

Stake President, See Yourself in the Work

A Resource for Hastening the Work of Salvation



As stake president, you hold sacred priesthood keys for the work of salvation within your stake. By working in unity with the mission president and the bishops in your stake, you can exercise these keys and unite your stake in the work of salvation.

Video



Using Priesthood Keys in the Work

Articles

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 stake 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 the mission president, understand roles, and exercise priesthood keys in unity.** The mission president holds the keys for missionaries and conversion; you hold the keys for missionary work in your stake. Working together, you can accomplish the work of salvation. You'll need to **meet regularly** with the mission president and in coordinating councils to unify efforts.
- **Teach the doctrine** of Christ and the plan of salvation and the principles of missionary work often and encourage members to participate.
- **Support each ward** in its efforts in the work of salvation. In regular interviews, ask each bishop to share the progress of each investigator and each new and returning member.

WHERE DO I LEARN MY ROLE?

Your role isn't to do the work alone but to lead the stake 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 **Area Seventy** can help mission presidents and stake presidents meet in coordinating councils.
- The **mission president** will help you know how to best work with the full-time missionaries. You'll likely want to meet regularly—in addition to coordinating council meetings.
- Your **counselors** can help you give priority to this work by teaching the doctrine and setting an example of living the gospel joyfully.
- Your **high councilor** assigned to missionary work should train and assist ward mission leaders throughout the stake, including in the preparation of a ward mission plan.
- Your **bishops** should keep you informed of their efforts to unify their wards in the work of salvation.
- The **full-time missionaries** should teach and strengthen those whom stake members identify.
- Your **stake 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

“I request each stake and district president to accept full responsibility and accountability for the finding and friendshipping of investigators within your stake or district. . . . You brethren have a sacred obligation before the Lord for this effort. You set the example for what others may do under your inspired leadership.”

President Gordon B. Hinckley

“Stake presidents . . . hold keys of responsibility for missionary work in their units, and they inspire members to participate.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson

“Stake presidents . . . have the responsibility and accountability to help members find the pure in heart and prepare them for baptism and a life of service within their wards and stakes.”

Elder M. Russell Ballard

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