



*Remnant*  
***CHURCH of JESUS CHRIST***  
*of*  
***Latter Day Saints***

**RECOMMENDATION FOR ORDINATION FORM**

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## RECOMMENDATION FOR ORDINATION

The calling and ordaining of men to the ministry is of utmost importance to the life and proper functioning of the Church. Those called are presented for approval by the membership only after proper administrative steps have been taken. Among these steps are:

- The call is based on the foundation of an experience with the Holy Spirit. Men are called of God as was Aaron by the gift of wisdom and revelation.
- While the assurance of a call may be made known to various individuals, the actual recommendation must come through the local Presiding Elder. In some circumstances General Officers may initiate a call when circumstances may warrant.
- This form, recommending the call, should be fully completed and forwarded to the Office of the First Presidency before contact is made with the man being recommended, or any public notice is given. Confidentiality is of the utmost importance in such matters. PLEASE NOTE: Do not retain a copy of this information in local files.
- If the Presiding Elder wishes to consult with a Counselor(s) for added confirmation of a call, this may be appropriately done, but with the understanding that confidentiality will not be violated.
- Any inspiration received by the Elders generally, or those serving under General Conference assignment, may be shared either with the Branch President (if a branch is involved) or with the Quorum of Twelve. Again, however, no actual discussion of a potential call, where this may occur, is to be presented to the man concerned until formal approvals have been given.
- When clearance has been received from the First Presidency, the call may then be presented to the individual. After acceptance by the candidate, and only then, should public announcement be made to the branch or group concerned.
- Provision may then be made for an appropriate business meeting where the membership will have opportunity to consider the call, and vote whether to approve and support the one recommended.

**Confidential Information** (Please print or type responses.)

### Statistical Data:

Candidate's full proper name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Present office held, if any \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_ Office Recommended: \_\_\_\_\_

List any other offices previously held: \_\_\_\_\_

Present address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal History:

Current branch: \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Married? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_ Is wife a member? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's full name (include maiden)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there children in the home? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give names and ages.

Names of Children: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_, 2) \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_,  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_, 4) \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_, 5) \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_.

If not in the home, are there grown children? \_\_\_\_\_ Names and location?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

What is candidate's occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

General statement of proficiency, other work skills, community involvement, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Has candidate ever been divorced? \_\_\_\_\_ How long ago? \_\_\_\_\_ More than once? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, are there any conditions or circumstances that might bear on his ability to serve in the priesthood [alimony, child support, attitude or circumstances of former spouse(s), etc.]? Be specific (if further information is needed you will be contacted) \_\_\_\_\_

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General reputation among the saints? \_\_\_\_\_

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Standing and reputation in the community? \_\_\_\_\_

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**General preparation for service:**

Give overview of candidate's educational background and general aptitudes (e.g. communicating, appearance, physical condition, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Does candidate have any prior record that may affect his acceptance as a minister (former occurrences of a moral nature such as arrests, incarceration, etc.)? If yes, explain:

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How would you assess the candidate's understanding of the Church? Is he familiar with the Scriptures? Where are his strengths in ministry (teaching, visiting, preaching, youth, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Personal Stewardship:**

What is the candidate's overall response to the tithing law? Is he a good manager of his temporal affairs? Is the candidate currently filing a tithing statement? This is very important. \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the candidate evidence avoidance of unnecessary debt? Unwise spending, etc.? Be specific:

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What is your knowledge of candidate in relation to being free from all forms of addictive habits, or improper activity – (tobacco, alcohol, gambling, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Recommending Officer's Testimony:**

Please give a forthright statement of how this call was manifest to you and your conviction of its authenticity: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ P.H. Office \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Presiding Officer)

Branch (or group) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City) (State)

Date Received Office of First Presidency	Date Cleared Quorum of Twelve/Asst. F.P.	S.H.C. Approval (if required)	Approval to Presiding Officer	Date of Ordination