Oral History Outline

STAKE OR DISTRICT PRESIDENT

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

Stake or District

Stake or district presidency

 Counselors (selection, strengths and challenges, division of labor, special experiences)

Stake (geography, ethnic, racial, tribal, gender, socioeconomic, age makeup, meeting attendance)

Stake organization presidencies (Relief Society, Primary, Sunday School, Young Women, Young Men)

Children and youth

- Stake Primary activities
- Issues facing children
- Young Men
- Young Women
- Seminary and Institute
- Returned missionaries
- Dating and marriage opportunities
- Issues facing youth and young adults

Stake patriarch

High council, high priests quorum

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Stake or District (cont.)

Church Welfare

- Socio-economic factors (poverty or wealth, drug and alcohol abuse, child or spouse abuse, crime, class, access to education, and race or ethnicity)
- Partnering with bishops or branch presidents
- Special experiences, stories

Family History

- Stake family history plan, activities
- Adults and youth working together
- Special experiences

Church history

Living the gospel

- Come, Follow Me curriculum
- Ministering (home and visiting teaching)
- Accepting callings
- Education
 - Self-reliance program
 - PerpetualEducation Fund
- Social activities and local traditions
- Response to local challenges (political events, disasters, pandemic, and so on)

Missionary Work

- Missionaries serving from your stake or district
- Stake, district missionary work
 - Member involvement
 - Use of full-time missionaries
 - Converts
 - Ethnic, racial, gender, socioeconomic makeup
 - Challenges and blessings with integration, fellowshipping, and retention
 - Special experiences

Temple

- Temple recommends
- Sacrifices to travel to the temple
- Temple trips
- Blessings from temple attendance
- Temple construction, dedication

Changes in the Church in your area

- Levels of Church activity
- People leaving the Church
- People moving away or emigrating

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Stake or District (cont.)

Visits of Church leaders

- GeneralAuthority visits
- Other Church leader visits

Relationship with Church members

- Working with female leaders
- Ministering to youth and children
- Helping single adults
- Ministering to the one
- Special experiences
- Successes
- Challenges

Conclusion

Impact of your calling in your life

Transformative experiences

Testimony