

# Senior Missionary News

South Weber Stake

September 2019

## “Always Serve”

### A Message from the Stake Presidency

*I love the South Weber Stake. Thanks to all those who have served, and continue to serve, as full-time and part-time senior missionaries. Right now, we have 14 full-time and 37 live-at-home senior missionaries from our stake – way to go! Wouldn’t it be awesome to have 10 times that many – 140 full-time missionaries and 370 Church Service Missionaries? With more than 750 active “senior” members of our stake, it could be done.*

*The Lord said, “unto whom much is given, much is required.” All of us should ask ourselves:*

- *When can I (we for couples) serve a full-time, away-from-home mission? Where will we go? How will we afford it? How will our family manage without us?*
- *While I’m at home, what are the senior missionary needs in our area? Can I commit 8-32 hours per week to fill a critical need?*

*Your bishop can help you get started. We at the stake are available to answer any questions and guide you through the process. I promise that great blessings will come to you, your family, your ward and our stake as more and more serve as couple and senior missionaries. Pray, plan and work for the opportunities to do so.*

*Sincerely,*

*President Joel Workman*

## Urgent Needs and Stake Assignments

We have immediate need for missionaries to serve in the assignments listed below. Please contact Brent Stauffer (801-589-6273) or Joel Workman (801-510-1567) for more details.

### Senior Sister Missionary – Utah Layton Mission, 30 hours per week

The Utah Layton Mission needs a live-at-home single sister to serve as a companion to a single sister who is already serving in the Clearfield/Sunset area. Single sisters are called as Women’s Auxiliary Specialists but perform the same assignments as Member-Leader Support couple missionaries. She would be set apart as a full-time missionary and would be expected to attend weekly District Meetings and monthly Zone Conferences and Senior Missionary Conferences. She would work closely with Ward and Stake Mission Leaders and the young missionaries as well.

### Worker - Layton Bishops Storehouse (00350787), 8-16 hours per week

This facility fills Bishops' food orders for the needy. We provide needed assistance for food, and humanitarian aid. Missionaries who serve at the Bishops' Storehouse help lift patrons spiritually while they meet their material needs. They learn the steps of running a Bishops' Storehouse by providing the goods found on the Bishops' Orders. Assist recipients in filling their orders. Become familiar with the location of commodities in the storehouse. Note items received on the order, answer questions

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on out-of-stock items and extras that may be available. Ensure that the order is signed by the recipient, and accurately reflects what was received, then initiated and dated. Assist with inventory counting, ordering commodities, cleaning facility and stocking shelves.



## Supervisor - Harrisville Cannery (00500035, 00475554), 16 hours per week

The Harrisville UT Cannery is an amazing place to be! We are blessed with great employees, missionaries, and volunteers who work and serve faithfully every day. The cannery exists to provide needed goods to the Bishop's Storehouses in our area and throughout North America. Each missionary works a daily 4-hour shift and is assigned a specific area of responsibility which they will be trained in. Our most important goal at the Cannery is to help all who enter to feel the Spirit and to progress while they are here. As you give of your time you will feel the joy of service, and both you and your families will be blessed.

## Worker - Ogden Transient Services (00389652), 15 hours per week

Priesthood leaders and members may refer transient and homeless individuals (including refugees and those exiting correctional facilities) to come to our office for possible help with food, clothing, transportation, temporary lodging and other necessities where appropriate. We also provide work and service opportunities to build character and foster self-reliance. We maintain an ongoing data base and whenever possible verify the information provided before help is given. We provide information about community agencies and refer individuals to them as appropriate.

## Other Missionary Opportunities

For more information about senior missionary service, visit the web site:

<https://seniormissionary.lds.org>

Under "search opportunities", you can browse through the hundreds of current openings – close to home and around the world. Please contact Brent Stauffer (801-589-6273) or Joel Workman (801-510-1567) for a group or personalized tour.

