

# Service Missions: A Guide for Bishops

*This document provides a short review of the program and your responsibilities as a bishop.*

## Service Missionaries

The individual talents, skills, and gifts of some worthy young adult men and women may make it more suitable for them to serve a service mission. The service missionary program allows them to use their talents and abilities to serve the Lord in meaningful ways. Service missionaries may also include those who come home early from teaching missions. The standards for worthiness are the same for all missionaries.

Service missions are not required for those who are excused from teaching missions. No one should feel pressured to serve. Service missions are an option for those who want to serve the Lord in this way.



## Your Responsibilities

You have three primary responsibilities:

- Identify those who could serve a teaching or service mission.
- With the help of the service mission leader, develop a unique mission experience for service missionary candidates after they have received their call.
- Support the missionaries during their service.

## How to Support

1. Inform ward members of the opportunity to serve as service missionaries. Do this in ward meetings and in discussions with families.
2. As early as possible, prepare young people to understand that teaching and service missions are equally acceptable to the Lord.
3. Consult with the stake president about potential service missionary candidates.

## Questions?

- Contact your service mission leader.
- Visit [ChurchofJesusChrist.org/service-missionary](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/service-missionary).
- Call the Service Mission Office in Salt Lake City at 1-801-240-4914 or email at [support-servicemission@ChurchofJesusChrist.org](mailto:support-servicemission@ChurchofJesusChrist.org).

