

REGISTRATION/ACCESS FOR: Family History Consultant's Guide to temple & FH work
1) Access the LDS Church web page at: www.lds.org



2) Select "Serving in the Church." From drop down menu select "Family History"



3) Select "Family History Consultants." "Family History Consultants Guide... bottom of page.



The Family and Church History Department provides online training and resources to help family history consultants. The training lessons teach consultants their responsibilities and how to use Church family history resources. To access the training and resources all consultants are encouraged to register at consultant.familysearch.org

Family history consultants are the key to successful family history programs.

Consultants have three principal responsibilities. Consultants:

- Reach out to members to help them individually with their family history. One have the opportunity to receive family history help.
- Focus on helping those individuals and families suggested by the priesthood
- Meet with new members of the Church to help them identify deceased ancestors confirmed for their ancestors.

Consultants might also be assigned to serve in a family history center, teach family training.

Learn More . . .

- Family History Consultant's Guide to Temple and Family History Work

This page also allows access *to six training videos* for family history, *information for registering to participate in record extraction* and access to ***Family Record Extraction Administrative Handbook***. A link to the indexing website is found here also. On the indexing web page select “help” then “publications” to gain access to detailed indexing information.

Selecting “**Priesthood Leadership of Family History**” (Step 2 above) provides access to responsibilities for priesthood leaders and access to “**Administrative Guide for Family History**.” This publication supplements Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 2, Section 9; “**Temple and Family History Work**.” These two publications provide comprehensive instructions for family history responsibilities for Priesthood Leaders Consultants and others having Family History responsibilities.

4) Access to two new publications is available for those who have access to newfamilysearch: “**Member’s Guide to Temple and Family History Work**” and “**Family History Consultant’s Guide to Temple and Family History Work**.” The latter can also be found as outlined in step 1) above. The former is not in print yet, but expected this year.

5) **Sunday School and teaching materials**: Instructor’s guide and DVDs are expected later this year.

6) **Consultant training**: Family History Consultants should be working to complete their "Core Training." Core training is found on the Family History learning site. All registered consultants (and registered priesthood leaders) should have access to this site. If you are registered and can't access the site, contact support at (866) 406-1830. April 6th 1830 is the date the church was organized. The URL for the learning site is: <https://lds.netdimensions.com/index.html.var> Your progress is tracked by Family History Support. It is a goal to have at least one consultant who has completed the core training in every unit (Ward or Branch) prior to the roll out of New Family search in a given temple district.

Core courses for Core Training are:

- a) Understanding Your Calling
- b) Providing Individual Help
- c) Problem Solving For Consultants
- d) New Family Search

7) **Seven lessons: Family History Lesson Series** Go to www.familysearch.org and select “**Family History Lesson series Provides Useful Guides**.” Short lessons as self-study or as class supplements for family history Instructors.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FAMILY HISTORY (extracted from *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 2, Temple and Family History Work and Administrative Guide for Family History*)

High Council Adviser

1. Ensures the stake is organized to provide resources to the wards to help members in their temple and family history work
2. Becomes knowledgeable in temple and FH work and assists the stake presidency in instructing other leaders and members in this work. He may assign family history consultants to assist him in providing FH training
3. Instructs HP group and Elders Quorum leaders in their temple and FH responsibilities and ensures that the stake, wards and quorums are organized to do temple and family history work
4. Meets regularly with the stake presidency to report on FH work and receive counsel.

High Priest Group Leadership

1. Coordinates temple and FH work in the ward
2. Coordinates with PEC and Ward Council to identify people to call as consultants and to identify families for consultants to visit
3. Supervises consultants in the ward
 - Provides direction
 - Sees that consultants are trained and understand responsibilities
 - Ensures there are enough consultants to meet the needs of the ward
 - Reports on temple and FH activity (including individual work by FH consultants) in PEC and Ward Council meetings and receives counsel from the Bishopric

Family History Consultant

1. A single ward position called Family History Consultant
2. Called and set apart by the Bishopric
3. Supervised by HPGL
4. Need not be expert in research
5. Should be good teacher
6. Comfortable with technology
7. Become knowledgeable with FH computer programs
8. Meet with families and teach/help them identify their ancestors and ensure temple ordinances are performed for them
9. May serve in a family history center
10. Meet with new members to explain the doctrines of the redemption of the dead and help new members identify deceased ancestors and go to the temple to receive baptisms and confirmations for them
11. When assigned by the Bishopric, teach a FH class during Sunday School