

Calgary Alberta Foothills Stake Ministering Worksheet

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Ministering in a Higher and Holier Way

The Savior showed by example what it means to minister as He served out of love for His Father and for His Father's children (see John 15:9–10). He loved, taught, prayed for, comforted, and blessed those around Him, inviting all to follow Him (see Mark 8:34). Ministering brothers and sisters prayerfully seek to serve as He would. To provide such care, each member household has priesthood brethren assigned as ministering brothers to watch over the family or individuals who live there (see Doctrine and Covenants 20:47, 59). Each adult sister has ministering sisters assigned to watch over her.

Responsibilities of Ministering Brothers and Sisters

Ministering brothers represent the Lord, the bishop, and quorum leaders. They “visit the house of each member, exhorting them to pray vocally and in secret and attend to all family duties” (Doctrine and Covenants 20:51). They are assigned to families and individuals to “watch over ... and be with and strengthen them” (Doctrine and Covenants 20:53). They “warn, expound, exhort, and teach, and invite all to come unto Christ” (Doctrine and Covenants 20:59).

Ministering sisters represent the Lord, the bishop, and Relief Society leaders. As sisters minister, they prayerfully seek to serve as the Lord would, “comfort[ing] those that stand in need of comfort” and helping each become a true disciple of Jesus Christ (Mosiah 18:9; John 13:35).

General Handbook: Section 21 - Ministering

Sample Ministering Interview Questions

RE: Ministering Assignment

- Are there any sickness or health issues in the home?
- Are there any sickness or health issues in their extended family?
- Do members have any troubles feeding their family? Is there food in their cupboards now?
- Are all members of the family, that want or need to be, gainfully employed?
- Do the family members have personal prayers and personal scripture study?
- Are all members of the family Baptized and hold the appropriate priesthood?
If not, what is the ministering companionships doing to help them get there?
- Are the parents sealed in the Temple?
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- Who is the family working with in terms of missionary work (and/or reactivation)? Do they need any assistance?
- Are the members of the family participating in Temple & Family History Work? Do they need assistance?
- How can our presidency better help those to who you minister enjoy the blessings of the temple?
- How are family members doing in their callings? Do they need assistance?

RE: Ministering Companionship

- Do you pray for and seek revelation for your families?
What inspiration have you received to help serve them better?
Have you been able to act on that inspiration and, if so, with what results?
- How well is your companionship working together?
Are you able to collaborate in contacting and serving your family?
- Does the companionship meet and pray together about their families?
- Does the companionship know the names and birthdays of each family member?
- Does the companionship make monthly/regular visits to the home?
Are they welcome?
- What other forms of contact does each companionship member have with each family?
What do you feel is working best?
- How well do you feel you are getting to know your family?
Do you feel that a relationship of trust is developing with them?
What more should you do to foster this?
- What steps do you now plan to take in order to serve your family in a “higher and holier” way?
Are there any steps that our presidency can take to better support you?