

Tooele 3rd Ward Temple and Family History Goals

We seek to come unto Christ and find JOY in our ancestors and spread that same JOY to our posterity.

- We will be a temple attending people.
 - We will renew our Temple Recommends before expiration to ensure we are “Recommended to the Lord.”
 - We will seek to attend existing temples as often as our circumstances allow.
 - We will gather as a ward in the Jordan River Utah Temple quarterly.
- We will gather scattered Israel with a focus towards the other side of the veil.
 - We will identify our family who came before us.
 - Act as proxy for our family when in the temple whenever possible
 - We will increase our indexing efforts.
- We will teach and support one another.
 - We will share our stories for our posterity to learn from our life experiences.
 - We will support those who we minister to as they seek to accomplish our goals.
 - We help prepare our children and youth to perform proxy baptisms and receive their next ordinances.

"There exists a righteous unity between the temple and the home. Understanding the eternal nature of the temple will draw you to your family; understanding the eternal nature of the family will draw you to the temple."

—Gary E. Stevenson

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

-Psalms 43:4

Tooele 3rd Ward Temple and Family History Leadership Plan

As leaders, we will help our ward fulfill our goals by:

- Maintain alignment reflecting Church Handbook guidance with individual responsibilities, and Ward Council roles within T&FH.
 - <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/general-handbook/25-temple-and-family-history-work?lang=eng>
- Maintain callings for Ward Temple and Family History Consultants
 - 4-6 adults at Ward Level (Handbook 25.2.4)
- Consider Calling Indexing Workers
 - Not necessary, but a great opportunity to keep individuals involved with the ward and T&FH
- Consider how we can increase endowed without current recommend rate
 - Currently 113/208(54%) endowed members have current recommend.
 - Increase to (75%) aligning with stake goal
 - Currently 18/50 (36%) Youth with current Proxy Baptisms and Confirmations Temple Recommend
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 - Identify and invite specific individuals without recommends and seek to help them desire to prepare for and obtain new recommends
 - Needs to be limited to in participants as this could include invitations to repent
 - Per Handbook 8.3.3.2, 9.3.2.2, 11.3.2 The EQ/RS/YW Presidents should counsel with members under the bishop's guidance
 - Matters of worthiness or abuse are referred to the bishop for further counsel
 - Proactively invite members with expiring recommends to renew them prior to expiration (Ward Clerk / Executive Secretaries)
- Establish Temple Preparation Course and invite more members to attend in harmony with Handbook 25.2.8
 - Consider inviting
 - New Members
 - Members returning to Activity
 - Endowed Members who have not renewed their temple recommends for an extended time (See previous ward goal)
 - This course is held outside of regular Sunday meetings
- Regularly plan temple outing as ward
 - 5th Saturday, 2:30 endowment session at Jordan River Utah Temple
 - September 23, 2023 * (4th Saturday due to General Conference
 - December 30, 2023
 - 4th Saturday Monthly upon dedication of Deseret Peak Utah Temple

- Mid Afternoon Session
- Communicate well in advance to allow members to make reservations with temple
 - Announce in RS/EQ meetings, Sunday School, and from pulpit
 - Scheduled events on Ward Facebook
 - Email sent to members of ward
- Temple scheduled ward outings are not yet available with no estimate of if or when they will be reestablished (Per Jordan River Temple Recorder 8/17/2023)
- Per Handbook 25.1.2, organized trips outside assigned district are discouraged (will need to attend the Jordan River Utah Temple)
- Create book of faith stories (encourage members to tell *their* story)
 - Build on 2021 Relief Society project, but at a ward level
 - Focus on stories of individuals, rather than their ancestors
 - With different story prompts, could become a more regular initiative
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/recordme/categories>
- Increase engagement of youth
 - Assist the senior generations with documenting their stories
- Engage ward with new record verification “Get Involved” initiatives
 - New technology and opportunities focus on reviewing computer indexed records for accuracy rather than reading and entering data
- Engage Primary Activities age children to feel the “Spirit of Elijah”
 - Prepare 4 generation pedigree chart
 - Login to FamilySearch (parent permission needed)
 - Create increased excitement for future temple opportunities