

Oral History Outline

MISSION LEADER

This outline provides suggested topics to include in your oral history. Oral historians should work with narrators under the direction of the Holy Ghost to customize the direction of each oral history. If you need assistance building an outline, please contact your Church History Department representative.

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Background

Family background

- Parents
- Early years
- Friends and dating
- Marriage and children (where applicable)

Church background

- Religious background
- Baptism and conversion
- Gospel study, including the Book of Mormon

Education and professional background

- School
- Professional training
- Work outside and in the home
- Service in the community

Mission Leader's Work

Work with women in the mission

- Church organizations
- Community
- Missionaries

Involvement in training

- Missionaries
- Church organizations, and so on

Women's understanding of priesthood and interaction with priesthood leaders

Interaction with Church members

Relief Society

Work with missionaries

Ministering to missionaries

Speaking engagements

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Mission Leader's Work (cont.)

Sisters' conferences

Mission conferences

Maintaining the mission home

Hosting, entertaining

Other social engagements

Community service

Mission Leader's Perspective

State of the mission and responsibilities when arrived

Mission boundaries

Mission demographics

Church member demographics

Missionary demographics

Religious background of the people in the mission

Doctrines easiest and hardest to accept

Legal or governmental restraints on missionary work

New Church members (languages, education, socio-economic level, and so on)

Temple attendance

General Authority mission tours

Humanitarian projects and missionary service hours

Public image of the Church

Emphasis for missionaries and Church members

Using talents of missionaries

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Mission Leader's Perspective (cont.)

Administrative challenges and successes

Beginnings of the Church in the mission

Pioneers

Church history stories

Call and Orientation

Preparation

Family and associates' reaction

Family situation

Feelings and events from the calling until arrival in the mission

Mission leadership seminar

Companionship

Counseling together

Roles and division of labor

Projects

Travel

Relationship nurture and growth

Conclusion

Impact of your calling in your life

Transformative experiences

Testimony
