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## Ministering Meals with Missionaries

Dear Leadership,

Thank you for your faithfulness and involvement in gathering scattered Israel. It inspires me to work side by side with you in this, the most important work happening in the entire world at this time. I want to share my excitement and optimism about using dinners with missionaries as a ministering tool to our dear brothers, sisters and friends.

The evening hours from 5-9pm are the prime teaching, finding and ministering hours for our full-time missionaries. These are the hours when a larger percentage of people are at home and available to hear the gospel. Consistent with efforts we have been making for years, we want to shift the focus of missionary dinners from feeding the missionaries to ministering with the missionaries over dinner! Who are we looking to minister to at these new dinner appointments? Those in need of conversion, retention and activation!

Conversion	1. Investigators (friends) currently being taught 2. Members of the church with family members not yet baptized 3. Friends not of our faith
Retention	4. New members of the church 5. Newly activated members of the church
Activation	6. Members of the church striving to come back into activity 7. Members we love and who would be blessed by more activity in the church

It is important to know that the purpose of these missionary dinners is to love and minister and establish friendships, but not for the missionaries to commit our dinner guests to taking the missionary lessons. It is simply to love them, to get to know them better and to find ways to serve them.

Starting April 1, 2023, we request that all missionary dinners at or after 5 pm include family or friends that need conversion, retention or activation. Thus every dinner appointment will be a ministering appointment!

Since there may be questions, we are attaching a video and FAQ document made by our area and mission leaders to help explain and implement these changes.

If there is anything we can do as a Stake to help answer your questions or help with the implementation of this within your ward, please contact Randy Pryor, who is the High Councilor assigned to missionary work in our Stake. His contact information is:

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Sincerely,

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