

Melchizedek Priesthood Preparation Guide
Central Point Oregon Stake
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This guide was developed by the Central Point Oregon Stake Presidency and High Council as a tool that can be used to help prospective Elders prepare to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood. We encourage a member of the Elders Quorum Presidency and ministering brothers to meet with the prospective Elder in his home or a private setting during at least two visits before receiving the Melchizedek Priesthood to discuss [General Handbook Chapter 3](#) and the four principles outlined in [General Handbook Chapter 8.4](#). Leaders could fill out the Key Contacts and Melchizedek Priesthood Opportunities page to help the prospective Elder to track his progress. The Melchizedek Priesthood Opportunities page contains suggested actions that are not all required and is not an exhaustive list of steps to do to prepare to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood.

[General Handbook Chapter 3](#) : Priesthood Principles

The priesthood is the authority and power of God that He gives to His sons and daughters on earth to help carry out his work.

Read the following sections from General Handbook Chapter 3:

1. Restoration of the Priesthood
2. Blessings of the Priesthood
3. Melchizedek Priesthood and Aaronic Priesthood
4. Priesthood Authority - Keys, Conferral and Ordination, Delegation, Righteousness
Study [D&C 121:36-42](#)
5. Priesthood Power - Covenants, Ordinances
6. The Priesthood and the Home

Discuss: How have you been blessed by someone using the priesthood?

[General Handbook Chapter 8.4](#): Helping Prospective Elders Prepare to Receive the Melchizedek Priesthood

1. The oath and covenant of the priesthood

- a. Study [D&C 84:33-44](#)
- b. The Lord makes an oath – a sworn affirmation to be true and faithful to His promises.
- c. We make a covenant – a solemn promise between us and the Lord.
 - i. We promise to be faithful in obtaining the priesthood and to magnify our calling.
 - ii. The Lord promises that we will be sanctified by the Spirit; our bodies will be renewed; we will become the sons of Moses and Aaron, the seed of Abraham, the elect of God; and we will be given all that the Father has.
 - iii. *Discuss: What will you do to magnify your priesthood calling?*
- d. Read or watch the April 2008 General Conference talk by President Henry B. Eyring “[Faith and the Oath and Covenant of the Priesthood](#)”
- e. *Discuss: What can you do now to be worthy of the covenant?*

2. The duties of an elder, including the duty to minister

- a. Study [D&C 20:38-45](#)
- b. The duties of an elder are to:
 - i. Confirm those who are baptized into the church, by the laying on of hands for the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost
 - ii. Teach, expound, exhort, baptize, and watch over the church
 - iii. Take the lead of all meetings
 - iv. Conduct all meetings as led by the Holy Ghost
 - v. Pray for and lay their hands upon the sick ([D&C 42:44](#))
 - vi. Administer in spiritual things ([D&C 107:11-12](#))
- c. Read or watch the April 2018 General Conference talk by President Russell M. Nelson “[Ministering with the Power and Authority of God](#)”
 - i. Ministering means serving others as the Savior did ([Matthew 20:26-28](#))
 - ii. The Lord wants all members of His Church to receive such care. For this reason, priesthood holders are assigned as ministering brothers to member households.
- d. *Discuss: What specific things can you do to minister to others?*

3. The purposes of priesthood ordinances and blessings and how to perform them

- a. Study [Handbook Chapter 18 Performing Priesthood Ordinances and Blessings](#)
- b. An ordinance is a sacred act that is performed by the authority of the priesthood.
 - i. Some ordinances are required for salvation and exaltation: baptism, confirmation, Melchizedek Priesthood ordination (for men), temple endowment, temple sealing.
 - ii. Other ordinances include naming and blessing children, the sacrament, consecrating oil to administer to the sick, and dedicating homes.
- c. A priesthood blessing can be given for comfort, counsel, or healing and does not require priesthood leader authorization.
- d. Performing an ordinance or blessing requires personal worthiness and acting in a dignified manner with the following steps:
 - i. Call the person by their full name (if applicable)
 - ii. Perform by the authority of the appropriate priesthood
 - iii. Perform with necessary procedures or specific words
 - iv. Close in the name of Jesus Christ
- e. *Discuss: When have you felt the Spirit during an ordinance or blessing?*

4. How men and women work together to accomplish God’s work

- a. Study the gospel topic essays “[Priesthood](#)” and “[Women in the Church](#)”
- b. Read or watch the April 2020 General Conference talk by President Jean B. Bingham “[United in Accomplishing God's Work](#)”
 - i. Women are blessed with priesthood power as they keep covenants.
 - ii. Women operate with priesthood authority when they are set apart to a calling.
 - iii. When men and women work together, they accomplish a great deal more than they do working separately.
- c. *Discuss: How have you been blessed by working with women to accomplish God’s work?*

Prospective Elder's name: _____

Key Contacts

Ministering Brother's name: _____ Phone: _____

Ministering Brother's name: _____ Phone: _____

Elders Quorum President's name: _____ Phone: _____

Bishop's name: _____ Phone: _____

Stake President's name: _____ Phone: _____

*Contact Stake Executive Secretary to schedule interview with Stake President (Phone: _____)

Melchizedek Priesthood Opportunities (suggested actions, not all required, not an exhaustive list)

Interview with Bishop (Date): _____

Interview with Stake President (Date): _____

Ordination as Elder (Date and By whom): _____

Administer the Sacrament (Date): _____

Participate in Baptism & Confirmation in Temple for Ancestor (Date) : _____

Receive a Ministering Assignment (Date): _____

Ministering Companion's Name: _____

Assigned Ministering Families: _____

Interview with Elders Quorum Presidency Member (Date): _____

Receive a Church Calling (Date and Calling): _____

Consecrate Oil (Date): _____

Give a Blessing (Date and To whom): _____

Teach the Gospel (Date, Place, Topic): _____