

## **A Guide For High Councilors**

**Always be positive. Always phone ahead of visit and set up meetings and interviews as needed. Be an encouraging voice. Establish yourself as a liaison between ward and stake. Be familiar with details of events on stake calendar. Inspire rather than lecture. Challenge rather than critique. Be an example of faithfulness, diligence and commitment!**

### **Meet with Bishopric/Branch Presidency**

- Always convey greetings from Stake Presidency, review Stake and Unit goals and review calendar.

Questions that could/should be asked.

- What are the current and planned ward activities? Is stake support needed?
- Are there organized ward/branch trips. Is the F.H. consultant functioning?
- What can be done to improve/maintain the quality of Sacrament meetings?
- What can I/the stake do to help?

### **Meet with Bishop/Branch President**

Questions that could/should be asked.

- What is the general spirit of the ward/branch?
- Are your counsellors strong, active, and supportive?
- Are regular interviews being held with Priesthood leaders and Auxillary leaders?
- Are you holding regular PEC and Council meetings with unit leaders?
- Is there need for training of any of your ward leadership?
- Are youth your first priority? Are regular youth interviews being held??
- Are quarterly reports on time/complete/accurate?
- Are there any questions or messages for Stake President, name submissions, callings?
- What can I/the Stake do to help?

### **Meet with Elders Quorum Presidency and/or High Priests Group Leader**

- Review Stake and Quorum goals.

Questions that should/could be asked.

- Are home teaching interviews with Home Teachers being held?
- Are Presidency meetings being held?
- What is being done in terms of Reactivation/ Retention
- Do you meet with Bishop regularly?
- Do you have any questions or messages for Stake Presidency?
- What can I/the stake do to help

### **Attend PEC Meeting**

-Arrange your visit so you can attend the PEC meeting. You are the eyes and ears of the Stake Presidency and much can be learned about the general focus of the unit by attending and offering insights/counsel as the Spirit moves you!

### **Speak in Sacrament often. You are a “Traveling Minister”**

- Always convey greetings of the Stake Presidency
- D&C 88:77-78; Moroni 6:4; D&C 42:14
- Consult with the Bishop/BP to see if they desire you to bring a speaking companion. That companion could have a training/ orienting assignment!!! Generally the larger units should have a youth and initial speaker lined up.

### **Meet with Ward/Branch Mission Leader (Stewardship High Councilor)**

- Are you holding Missionary correlation meetings? Members of Quorums, RS present?
- How are you doing in achieving unit goals?
- Are the ward Missionaries finding people for the missionaries to teach?
- How can I /the Stake help?

***Complete the HC Report and E-mail to each member of Stake Presidency, Stake Exec. Sect. and stewardship .***