

Bishop, See Yourself in the Work

A Resource for Hastening the Work of Salvation



As bishop, you hold sacred priesthood keys for the work of salvation within your ward. By working in unity with the ward council, the full-time missionaries, and your ward members, you can exercise these keys and see the ward grow in strength and the members grow in individual discipleship.

Videos



Member Missionary Work



New and Returning Member Progress

Articles

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

Elder Russell M. Nelson, “Ask the
Missionaries! They Can Help You!”
October 2012 general conference

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

WHAT IS NEW FOR ME?

You will likely have more full-time missionaries serving in your ward, and your participation and leadership are essential. This increase means you can hasten your work by:

- **Setting an example** by finding and preparing individuals and families for the missionaries to teach.
- Helping members and leaders find and **prepare friends and neighbors**, allowing the missionaries to fulfill their sacred responsibility—to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Ensuring that missionaries and members interact positively and appropriately as they **unite in the work of salvation**.
- **Having a committed ward mission leader** who coordinates with the ward council, ward missionaries, and ward members to fill the missionaries’ days with teaching appointments.

WHERE DO I LEARN MY ROLE?

Your role isn’t to do the work alone but to unite the ward 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 **counselors** can help you give priority to this work by teaching the doctrine and setting an example of living the gospel joyfully. You might assign one counselor to coordinate activation and one to coordinate retention.
- Your **ward council** can help by discussing each investigator and each new and returning member, planning to meet the spiritual needs of each individual, and carrying out that plan.
- Your **ward mission leader**, who serves as a member of the ward council, is also your link to the full-time missionaries.
- The **full-time missionaries** can teach and strengthen those you identify. You could consider inviting them to attend ward council.
- The **high councilor** assigned to missionary work can train and assist your ward mission leader.
- Your **ward 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 would like to suggest that every bishop in the Church give as a motto to his people, ‘Let’s all work to grow the ward.’”

President Gordon B. Hinckley

“The bishop and his ward council discuss every progressing investigator. They decide what they can do for each person and their families to help them become friends before baptism, to include them in activities, and to nurture those who are baptized.”

President Henry B. Eyring

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

Elder M. Russell Ballard