Temple and Family History Plan

Eagle Mountain Utah West Stake

Proposed for Ward Council Review and Bishopric Approval

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Plan Period: January-December 2027

Our Vision

Help individuals and families in the Fairfield Ward come closer to Jesus Christ by discovering their ancestors, participating in temple worship, making and keeping sacred covenants, and strengthening eternal family connections.

Our Purpose

Provide simple, meaningful, and personalized opportunities for ward members to participate in temple and family history work according to their interests, abilities, and circumstances.

1. Ward Objectives

Strengthen Temple Worship

- Encourage personal and family temple worship goals.
- Support preparation for receiving temple ordinances.
- Coordinate temple opportunities, including transportation assistance when needed.

Help Members Discover Their Ancestors

- Provide individualized FamilySearch assistance.
- Help members discover ancestors, preserve memories, and prepare family names.
- Teach members how to use Ordinances Ready.

Engage Children and Youth

- Coordinate family history experiences with youth and Primary leaders.
- Help eligible youth prepare family names for temple ordinances.
- Encourage intergenerational family history activities.

Support New and Returning Members

- Coordinate with ward missionaries and organization leaders.
- Offer personalized family history assistance.
- Support temple preparation under bishopric direction.

Plan | Activities and Responsibilities

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2. Quarterly Activity Plan

January-March: Discover and Connect

- Introduce the ward plan.
- Organize consultants and assignments.
- Offer a FamilySearch discovery activity.
- Begin personalized assistance.

April-June: Prepare and Participate

- Help members use Ordinances Ready.
- Coordinate a youth ancestor discovery activity.
- Support temple worship opportunities.

July-September: Strengthen Family Connections

- Offer an intergenerational family history activity.
- Help members preserve photographs and family stories.
- Continue individual assistance.

October-December: Remember and Continue

- Support interested new and returning members.
- Share appropriate temple and family history experiences.
- Evaluate activities and prepare the following year's recommendations.

3. Leadership Responsibilities

Bishopric: Provide direction, approve the plan, oversee temple preparation.

Elders Quorum and Relief Society Presidencies: Lead implementation and coordinate through ward council.

Ward Temple and Family History Leader: Coordinate consultants, conduct brief huddles, work with ward organizations, and oversee agreed activities.

Temple and Family History Consultants: Provide personalized assistance, support family history discovery, and complete agreed assignments.

Youth and Primary Leaders: Coordinate age-appropriate family history experiences.

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4. Ward Temple and Family History Coordination Huddles

Coordination will take place through brief, focused **5-minute huddles** held regularly as needed.

Huddle Agenda

1. **1 minute:** Follow up on previous assignments.

2. **2 minutes:** Identify members or families who have requested assistance.

3. **1 minute:** Coordinate upcoming opportunities.

4. **1 minute:** Confirm assignments and next steps.

Huddles are for coordination, not lengthy instruction or administrative reporting. Detailed training and individual assistance will occur separately.

Participants will respect confidentiality and members' personal circumstances.

5. Evaluating Progress

Review:

- Member feedback and experiences.
- Consultant assignments and assistance provided.
- Youth and family opportunities.
- Effectiveness of ward activities.
- Needs identified by ward leaders.

No temple attendance quotas or individual attendance reporting systems will be established.

6. Ward Council Review

The Elders Quorum and Relief Society presidencies, assisted by the Ward Temple and Family History Leader, will periodically review implementation and recommend adjustments.

Approval

Bishop: _____

Date: _____

Ward Temple and Family History Leader: _____

5-Minute Coordination Huddle

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Cadence: Held regularly as needed.

Time	Agenda
0:00-1:00	Follow up on previous assignments.
1:00-3:00	Identify members or families who have requested assistance.
3:00-4:00	Coordinate upcoming opportunities.
4:00-5:00	Confirm assignments and next steps.

Coordination and assistance

Dave Giles: Temple and Family History Leader.
Cheryl Giles: Temple and Family History Consultant.

Include Elders Quorum and Relief Society representatives and relevant youth and Primary leaders as needed.

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Assignments and next steps

Action	Owner	Follow-up
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Meeting date: _____ Next huddle: _____

Quarterly Implementation Calendar

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Activity dates will be coordinated locally.

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Implementation and review

Elders Quorum and Relief Society presidencies lead implementation. Dave Giles, Temple and Family History Leader, coordinates consultants and agreed activities. Cheryl Giles, Temple and Family History Consultant, provides personalized assistance.

Hold brief coordination huddles regularly as needed. Periodically review implementation and recommend adjustments.

Q1 review: _____ Q2 review: _____
Q3 review: _____ Q4 review: _____

Startup and Quarterly Planning

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Startup Checklist | November 2026

First 30 days: prepare for implementation in January 2027.

[ ] Meet with the Elders Quorum and Relief Society presidency members assigned to temple and family history work.

[ ] Review the draft plan together and identify Fairfield Ward's immediate needs.

[ ] Confirm the number of available ward temple and family history consultants.

[ ] Arrange an initial five-minute coordination huddle with consultants and designated youth representatives.

[ ] Present the proposed plan through the ward council for bishopric approval.

[ ] Identify the first family history activity to offer in January 2027.

Central emphasis

Make one-on-one assistance the central emphasis, supported by a few well-planned ward activities. Coordinate with existing ward organizations. Handle detailed training and individual assistance outside the five-minute huddles.

Quarterly Planning Record

Quarter	Activity / date	Owner / next step
Q1	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Q2	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Q3	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Q4	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Review notes: _____

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Leadership Roster

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Calling	Leader
Bishop	Jason Allen
Elders Quorum President	Emilio Barrantes
Relief Society President	Whitney Thomas
Primary President	Brooklyn Stepan
Young Women President	Mikaila Andersen
Temple and Family History Leader	Dave Giles
Temple and Family History Consultant	Cheryl Giles

Additional assignments to confirm

Assignment	Name / follow-up
Other youth leadership representatives	To be confirmed locally

Use and maintenance

Leadership names above are those supplied for this packet. Confirm assignments before distribution and update the roster when callings change. Contact information is intentionally omitted.

Roster reviewed by: _____
Review date: _____
Next update: _____