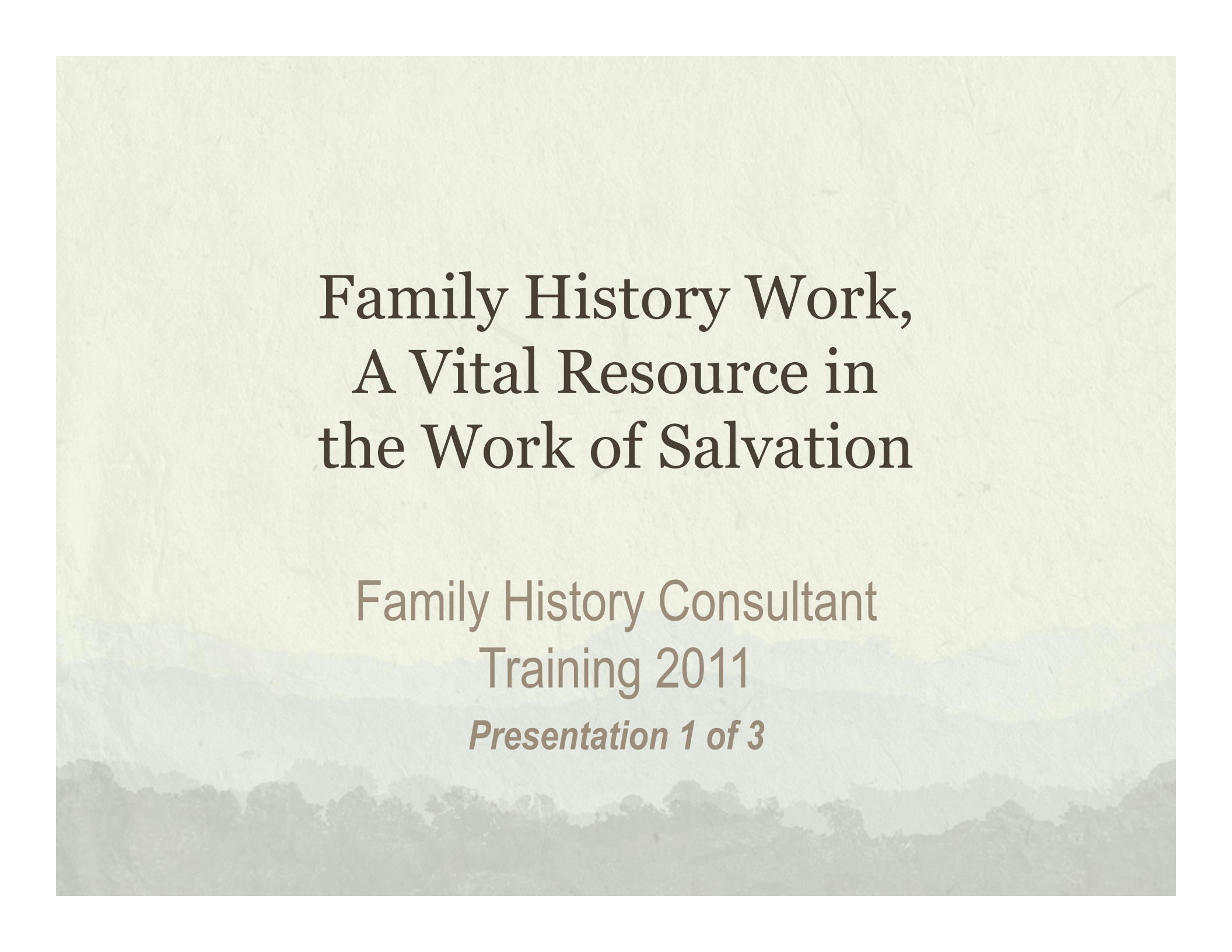




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# Family History Work, A Vital Resource in the Work of Salvation

