

# Food and Commodities



## Needs

At times, food and other life-sustaining resources may not be readily available to members. This can happen due to product shortages, loss of income, or other factors. The guides listed below can help priesthood leaders as they help members in these situations.



## Description

Many guides exist to help Church leaders provide emergency food and commodity assistance to members. These include the following:

1. *General Handbook*, 22.2.1, “The Lord’s Storehouse”
2. **Self-Reliance Plan form**  
Church members in need fill out this form on their own or with the aid of a mentor. The form helps members assess their needs, income, and expenses and find resources within the Lord’s storehouse. It will also help them decide what service they can give in return for assistance received and make their own plan for becoming more self-reliant.
3. ***Providing in the Lord’s Way***  
This in-depth booklet details the doctrines, the principles, and the duties of leaders regarding self-reliance and providing Church assistance.
4. **Welfare and Self-Reliance Leader Resources**  
This website gives leaders a place to find training materials and other aids. These include handbooks, online links, Self-Reliance Plan forms, and information relating to welfare duties.



## Who is this for?

The main audience for these materials is bishops and other unit leaders who are helping members with physical, emotional, or behavioral needs or providing bishop’s orders for food and other commodities.



## How it works

These guides and forms are available online. *Providing in the Lord’s Way* is also available in print and can be ordered at [store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org).



## Where to learn more

*General Handbook*, 22.2.1, “The Lord’s Storehouse”

[ChurchofJesusChrist.org/study/manual/general-handbook/22-providing-for-temporal-needs?id=title\\_number13#title\\_number13](https://ChurchofJesusChrist.org/study/manual/general-handbook/22-providing-for-temporal-needs?id=title_number13#title_number13)

Self-Reliance Plan

[ChurchofJesusChrist.org/topics/welfare/leader-resources/topics](https://ChurchofJesusChrist.org/topics/welfare/leader-resources/topics)

*Providing in the Lord’s Way*

[ChurchofJesusChrist.org/bc/content/ldsorg/topics/welfare/summary-leaders-guide-to-welfare.pdf](https://ChurchofJesusChrist.org/bc/content/ldsorg/topics/welfare/summary-leaders-guide-to-welfare.pdf)

Welfare and Self-Reliance Leader Resources

[ChurchofJesusChrist.org/callings/welfare-self-reliance](https://ChurchofJesusChrist.org/callings/welfare-self-reliance)

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