



Ward Sunday School Presidencies

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The ward Sunday School presidency oversees efforts to improve gospel learning and teaching at home and at church (see *General Handbook*, 13.2.2.2). The First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles have determined that, effective immediately, the bishop may call a man or a woman to serve as ward Sunday School president.

If a man is called as Sunday School president, he must hold the Melchizedek Priesthood, and his counselors and secretary must be male members of the ward. If a woman is called as Sunday School president, her counselors and secretary must be female members of the ward.

Those who serve in the Church are called of God, and leaders seek the guidance of the Spirit in determining whom to call (see *General Handbook*, 30.1.1). In any given ward, Sunday School presidencies may at times be composed of men and at other times of women, based on circumstances in the unit and the inspiration of leaders.

The stake Sunday School president will continue to be a high councilor called and set apart by the stake president (see *General Handbook*, 13.6).

We commend all who willingly serve in Church callings, seeking to bless others and further the Lord's work in this dispensation. May you be blessed and magnified in your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

The First Presidency

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