**Blaine and Julie Palmer**  
**Illinois Chicago Mission**

Member and Leader Support couples provide support to the stakes, districts, wards and branches within the mission as directed by the mission

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president. They serve under the direction of a mission president. They are encouraged to share the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, reactivate and rescue less-active members, retain new converts, strengthen young single adults, and support local leaders in stakes, districts, wards and branches. Couples may also provide a great and lasting influence on younger missionaries.



Elder Blaine and Sister Julie Palmer recently returned from the Illinois Chicago Mission. This is the same mission where their son Kade served as a young missionary. As member support missionaries, they were assigned by the mission president to serve in the Chicago Morgan Park Ward. The Palmers wrote about their mission experience:

*Our mission was an experience we will never forget. Leaving home and family (especially the grandkids) was indeed a difficult decision, but we looked at it from the point of view that we had consecrated our time, talents and everything we had received from the Lord, and we wanted Him to know we meant what we said.*

*What we thought would be a great sacrifice was perhaps the crowning achievement in our marriage (so far 😊) and a year so filled with blessings, friendships, miraculous experiences and sweet joy, it cannot be adequately expressed. Receiving the mantle of a missionary needs to be experienced, because it cannot be explained.*

*To be sure, there were frustrations with members, problems back home, scary predicaments, and times we had to take a step or two into the dark. We also experienced the nearness of heaven, and the thinness of the veil, that could not be denied. Never in our lives did we feel more needed. Never did we feel closer to the Savior. Most members were first generation members, including the bishopric. We learned that just the example of experienced members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is vital to new members. Praying to help our newly converted members is good, but it is not enough. That means we (experienced senior members) need to go, to where they live, and show them.*

*We contacted many inactive and part-member families and watched them follow the Spirit and come to activity. Our hearts were filled with joy when we watched testimonies grow, and witnessed ordinances being embraced. We also watched with great sorrow as some, who had experienced so much happiness, would be pulled back into the world they left. Our prayers are that seeds were planted and future senior missionaries, will touch their hearts, and again bring them into the fold, as we had done with others.*

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*Our missionary service has resulted in extraordinary blessings and opportunities for growth. We encourage any who are feeling the promptings to serve the Lord to put their trust in Him and GO!*

## Sister Debra Burrell

Church History Library



Since 2012, Sister Burrell has served as a docent in the Church History Museum. Docents work with museum patrons to provide prescheduled tours, "highlight" tours, and information for the casual visitor through

gallery guiding. Docents assist with a variety of education program needs including hosting at events, serving at the Information Desk, greeting and orienting patrons to the museum, showing films in the museum theater, assisting the staff with special projects, presenting special programs such as Primary Activity Days and youth conference tours, staffing children's exhibits, and serving in many other needs as they arise. CSMs are generally assigned to serve one shift per week, attend in-service training sessions, and complete reading, tour preparation, and research assignments at home. Sister Burrell wrote:

*"I am a docent at the Church History Museum in Salt Lake City. I have the opportunity as a docent to learn*

*and then teach visitors about the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. I volunteer four hours each week as a service missionary. I love it there and plan to stay as long as they will let me.*

*One of the reasons I love serving at The Church History Museum is the artifacts. One of my favorites is the E.B. Grandin printing press that printed the first edition of The Book of Mormon. The coolest thing we have is an original page written by Oliver Cowdery as Joseph Smith translated the gold plates. We also have a beautiful film of The First Vision made just for our theater. It is so lovely!*

*The museum has other exhibits that change periodically. I love learning about these and then talking to the visitors about them. Currently we have the "11th International Art Competition." In the fall, we'll have an exhibit about the Latter-Day Saint women suffrage movement - very cool stuff!*

*I love The Church History Museum. I love the people I work with. I love the artifacts that surround me there. I love that I get to talk to people from around the world. I have a love for Joseph Smith and for the history of the Church that I've never had before.*

*Come and join me. You'll love it too!"*