

Request for an MLS Assignment for Senior Service Missionaries

Member and Leader Support (MLS) missionary calls are usually full-time senior missions, with assignments for service given by revelation to Apostles. “Leaders may recommend specific types of assignments for senior missionaries. However, leaders should not make commitments about the assignment they will receive” (General Handbook, 24.2.3).

Stake Presidents and Mission Leaders should counsel together and prayerfully consider the circumstances for the request. They submit a concise request through their Senior Missionary Coordinators to the Area Support Advisers, who forward the request to the Service Mission Office and Missionary Department. **Potential candidates should be submitted and approved by the Service Mission Office and the Senior Missionary Services Division of the Missionary Department before being called.** The request should consider and address the following questions and guidelines:

What specific needs are we trying to meet?

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Where will the mission take place, including in which unit or units they will primarily serve?

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Who can best meet those needs? Specifically:

1. Can someone from the stake serving in an “out-of-unit” calling meet those needs?
Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Is a full-time MLS senior couple already in the mission who could be assigned to meet those needs?
Yes ☐ No ☐
3. If the answers to # 1 and 2 are both No, are there local couples willing to serve in an MLS assignment as live-at-home senior missionaries for **at least 12–23 months (with a specific end date) and work full-time (40 hours a week)** to help meet the identified needs?
Yes ☐ No ☐
4. If the answer to # 3 is also No, are there local couples willing to serve in an MLS assignment as local senior service missionaries for **at least 12–24 months (with extensions possible) and work part-time (20–30 hours a week)** to help meet the needs that have been identified?
Yes ☐ No ☐

When senior service MLS missionary couples are the best option, they should ideally meet these additional guidelines. They should:

- Be unable to serve a full-time mission, either away from home or as live-at-home full-time missionaries.
Yes ☐ No ☐
- Be primarily engaged in helping support struggling wards or branches who have specific needs, such as language proficiency, welfare needs, or inexperienced leadership.
Yes ☐ No ☐
- Ideally, live outside the stake where they will be serving or should be available to support additional units or stakes. (Consider the geographic area of the mission to which they may be called.)
Yes ☐ No ☐
- Understand they are not to take over leadership or ministering responsibilities but to provide mentoring and support to priesthood and auxiliary presidencies.
Yes ☐ No ☐

Please provide a brief description of recommended couple(s), including any explanation of the circumstances for the mission call that may be helpful in the approval process.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature of person submitting form (Mission or Stake President)

Date

Please submit this form, including the brief description of the recommended couple(s), to your Area Support Advisers through your local Senior Missionary Coordinators. They will forward the request on to the Service Mission Office and Missionary Department.

For further information, please refer to the *General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, Section 24: Missionary Recommendations and Service. See also the Church senior missionary website, <https://seniormissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org/>.