

RENEW THY CHURCH, HER MINISTRIES RESTORE

What does the word **RENEWAL** mean to you?

Do you think of your library card being **renewed** to keep it up to date?

Has your membership in a club or on a team been **renewed** to show you have met requirements or advanced skills?

Have you ever paid a fee to **renew** a subscription?

Do you live in a town where urban **renewal** has replaced dilapidated houses and neighborhoods with new homes to give the residents a feeling of fresh hope?

Dr. Kenneth Cober's text, *Renew thy Church, her ministries restore*, describes the most vital **RENEWAL** of all within the life and ministry of the Church. The Church about which this hymn is written means the people, not a building which we call a church.

What two purposes of the Church does the first line of stanza 1 name?

From which verses of Matthew 5 are the comparisons of the Church to "salt" and "light" made?

What are the three ways suggested by the last phrase of stanzas 2, 3, and 4 to help the Church be renewed?

Can you think of other ways that choristers can make **RENEWAL** possible with up-to-date hymns and anthems, by advanced skills and musical abilities, and by funds and projects to give the poor new hope?

All Is Well is a good tune to **renew** your musical understanding too.

Decide which lines of the melody are the same. What pattern does the tune fit?

ABCA

AABA

AABC

or

ABBC ?

Write the counts above the accented notes of each measure. Does the lack of a time signature make this more difficult?

Use Roman numerals to make the harmonization of the tune above the 1st and 3rd beats of each measure. Notice that the chords



are used throughout.

All Is Well is also used by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for a setting of words called "Come, Come Ye Saints." Listen to a recording (Col-ML-5386) noting the tempo and dynamics. In using Dr. Cober's text, what changes seem appropriate in tempo and dynamics? In both versions, the dotted note patterns must be fitted into long phrases without choppy breaks in the middle of lines. What purpose do the slurs fill?

Begin thinking seriously about ways that you and your choir friends can help the Church in its attempts towards **RENEWAL** – remembering that the Church is what **we are** and what **we do** in the world today!!

"Help us Lord, be renewed!"