

The Divine Call of a Missionary

Missionary work is a subject very close to my heart, as it is to every member of the eight Quorums of the Seventy, whom the Lord has appointed to go “before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.” Missionary work is the lifeblood of the Church and the lifesaving blessing to all who accept its message.

When the Master ministered among men, He called fishermen at Galilee to leave their nets and follow Him, declaring, “I will make you fishers of men.” The Lord extended those calls to humble men so that through them others would hear the truths of His gospel and come unto Him.

Today missionaries go forth two by two as appointed by the Lord, carrying that same message, with the same divine call to serve from the prophet of God. Our prophet, President Thomas S. Monson, has said of those called to serve: “The missionary opportunity of a lifetime is yours. The blessings of eternity await you. Yours is the privilege to be not spectators but participants on the stage of priesthood service.”

In the preface to section 14 of the Doctrine and Covenants, it states, “Three of the Whitmer sons, each having received a testimony as to the genuineness of the work, became deeply concerned over the matter of their individual duty.”

To John and Peter Whitmer Jr. the Lord said this: “For many times you have desired of me to know that which would be of the most worth unto you.”

I suppose many of you young men have asked yourselves that same question. Here is the Lord’s answer: “And now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father.”

At this time in your life, a mission call from the Lord, my young friends, is the most important work that you can do. Prepare now, live righteously, learn from your family, and Church leaders, and come join with us in building the kingdom of God on earth—accept your divine appointment in “so great a cause.”

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Skyline Ward

September 10, 2023



And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-20

Go to the stake website for more announcements:

<https://renostakeinfo.org>

Welcome and Announcements

Reno FamilySearch Center September Activities
Sept. 12 Introduction to finding your ancestors in Germany
Sept. 14 Temple & Family History Consultant training:
Creating a Family Group in FamilySearch “hands on”
computer classes held Tuesdays at 1:00 PM
Sept. 19 Intro. to finding your ancestors in New York City
Sept. 26 Introduction to Land Records

The Stake Choir Practice Times at the Golconda building will be:

- Sunday, September 10, 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM
- Sunday, September 17, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, September 24, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Christian Music Worship Event – Take Time to be Holy
With Choir, Instrumental, and the Spoken Word
Reno: Sunday, September 10th, 4751 Neil Rd at 7:00 PM

Do you have a family member or friend who suffers from addictive behavior?
Join us to learn ways you can help. All meetings are confidential.
Family Support Group Meeting-Sundays 7:00pm, High Council Room
Addiction Recovery Group Meeting – Tuesdays 7:00pm, High Council Rm.
Questions? Call Jon Hiatt, High Council at 775-772-3540

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Presiding: Bishop Rusty Stodtmeister
Conducting: Brother Geoff Norby
Organist: Sister Laura Karrasch
Director: Brother Jay Chamberlain
Opening Hymn: #19 We Thank Thee, O God,
for a Prophet
Invocation: T.B.A.
Ward Business: T.B.A.
Sacrament Hymn: #187 God Loved Us, So He
Sent His Son

Passing of The Sacrament

Speaker: Brother Jacob Hansen
Intermediate: #302 I Know My Father Lives
Speaker: Brother Carter Southam
Closing Hymn: #92 For the Beauty of the Earth
Benediction: T.B.A.