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Despite repeated official announcements by the First Presidency since 1890, unauthorized plural marriages were still being performed. Reminding Stake Presidents of the instructions issued October 5, 1910, the First Presidency again call for Church action against offenders.

*Office of The First Presidency of the  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

*Salt Lake City, Utah, January 31st, 1914.*

To Presidents of Stakes and Counselors,

Dear Brethren:

Having reason to believe that some members of the Church are secretly engaged advising and encouraging others to enter into unauthorized and unlawful marriages, we have deemed it advisable to call your attention to the communication we addressed to you on this subject on the 5th of October, 1910, a copy of which is herewith appended.

And believing, as we do, that these people are at the bottom of all the violations referred to in our communication, we direct your special attention to them, with a request that any information received by you from time to time relating to cases of this character, be followed up and investigated with a view to having this class of offenders placed on trial for their fellowship in the Church, as we regard them equally culpable with actual offenders. Please make the same request of your Bishops.

Your brethren,

JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
ANTHON H. LUND,  
CHARLES W. PENROSE,  
First Presidency.