



PAISLEY STAKE OF ZION · 2027 · YEAR OF THE TEMPLE

Preparing together

A guide for ward and branch councils: November preparation, a December of celebration and quiet preparation, and a year in which we help one another towards the House of the Lord.

One step. **One name.** One friend.

Draft for the Stake Presidency's approval. "2027 Year of the Temple" and "One by One" are the Europe North Area's language; the three circles, the ripple mark and the slogan are Paisley Stake's way of acting on them.

Why, and what

EUROPE NORTH AREA · SPECIAL FIFTH SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2026

2027 as "a Year of the Temple": drawing closer to Jesus Christ through His holy house, and helping others do the same. Members are invited to consider "their own next step towards the temple" and to prayerfully consider "who they can invite to come with them".

The Area Presidency gives this invitation themselves, in the second hour on 29 November. Our part is not to repeat it, but to make sure every ward and branch is ready to help members act on it.

Our answer: three circles, one by one

Like a stone dropped into still water, it begins with one person and ripples outward. All three circles run all year, for everyone. They are not seasons, and nobody's next step waits for a theme month.

One step.

MYSELF

What is my next step towards the temple?

A first recommend, a renewal, a return after years away, the endowment, a sealing, or simply more regular worship.

One name.

MY ANCESTORS

Whom in my family can I serve?

Not a research course. One name, one story, one ordinance, one temple experience. That is enough to begin.

One friend.

MY FRIENDS

Whom can I prayerfully help?

A youth going for the first time, a new convert, a returning member, a widow, someone without transport. Not only invite: walk with them.

THE AIM, IN ONE SENTENCE

A stake where individuals are known, their next covenant step is recognised, and someone walks with them towards Jesus Christ and His House.

Christ before programme. Every activity should answer: how will this help someone come closer to Him?

Ward-led, stake-supported. No new committee, no new report, no league tables between units.

Invitation plus accompaniment. Not "you should go", but "when would you like to go, and how can I help?"

From now to January

November is for councils. December is for celebration and quiet preparation. January is when the stake begins, together.

NOW TO SAT 28 NOV

Councils prepare

Every ward and branch council meets on One by One at least twice before the Area broadcast (agendas on the next page). Leaders watch the stake film together, learn the three circles and the six questions, and prayerfully think of a few people they could help. Bishops and the branch president attend the stake leadership discussion.

SUN 29 NOV

The Area Presidency speaks

The Special Fifth Sunday broadcast in the second hour. Make sure members know it is coming, that youth are there, and that the room is ready for the discussion pauses. Do not pre-empt it: the personal invitation is theirs to give.

DECEMBER

Celebration and quiet preparation

A month centred on the Saviour's birth. No launch, no campaign. Councils quietly follow up the broadcast's two questions with the few people they have prayed about. Families gather, and Christmas is the best time of year to ask a grandparent for a story and a name. Recommend interviews, FamilySearch accounts, a first family name for each youth, coach seats for January and February.

JANUARY 2027

Together, we begin

Wards may show the stake film (perhaps on the Fifth Sunday, 31 January). Youth receive their tour T-shirts at their first temple trip of the year. Posters go up; the first stories are shared, with consent.

FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER

Walk together

The six questions return to ward council regularly. Stake Council reviews in March, June, September and December. Fifth Sundays (30 May, 29 August, 31 October) are natural moments for sharing stories, if bishops wish.

Two council meetings

Twenty minutes in each of two November council meetings is enough. Keep it prayerful and personal: a few names, not a spreadsheet.

MEETING ONE · BY SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Understand and pray

- Open with prayer, and read Isaiah 54:2 or D&C 128:22 together.
- Watch the two-minute stake film together.
- Walk through the three circles and the aim (page 2). Ask: what would this look like in our ward or branch?
- Introduce the six questions (page 5). Agree that recommend status stays with the bishop.
- Invite each council member to pray this week about one or two people whose next step they might help with.
- Confirm who attends the stake leadership discussion, and how the ward will gather for 29 November.

MEETING TWO · BY SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Counsel together

- Share, briefly and with care, the people council members felt to bring. The bishop decides what is shared.
- For each, work through the six questions, especially WHO WITH and WHAT BARRIER.
- Plan the December follow-up of the broadcast's two questions: who will visit or talk with whom.
- Temple and family history leader: which youth and new members still need a family name, and who will sit with them?
- Check practical help: coach seats on Temple Trips, travel, childcare, a companion for the day.
- Set the date you will return to these names in December.

A QUESTION TO FINISH EACH MEETING

"What is the Lord asking us to do together, and who can we help take the next step?"

Branches with a small council can combine both meetings into one. Where a council already has a temple and family history item each month, fold One by One into it rather than adding another.