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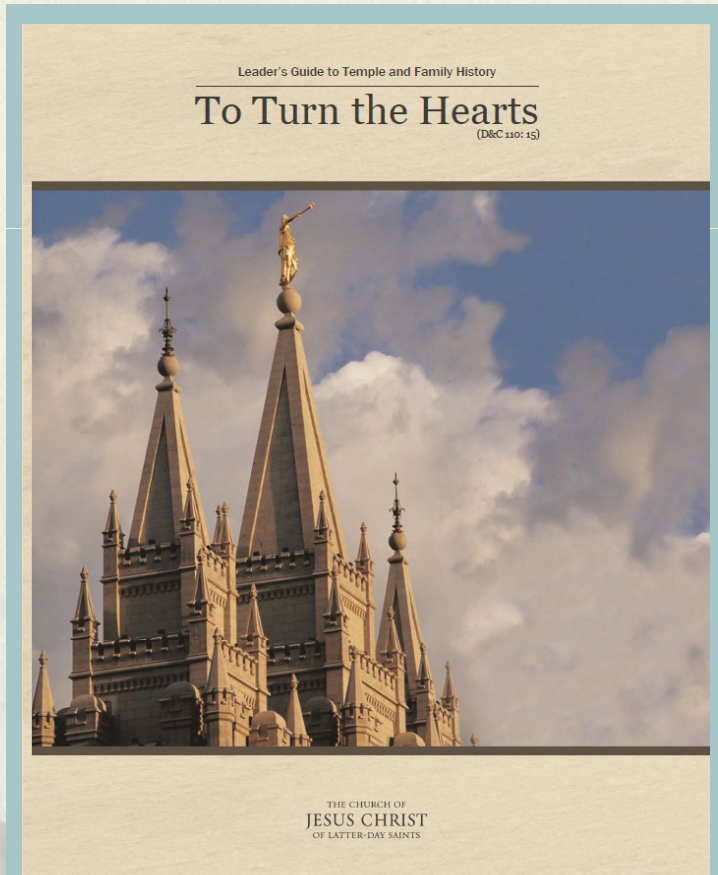
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## Part 1: To Turn the Hearts



# “To Turn the Hearts”

A Leaders Guide to Temple and Family History Work



## Available Online

- [familysearch.org/serve](https://familysearch.org/serve)
- [lds.org](https://lds.org) (Serving in the Church)

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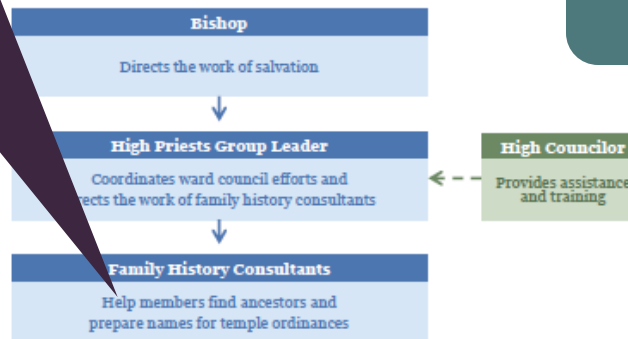
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*"For their salvation is necessary and essential to our salvation that they without us cannot be made perfect— neither can we without our dead be made perfect."*  
Doctrine and Covenants 128:15

**Bishop and His Counselors**

The bishop directs the work of salvation in the ward, which includes temple and family history work. The bishop and his counselors set an example for ward members by teaching the doctrine of temple and family history work and the blessings that can come from this work. They position the group leader as the coordinator of the ward council's temple and family work in the ward.

Below is an example of how family history is organized at the ward level:



**How the Ward Council Strengthens the Ward through Temple and Family History Work**

Temple and family history work can help the ward council in the many aspects of the work of salvation. Members of the ward council develop a plan to help individuals build testimonies, receive saving ordinances, keep covenants, and become consecrated followers of Christ (see Moroni 6:4–5).

The work of salvation includes member missionary work, convert retention, activation, temple and family history work, and teaching the gospel (see chapter 5 of Handbook 2: Administering the Church).



