
SPOKANE WASHINGTON NORTH STAKE

Melchizedek Priesthood Ordinations—Procedure and 2017 Schedule

1. Bishop proposes name of candidate for interview.
2. In stake presidency meeting, stake presidency approves candidate's name for interview.
3. Upon receipt of approval from stake presidency, bishop interviews candidate.
4. Bishop delivers completed Recommendation for Ordination to Melchizedek Priesthood form to stake presidency.
5. Interview with member of stake presidency (President Martin). The candidate will be contacted by the stake for scheduling of the interview.
6. Upon recommendation of the member of the stake presidency, the candidate's name must be approved by the high council.
7. Upon approval by the high council, the candidate must be sustained for ordination at the next stake conference or stake general priesthood meeting.
8. If the ordination must take place before stake conference or stake general priesthood meeting, then the candidate must be sustained for ordination in his ward's sacrament meeting, and the ordination must be presented for ratification at the next stake conference or stake general priesthood meeting. If at all possible, bishops should plan well in advance for the presentation of recommendations for ordination, so that they may be acted on at the appropriate general stake meeting instead of having to be ratified after the fact.

Upcoming dates (2017):

April 23

Stake Conference

(names should be presented to the stake presidency by **April 2**, so they can be presented to high council by April 9)

July 30

Stake General Priesthood Meeting

(names should be presented to the stake presidency by **July 16**, so they can be presented to high council by July 23 - *particularly consider young men leaving for college in the fall*)

November 19

Stake Conference

(names should be presented to the stake presidency by **November 5**, so they can be presented to high council by November 12)

9. The ordination will take place immediately following stake conference or stake general priesthood meeting, as applicable, unless prior arrangements are made in advance. Ordinations should take place no later than approximately two weeks after the sustaining.
10. All ordinations to the Melchizedek Priesthood are done under the direction of the stake president. Those who are to perform ordinations must be authorized by the stake president or someone under his direction. Ordinations should take place in the presence of a stake representative who has the recommendation form in his possession, so that the ordination may be properly recorded.
11. Interviews for recommendation to serve a full-time mission should not be conducted simultaneously with interviews for ordination to the Melchizedek Priesthood, but should be handled separately.
12. For prospective missionaries, first-time temple recommend interviews will not be scheduled until after the mission call has been received. Such interviews should not be conducted simultaneously with interviews for ordination to the Melchizedek Priesthood, but should be handled separately.