

THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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Utah Area

47 East South Temple Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150-1200

Dear Presidents,

An essential part of the gathering of Israel is to find and rescue members for whom we do not have a current address. The Lord said, “I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick . . .” (Ezekiel 34:16) To that end, we are pleased to invite you and leaders in your stake to learn and implement a newly approved process for finding and rescuing lost members. This will also help when evaluating changes in membership, unit size, and boundaries.

An area-wide training will be available to view on the Utah Area website ([www.utah.churchofJesusChrist.org](http://www.utah.churchofJesusChrist.org)) beginning Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Please invite the following stake and ward leaders to this training:

- Stake clerk
- Ward clerk
- One member of each:
  - Stake presidency
  - Bishopric
  - Relief Society presidency
  - Elders quorum presidency

Elders quorum and Relief Society presidencies will lead the effort to find these lost members. Other ward council members and missionaries may also assist. Methods will include using last-known phone numbers, email addresses, and social media channels. The results are reported to the ward clerk, who will move the membership record accordingly.

On February 1, 2023, the records of all converts who were baptized and confirmed in the last ten years and are now in the address unknown file at Church headquarters will be sent to the last known ward. The records of these

members continue to be assigned to the ward but will not appear on other reports or be included in ward statistics, such as the Quarterly Report.

We express our appreciation to all who are engaged in the work of gathering. When implementing this new process, we will be following the Lord's admonition, "For unto such shall ye continue to minister . . ." (3 Nephi 18:32).

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Pearson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Elder Kevin W. Pearson  
Utah Area President