

Recommendation Process for Senior Missionaries

- Local leaders encourage members to serve senior missions.
- Potential senior missionaries go to SeniorMissionary.ChurchofJesusChrist.org and browse the opportunities.
- When they express an interest in submitting a missionary recommendation, the bishop initiates the recommendation by going to SeniorMissionary.ChurchofJesusChrist.org. The bishop then informs the candidates to begin the recommendation.
- Missionary candidates go to SeniorMissionary.ChurchofJesusChrist.org and select **Senior Mission** (not “senior service mission”). They review the opportunities for senior missions and select one or more preferences. These preferences are taken into consideration. However, the missionary call comes under inspiration by Apostles who make the assignments. They complete the questions in the recommendation. They print the medical and dental forms and take them to the physician and dentist. The physician and dentist complete their evaluations, fill out the required information, and sign the forms. Missionary candidates then take a photo of the forms and upload them to the recommendation.
- Once the recommendation is complete, candidates inform the bishop.
- The bishop interviews the candidates and reviews their worthiness and readiness to serve and submits the recommendation to the stake president.
- The stake president interviews the candidates and reviews their worthiness and readiness to serve. He reviews and approves the missionary recommendation and submits it to the area office.
- The area office reviews the recommendation for completeness and the Area Presidency may provide recommendations.
- The call letter and packet of information is sent to missionaries through the online missionary portal.
- Missionaries promptly accept the call and immediately contact the area travel office to apply for visas. If they delay, the mission start date could be delayed. The missionaries may also need to get additional immunizations.
- Travel arrangements are made only after confirmation that visas have been obtained for the assigned MTC and the assigned mission.
- The stake president sets the missionaries apart.
- The bishop invites the missionaries to speak in sacrament meeting before and after their service. The stake president invites them to report to the high council upon completion of the service.
- The mission is officially recorded on the missionary’s membership record.
- At the end of the mission, the area office sends to the stake president a certificate of missionary service.
- The stake president interviews the missionaries and extends a grateful release.