

## Melchizedek Priesthood Ordinations

This sheet depicts the process for conferring the Melchizedek Priesthood (or ordaining to an office therein). For complete instructions, refer to the form and *Church Handbook of Instructions* (pp. 39-40). As usual, the term *bishop* also refers to *branch president*.

**Melchizedek Priesthood Ordination Form**

*[Ward actions italicised] The bishop initiates the process, by obtaining approval from the stake presidency to interview the brother.*

*The unit clerk prints this form (see left) from MLS for the Bishop's interview and signature.*

*The form is submitted for an interview and signature by a member of the stake presidency.*

*[Stake] After the interview, the stake presidency asks the high council to sustain the decision to ordain the person.*

*The membership sustains the brother in stake conference or a general stake priesthood meeting. If necessary, the sustaining can happen in the unit first and ratified in a stake meeting.*

*The assigned stake representative oversees the ordination (see notes below).*

*The ward clerk immediately enters the information and prints a certificate.*

*The stake representative signs the certificate, and brings it to the stake president for his signature.*

*A stake representative returns the signed certificate to the ordained brother during the next visit to the unit.*

### Overseeing the ordination:

You may refer to *Church Handbook of Instructions* (p. 171). Before the ordination:

- ❑ Ask the brother where and when he plans to be ordained. It may be weeks after stake conference to accommodate family or friends.
- ❑ Ensure "...that the person who performs it has the necessary priesthood authority, is worthy, and knows and follows the proper procedures" (CHI, p. 23). If you don't know him, ask to see a current temple recommend. Encourage him to give his priesthood line of authority to the newly ordained brother.