

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Office of the First Presidency
47 East South Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

April 3, 1987

To: General Authorities; Regional Representatives; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops; and Branch Presidents

Dear Brethren:

Use of Full-time Missionaries in Activation

The First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve have now authorized full-time missionaries to assist local leaders in activating less active members in stakes that have few brethren who hold the Melchizedek Priesthood. However, authorization to have full-time missionaries assist with this activation in a stake must be recommended specifically by the Area Presidency and approved by a member of the Quorum of the Twelve.

After full-time missionaries have been approved to assist with activation, bishops, assisted by the priesthood executive committee and in coordination with the ward mission leader, are to select less active families to be taught by the missionaries. These families usually will be headed by brethren who are most likely to be reactivated and to serve in Church callings such as elders quorum presidencies or as stake missionaries.

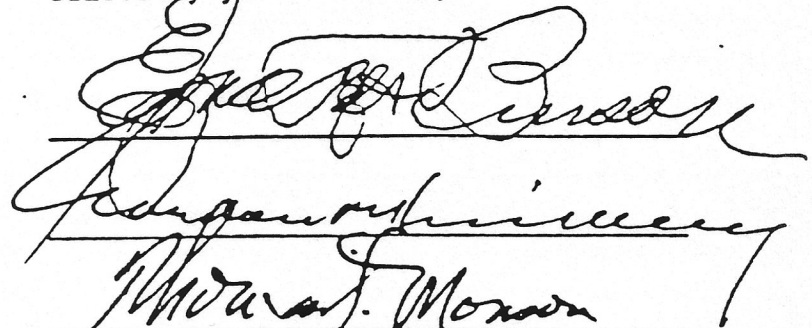
Full-time missionaries may continue to assist with this activation until a ward or branch has an adequate number of brethren who hold the Melchizedek Priesthood.

The many brethren who will be activated and called to Church positions will bless countless people--their own families and members of their quorums and wards--by helping them qualify to receive the blessings of the temple. They will also bless their nonmember friends, neighbors, and relatives by helping them to prepare for baptism.

We ask all mission presidents to cooperate fully in this effort. We trust that the limited use of missionaries in activation efforts will further strengthen the priesthood in these stakes while at the same time creating additional finding and teaching opportunities for our missionaries.

May the Lord continue to bless you as you invite both members and nonmembers to come unto Him.

Sincerely your brethren,

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The First Presidency

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The Council of the Twelve
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Dear Brethren:

Use of Home Teachers in Working with New Converts

The First Presidency issued guidelines for stake missions in a letter dated 20 February 1987. This letter instructed local leaders to have stake missionaries and full-time missionaries work together to ensure that new converts remain active after baptism.

We now clarify the role of home teachers in fellowshipping converts.

Home teachers should cooperate with stake and full-time missionaries in fellowshipping new members. Home teachers may be assigned to visit converts while the missionaries are teaching them so the home teachers can begin regular visits. Home teachers may be present when the stake missionaries teach the fellowshipping lessons, or they may be invited to assist the stake missionaries with the teaching. Consequently, the efforts of full-time missionaries, stake missionaries, and home teachers overlap to ensure that converts are fellowshipped into the Church.

May the Lord bless you as you care for these precious souls He has entrusted to your care.

Sincerely,



Howard W. Hunter
Acting President
Council of the Twelve