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“Religious freedom is not just the concern of religious persons. Others have a strong interest... because it is necessary for peace and stability in our pluralistic world. The protection of conscience is...vital...for stability because...people from a wide spectrum of beliefs feel assured that their deepest concerns and values are respected and protected.”
From the keynote address by **Elder Dallin H. Oaks**, 2016 Claremont Mormon Studies Religious Freedom Conference

What does it mean to be religious and free in the 21st century? **Elder Dallin H. Oaks** joined distinguished international scholars and religious leaders at Claremont Graduate University this year for an exciting conference about religious liberty in the modern world.

Claremont’s graduate-level Mormon Studies program—the largest and most robust of its kind anywhere—brings together brilliant minds to tackle some of the world’s preeminent issues. (See the enclosed *Mormon Studies Newsletter* for recent accomplishments and what’s in store for 2017.)

Will you help us to keep up and accelerate this incredible momentum? Our greatest need is to fully fund our student fellowship endowment to support the extraordinary students studying Mormon history, culture and beliefs with our Howard W. Hunter Chair of Mormon Studies, Dr. Patrick Mason.

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland has observed: “The Lord’s work goes forward through the inspiration and spontaneous service of [its] lay members. **The Mormon Studies program at Claremont is at the forefront of this movement.** This is an emerging and important way in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is going forward.”

To help fulfill **Elder Holland’s** vision, my wife and I and several others have joined the **10/5 Campaign** to donate \$10,000 a year for five years. **Will you join the 10/5 Campaign or otherwise make a tax-deductible contribution to help our students?**

Send your check to the **Howard W. Hunter Foundation**, 3570 Landfair Road, Pasadena, CA 91107 or “Donate” at <http://claremontmormonstudies.org/donate>

This is an exciting time for Mormon Studies at Claremont Graduate University; in 2017, we will bring you news of even bigger plans to enrich the world’s understanding of our faith.

Until then, thank you for including the **Howard W. Hunter Foundation** within your circle of worthy causes. Merry Christmas!

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