

Area Seventy, See Yourself in the Work

A Resource for Hastening the Work of Salvation



As an Area Seventy, you have a unique role to help stake and mission presidents coordinate and exercise priesthood keys in unity. By working together, stake and mission presidents will find that the powers of heaven bless the work.

Articles

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

Elder Russell M. Nelson, “Catch the
Wave,” April 2013 general conference

Elder Neil L. Andersen, “It’s a Miracle,”
April 2013 general conference



WHAT IS NEW FOR ME?

You will likely have more missionaries serving in your assigned area than ever before. This increase gives you an increased opportunity to:

- **Set an example** by finding and preparing individuals and families for the missionaries to teach.
- **Help stake and mission presidents coordinate, understand roles, and exercise priesthood keys in unity.** Mission presidents hold the keys for missionaries and conversion; stake presidents hold the keys for missionary work in their stakes. Working together, they can accomplish the work of salvation. They’ll need to build relationships and meet regularly to best coordinate efforts.
- **Preside at and effectively use** coordinating council meetings and other opportunities to train stake and mission presidents and others in their roles, to help them coordinate the missionary work in your assigned area, and to help them build relationships that lead to increased unity in conversion, retention, and activation.
- **Teach the doctrine** of Christ and the plan of salvation and the principles of missionary work often and encourage members to participate.

WHERE DO I LEARN MY ROLE?

Your role isn’t to do the work alone but to lead and support those who direct the work of salvation in the stakes and missions. For more information, see:

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



WHO CAN HELP?

- The **mission president** will help you and the stake presidents know how to best work with the full-time missionaries. You'll meet regularly in coordinating council meetings and other occasions.
- Your **stake presidents** can help give priority to this work by teaching the doctrine and setting an example of living the gospel joyfully. You'll meet regularly in coordinating council meetings and other occasions.
- The **full-time missionaries**, under the direction of their leaders, can teach and strengthen those whom members identify.
- **Church members**—including youth and children—have nonmember and less-active friends, neighbors, and family members. They may be the greatest resource in finding and inviting others to come and see what the gospel of Jesus Christ offers.

CAPTURE THE VISION

“How are we going to solve keeping all these new missionaries busy? You [the Area Seventies] have to do it! Now is our opportunity. We need to help these mission presidents like never before. We need to wake up to the fact that the local units must watch over the missionaries and keep them busy. It is our job to strengthen and build stakes of Zion.”

Elder L. Tom Perry



“When the keys held by a stake president and a mission president are aligned properly, when those two sets of complementary keys work in unity and in harmony, a revelatory conduit is opened and the powers of heaven can bless the work in a remarkable way. When those sets of keys are not aligned, then the powers of heaven are constrained and diluted.”

Elder David A. Bednar