

Aaronic Priesthood Leadership

Ward/Branch Young Men Presidency Training

Ephesians 4:13-15

Interacting with the YW

- Annual planning meeting
- Combined activities at Mutual (1 per month)
- Bishopric youth discussions (firesides or occasional Sunday combined meetings)
- Standards events (emphasize moral values and eternal goals)
- Service projects
- Leadership meetings (BYC, Stake Councils, etc.)
- Stake and ward youth conferences
- For the Strength of Youth (critical resource)

Support Priesthood Leaders



Aaron and Hur Support
Moses in Battle

The Role of the Ward YM Presidency

- Serve under the direction of the Bishopric
 - The Bishopric is the presidency of the AP
- Support parents in their role to provide for the spiritual and physical welfare of their children
- Advise the Aaronic Priesthood quorums
 - Assist the DQ, TQ, and PQ; not leaders, advisers

The Ward YM Presidency

- Called by the Lord to serve the YM of the AP
- Consists of a president and two counselors
 - Fewer leaders appropriate in small wards or branches
- The Ward Young Men President has the following responsibilities:
 - Serves on ward priesthood executive committee and ward council (attends respective meetings)
 - Serves on the bishopric youth committee (attends respective meeting)
 - Train other YM leaders using the handbook
 - Oversees YM program in ward (records, reports, budget, finances)

Presidency Responsibilities

- President is adviser to PQ, first counselor is adviser to TQ, second counselor advises DQ
- Guide AP quorums in fulfilling priesthood duties
- Get to know the young men and give special attention to new members and less active – be sensitive to YM who come from homes that lack support for gospel living
- Support each YM in his family
- Help YM work toward fulfilling the purposes of the Aaronic Priesthood and to establish and complete goals in the Duty to God program.
- Counsel with parents and priesthood leaders concerning needs of YM
- Teach regularly in Sunday quorum meetings, working to improve gospel learning and teaching within the quorum
- Attend quorum meetings and provide guidance as needed
- Work with quorum leaders to plan & carry out quorum & Mutual activities
- Assist Bishopric and quorum leaders in establishing quorum unity
- Hold YM presidency meetings and meet regularly with Bishopric counselor
- Serve as Scout leaders (YMP = Venture leader, YM1C = Varsity leader, YM2C = Scoutmaster – attend Roundtable each month; attain needed training
- Work with ward young men secretary to accomplish organization objectives
- Help each YM maintain his worthiness
- **BE WITH THE YOUNG MEN OF THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD**

Aaronic Priesthood Quorums

- President holds the keys to direct the work over the quorum in which he presides – help him lead
- DQ 12 members, TQ 24 members, PQ 48 members
- In wards or branches with few young men, Aaronic Priesthood Quorums may meet together for instruction and activities (combine with other wards and branches as local needs require)
- Primary purposes are to serve others, build unity and brotherhood, and instruct members in doctrines, principles, and duties.

Duty to God Program

- All Aaronic Priesthood holders encouraged to participate, providing opportunities to:
 - Develop spiritual strength
 - Learn and fulfill their priesthood duties
 - Prepare to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood and to serve full-time missions
 - Maintain physical health
 - Improve relationships with others
- Begin respective section immediately following ordinations
- Continue to set goals throughout their years in the Aaronic Priesthood

LEARN, ACT, SHARE

Scouting in the Church

- Scouting help young men put into practice the gospel principles they learn on Sunday – activity arm of the AP
- Members of the ward/branch YM presidency serve as scout leaders (scout, varsity, ventures)
- Young men ages 12-15 should be registered (older boys as well if they are advancing)
- Leaders must be registered and obtain needed training before serving – most training materials in Spanish (www.seattlebsa.org/training)
- Stake pays fees relating to scouting (budget allowance)
- Bishopric/BP organizes a Scout committee to ensure Scouting functions properly
- Troops may combine as needed

Aaronic Priesthood Progression



Priesthood
Ordinations



Temple
Covenants



Full-Time
Mission



Temple
Marriage



Life of
Service

Resources

- Scriptures
- Church Handbook of Instructions
- Duty to God Handbook
- For the Strength of Youth
- True to the Faith
- Scouting Handbook (online – Serving in the Church > AP > Scouting)
- Preach My Gospel
- Teaching, No Greater Call
- Church web site: <http://www.lds.org>
- Youth web site: <http://youth.lds.org>

QUESTIONS?

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