

Aaronic Priesthood Leadership

Ward/Branch Young Men Presidency Training

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Support Priesthood Leaders



Aaron and Hur Support Moses in Battle
Exodus 17:8-13

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 CHoI (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; **visit & minister**
- 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 – utilize “*Come, Follow Me*” new youth curriculum
- Attend quorum meetings and provide guidance as needed – **LET THE PRESIDENCY LEAD**
- Work with quorum leaders to plan & carry out quorum & Mutual activities – plan w/purpose
- Assist bishopric and quorum leaders in establishing quorum unity
- Hold YM presidency meetings and meet regularly with Bishopric counselor; encourage QPMs
- Serve as Scout leaders (YMP = Venture leader, YM1C = Varsity leader, YM2C = Scoutmaster – **attend Roundtable each month; obtain required training**)
- Work with ward young men secretary to accomplish organization objectives
- Help each YM maintain his worthiness – invite each YM to obtain a temple recommend
- Complete the quarterly report for stake leaders – submit by 15th of month after quarter ends
- **BE WITH AND STRENGTHEN THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD YOUNG MEN**

Aaronic Priesthood Quorums

- The quorum president holds the keys to direct the work over the quorum in which he presides – help him lead *(show video segment – “Priesthood Keys”)*
- 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, & instruct members in doctrines, principles, & duties. *(svs – “Ministering”)*

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 quorum section immediately following ordinations
- Plans & projects should be approved by a parent or leader before starting so they are meaningful; all written work can be done online
- Fathers, leaders, and/or home teachers critical to young men's success
- Continue to set goals throughout their years in the AP
- Review plans and goals often with parents and leaders – adjust as needed

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 if they are advancing)
- Leaders must be registered and obtain required training before serving – most training materials in Spanish (www.seattlebsa.org/training)
- Youth Protection, IOLS, leader specific, & **Woodbadge** (*participants needed for Fall 2013 - \$240.00 Sept 12-14, 26-28 Camp Piggot*)
- Stake pays registration fees related to scouting (from budget allowance)
- Bishopric/BP organizes a Scout Committee to ensure Scouting program functions properly
- Troops may combine as needed
- Safety must be a priority – Tour Plans (& permission slips) must be completed for each scout outing (and a copy submitted to President Stroud 2 weeks in advance)

Preparing for a Mission

(show video segment – “Preparing Future Missionaries”)

- Studying the scriptures (BoM) & prayer *(on bended knee)*
- Emphasize Duty to God program - encourage
- Utilize Preach My Gospel / Missionary Handbook
- Increasing desire and strengthening testimonies
- Service, service, service
- President Maucotel/Larkin’s top 10 ways to prepare
- Provide teaching opportunities (Exch/NML/HT)
- Increase communication skills / agendas / Internet safety
- Family history work and taking names to the temple
- Encourage Priests to assist with meeting house tours
- Understanding cultures & languages
- Overcoming fear and the unknowns of a mission

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 Youth/Dance Committees, etc.)
- Stake and ward youth conferences
- For the Strength of Youth (critical resource)
- Dances for 14-18

Kent Stake Presidency

Goals for the Young Men of Stake

- **Develop a testimony of Jesus Christ**
- **Understand the significance of service**
- **Earn the rank of Eagle**
- **Earn the Duty to God award**
- **Graduate from Seminary**
- **Serve a Full-time Mission**

Aaronic Priesthood Progression



Priesthood
Ordinations



Temple
Covenants



Full-Time
Mission



Temple
Marriage



Life of
Service

Resources

- Scriptures
- Church Handbook of Instructions
- Come, Follow Me (new youth curriculum)
- 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 / Missionary Handbook
- Strengthening the Family and the Church through the Priesthood (WWL Training 2013)
- The Work of Salvation (understanding missionary work in our time)
- Teaching, No Greater Call
- Testimony Roadmap
- Church web site: <http://www.lds.org>
- Youth web site: <http://youth.lds.org>
- Stake YM/AP web site: <http://www.kentstakeymap.org>

QUESTIONS?

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