*The ward council uses temple and family history work to bring joy and spiritual growth to those they serve.*

Scriptures and quotes

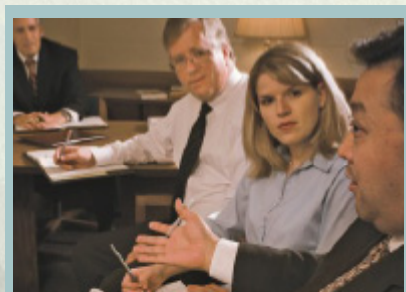
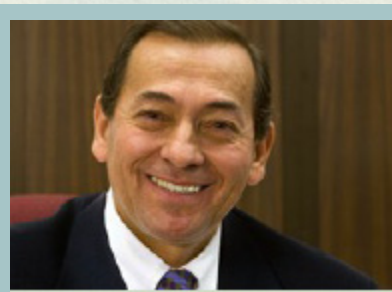
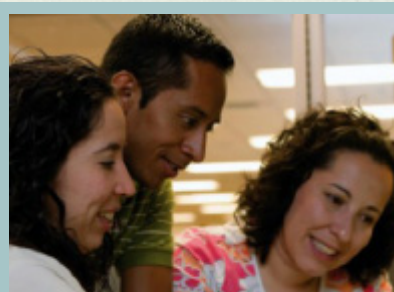
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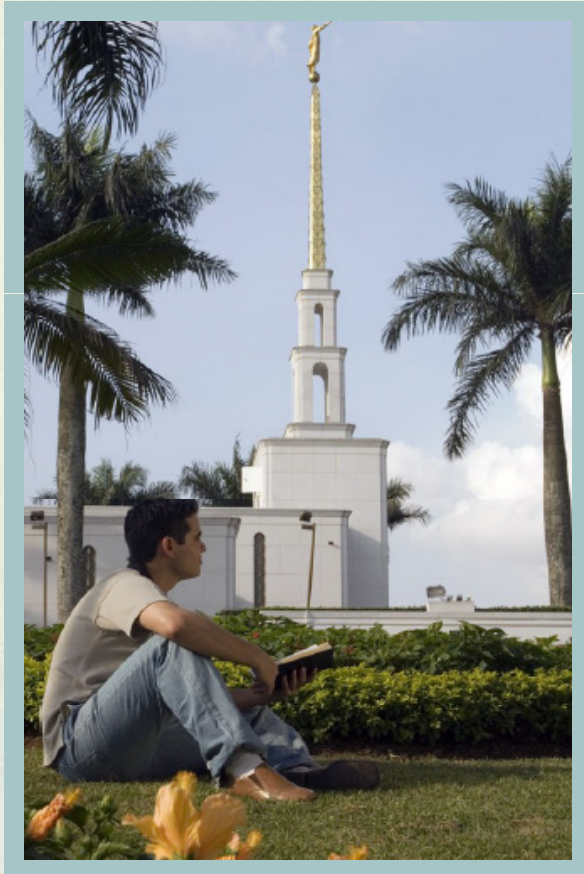
# Primary Audience

- Priesthood Leaders
- Ward Council Members
- Area Family History Advisers
- Family History Consultants
- Family History Center Directors
- Stake Indexing Directors





# To Turn the Hearts



The turning of hearts signifies a spiritual awakening as individuals and families serve their deceased relatives and experience the joy of being active participants in a fundamental part of Heavenly Father's plan of salvation (D&C 138: 56).



# To Turn the Hearts

- “Turning of hearts” benefits both the living and the dead



# The Work of Salvation

- “No work is more of a protection to this Church than temple work and the family history research that supports it. No work is more spiritually refining. No work we do gives us more power. No work requires a higher standard of righteousness.”

