Senior Missionary Coordinators

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Senior Missionary
 Coordinators (SMCs)
 are full-time Senior
 Service Missionaries,
 serving around 30
 hours a week.



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 SMCs represent both the Service Mission Office (SMO) and the Missionary Department







- We ensure that the Service
 Missionary Programs are
 aligned with priesthood
 direction from the presiding
 councils of the Church.
- We work in harmony with the Missionary Department to provide missionary opportunities around the world and around the corner.





 We promote ways to help every Senior Service Missionary and young Service Missionary feel spiritually fulfilled and temporally successful in each mission assignment.

 We assist Church departments and operation managers in onboarding missionaries as part of the Church's mixed work force, which consists of employees, Senior Service Missionaries, volunteers, and young Service Missionaries.





 We encourage priesthood leaders and members on how Senior missionaries and Senior service missionaries bless the children of God, His Church, and those who serve.



SMCs' Areas of Responsibility - 1

1. SMCs facilitate mission calls

for full-time Senior Missionaries and part-time Senior Service Missionaries. SMCs assist missionary candidates and priesthood leaders with the online applications for missionary recommendations. SMCs promote positive experiences for seniors as missionaries.





2. Help Stake and Ward Leaders carry out Unit assigned opportunities. This includes: (a) educating the leaders as to the missionary opportunities for senior members; (b) working with Stake Presidents who must approve missionary assignments and changes to their assignments; and (c) training anyone who is asked by the Stake President to support missionary work, such as Stake Senior Missionary Specialists.

SMCs' Areas of Responsibility - 3

3. SMCs assist Operation
Managers develop an effective
workforce. This includes (a)
making sure that the Senior
Missionary Website shows
missionary opportunities that are
available for potential
missionaries to consider, (b)
helping to make sure missionary
releases or extensions are
handled correctly; and (c)
informing priesthood leaders of
the operations' needs.



SMCs' Areas of Responsibility - 4

4. SMCs act as Ambassadors for the Senior Missionary Program. When invited, SMCs attend Stake Conferences, host devotionals and firesides, participate in ward and stake councils, and otherwise promote missionary work among senior Church members.



People

- Under the direction of the Service Mission Office (SMO) and in collaboration with the
 Missionary Department, missionary work for senior members is facilitated and assisted
 by Senior Missionary Coordinators (SMCs) with the support and assistance of Service
 Mission Office Support Advisers. The Support Advisers for the NASW Area are Elder
 Layne Rushforth and Sister Sharon Rushforth.
- SMCs are assigned over a Senior Missionary Group, made up of one or more Coordinating Councils.
 - The **North America Southwest Area** is divided into ten missionary "groups" in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma.
 - The Las Vegas Group consists of four Coordinating Council that include 31 stakes.
 - Elder Thomas A. Thomas is over the North and West Coordinating Councils.
 - Elder Jonathon W. Bunker is over the South and East Coordinating Councils.

The Service Mission Office Portal

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Service Mission Office Purpose

The purpose of the Service Mission Office is to help individuals and couples serve the Savior by providing organized and meaningful opportunities for them to build His kingdom on the earth, bless the lives of others, and experience spiritual growth.

Core Values of the Service Mission Office

The following core values guide the vision and administration of the Church-Service Missionary and the Service Missionary Programs worldwide.

Service Mission Office Core Values

Global Service Center 801-240-4357 Toll Free: 1-855-537-4357



SMMS information

- 2024 SMO Plan
- How to use SMMS

Words of the Living Prophet

• Words of the Living Prophet

Elder Bassett

- Elder Bassett Family Orientation This video is intended to be shared.
- Character of Christ Elder Bednar

The Leadership Pattern

Core Talent: Organize the Work

"For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." John 13:15

"Jesus says, 'Just do it the way I do it. Talk the way I talk. Walk the way I walk. Treat people the way I treat people. Cry when I cry.' That's the Savior's message: 'Come, follow me.'". Jeffrey R. Holland

Church News - Service Missions

 How Church Employment Services helps people find jobs — and a connection to the Savior

