Alumni Chapters’ Relationship with Church Leadership

Foundational Aims of Brigham Young University closely match those of the Church World Wide Training meetings now focusing on specific goals
  - Building Faith in Jesus Christ
  - Strengthening Families
  - The message of the Gospel
    o Methods of delivering the message
    o Characteristics of good Latter Day Saints
    o Helping the Church to be able to stand on its own

President Hinckley moving toward Church Leadership Decentralization
  - Move more of the responsibilities from Church Headquarters to the areas
  - Magnify the callings of Stake Presidents & Area 70s
    o These callings to be spiritually and organizationally self reliant
    o The mantle of leadership falls increasingly on their shoulders
  - Accentuate Councils
    o Area, Coordinating, Stake, Ward
    o Councils at each level are to seek the needed revelation
    o Get to the people – Emphasize individuals and build up peoples lives
    o Help members, young men and women receive ordinances

Ways that BYU Alumni Chapters can work effectively within decentralization
  - Focus more on people and less on events just for the sake of holding events
  - Help Priesthood leaders with their responsibilities
    o They need chapters to be self reliant
    o They need people with enormous ability to give time
    o People with intellect have capacity to give in more diverse ways
    o Help Priesthood leaders to meet the aims of BYU
  - Recognize achievement, service, character & promote it
  - Recognize other groups in the area whose aims are the same
  - Career networking and mentoring, that can help ward employment needs
  - Be an example
    o Show others what your life has gained by being part of BYU
    o New Testament - Taking up ones cross
      ▪ Matthew 16:24 - Means to deny oneself of all ungodliness
      ▪ Luke 9:23 - Deny self, take up cross daily
      ▪ Luke 14:27 - Set this in your hearts, that you will do what I command you

Yours efforts will bless church and the Lord will give to you added capacity to act.