—Boyd K. Packer





# A Resource to Bless Lives

- Members who engage in temple and family history work are inspired to live gospel-centered lives and are more likely to participate in personal and family prayer, personal and family scripture study, and regular family home evening





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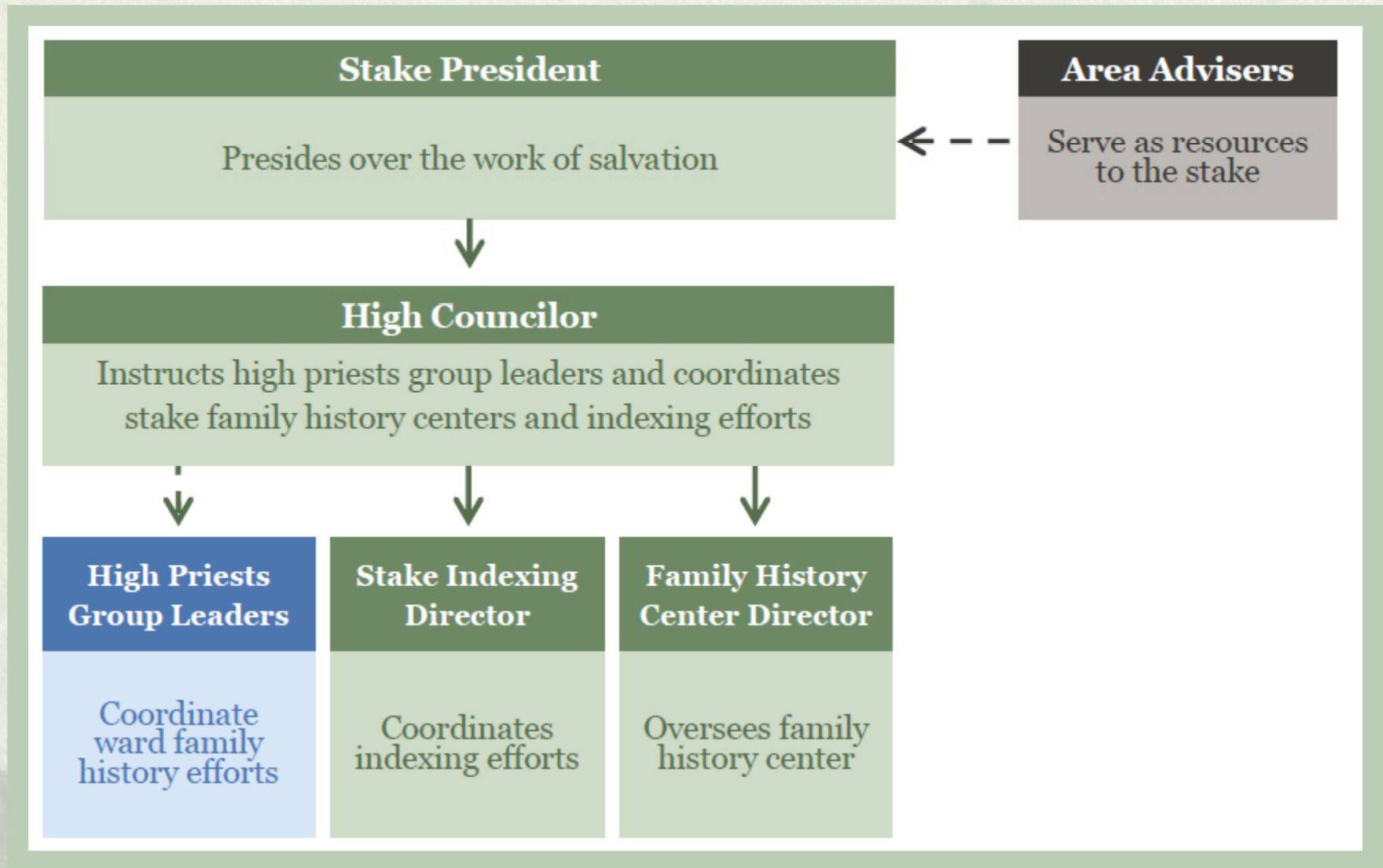
- Use temple and family history work as a means to strengthen members and their families
- Use family history in missionary work, convert retention, member activation, and in teaching the gospel



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## Part 2: Family History Organization

# Family History in the Stake



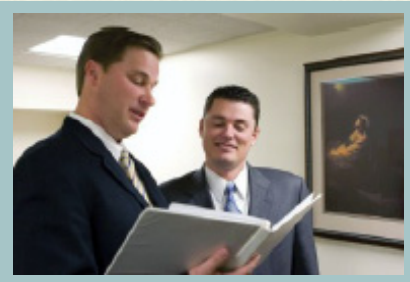


# Stake Presidents



- Stake Presidents hold the keys and therefore preside over and direct the temple and family history efforts in the stake.
- The stake president and his counselors set an example by teaching the doctrine of temple and family history work and testifying of the blessings.

