

Relief Society Questions With Answers

1. What was the first auxiliary organization in the Church?

- a. Priesthood
- b. Relief Society

Answer: b. Relief Society

2. What is the Relief Society moto?

Answer: Charity Never Faileth

3. Who was the longest serving General Relief Society President?

Answer: President Belle S. Spafford (served 1945-74 = 29 years)

4. The Relief Society is the oldest and largest women's organization in the world. What date was it officially organized?

- a. March 20, 1832
- b. March 17, 1840
- c. March 17, 1842
- d. March 20, 1842

Answer: c. March 17, 1842

5. Who was the first General Relief Society President?

Answer: President Emma Smith

6. The Relief Society was organized under the direction of which President of the Church?

- a. Joseph Smith
- b. Brigham Young
- c. Wilford Woodruff

Answer: a. Joseph Smith

7. Who was the General Relief Society President in the Sesquicentennial Year?

Answer: President Elaine L. Jack

8. Who was the General Relief Society President during the centennial celebration in 1942?

Answer: Amy Brown Lyman

9. During the drought of 1879 the Relief Society made an interest free loan to the church. What was it they loaned interest free?

- a. \$20,000 cash
- b. Garden seed for the next spring's planting
- c. 30,000 bushels of wheat

Answer: c. The Relief Society loaned the brethren of the church 34,761 bushels of wheat interest free.

10. During World War I (1917-1919) the Red Cross had an approximate membership of 50,000 women in the United States. Of that number, approximately how many were also members of the Relief Society?

- a. 35,000
- b. 42,000
- c. 47,000

Answer: c. 47,398 to be exact

11. Who is the current General Relief Society President?

Answer: President Bonnie D. Parkin

12. How many Hymns did Eliza R. Snow write in the current hymn book?

- a. 10
- b. 12
- c. 14

Answer: a. 10

13. Name three of the Hymns written by Eliza R. Snow.

Answer: Awake, Yes Saints of God Awake; Great is the Lord; Through Deepening Trials; Again We Meet Around the Board; Behold the Great Redeemer Die; How Great the Wisdom and the Love; The Time is Far Spent; Truth Reflects Upon Our Senses; O My Father; In Our Lovely Deseret

14. Who was the mother of Eliza R. Snow?

Answer: Rosetta Leonora Pettibone (Snow)

15. How long did it take to write the Relief Society Declaration?

- a. 3 hours
- b. 3 days
- c. 3 months
- d. 3 years

Answer: d. 3 Years

16. Which General Relief Society President threatened to leave her husband because he had a bar in the house?

Answer: Emma Smith

17. On June 3, 1918, why did the President of the United States, Heber Hoover, write a letter of appreciation to the church?

- a. For the copper donated from the Salt Lake copper mine for the war effort
- b. B. For the contribution by the Church and Relief Society in the purchase of war bonds
- c. For the contribution of wheat and flour for war use

Answer: c. The Contribution of wheat and flower to the government for war use. All of the wheat and flour donated was gathered and paid for by the Relief Society. The US Government later paid the church \$1.20 for each bushel donated which was estimated at 205,528 bushels (12,331,080 lbs). The money received was invested as a trust fund and the interest made available for charitable purposes for the poor of the church.

18. How many sisters were admitted as members when the Relief Society was founded?

- a. 14
- b. 18
- c. 26
- d. 34

Answer: c. 26. Although only 18 sisters attended the organization meeting of the Relief Society, another 8 sisters, not present, were admitted to membership for a grand total of 26.

19. Which Relief Society President was also the president of the National Council of Women?

Answer: Belle Spafford

20. What General Relief Society President was also the chairman of the Childhood and Family Committee of the National Council of Women?

Answer: Barbara B. Smith

21. THERE WAS AN ERROR WITH THIS QUESTION SO IT HAS BEEN REMOVED!

22. When did the Visiting Teaching program begin?

- a. 1843
- b. 1860
- c. 1943

Answer: a. July 28, 1843, just a little more than a year after the Relief Society was organized.

23. When was the Relief Society Building dedicated?

- a. 1946
- b. 1951
- c. 1956
- d. 1961

Answer: c. October 3, 1956

24. How long after the establishment of the church did Emma Smith make a selection of hymns for the church?

Answer: 3 months

25. Which General Relief Society president enjoyed cruising on the steamer "Maid of the Iowa" with her husband?

Answer: Emma Smith (Joseph bought the cruiser to ferry the saints coming from Europe across the Mississippi).

26. Who are the "Singing Mothers"?

Answer: Many Relief Society choruses from sisters world-wide sang under the name "The Singing Mothers." They performed at General Conferences, special occasions and even on the radio. On April 21, 1934 the name "The Relief Society Singing Mothers" was adopted as the official name. In 1966 there were almost 45,000 Singing Mothers in more than 3200 choruses in the stakes and missions of the Church worldwide. The name was later changed to the Relief Society Chorus to be more "politically correct" as of course not all the women involved were actually mothers.

27. Which of the following is a program from which the Relief Society has never been responsible for:

- a. Church Compassionate and Welfare Services
- b. Educational Program
- c. Nurse Training
- d. Church Building and Construction
- e. Temple and Burial Clothing Departments

Answer: d. Church Building and Construction

28. What was the actual official name of the Relief Society when it was first organized in 1842?

- a. The Benevolent Society of Nauvoo
- b. The Female Relief Society of Nauvoo
- c. The Benevolent Relief Society Sisterhood of Nauvoo

Answer: b. The Female Relief Society of Nauvoo

**29. What circumstances initiated the organization of the Relief Society?
A desire of the sisters to:**

- a. Unite in building work clothes for those working on the temple
- b. Unite and bring to the attention of the brethren the mess left after Church and Priesthood meetings
- c. Get out of the house and have a social club for activities

Answer: a. (Of Course)

30. Which General Relief Society President postponed and eventually cancelled the grand centennial Relief Society Celebration titled "Woman's Century of Light"?

Answer: This was due to WWII which ran from Sept 3, 1939 to Sept 2, 1945. President Amy Lyman was disappointed but continued her devotion to social work raising funds to assist both members at home and those suffering due to the war in Europe.