

Magnifying Your Calling as a Family History Consultant

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Family History Consultant -How to's-

- **Meet with your ward High Priest Group Leader regularly.**
- **Register** at <http://consultant.familysearch.org>
- Help on www.lds.org
Go to **Serving in the Church-** then click on **More Callings/Programs-** then click on **Family History.** This link will take you to a page that explains the Family History callings, how to administer the work and how to encourage members to do their family history.
- **Learn about your calling by reading** the “Church Handbook of Instructions- Book 2 Section 9- Temple and Family History Work”, and “A Members Guide to Temple and Family History Work”
- **Learn the current tools of Family History work.**
 - 1-Lessons in PAF program. Open PAF, then go to “Help”, then click on “Lessons”
 - 2-Four PAF lessons by Liz Snow on website- <http://www.ohanasoftware.com/?sec=lessons>
You must scroll down the page until you see the heading- Beginning PAF by Liz Snow
 - 3-Religion 261 manual in .pdf file-
http://www.ldsces.org/inst_manuals/FamHistCompGd36405000/start_here.pdf
 - 4-BYU Religion 261 website- Lesson #2 PAF
<http://261.byu.edu/>
 - 5-New BYU PAF tutorial- <http://paftutorial.byu.edu/>
- **Have suggestions and help members in organizing their family history records.**
There are 3 basic ways of organization-
 - Method #1- Alphabetical order
 - Method #2- Color Code
<http://www.familyrootsorganizer.com/index.htm>
 - Method #3- Marriage Record Number
<http://www.fileyourpapers.com>
- **Learn the hours of any family history center.**
http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHC/frameset_fhc.asp . This website has all the family history centers and their hours.
- **Teach the Ward Family History Sunday School Class if asked to by the Bishop.**
 - 1- Lessons written by Liz Snow- based on “*A Members Guide to Temple and Family History Work*” available at- <http://www.ohanasoftware.com/?sec=lessons> You will need to scroll down the page to Beginning Family History Lessons by Liz Snow.
 - 2-A lesson curriculum written for family history consultants to use at BYU.
<http://familyhistory.byu.edu/teaching.asp>
 - 3- A website hosted by Alan Jones from California. Look on the left side for specific links.

Ward Consultants-

- 1- Meet regularly with your High Priest Group Leadership. Suggest ideas of how to inspire/motivate your ward members.
- 2- Teach a Sunday School Class
- 3- Put a Family History thought in your Ward Bulletin or Newsletter.
- 4- Encourage your ward leadership to have a yearly family history goal.
- 5- Bear your testimony often of the importance of this work.
- 6- Publish the names of the ward consultants in your Ward Bulletin or Newsletter.
- 7- Pray for your ward members to be blessed with the “Spirit of Elijah”.
- 8- Pray to know how to best meet the members family history needs in your ward.

Internet Sites pertaining to Family History Work-

- 1- www.familysearch.org
use the glossary for definitions. The word glossary is on the top right of the screen in a blue field.
- 2- <http://www.ohanasoftware.com/?sec=ldswc>
- 3- <http://261.byu.edu/>
- 4- <http://members.cox.net/fhconsultants/>
- 5- <http://members.tripod.com/~KHuish/free.htm>
- 6- <http://www.uvpafug.org/classes/>
- 7- <http://www.familyhistorytraining.org/>
- 8- <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fslab/classes.html>
- 9- http://genealogy.about.com/od/free_classes/
- 10- <http://www.genealogy.com/university.html>
- 11- <http://ce.byu.edu/is/site/courses/freecourses.cfm>
- 12- <http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/fhc/religion.htm>
- 13- <http://www.dearmyrtle.com/read.htm#fhc>
- 14- <http://www.google.com/>

Sources:

- “A Members Guide to Temple and Family History Work” by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints.
- The Temple and Family History Church Handbook- (White Cover)