

Ward Self-Reliance Specialist Role and Duties

1. Assist the Ward Council in Self-Reliance activities for the ward

- Attend ward council meeting periodically and be a resource to the bishop in that meeting by acting as communication point.
- Assist the ward council in seeking out members who could benefit from engaging with Self-Reliance Services. Work with ward leaders, home teachers, visiting teachers, etc.
- Give special emphasis on returning missionaries.
- Share understanding of Self-Reliance doctrine, principles and tools with ward leaders and members as needed.

2. Assist in the organisation of My Path Devotionals attended by the ward

- Support the Stake Self-Reliance Committee to organise My Path Devotionals where the Ward can participate.
- Work with the Ward Council to appropriately prepare for the My Path Devotionals (Invitations, publicity, manuals, facilitators, etc.).

3. Coordinate the facilitation of Self-Reliance Groups within the ward

- Facilitate Self-Reliance Groups where possible.
- Train and support other facilitators within the Ward.
- Ensure that all SR Groups are registered on srs.lds.org/report.
- Monitor and encourage attendance at groups.

4. Share Self-Reliance resources with all ward members

- Provide resource overview, including local opportunities (jobs, education, self-employment, etc.).
- Provide one-on-one coaching support.
- Identify mentors/coaches within the ward that may be available to help those seeking self-reliance.
- Give primary focus to those who are participating in SR groups.
- Help follow-up with PEF loan recipients that reside in your ward to ensure that they are becoming fully self-reliant.

5. Coordinate Self-Reliance efforts with the Stake Self-Reliance Committee

- Become familiar with resources and operations at the stake SR Centre and other SR resources available within the stake.
- Work directly with stake SR specialist as needed and promote stake SR events and activities. Also coordinate ward SR events with Stake Specialist.

6. Additional self-reliance specialists may be called as needed