

Utah Area Plan

For Priesthood and Auxiliary Leaders



VISION

Become and help others become true followers of Jesus Christ, receive the blessings of the holy temple, have enduring joy, and qualify for eternal life.

PRIORITIES

1. Live the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Gather Israel through missionary work.
3. Care for the poor and needy.
4. Enable the salvation of our kindred dead.



GOALS

In the Utah Area, stake and ward councils are invited to prayerfully establish specific goals and plans to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ, deepen conversion, and minister to others in accordance with the area priorities.

As stake and ward councils seek to accomplish area priorities in a home-centered, Church-supported way, they invite individuals and families to use the “My Personal or Family Goals” card to incorporate these priorities into their daily lives.

INDICATORS OF PROGRESS

Stake and ward councils measure the progress of individuals and families in accomplishing the area vision and area priorities by using the following or other indicators of conversion and Church growth, recognizing that many important elements of discipleship cannot be measured:

- 1. Live the gospel of Jesus Christ:**
 - Endowed members with a current temple recommend
 - Average sacrament meeting attendance
 - Adult males holding the Melchizedek Priesthood
 - Ministering interviews
- 2. Gather Israel through missionary work:**
 - Converts baptized and confirmed in the last 12 months
 - Males ages 18–25 serving or who have served a full-time mission
- 3. Care for the poor and needy:**
 - Adult contributors of fast offerings (measured annually)
- 4. Enable the salvation of our kindred dead:**
 - Adults and youth who submitted ancestor names

IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP

This Utah area plan is to assist stake and ward councils in achieving the area vision and fulfilling the divinely appointed responsibilities of the Church (see *Handbook 2: Administering the Church* [2010], 2.2). Stake and ward councils are responsible to develop and implement plans to achieve the goals they establish. In council meetings, leaders regularly measure their progress and adjust their plans and efforts as needed. Every worthy effort should be made to become and help others become true followers of Jesus Christ, receive the blessings of the holy temple, have enduring joy, and qualify for eternal life.