BYU Religious Education initiated the publication of the Religious Educator (TRE) in 2000 with the goal of providing another venue for scholars and students of the Restoration to explore our rich Church history, plumb the depths of ancient and modern scripture and doctrine, and highlight approaches in understanding and teaching the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Since the release of the first issue, hundreds of thoughtful, well-researched articles and essays have been published in TRE by dedicated scholars, teachers, and Church leaders, creating a remarkable library of historical, doctrinal, pedagogical, and devotional resources to inspire readers as they strive to understand, consider, apply, and teach the things that matter most.

As we prepared to publish the first issue of the tenth volume of TRE this past year, we decided to pull together a collection of articles and essays from past issues and publish them in a book that would provide us an occasion to introduce TRE to a new audience and to bring back in print some of the most significant essays from hard-to-find back issues that have long ago gone out of print. We enjoyed the opportunity to pore over the various issues and consider which essays have been well received and which articles might be considered some of the very best we have published in the past—the ones that we seem to go back to again and again because of their timeless message or the significant insights they provided.

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Introduction
The Religious Studies Center was established in 1975 by Jeffrey R. Holland, then dean of Religious Instruction at Brigham Young University, with the mission of encouraging and supporting the pursuit of truth through scholarship on gospel-related topics. This book, like all Religious Studies Center endeavors, is part of Religious Education’s efforts to accomplish its overall mission of building the kingdom of God by teaching and preserving the sacred doctrine and history of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are thankful for the opportunity to provide our readers another opportunity to consider important matters related to the glorious gospel we have received. It is all “good news”!