The United Order was a specific implementation of the Law of Consecration which was participated in by relatively few, before the Lord lifted the requirement after a brief time. Other variations of the order were attempted by the early saints at various times. In order to redeem Zion we will be expected to live a future variation of this order as the Lord reveals it (D&C 105: 3-5, 29). Stewardship: Realize that all we have is the Lord's, thus we are stewards, and we each will render account of our stewardships (D&C 72:3-4, 104:54-57)
Basic United Order Principles

- We consecrate our temporal belongings to the order through the Bishop, with a covenant and deed.
- Receive a stewardship (Inheritance) back from the Bishop:
  - Decided under inspiration by Bishop and Steward, and supported by common consent of the order.
  - Often received with a legal deed (but still stewards).
  - If one quits the order (a significant sin), keeps the inheritance, not the original consecration.
- Stewardships based on capacity, needs, circumstances, and wants (D&C 82:17):
  - "Equality" in access based on capacity, etc. (D&C 51:3).
- All surplus gained from developing one's stewardship is cast back into the order to benefit all.
- Regular accountability with opportunity to adjust stewardship.