

SALEM OREGON STAKE

STAKE MISSION PLAN

To better align the efforts of the members of the Salem Oregon Stake in gathering Israel and helping others partake of the ordinances and blessings of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we ask ward leaders to review their ward mission plan and ensure the following elements are a focus of that plan:

Christ Centered

Christ should be the center of everything we do. Our meetings, classes and activities should all bring us closer to the Savior and focus on his atonement and gospel. Those outside our faith feel the Spirit that accompanies this and are drawn to it. Ensure your plan reflects this. As we grow our testimony in Christ and keep our covenants, we gain the power needed to gather Israel. (2 Nephi 25:26)

Love, Share, and Invite in Natural Ways

The sharing of the gospel in the Lord's way is based first on loving him and loving others. This **love** inspires us **share** our experiences, our heart and our faith with others. We can then **invite** them to join us and **come see, come help, and come belong**. Your plan should reflect ways to help members strengthen their love of the savior and others and teach them how to naturally share the gospel. (Matthew 22:37-39)

Members & Missionaries

It is the member's responsibility to connect missionaries with people to teach. Missionaries can be a great influence on the members as they spend time together serving, talking about the gospel and gathering Israel together. In your plan, address ways that you will ensure missionaries are spending time with your members in service, teaching and in their homes. These activities should inspire the members and build trust with the missionaries. Part-member families should be a focus. (Preach My Gospel, Chapter 9)

Your youth's association with the missionaries should also be a special focus. As the youth associate with the missionaries more in service, teaching, and inspiring experiences, it helps them not just help find others to teach but helps to grow their desire to serve a full-time mission.

Your plan should be simple, brief, and developed by the ward council under the bishop's direction. The goals of the Stake apply to all units, but those units may have various ways to accomplish those goals according to their circumstances. We wish to bring more unto the Lord and bind them to covenants that will ensure they receive eternal life. May the Lord bless your efforts and the efforts of your members and missionaries as we seek to gather Israel in the Salem, Oregon Stake.

Resources

- share.churchofjesuschrist.org
- Preach My Gospel, Chapter 9
- Love, Share, and Invite worldwide broadcast June, 2021
- Love, Share, and Invite training June 25th, 2022