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DUTIES OF WARD MISSION LEADER & CONVERT RETENTION

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Convert Retention: President Gordon B. Hinckley said:

“There is absolutely no point in doing missionary work unless we hold on to the fruits of that effort. The two must be inseparable. ... Every convert is a great and serious responsibility” (“Find the Lambs, Feed the Sheep,” Ensign, May 1999, 108). Under the direction of the bishop, the ward council has first responsibility for strengthening new members and returning members. They make sure that new converts and returning members have **friends**, are **nourished by the word of God**, and **receive callings and responsibilities**. They may request that full-time missionaries help minister to and visit new members, returning members, and prospective elders. Preferably you will be paired with a member for such visits.

EVERY NEW CONVERT NEEDS THREE THINGS:

1. **A friend** in the Church to whom he can constantly turn, who will walk beside him, who will answer his questions, who will understand his problems.
2. **An assignment.** Activity is the genius of this Church. It is the process by which we grow. Faith and love for the Lord are like the muscle of my arm. If I use them, they grow stronger. If I put them in a sling, they become weaker. Every convert deserves a responsibility.
3. Every convert must be '**nourished by the good word of God**' (Moro. 6:4). It is imperative that he or she become affiliated with a priesthood quorum or the Relief Society, YW, YM or Primary.

Ward Mission Leader:

Under the bishop's direction, you—as ward mission leader—**coordinate the ward's efforts** to find, teach, and baptize investigators. You **coordinate** the work of the ward council, ward missionaries and full-time missionaries with priesthood leaders, auxiliary leaders, and members.

1. Set an example by finding and preparing individuals and families for the missionaries to teach, and work with the ward council in **fellowshipping investigators, new converts, and less-active members**.
2. Help members **find and prepare** friends and neighbors, allowing the missionaries to fulfill their sacred responsibility—to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. Work with the ward council, ward missionaries, and ward members to **fill the missionaries' days** with teaching appointments.

4. Discuss with the ward council the progress of each investigator and new and returning member, and **make plans to help each person take the next step**. Your tools include the Progress Record—prepared by the missionaries—and the New and Returning Member Progress Form.
5. Work with the full-time and ward missionaries in **teaching** and **fellowshipping** investigators, **arranging** to have members attend as many teaching appointments as possible.
6. **Conduct a missionary coordination meeting and direct the work of ward missionaries.**
7. Ensure that missionaries and members **interact positively** and appropriately as they unite in the work of salvation.

Ward Missionaries:

Qualified brothers and sisters are called to serve as ward missionaries. They are **supervised by the ward mission leader**. Ward missionaries find, fellowship, and teach investigators. They also instruct and fellowship new converts and less-active members.

Follow Up on Assignments:

1. Update current ward roster list with current contact information
2. Provide a copy of the Ward Mission Plan
3. Find out and report back on the youth assigned to work with the Missionary Committee
4. Report when they will be having their weekly missionary discussion / meeting
5. Update New Convert progress record accurately
6. Help Full Time Missionaries with Service Opportunities in Ward

Convert Retention:

1. New Member Progress Record
2. Review Peavine Valley - Tracking Sheet
3. Ward Council Discussions
4. Effectiveness of Missionary Correlation Meetings
5. Utilizing Ward Missionaries
6. Improving Church Attendance
7. Leading the Driving Force of Convert Retention in the Ward
8. Why I Believe Fireside