

# 5 THINGS YOU CAN START TODAY . . . TO HELP WITH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE VEIL!



## • ORGANIZE

"Gather" stories, photographs, tribal artwork or artifacts, maps of Indigenous territories or ancestral homelands, newspaper articles, tribal census rolls, language vocabulary books, journals, healing customs, recipe cards, and songs.



## DIGITIZE

Scan photos using a scanner or your smartphone. Digitize videos and scan or retype journals, recipes, traditions, folklore, and artwork. Upload to Google Drive (free) or the Family Tree app.



## STORYTELLING

Interview family members, record their stories – Who were their elders? What were their cultural traditions or religious beliefs? What are some ancestral food preparation or customs you have learned? What ceremonies, rituals, regalia and celebrations do you have experience with? Write in your journal and make a record of your involvement. Write a short story about someone you're descended from and share either by emailing, uploading to the family tree memories app, or adding to a shared photo album.

•REC



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Create a private account for family only and document some of your findings from organizing, sharing, and storytelling. Share pictures of any traditional art you have created or that a family member has specialized in.



## BAPTISMS FOR THE DEAD

Attend the temple and take family names.-

President Russell M. Nelson declared in 2018 – "My dear extraordinary youth, you were sent to earth at this precise time, the most crucial time in the history of the world, to help gather Israel. There is nothing happening on this earth right now that is more important than that. There is nothing of greater consequence.

Absolutely nothing. This **gathering should mean everything to you**. This is the mission for which you were sent to earth. So my question to you is, are you willing to enlist in the youth battalion of the Lord to help gather Israel? ...So, now I am inviting every young woman and every young man between the ages of 12 and 18 in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to enlist in the youth battalion of the Lord to help gather Israel...Anytime you do anything that helps anyone—on either side of the veil—**take a step toward making covenants with God and receiving their essential baptismal and temple ordinances**, you are helping to gather Israel. It is as simple as that. As you pray about this sacrifice of time, you will be guided to know both what you can give up that week and what you can do instead to help gather Israel."

