

Recommendation Process for Senior Service Missionaries

1. **Encouragement.** Local leaders encourage members to serve senior missions.
2. **Begin recommendation.** Missionary candidates go to SeniorMissionary.ChurchofJesusChrist.org and submit their recommendation as follows:
 - a. Click **Search Opportunities** and then **Service Missionary**.
 - b. Sign in with their Church account.
 - c. Search for an opportunity. Candidates are invited to consider the types of assignments that will allow them to be spiritually fulfilled and use their gifts and talents in accomplishing the Lord's work. (If they wish to serve elsewhere in the community, the stake president may call them as volunteers, rather than senior service missionaries.)
 - d. When they find the opportunity they wish, they click Submit, and then answer the questions on the recommendation.
3. **Bishop interview.** The bishop interviews the candidates to review their worthiness and readiness to be called as a service missionary and approves the recommendation at mrs-leadership.churchofjesuchrist.org. The recommendation is then automatically forwarded to the stake president in the missionary recommendation system.
4. **Stake President interview.** The stake president interviews the candidates and reviews their worthiness and readiness to be called as a service missionary. He reviews and approves the missionary recommendation and submits the recommendation at mrs-leadership.churchofjesuchrist.org.
5. **Discussion with operational manager.** Candidates are invited to talk with the respective Church operations manager during the recommendation process to ensure the specific assignment is a good fit. Before the recommendation is approved, meet with the member to explain the role(s) and needs of the operation and the area(s) where the service missionary might serve. Ensure the candidates' skills are applicable to the needs of the operation. Remember, it should be a good fit for both the missionary and the operation.
6. **Operational manager approval.** When the operations manager is satisfied that the assignment is a good fit, he or she approves that assignment in the Service Missionary Management System (SMMS) at ServiceMissionary.ChurchofJesusChrist.org. After the operations manager approves the missionary assignment, the SMMS system automatically forwards the recommendation back to the stake president to approve the assignment in SMMS at ServiceMissionary.ChurchofJesusChrist.org. (Note: The operations managers can delegate his or her computer approval permission to others, if needed.)
7. **Missionary call.** The stake president uses the **Documents** button in SMMS to print a call letter to give to the service missionary. The stake president extends the missionary call and 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 their service.

8. **Ecclesiastical support.** The stake president, or a priesthood leader he designates, provides support throughout the senior service missionaries' service by regularly visiting with the missionaries about how they feel about their service.
9. **Release.** The stake president interviews the missionaries and extends a grateful release. Missionaries receive through their personal email a release certificate signed by the Prophet. The mission is officially recorded on the missionaries' membership records.