

Service Missions: A Guide for Area Seventies

This document provides a short overview of the service missionary program and your responsibilities as an Area Seventy. The Service Mission Office and support advisers are available to provide additional information and materials.

Service Missionaries

Worthy young adult men (ages 18–25) and women (ages 19–25) who are unable to serve a proselyting mission for physical, mental, or emotional reasons, and proselyting missionaries who return home early due to accident, illness, or other health conditions and have the desire and ability to continue their service to the Lord may be reassigned to a service mission. The service missionary program allows them to use their talents and abilities to serve the Lord in other meaningful ways by serving others.



The standards for worthiness are the same for all missionaries. The stake president is ecclesiastically responsible for the service missionary. Service mission leaders are responsible for helping the service missionary find meaningful service opportunities and in helping the service missionary have transformative missionary experiences.

The Service Mission Purpose: “Our purpose is to help others come unto Christ by serving them as the Savior would. We serve voluntarily in charitable organizations, Church functions, and within the community. We will minister in His name to the one, just as He did, expressing His loving kindness.”

Your Responsibilities

In order to fulfill your responsibilities, you should:

- Understand the service missionary program and support structure.
 - First Presidency’s letter of 11-16-2018: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/english/service-missionary/Service-Missions-for-Young-Missionaries-Leaders.pdf?lang=eng>
 - Service missionary website: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/service-missionary>
 - Service mission leaders: https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/english/service-missionary/PD60008273_Service-Mission-Leaders_web.pdf?lang=eng
 - Support Advisors: Support advisers render support to service mission leaders. They serve as representatives of the Service Mission Office and work closely with Area Seventies, stake presidents, and service mission leaders. Support advisers help train service mission leaders, facilitate service missionary assignment changes and release dates, and are available to answer any questions regarding the service missionary program.

- Identify, call, and set apart service mission leaders in the coordinating councils you supervise.
- Support the service mission leaders in their callings.

How to Support

1. Facilitate and promote training that service mission leaders may give to coordinating councils, priesthood leaders, and others.
2. Help stake presidents understand their role in the service missionary program.
3. Educate members and leaders about the service missionary program.
4. Monitor the progress of the service missionaries in your area.
5. Review the monthly stewardship report sent to you by your service mission leaders.
6. Address concerns and resolve issues as they arise.

Questions?

- Visit [ChurchofJesusChrist.org/service-missionary](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/service-missionary).
- Call the Service Mission Office in Salt Lake City at 1-801-240-4914, or send an email to support-servicemission@churchofjesuschrist.org.

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