A NEW WAY FORWARD WARD AND STAKE HISTORIES

OLD MANUAL PROCESS

PAPER-BASED PROCESS:

- Required annual submissions.
- Required stakes to submit prior year's histories by March 31.



- 1. Wards wrote their annual histories.
- 2. Stake clerks solicited histories from wards.



- **3.** Stake clerks compiled histories into stake histories. Stake president approved final content.
- **4.** Stakes submitted histories to Church headquarters.

NEW ONLINE PROCESS

THE ONLINE PROCESS IS ONGOING

and allows wards and stakes to submit, approve, and publish their own histories.



Write

Ward stories are written and published as events happen, at any time. Ward leaders may send invitations to organization leaders to write a story.

Review and Publish

Ward stories are approved and published by the ward history specialist, ward clerk, or bishopric.

View

Ward members can then view stories.

Write

Stake stories are written and published as events happen, at any time. Stake leaders may send invitations to organization leaders to write a story.

Review and Publish

Stake stories are approved and published by the stake history specialist, stake clerk, or stake presidency.

View

Stake members can then view stories.

OLD NEW

Clerks and leaders were motivated by a sense of duty. They typically compiled and submitted their history at the end of the year. Unit leaders are motivated by a desire to share experiences with members. They can publish stories throughout the year as events happen.

Stories were generally inaccessible to unit members.

Stories are available online to unit members immediately after they are published.

Annual submission process was complicated, with stakes compiling histories before sending them to the Church.

Stories are automatically preserved by the Church as they are published by individual units.

Outdated, paper-based format and instructions.

Online story-creation interface with embedded training and automatic capture of information from other Church systems.

Assignments were made verbally with no easy tracking mechanism.

Assignments are made via email and managed within the tool.



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