

Val Vista Ward Mission Plan

“Be Ready Always”

1 Peter 3:15: “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

23.5.6

Ward Plan for Sharing the Gospel and Strengthening New and Returning Members

Each ward should have a simple plan for sharing the gospel and strengthening new and returning members. It can help guide meetings, service, and activities. It can include plans and ideas for:

- Helping everyone feel welcome in ward meetings and activities.
- Helping members experience the joy of sharing the gospel.
- Supporting people being taught by the missionaries.
- Helping new and returning members progress spiritually.

The elders quorum and Relief Society presidents help the ward council create the plan. The ward mission leader also helps. The bishop reviews and approves it.

Members of the ward council take the lead in implementing the plan. They report on progress in ward council meetings. They also update the plan as needed.

2023 Plan

- Val Vista Ward members will strive to Be Ready Always to Love, Share, and Invite in **any** of the following or similar ways as decided by individual members and families:
 1. Love (i.e. Developing genuine interest in others)
 - a. Pray for our full-time missionaries. Pray for the friends they’re teaching by name. Pray to have your own missionary opportunities.
 - b. Subscribe to Share Light emails on ChurchofJesusChrist.org. Follow the Gilbert Stake’s Facebook and Instagram accounts.
 - c. Make room in your life for others outside your normal circle by starting conversations with strangers at the park, grocery store, etc. Brighten someone’s day by sincerely asking how they’re doing and caring about the answer.
 - d. View the Ward Mission’s monthly Missionary Minute YouTube videos.
 2. Share
 - a. Learn Preach My Gospel lessons and be able to share a 3-5 minute version of the lesson.
 - b. Include church topics in your everyday conversations.
 - c. Create a Google review for our church building and/or the Gilbert Temple.

- d. Be genuine and authentic as you share uplifting content through social media. Focus on what you have in common with others.
 - e. As you attend the temple, go to church, read scriptures, pray, serve, etc., ask yourself: “What would I say if someone asked why I do these things?”
- 3. Invite
 - a. Attend sacrament meeting to hear you give a talk
 - b. Attend a child’s baptism with you
 - c. Attend a ward or stake activity with you
 - d. Accept a copy of the Book of Mormon and share your testimony of it
 - e. Gather in your home for a meal or Family Home Evening, meet for a playdate at the park, etc.
 - f. Attend with you at stake Community Ancestry Events
 - g. Learn about family history work with you from a ward temple and family history consultant
 - h. Meet with the full-time missionaries, as friends and neighbors are ready
- The Ward Mission Leader and Ward Missionaries will assist by:
 - 1. Perform family mission visits with members in their homes by sharing a short lesson and then helping them develop their own goal(s) for participating in the ward mission plan.
 - 2. Helping members recognize how they’re already gathering Israel, inside and outside the ward boundaries, through their personal efforts.
 - 3. Coordinating efforts of full-time missionaries each week through the Missionary Progress Record in Leader and Clerk Resources (LCR) and the Member Tools app.
 - 4. Helping all feel welcome through greeting assignments and taking note of those who have missed 3+ sacrament meetings in a row.
 - 5. Teach and participate in a Sunday School class for new members and investigators.
 - 6. Participating in a missionary focused 5th Sunday lesson.
 - 7. Creating a monthly Missionary Minute YouTube video to help inspire members.