

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Glacial Park Ward

2021 WARD MISSION PLAN

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KNOW: I will seek to deepen my relationship with my “neighbor” (active, resting and non-members). By understanding them and their needs and desires, I will come to know how the Lord wants me to serve them. (Matt. 22:36-40)

SERVE: As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I will reflect His light and love by serving those around me to bless them and their families. I want them to feel the joy that comes from the Savior, His gospel and His church. (Matt. 5:16)

LOVE: I love my Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, and I feel their love for me. I strive to follow the Savior’s example to develop love and charity towards those within my sphere of influence and to love my neighbor as He does.

INVITE: I will pray for inspiration on how and when to invite my friends to ‘come and see’ the goodness of the restored gospel, invite them to ‘come and help’ us to serve God’s children, and invite them to ‘come and belong’ to His church.

Ward Goals: 5 Converts = 2 new converts and 3 re-converts

Our Ward Mission Plan is the combined efforts of quorum, auxiliary and ward members. Each quorum and auxiliary has set specific goals that transform existing efforts into missionary opportunities. These goals are:

Bishopric:

- Introduce new members who have moved into the Ward through calls, personal visits from a Bishopric representative or similar contacts as they arrive in the Ward.
- Contact members whose temple recommends have expired, inform them of availability for interviews.
- Invite all neighborhood contacts to join Sunday and special event services via Zoom link; gather contact info for those not listed in LDS Tools.
- Invite all neighbor friends to join social activities (1 per quarter as permitted due to health restrictions), including participation in Stake Trek for appropriate aged youth who might be interested.

Elder’s Quorum:

- Prayerfully consider and identify 1 or 2 families in each of the 5 ward districts that the Lord would have us focus on to specifically encourage the quorum members to serve them.
- Invite each quorum member to pray for a change in heart to have a desire to reach out to their neighbors to Know, Serve, Love and Invite (KSLI) them.
- Encourage and socialize quorum member efforts to serve their neighbors and gather Israel through regular discussions in quorum meeting, ministering interviews and periodic visits from ward missionaries.
- The EQ presidency will meet with the ward mission leader on the 1st Sunday of the month to make plans and track progress. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, the ward mission leader will take 10 minutes at the beginning of quorum meeting to encourage and instruct the quorum in our efforts to serve our neighbors and gather Israel. We will email a summary of the monthly encouragement and instruction to all members of the quorum as a reminder and to reach those who were not in quorum meeting.

Relief Society:

- Welcome Basket – keep a close eye for new move-ins. Have two sisters from the RS that live nearby take a welcome basket to welcome them to the ward/community and offer to be a resource as they settle in and to help them connect with other families (members or not) in the community.
- Use birthdays to stay connected by reaching out with kind gestures to those that aren’t attending regularly.
- Encourage ministering to assigned sisters and neighbors. Above all strive to develop meaningful friendships.

Young Women:

- Teach and encourage our young women to do indexing with the help of ward resources. Give appropriate rewards to recognize achievements and encourage engagement.
- Through the young women identify and reach out to teens living within our ward boundaries.

Young Men:

- Identify and invite appropriate aged youth in the neighborhood or other acquaintances to join activities and/or projects (as permitted under appropriate health restrictions).
- Teach YM to value the ability to communicate the message of the gospel in welcoming and inviting ways.
- Support special events (Mother's Day, Christmas, other holidays, etc.) that are structured to invite friends to participate.

Primary:

- Find out which homes in our area have children and what their ages are. Invite kids of Primary age in the neighborhood to primary activities, as possible.
- Make invitations for the annual Primary program so that the kids can hand those invitations out to family, friends, and neighbors.

Sunday School:

- Have each active youth reach out to "resting" youth and invite them to join the Sunday School Zoom meetings. Coordinate this with the YM and YW presidencies.
- Identify specific areas of interest of adults and youth and encourage our teachers to try and incorporate those interests into their lessons where applicable.

"Befriender" Members (all ward members):

- Aspiration: each family will develop a "Know-Serve-Love-Invite (KSLI)" mindset, and strive to identify 6-8 neighbors with which they will elevate their interaction and relationship, from whatever it is now to the next level, progressively throughout 2021.
- Each member will strive to pray daily, individually and as families, to recognize promptings and create opportunities to serve people within their sphere of influence and then act when and how the Spirit directs. Ward members should seek to understand how specific programs of the church or aspects of the Gospel might resonate with their neighbors and invite them to participate or to learn more.

Ward Missionaries:

- Support quorums and auxiliaries in their efforts to promote a member-missionary mindset in the ward.
- Assist the Bishopric and the Ward Council in developing and carrying out the Ward Mission Plan.
- Have regular Ward Mission Coordination Meetings to align ward-level activities with the full-time missionaries.
- Account for regular progress of the Ward Mission Plan during Ward Council and Stake Missionary Meetings.
- Quarterly emphasis of member-missionary efforts through Sacrament Meeting speakers.
- Actively maintain the Missionary section of the ward website.
- **Find:** encourage, train and assist members to develop their own KSLI objectives; follow up on member's goals (who, what and by when); identify those who might be ready to be introduced to the full-time missionaries.
- **Teach:** activate broad member participation in weekly Ward Missionary Focus Nights; as needed, organize and conduct a well-functioning Gospel Essentials class for new members and investigators; have Befriender Members participate in missionary discussions with their friends, family and neighbors.
- **Baptize:** ensure ward members are present en masse at any ward baptismal services to support and welcome new converts; invite the family members and friends of the one being baptized to attend.
- **Fellowship:** assign ministering brothers and sisters to new members before their baptism; ensure Befriender Members are present at all after-baptism lessons and in Gospel Essentials class; make sure that every new convert has friends, a calling/responsibility, and a ministering assignment.