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Missionary Release Interview

The stake president releases missionaries and conducts a release interview.

One of his counselors may release senior service missionaries. In districts, generally the mission president or an assigned counselor releases missionaries. For exceptions, see [6.3](#).

The following guidelines for this interview may be helpful.

- Commend them for serving a mission.
- Invite them to share mission experiences.
- Encourage them to continue as a lifelong disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Counsel them to build on good habits they developed as a missionary.
- Encourage them to follow the Spirit daily and live honorably.
- Encourage them to consider and prepare for the future, including education and employment for young missionaries. Help them set goals and make plans as needed. Review progress on [My Plan](#) with young missionaries.
- Avoid promising specific blessings as a reward for missionary service.
- Encourage them to always live worthy of a temple recommend.

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Missionary Reports and Speaking in Sacrament Meeting

- Stake and district presidents invite recently released missionaries to report on their service in a high council or district council meeting. This includes service missionaries. Bishops may also invite recently released missionaries to report in a ward council meeting.
- Where appropriate for distance or other circumstances, recently released missionaries may provide their reports using technology or only in a ward council meeting.
- The bishopric schedules time for recently released missionaries to speak in a sacrament meeting. This includes service missionaries. The meeting

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is a normal sacrament meeting. The bishopric ensures that the principles outlined in [24.5.2](#) are followed.

- Recently released missionaries may speak in sacrament meetings in other wards as invited by a member of the stake or district presidency. They may also be invited by a member of the high council or district council.