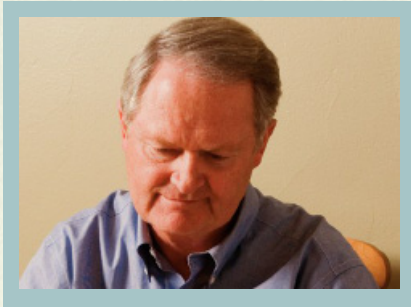
# High Councilors



- Ensures that the Stake, Ward, and Quorums are organized to do the work
- Instructs high priests group leaders
- Coordinates special programs
  - Stake FamilySearch indexing
- Coordinates stake resources
  - Family history center and staff
    - Ensures that enough family history consultants are called to staff center
  - Public affairs



# Stake Indexing Directors



- Coordinates member indexing efforts
- Tracks local participation and provides regular updates to the high councilor

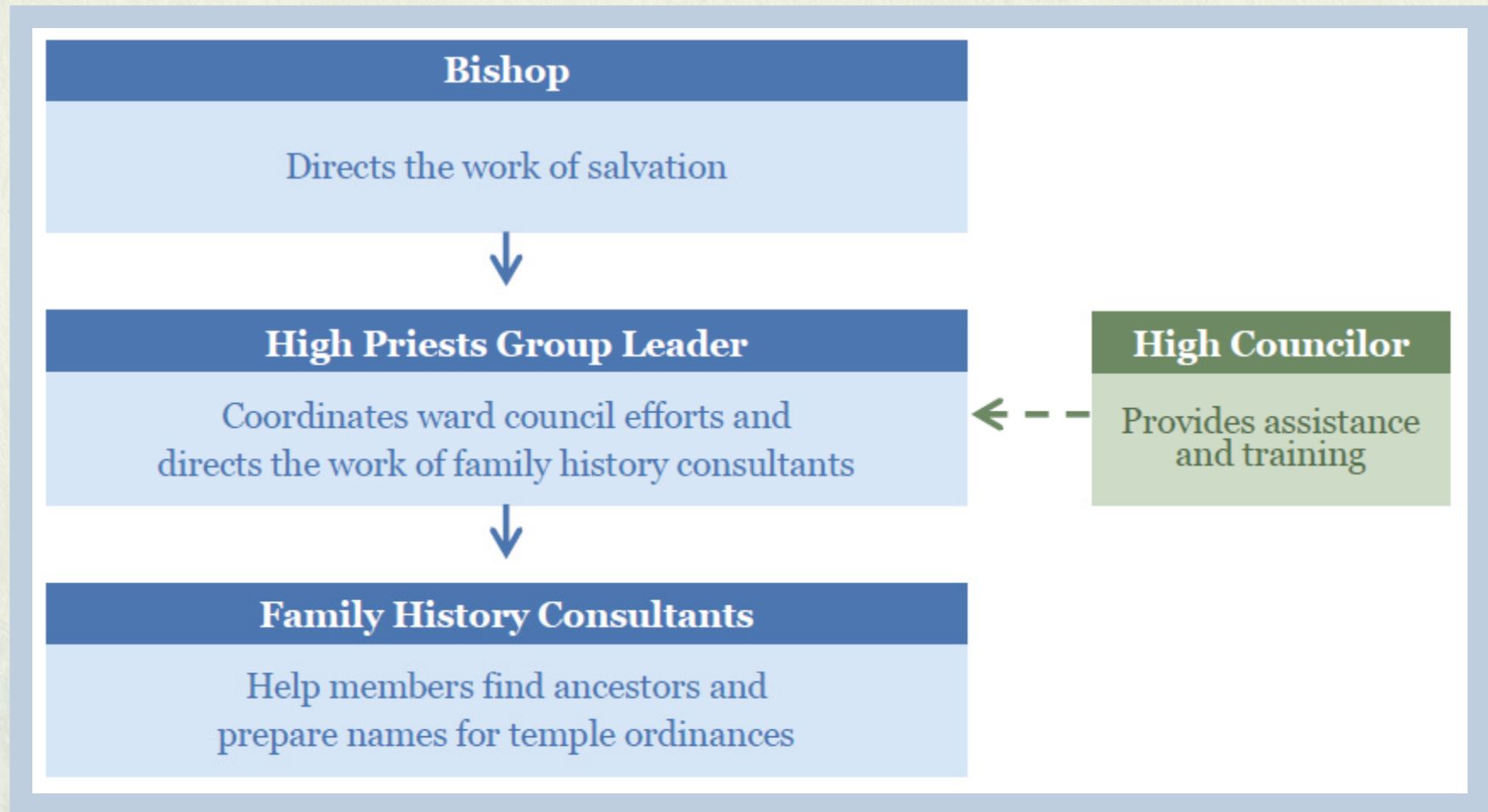
# Family History Center Directors



- Provide members and the general public with the following:
  - Genealogical resources
  - Classes and workshops
  - One-on-one assistance



# Family History in the Ward



# Bishops



- Bishops direct temple and family history efforts in the ward
- The bishop and his counselors set an example to ward members by teaching the doctrine of temple and family history work and testifying of the blessings
- Position the High Priest Group Leader as the coordinator of the Ward Council's Temple and Family History work in the ward.



# High Priests Group Leader



- Coordinates the ward council's temple and family history efforts
  - Develops a plan with ward council
  - Consults with ward council members
- Directs the work of family history consultants
  - Ensures that enough consultants are called to meet the needs of the ward
  - Provides direction and assignments

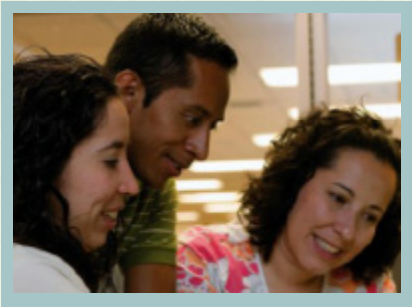
# Ward Council Members



- Encourage members in their organization to:
  - participate in family history work
  - Identify deceased relatives
  - Request temple ordinances
  - Serve as proxy for ordinances, if possible
