

Ward Mission Leader and Ward Missionaries

Thoughts and Ideas to Gather Israel

1. Working with Ward Leadership

- a. Organize a 5th Sunday lesson, EQ or RS lesson on Love, Share and Invite (Handbook 23.1.1 and PMG pg 223)
- b. Work with Bishopric and Ward Council to make Easter and Christmas sacrament meetings a true Invitation Sunday. Set invitation goals. Have Ward Choir members each invite someone to sing with them. Hold a special fireside and invite other denominations to equally participate
- c. Prepare and update the annual Ward Mission Plan that involves every organization in the ward (Handbook 23.6.3 and 23.6.6)
- d. In conjunction with the Bishop, consider inviting full-time missionaries to Ward Council once a month (Handbook 23.6.3)
- e. WML and Ward Missionaries to be part of each ward activity planning event
- f. Connect with Stake High Councilman over missionary work. Consider holding stake meeting with all WMLs to share best practices
- g. Organize neighborhood activities: walkabouts, dinners, service projects. Use the Church's "Activity Sharing" tool on the Church's website to share ward activities so they are found on the internet search tools (send to missionaries so they can share with friends)
- h. Be familiar with and update Covenant Path Progress Report. Discuss in Ward Council: priesthood ordination, temple recommend, church calling, ministering brother/sister, patriarchal blessing, etc. (Handbook 23.6.5)
- i. Hold a Ward fast for missionary work and then have a sacrament meeting the following week on sharing the gospel
- j. Other

2. Working with Ward Missionaries and Members

- a. Send weekly text to Ward Missionaries with missionary tips and scriptures
- b. Encourage Ward Missionaries and others to read "The Power of Everyday Missionaries" by Clayton Christensen
- c. Work with Family History Consultants to prepare a name for new converts to take to the temple in the first week after baptism and make an appointment (Handbook 23.6.3)
- d. Encourage each ward missionary to go out weekly or "frequently" with the full-time missionaries, and especially the youth – knock doors, street contact, teach lessons
- e. Ensure YM and YW are actively participating in Ward Missionary Correlation Meetings (Handbook 23.4 and 23.6.4)
- f. Keep track of and report recent converts attending sacrament meeting (this is a Key Indicator)
- g. Consider calling high school seniors (and possibly juniors) as ward missionaries. Have them go on visits to part-member families, non-participating members, and with full-time missionaries

- h. Organize FHE groups for new members and monthly/qtrly temple trips for new members
- i. Encourage members, and send ideas to members, to share positive messages about the Savior, art, quotes, the Church, service projects, scriptures on social media
- j. Form a “Welcome Committee” to greet and welcome any new person moving into the neighborhood
- k. Other

3. Working with Full-time Missionaries

- a. Text missionaries encouraging and motivating thoughts, ideas and scriptures
- b. Participate and get others to participate in New Member Lessons taught by the full-time missionaries (PMG pg 224)
- c. Hold weekly “huddles” to connect with the full-time missionaries (Ward Missionary Coordination Meetings) (Handbook 23.6.3 and PMG pg 221)
- d. Keep an updated list of Unbaptized Children (UBC) and Part-member Families (PMF) and prospective Elders. Develop a plan for missionaries to go with someone from the ward to visit those who would be receptive
- e. Help arrange “sacred hour” lessons for the missionaries each night at 8:30pm
- f. Other

4. Other

- a. Make a ward map and update when people move in/out. Get to know everyone in the ward boundaries and know the names of every household
- b. Identify multigenerational households, basement apartments or hidden apartments. Often they may have non-members living there
- c. Identify Spanish speaking neighbors for Spanish speaking missionaries and to go out with them. Also, notify them and invite them to English Connect classes
- d. Ask participating and non-participating members “what names come to mind of someone you wish were sitting with you in sacrament meeting?”
- e. Set a personal goal as WML and ward missionaries for the number of people you will introduce to the gospel and have in your home to be taught by full-time missionaries
- f. Keep track of those attending church activities that are not members. This should also include weekly youth activities and camps, and ward activities
- g. Have Mission Preparation Class on topics in PMG; challenge them to invite a friend to meet with the full-time missionaries

