



Employment Resource Survey Form

What is it?

The form has been approved through Church Correlation for use by wards and stakes. It is intended to be filled out on an annually basis. Information from the form is then entered into a data base by the ward clerk.

When presenting this form to the congregation, the Bishop should explain its purpose and use.

What is its purpose?

Its purpose is to inventory the Lords Storehouse as to resources available to assist with member employment needs.

“The responsibility to provide for ourselves, our families, and the poor and needy has been part of the gospel since the beginning of time. As disciples of Christ, we should give of ourselves—our time, talents, and resources—to care for those in need.”

“When Jesus Christ came to earth, he spent much of his ministry caring for the poor and needy. He commanded his disciples to do the same. He explained that when we care for others, we are serving him: **“For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: “Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. . .**

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me” (Matthew 25:35–36, 40).

“In our day, the gospel has been restored to the earth in its fullness through the Prophet Joseph Smith. The Lord has once again commanded his people to care for the poor and needy. He said, **“And remember in all things the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted, for he that doeth not these things, the same is not my disciple” (D&C 52:40).**

“The Lord taught, **“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35).** The measure of our love for the Lord is the love we show to our fellowmen by serving and blessing them in their times of need.”

What is the Lord’s Storehouse?

“The Lord’s storehouse receives, holds in trust, and dispenses consecrated offerings of the Saints. In form and operation, the storehouse is as simple or sophisticated as circumstances require. It may be a list of available services, money in an account, food in a pantry, or commodities in a building. A storehouse is established the moment faithful members give to the bishop of their time, talents, skills, compassion, materials, and financial means in caring for the poor and in building up the kingdom of God on the earth.”



“The Lord’s storehouse, therefore, exists in each ward. The bishop is the agent of the Lord’s storehouse. Guided by the inspiration of the Lord, he distributes the Saints’ offerings to the poor and needy. He is assisted by the priesthood quorums and Relief Society.”

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How will the information from these forms be used?

All information gathered on these forms and placed into a database belongs to the Lord’s Storehouse and therefore can only be used under the direction of the bishop. Any misuse of these forms or the data on them can be cause for Church discipline.

The Bishop or other authorized priesthood and Relief Society leaders would use the information contained on these forms to make recommendations as to whom an individual job seeker may care to network with. Prior to providing any information to a job seeker, the Bishop through his authorized leaders will insure that the job seeker has been adequately trained on how to make a polite and appropriate networking call.

If you are the one being called by the job seeker, the job seeker would first ask if this was an appropriate time to visit, would be as brief as possible and would most likely have a few simple questions, such as:

1. I have an upcoming interview with the company you work for. Can you share with me something about the company culture and any upcoming major projects in my field?
2. Do you know if the company you are working for is hiring? Their website doesn’t show much, but I know that many companies only advertise internally, hoping to get referrals from current employees.
3. I believe that you and I have similar career fields. Is there anyone or any company that you can think that I might want to visit with that hires people with my skill set?
4. I have applied on line with the company that you work for, but have not received a reply. I am hoping to talk to the hiring manager personally. Would you by any chance know his name and phone number?

Stakes will be able to combine all ward databases into a single stake database for use at the stake level under the same restrictions and guidelines.

The regional employment center would have access to all stake databases, allowing member support across the local area.