

Ward Mission Leader, See Yourself in the Work

A Resource for Hastening the Work of Salvation

Under the bishop's direction, you—as ward mission leader—coordinate the ward's efforts to find, teach, and baptize investigators. You coordinate the work of the ward missionaries and full-time missionaries with priesthood leaders, auxiliary leaders, and members.

Videos



Inviting All to Come unto Christ



Seek and Ye Shall Find



The Ward Mission Leader in the Work of Salvation



Serving in the Ward Mission

Articles

President Henry B. Eyring, "We Are One,"
April 2013 general conference

Elder Neil L. Andersen, "It's a Miracle,"
April 2013 general conference



WHAT IS NEW FOR ME?

The increased number of missionaries is new and has brought about increased opportunities for you, under the direction of the bishop, to:

- **Set an example** by finding and preparing individuals and families for the missionaries to teach, and work with the ward council in fellowshiping investigators, new converts, and less-active members.
- Help members find and **prepare friends and neighbors**, allowing the missionaries to fulfill their sacred responsibility—to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **Work with the ward council**, ward missionaries, and ward members to fill the missionaries' days with teaching appointments.
- **Discuss with the ward council** the progress of each investigator and new and returning member, and make plans to help each person take the next step. Your tools include the Progress Record—prepared by the missionaries—and the New and Returning Member Progress Form.
- **Work with the full-time and ward missionaries** in teaching and fellowshiping investigators, arranging to have members attend as many teaching appointments as possible.
- **Conduct a missionary coordination meeting** and direct the work of ward missionaries.
- Ensure that missionaries and members interact positively and appropriately as they **unite in the work of salvation**.

WHERE DO I LEARN MY ROLE?

Your role isn't to do the work alone but to coordinate with the ward council and the full-time missionaries in the work of salvation. For more information, see:

- *Handbook 2, Chapter 5*
- *Preach My Gospel, Chapter 13*
- **Special Broadcast: The Work of Salvation**



WHO CAN HELP?

- Your **bishop** can help you give priority to this work by teaching the doctrine and giving you direction for how you can best assist him.
- The **high councilor** assigned to missionary work will train and assist you as you learn and fulfill your responsibilities.
- Your **ward council** can help by discussing each investigator and each new and returning member, planning to meet the spiritual needs of each individual, and carrying out that plan.
- The **full-time missionaries** can teach and strengthen those you and your ward members identify and prepare. You might suggest to the bishop that he consider inviting the missionaries to attend ward council.
- The **ward missionaries** can help find, fellowship, and teach investigators. They also instruct and fellowship new converts and less-active members.
- Your **ward members**—including youth and children—have nonmember and less-active friends, neighbors, and family members. They may be your greatest resource in finding and inviting others to come and see what the gospel of Jesus Christ offers.

CAPTURE THE VISION

“One bishop I knew saw [missionary work in the ward] not as an added duty but as an opportunity to draw the ward together in a great cause where every member became a missionary. He called a ward mission leader. . . . The ward council found ways for organizations and quorums to use service experiences as missionary preparation.”

President Henry B. Eyring

“Along with others on the ward council, you identify less-active

members, part-member families, and interested neighbors. You meet regularly with assigned full-time missionaries. You advise and assist the missionaries. Please help them to fill their daily planners with focused and meaningful teaching opportunities. This is your responsibility. Your role is crucial, truly crucial to the success of this work. If you catch the wave with faith and enthusiasm, others will also. You, as the ward mission leader, are the connecting link between

members and missionaries in this sacred work of rescuing God’s children.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson

“The missionary work of priesthood and auxiliary leaders should be coordinated by the ward mission leader and the bishop through the ward council. And by doing so, converts will be fully active members in their wards.”

Elder M. Russell Ballard

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