

## Practice Activity: Best Ways to Share Historic Places

### FACILITATOR GUIDE

**1. Introduce the activity:** When sharing historic places, you have three options to choose from:

- **Option A:** Request placement on a Church historic registry.
- **Option B:** Share information about a historic place.
- **Option C:** Request to place a marker.

With each historic place, you might find that all of the options are appropriate, or you might find that none of these ways is appropriate due to timing, sacredness, political sensitivity, or other factors.

Ana has documented four places with the Historic Place Documentation Worksheet.

She has discussed the following questions regarding these four places with the area leadership.

- a. Will the place be useful in furthering the purposes of the Church?
- b. Will it be accessible enough for many people to visit?
- c. Will the place appeal to a broad audience?

Based on their answers, they have determined that action should be taken to share each of the historic places.

**2. Explain the objective:** In this activity, you will help Ana propose appropriate ways to share each historic place.

**3. Carry out the activity:**

- a. Pass out the four question pages.
- b. Ask the participants to read the description of each historic place and then select appropriate ways to share it.
- c. After they have answered, discuss the correct answers.

**4. After the activity is complete, summarize the activity:**

Here are the key points to remember from this activity:

- You should work with the area leadership throughout the process to determine which historic places are appropriate to share.
- When determining specific ways to share a historic place, consider carefully the criteria and requirements associated with each option.
- Remember that each historic place may be shared in more than one way.
- Remember that the timing might not be right to share every historic place that you document. But the act of documenting a historic place is still an important part of the process of preserving and sharing it.

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### 1. Select the way, or ways, that may be appropriate for sharing and preserving this historic place.



#### Site of the first convert baptism in Ukraine

This is a city park on the edge of the Dnipro River in Kyiv. It is important as the site of the first convert baptism to take place in Ukraine. Because the baptism took place in November, the missionaries and the convert had to break through a thin layer of ice to perform the baptism.

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This option can be used with most historic places, except when the following factors cause issues to arise:

- Timing
- Sacredness
- Political sensitivity
- Ownership
- Funding

- Option C: Request to place a marker.** Placing a permanent physical marker on or very near the historic place serves as a visible indicator to visitors that the place is historically significant.

Placing a marker requires the following:

- Significant preparation
- Budget approval
- Property-owner approval
- A maintenance plan
- Solid justification to move forward

Also keep in mind possible issues with the following:

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- Sacredness
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- Possibility of vandalism or theft

- None of the above**

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### 2. Select the way, or ways, that may be appropriate for sharing and preserving this historic place.



#### Site where Ukraine was dedicated for the preaching of the restored gospel

This is the site of the monument to Volodymyr the Great, Prince of Kyiv, who brought Christianity to Ukraine. This property is not Church owned. This is where the prayer was offered when Ukraine was dedicated for the preaching of the restored gospel by President Boyd K. Packer of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Elder Dennis B. Neuenschwander of the Seventy, and about 20 other people were also present.

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### 3. Select the way, or ways, that may be appropriate for sharing and preserving this historic place.



#### One of the first meetinghouses dedicated in Ukraine

This is one of the first meetinghouses dedicated in Kyiv, Ukraine. It was dedicated by Elder Keith K. Hilbig, First Counselor in the Europe East Area Presidency. The building, originally intended to house a bank, was completed in 1996. It was purchased by the Church in 1998, remodeled to be a meetinghouse, then dedicated on September 8, 2001.

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### 4. Select the way, or ways, that may be appropriate for sharing and preserving this historic place.



#### The first meetinghouse built by the Church in Kyiv, Ukraine

This is the Borshchahivka meetinghouse. It is located on the site adjacent to the Kyiv Ukraine Temple. It was dedicated on April 22, 2007, by Kyiv Ukraine Stake president, Vladimir Kanchenko.

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### ANSWER KEY

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- None of the above**

#### Explanation:

- Option A should not be proposed for this historic place because it is not a Church-owned building or cemetery.
- Option B could be proposed. It would be appropriate to share this historic place in any of the ways associated with this option.
- Option C should probably not be proposed. Generally, placing a marker at or very near a historic place is an option if property-owner approval can be obtained. But in this area, even if permission could be obtained, it is not advisable to place a marker in a public place where it can be vandalized or stolen.

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#### Explanation:

- Option A should not be proposed for this historic place because it is not a Church-owned building or cemetery.
- Option B could be proposed. It would be appropriate to share information about this historic place in any of the ways associated with this option.
- Option C could be proposed. A significant event in Church history took place at this site. The Church does not own this site, but if permission can be gained from the property owner, the site of such a significant event may be an appropriate place for a historic marker.

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#### 3. One of the first meetinghouses dedicated in Ukraine

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- None of the above**

#### Explanation:

- Option A could be proposed. Due to its major historical and cultural significance to the Church, this building may be a candidate for inclusion in a Church Historic Registry.
- Option B could be proposed. It would be appropriate to share information about this historic place in any of the ways associated with this option.
- Option C should not be proposed. Because this building was constructed in 1996, it is not likely old enough to be considered for a historic marker by the Historic Sites Executive Committee.

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#### 4. The first meetinghouse built by the Church in Kyiv, Ukraine

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- None of the above**

#### Explanation:

- Option A could be proposed. This place has historical and cultural significance to the Church so it is appropriate to request that it be included in a Church Historic Registry. However, until the building is older, it may be more beneficial to focus on documenting and sharing other historic places.
- Option B could be proposed. It would be appropriate to share information about this historic place in any of the ways associated with this option.
- Option C should not be proposed. This building will probably be considered too new to have achieved enough historic significance to be considered for placement of a marker.