- Receive assistance from HPGL and FH Consultants to determine how to help members in their organization

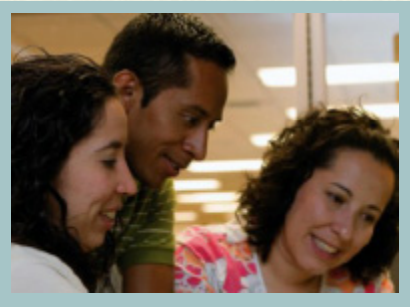


# Family History Consultants



- Proactively reaches out to leaders and members individually, in their homes
  - Demonstrate to leaders how family history can help in their calling to minister to those whom they serve
- Fulfills assignments from the high priests group leader as determined in ward council to assist in the work of salvation, which includes:
  - Missionary work
  - Convert retention
  - Member activation
  - Teaching the gospel

# Family History Consultants (cont.)



- Assist in other family history efforts as assigned:
  - Teach the family history class
  - Serve in the family history center
  - Train other family history consultants
- Register at [familysearch.org/serve](https://familysearch.org/serve)



# familysearch.org/serve *(NEW)*

## **Current Features**

- Training & Resources
- Newsletters
- Profile Updates

## **Future Features**

- Community resources
- Share resources
- Discussion forums

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## Part 3: Action Ideas



# Action Ideas

- Inform leaders of new “To Turn the Hearts” guide
- Register at [consultant.familysearch.org](https://consultant.familysearch.org)
- Proactively reach out to high priests group leader to discuss family history assignments
- Proactively reach out to leaders in the ward council to help them personally discover the joy of temple and family history work
  - “And thus my father, Lehi, did discover the genealogy of his fathers..., he was filled with the Spirit, and began to prophesy...” 1 Nephi 5:16-17



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