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Subject: **Popcorn Sales for LDS Scouting Units**

I am pleased to share with you a statement concerning popcorn sales for units chartered by LDS wards and branches. In a letter written on August 17, 2005 by Charles W. Dahlquist, Young Men General President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, President Dahlquist stated: **“While the LDS Church does not endorse any specific fund-raiser or product, if conducted in accordance with the LDS Church *Budget Allowance Guidelines*, the sale of popcorn would be an appropriate fundraising tool for LDS-sponsored units.”**

The first step to a successful popcorn sale is to contact your local Stake President and get his permission to contact unit leaders in his stake. After he has given permission, you may contact your local unit leaders and let them know that they have the stakes' approval to sell popcorn and may do so, if they have a need. This will open the door for you to convince the local unit leaders to sell popcorn. Make certain that you remind them to follow the *Budget Allowance Guidelines*.

The attached document has been prepared to assist you in working with LDS Scouting units. Its two-fold purpose is to:

1. Assist with frequently asked questions relative to using popcorn sales as a fund-raising tool
2. Provide a clarification of current LDS fund-raising guidelines

The question-answer format should be helpful to you and your professional staff as you support your council's units in their fundraising efforts.