.

Love,

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