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To: General Authorities; Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents

From: Family History Department (801-240-4932)

Subject: Changes to Family History Organization and Callings

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The First Presidency has approved changes in family history callings at the area, stake, and ward levels. Please share this information with your stake or ward council. These changes are immediate and can be summarized as follows:

1. Temple and Family History Consultants: All family history callings, at the area, stake, or ward level, are called temple and family history consultants. No general release of currently serving individuals should be issued.
2. Primary responsibility: The primary responsibility of all temple and family history consultants is to give personalized help to leaders and families, enabling them to find the names of deceased ancestors, take the names to the temple and provide necessary ordinances for them, and teach their family members and others to do the same.
3. Secondary assignments: In addition to their primary responsibility, some temple and family history consultants at the stake and ward levels may be assigned as lead temple and family history consultants. At the stake level lead consultants will assist the high councilor over family history and provide training, as needed, to stake and ward consultants. At the ward level lead consultants will assist the high priests group leader and provide training to other ward consultants. Other secondary assignments may be given to some stake temple and family history consultants to lead stake indexing efforts or stake family history center operations. This supercedes the former stake indexing director and stake family history center director callings.

For further information and training resources, visit [www.lds.org/TFHCallings](http://www.lds.org/TFHCallings).