

Area Plan

United States
and Canada



Vision

Become, and help others to become, true followers of Jesus Christ and enjoy the blessings of the holy temple.

Area Priorities

1. **Live the gospel of Jesus Christ.**
2. **Gather Israel through missionary work.**
3. **Care for the poor and needy.**
4. **Enable the salvation of the dead by identifying ancestors and performing vicarious temple ordinances for them.**

Area Goals

1. **To live the gospel of Jesus Christ, we will:**
 - Strengthen ourselves and our families by receiving the ordinances of salvation and exaltation and keeping the associated covenants.
 - Strengthen our faith in Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ and His Atonement by regularly studying the Book of Mormon and by honoring the Sabbath day .
2. **To gather Israel through missionary work, we will:**
 - Teach repentance and baptize converts.
 - Rescue less-active members.
3. **To care for the poor and needy, we will:**
 - Build spiritual and temporal self-reliance.
 - Live the law of the fast and serve others.
4. **To enable the salvation of the dead, we will:**
 - Find family names.
 - Take family names to the temple for ordinances and teach others to do the same.

Indicators of Progress

For each goal, select from the following indicators of conversion and Church growth from the Quarterly Report to measure progress:

1. Individuals sealed to spouse in the temple
2. Endowed members with a current temple recommend
3. Males (ages 19-25) serving or who have served a full-time mission
4. Adult males holding Melchizedek Priesthood
5. Prospective elders advanced to the Melchizedek Priesthood
6. Young men with priesthood office appropriate for their age
7. Average sacrament meeting attendance
8. Converts baptized and confirmed in the last 12 months
9. Adults and youth who submitted ancestor names for temple ordinances



Review your progress toward each goal regularly. Keep in mind that many important elements of discipleship cannot be measured (for example, Christlike attributes, personal and family devotion and service to others).

Implementation

The specific actions members should take to help individuals and families participate in the work of salvation are an important part of the area plan.

Leaders: Members of coordinating, stake, and ward councils should prayerfully develop specific steps they will take to accomplish the area vision, priorities, and goals. By developing such steps, leaders help more individuals and families receive the full blessings of the gospel.

Individuals and Families: Individuals and families (in family councils) may ask themselves:

1. What should I do to develop stronger faith?
2. How should I participate more fully in the work of salvation?
3. What should we do in our family to become better followers of Jesus Christ?

Accountability and Follow Up: Area Seventies encourage stake presidents to develop meaningful ways to implement the area plan and continually follow up with them on their progress. Stake presidents in turn encourage bishops to work with priesthood and auxiliary leaders in developing ways to implement the area plan and likewise follow up with them.