



~PRIESTHOOD OVERVIEW~

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Congregation-focused Ministers

Deacon

Deacons express their ministry of service and model Jesus as comforter by comforting, nurturing, and sharing principles of generosity with individuals and families in the congregation and the community.

Teacher

Teachers express their ministry of reconciliation and model Jesus as Peacemaker by being a peacemaker with individuals and families in the congregation and community.

Priest

Priests express their ministry of presence and model Jesus as Friend by being a spiritual friend to families, congregations, and community.

Elder

Elders are ministers of mission modeling Jesus as Servant of God's People whose concrete acts of ministry are direct, tangible expressions of the spiritual ministry of the gospel.

World Church-focused Ministers

Seventy: modeling Jesus as Ministers of Witness and Invitation

Seventy are elders whose ministry is specifically focused on inviting and witnessing to people seeking to commit their lives to Christ.

High Priest: modeling Jesus as Ministers of Vision

High Priests are ministers of vision, servant leaders whose ministry is focused on sacrament, service, presiding, teaching and learning, spirituality, leadership, and peace and justice.

Bishop: modeling Jesus as Ministers of Generosity

Bishops are high priests whose ministry is focused on guiding the church in teaching and preaching the principles of stewardship and Disciple's Generous Response.

Evangelist: modeling Jesus as Ministers of Blessing

Evangelists are high priests who are responsive to the reconciling and redeeming influence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of people as ministers of blessing. Evangelists also advise the church and confer spiritual blessings.

Apostle: modeling Jesus as Ministers of Worldwide Mission

Apostles are high priests within the 12-person council that has primary responsibility for the church's missionary outreach.

President: modeling Jesus as Ministers of Prophetic Vision

Presidents are high priests within the 3-member quorum called the First Presidency that includes the president of the church and two counselors. Together they preside over all aspects of the international church.