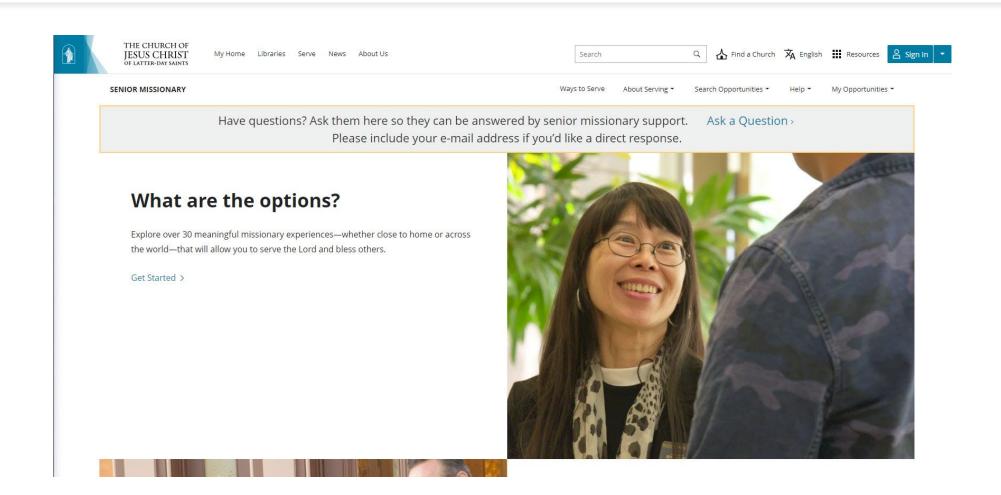
Leadership Journey

- Leadership Journey Registration
- · Leadership Journey Information

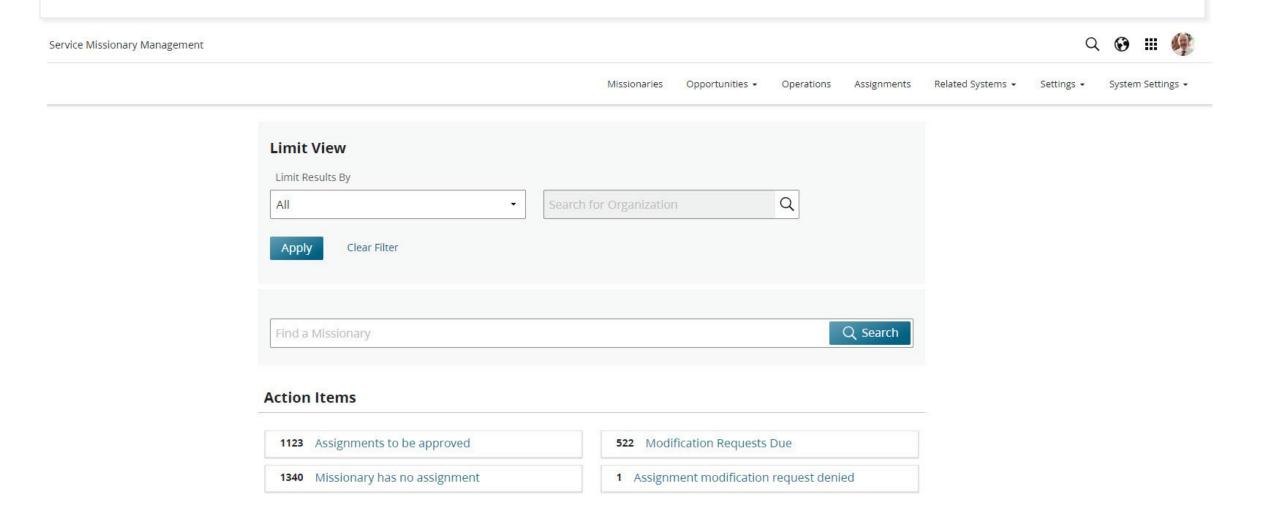
Missionary Websites

Acronym	For	Description
SMW	Members	Senior Missionary Website . Used by members to find a "missionary opportunity" and to connect to an application for a recommendation to serve a mission.
MRS	Bishops and Stake Presidents	Missionary Recommendation System . Used by priesthood leaders to formally approve and recommend members as missionaries.
SMMS	Operation Managers and Stake Presidents	Service Missionary Management System . This is used by Operation Managers and Stake Presidents to approve missionary assignments and to modify them.
CDOL	Church leaders and missionary advisors	Church Directory of Organizations and Leaders. This is a worldwide directory of the Church's organizations and Church leaders.

