

Hastening the Work of Salvation

Bishop

- The bishop directs the ward council in preparing and following a ward mission plan. The ward council should reviews the plan at least annually.
- The bishop and his counselors give priority to member missionary work.
- They set an example by finding and preparing individuals and families for the missionaries to teach.
- Ensure that brethren ages 12 and older are ordained to the appropriate Aaronic Priesthood office soon after their confirmation, normally within a week.

Ward Councils

- Member missionary work is most effective when ward council members are fully engaged in the missionary effort.
- Find and prepare people to be taught.
- Assist the missionaries when they teach (in members' homes, if possible).
- Fellowship investigators.
- Prepare themselves and their children to serve as full-time missionaries.
- They review baptismal candidates, other investigators, and other matters from the Progress Record prepared by the full-time missionaries.

Ward Mission Leader

- He coordinates the ward's efforts to find, teach, and baptize investigators.
- He conducts missionary coordination meetings and directs the work of ward missionaries.
- He arranges as many teaching opportunities for the full-time missionaries as possible each week.
- He participates with full-time missionaries in teaching and fellowshiping investigators.

Missionary Coordination Meeting

- The ward mission leader conducts a missionary coordination meeting with the ward missionaries and the full-time missionaries.
- Ward Mission Leader coordinates the work of the full-time missionaries and the ward members.

Ward Missionaries

- Serve under the direction of the Ward Mission Leader
- Called for a specific term of service.
- Normally don't have other callings.
- Find and prepare people for full-time missionaries to teach.
- Assist in fellowshipping investigators.
- Visit members' homes to encourage them to seek missionary experiences, identify people those the missionaries might teach.

Ward Mission Plan

- Consider the needs and resources of the ward in member missionary work, retention, and activation, including the availability of full-time missionaries.
- Set specific goals for member missionary work, retention, and activation to be accomplished within the next year.
- Leaders could plan ways to lift the ward's overall vision and attitude about missionary work.
- They could also plan ways to befriend and strengthen new members and improve the activation of less-active members.

Members and Full-Time Missionaries Working Together

- Full-time missionaries have the primary responsibility for teaching investigators.
- Investigators are more likely to be baptized and confirmed and remain active when they have close friendships with Church members.
- Every member a missionary. The missionaries are here to assist you in YOUR missionary work.

All Members

- Find and prepare people to be taught.
- Help new members understand and apply the doctrines and principles in the missionary lessons.
- High priority to assigning dedicated home teachers and visiting teachers to new members
- Ward members are encouraged to invite recent converts to attend family home evenings, Church meetings, classes, and activities with them, providing transportation if needed.