

Mission President, See Yourself in the Work

A Resource for Hastening the Work of Salvation

As mission president, you hold sacred priesthood keys. By working in unity with stake presidents, you can exercise these keys and unite with leaders and members in the work of salvation.



Video



Using Priesthood Keys
in 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



WHAT IS NEW FOR ME?

You will likely have more missionaries serving in your mission 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.
- **Coordinate with stake presidents, understand roles, and exercise priesthood keys in unity.** The stake president holds the keys for missionary work in his stake; you hold the keys for the work of missionaries. Working together, you can accomplish the work of salvation. You’ll need to **meet regularly** with stake presidents and in coordinating councils to unify efforts.
- **Teach, train, and guide missionaries** in how to successfully work with members and local leaders, ensuring that their interactions are appropriate and useful.
- **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 the missionaries in your charge. For more information, see:

- *Handbook 2, Chapter 5*
- *Preach My Gospel, Chapter 13*
- *Mission President’s Handbook*
- [Special Broadcast: The Work of Salvation](#)



WHO CAN HELP?

- Your **Area Seventy** can help you effectively meet with stake presidents in coordinating councils.
- Your **counselors** can help you in your teaching, training, and administrative responsibilities, including giving priority to this work by teaching the doctrine and setting an example of living the gospel joyfully.
- As you develop relationships with them, **stake presidents** can help you know where missionaries are best assigned and how the work can best be accomplished.
- The **full-time missionaries** can teach and strengthen those whom members identify and can work with members to bring souls to Christ.
- **Church 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

“Mission presidents hold keys of responsibility for the welfare, safety, and success of their missionaries. After consulting with stake and district presidents in his mission, each mission president assigns missionaries to serve in specific stakes, wards, and branches.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson

“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