

STAKE SENIOR MISSIONARY SPECIALIST OVERVIEW

I. **Role of Stake Senior Missionary Specialists.**

A. *Encourage Missionary Service.* Stake Senior Missionary Specialists encourage seniors of the Church to serve as full-time Senior Missionaries and as live-at-home Senior Service Missionaries. This can be done in many ways, as invited by priesthood leaders:

1. Teaching fifth-Sunday lessons;
2. Giving talks in sacrament meetings and/or stake conference;
3. Attending and giving presentations at Bishops' Councils, Stake Councils, and Ward Councils; and
4. Hosting devotionals and firesides.

B. *Facilitate Missionary Applications.* You will help potential missionaries explore the missionary opportunities that are on the Church's senior missionary website (<https://seniormissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org>).

1. You should teach potential missionaries the tricks of navigating the Church's senior missionary website.
2. In addition, when the Senior Missionary Coordinators have information about missionary opportunities that needs to be shared with potential missionaries, you can quickly disseminate the information to the wards and branches.

C. *Assist the Stake President.* A Stake President may allow Senior Missionary Specialists to view the Senior Missionary Management System (SMMS) website to help keep the Stake President (and anyone else he delegates authority to) apprised of actions that need to be taken with respect to the approval of callings or modification of callings of Senior Service Missionaries.

D. *Promote Unity and Express Gratitude.* Stake Senior Missionary Specialists should be in regular contact with the Senior Service Missionaries who are serving from the stake and host an annual gathering of Senior Service Missionaries under the direction of the Stake President is encouraged.

II. **Resources for Senior Missionary Specialists.** There are several resources for Stake Senior Missionary Specialists.

A. As Senior Missionary Coordinators, we will provide you with training, mentoring, and support. Just let us know how we can help.

B. Much of the information you need is contained on several websites.

1. seniormissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org is the Church's main page for potential senior missionaries. If you click on Help and then [Training](#), you will find motivating and instructional videos about senior missionary work. That page also includes an outline for:

- ✓ A 15-minute sacrament meeting talk.
- ✓ A 45 minute lesson (such as a fifth-Sunday lesson).
- ✓ A 4-week missionary training course.

2. seniormission.org is an unofficial page that is intended to help potential missionaries understand missionary opportunities and how to use the Church's senior missionary website. This page includes:

- ✓ A link to Elder Ronald A. Rasband's talk in the October 2023 General Conference. (13 minutes)
- ✓ A motivational video about full-time service as an away-from-home Senior Missionary. (11 minutes)
- ✓ Two motivational videos about part-time service as a living-at-home Senior Service Missionary. (6 minutes and 8 minutes)
- ✓ A video explaining how to search for full-time Senior Missionary opportunities. (10 minutes)
- ✓ A video explaining how to search for part-time Senior Service Missionary opportunities. (13 minutes)

3. seniormission.org/leaders provides supplemental help for priesthood leaders and Operation Managers.

C. A 12-minute video that we use for firesides and devotionals is available at <https://seniormission.org/videos/SM.slideshow.mp4>. This is based on a PowerPoint presentation that we will provide upon request so that you can edit and customize it.

D. We will help you obtain pass-along cards and other materials that can be shared, including information that might be placed on ward bulletin boards.

III. **Checklist for Self-Training**

- ☐ Watch the following videos:
 - ☐ <https://seniormission.org/videos/searchssm.mp4>
 - ☐ <https://seniormission.org/videos/SeniorMissionarySearch.mp4>
 - ☐ <https://seniormission.org/videos/SM.slideshow.mp4>
- ☐ Explore the following websites and the links they contain:
 - ☐ <https://seniormission.org/>
 - ☐ <https://seniormission.org/bulletin/>
 - ☐ <https://seniormission.org/leaders>
 - ☐ <https://seniormissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org>

Write down any questions or suggestions that you may have so that we can discuss them with you.

IV. **Senior Missionary Coordinators.** Stake Senior Missionary Specialist are mentored by their Senior Missionary Coordinators (SMCs) in their local Senior Service Missionary Group. The contact information for the SMCs in the North America Southwest Area can be found at <https://seniormission.org/smc-nasw/>.

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