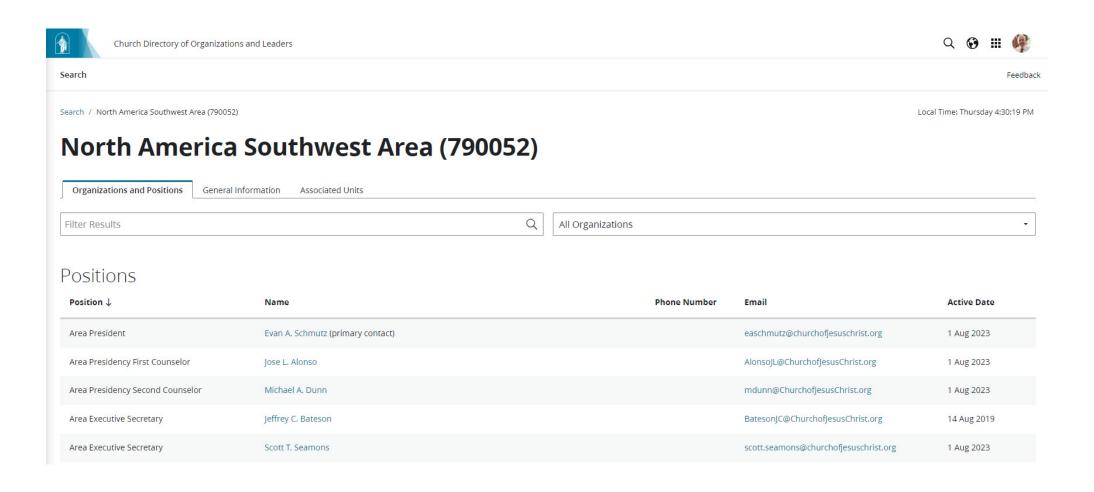
The Senior Missionary Website (SMW)



Service Missionary Management System (SMMS)



The Church Directory of Organizations and Leaders (CDOL)



Links to Missionary Websites

LINKS FOR POTENTIAL **MISSIONARIES**

Senior Missionary Website

Official Church website to help seniors search and apply **SMMS** for missionary opportunities.

- SeniorMission.org Unofficial website with tips and pointers for seniors considering missionary service.
- Elder Rasband's 2023 **General Conference Talk**

LINKS FOR PRIESTHOOD LEADERS

MRS

(Missionary Recommendation System)

(Service Missionary Management System)

CDOL

(Church Directory of Organizations and Leaders)

Leader and Clerk Resources

General Handbook Chapter 24

(Official Instructions regarding missionary work.)

Leaders' Resources for Seniors as Missionaries (Unofficial Page)

 Directory of Senior Missionary Coordinators SMCs for the North America Southwest Area. (PDF file opens in new window.)

LINKS TO INSTRUCTIONS

For each link below, a PDF file opens in a new window. (2)

SSM Application Flowchart

Flowchart showing process for applying as a Senior Service Missionary.

Missionary Approval in MRS

Instructions for approving application in MRS.

Stake President's Quick Reference for SMMS

Instructions for key tasks in SMMS.

Operation Manager's **Quick Reference for SMMS**

Instructions for key tasks in SMMS.

OTHER CHURCH LINKS

- ChurchofJesusChrist.org
- Church Home Dashboard
- Church Online Store
- Church News
- Donations (See also Philanthropies.
- Deseret Book
- Durango Ward
- FamilySearch
- Find a Meetinghouse (Maps)
- Gospel Library
- Scriptures (Escrituras)
- Temples of the Church
 - Appointments
 - Ordinance Workers
 - Unofficial Page
- Ward/Stake Directory
- Ward/Stake Calendar

Daily Tasks for SMCs

- Check your Group Email and Each of your Personal Church Emails
 - Follow up on applications stalled in MRS
 - Communicate with and act as a liaison between potential missionaries, Priesthood Leaders and Operation Managers
- Check your Dashboard in SMMS
 - Missionaries without assignments
 - Missionaries with proposed modifications
- Send Task Requests to your Support Advisers, as needed
- Ask your Support Advisers questions, as needed

Recurring Tasks

- Build Relationships with your Area Seventies, Stake Presidents, and Operation Managers.
- Train Stake Senior Missionary Specialists or others in a similar role
- Seek opportunities to encourage missionary service:
 - Attend Stake Conferences
 - Host Devotionals
 - Participate in Ward and Stake Councils
- Attend webinars and fill assignments
- Wear name badge and missionary dress when visiting
- Monitor Operations and Stakes to help the Stakes provide missionaries for the Operations.

Meetings for SMCs

- Senior Missionary Coordinators participate in an area-wide SMC one-hour video conference on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.
- SMCs participate in a one-hour Global SMC video conference once a month on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.
 Mountain Time.
- SMCs have an informal video chat with their Support Advisers normally scheduled during the second and fourth weeks of the month.
- Additional conferences and meetings may be scheduled.

Special Task

• Enjoy Your Calling!