Six questions

Asked now and then, for a handful of people where coordinated help is genuinely useful.

WHO?

Who are we thinking about?

WHERE?

Where are they on their covenant path?

WHAT?

What might their next step be?

WHO WITH?

Who has the relationship to walk with them?

WHAT BARRIER?

Is it motivation, or a practical barrier?

FOLLOW-UP?

When will we come back to this?

Confidentiality

Who does or does not hold a current recommend is a matter for the bishop or branch president. The council talks about next steps and who can help; it never becomes a list of recommend status. The bishop decides what is shared.

The barrier question

Someone who wants to go but lacks transport, childcare, confidence or a companion needs a different answer from someone not yet ready. Practical barriers are the stake's to help remove; Temple Trips already handles the coach.

Different people, different next steps

PATHWAY**A POSSIBLE NEXT STEP****New convert**

A family name with a consultant beside them, a limited-use recommend, and someone to go with them.

Youth

Their own family name; regular proxy baptisms; "Whom could I take with me?"

Returning member

A trusted friend, a talk with the bishop, and not going back alone unless they prefer it.

Endowed member

More regular worship, going as a family, helping another prepare.

Every council member has a part

One by One belongs to the whole council, not one calling. These are suggestions to adapt to each unit.

Bishop / branch president	Leads the council conversation; holds recommend matters; attends the stake leadership discussion; decides how the ward gathers on 29 November and whether to show the film in January.
Elders quorum and Relief Society	Bring ministering knowledge to WHO and WHO WITH; arrange companions, lifts and childcare; look out for widows, single members and returning members.
Young Women and Aaronic Priesthood (bishopric)	Every youth with a family name of their own by January; the tour T-shirts; each youth asked: whom could you take with you?
Primary	Children learn the three circles at home and in class; children who turn 12 in 2027, and their parents, prepared for a first temple visit from January.
Temple and family history leader and consultants	Work one by one, not mainly running classes: sit with a member until they find one name. Prioritise youth, new members and returning members.
Ward mission leader and missionaries	No gap after baptism: every new convert introduced to a consultant and a temple companion, with a clear path to a limited-use recommend.
Sunday School and communications	Announcements and the ward newsletter (words on page 8); posters in January; stories shared only with consent.

What the stake provides

- The stake film, posters, this guide, the December family card and the youth T-shirts.
- One short leadership discussion before 29 November for bishops, the branch president and temple and family history leaders.
- Temple Trips (trips.dotiai.uk) for booking seats on each unit's coach to the Preston England Temple.
- A high councillor for each unit who will ask how it is going and carry recurring barriers back to Stake Council.

Celebration and quiet preparation

December belongs to the Saviour's birth. We will not launch anything. Instead, quietly, every family and every council can get ready, so that January begins with people already on their way.

One step

- Book a recommend interview, or a renewal, before January.
- Choose your first temple date of 2027 and book a seat on Temple Trips.
- Ponder the broadcast's question: what is my next step?

One name

- When the family gathers at Christmas, ask a grandparent for a story and a name.
- Make sure every youth has a FamilySearch account and one family name ready.
- Consultants offer an hour after church to sit with anyone who asks.

One friend

- Pray to know one person you could walk with in 2027.
- Councils follow up the few people they prayed about in November.
- Invite someone to your Christmas sacrament meeting.

In the ward

- A Christmas sacrament meeting that lets the Saviour's birth point quietly towards His house: no programme, just testimony.
- Hand out the December family card (A5) after the broadcast, on 6 or 13 December.
- Ward council returns, briefly, to the names it prayed about in November.
- Youth leaders collect T-shirt sizes for January.

Every name, one by one



A band's tour shirt has the tour dates on the back. Ours has a list the youth fill in themselves: the names of the ancestors they find and take to the temple for baptism in 2027, written in fabric marker.

By December 2027 each shirt is a personal record of the good they have done.

Ancestors' names only, from the youth's own family tree, after the ordinances are reserved in FamilySearch. Use a permanent fabric marker (for example Sharpie Stained); heat-set with a dry iron through a cloth; wash inside out. Design is a draft for approval.

READY-TO-USE WORDS

Ward council, November. "The stake has asked every council to spend a few minutes on One by One before the Area broadcast on 29 November. We'll watch a two-minute film together and pray about who we might help take their next step towards the temple."

Announcement, Sunday 22 November. "Next Sunday, the 29th, the Area Presidency will speak to us in the second hour about 2027 as a Year of the Temple. Please come, and bring your youth. There will be time to talk together."

Newsletter or WhatsApp, December. "One step. One name. One friend. This Christmas, as families gather, why not ask a grandparent for a story and a name? If you'd like help finding one, our temple and family history consultants will sit with you after church. Coach seats to the Preston England Temple for 2027: trips.dotiai.uk"