

Notice

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To: The following leaders in the United States and Canada: Stake, District, Temple, and Mission Presidencies; Bishoprics and Branch Presidencies; Stake and Ward Council Members

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From: Priesthood and Family Department (1-801-240-4032)

Subject: Age-Range Adjustments for Young Single Adults and Single Adults



The age ranges for young single adults and single adults have been adjusted.

“Young single adult” now refers to unmarried members ages 18–35. Where available, units for young single adults may include those ages 18–35. In areas with many young single adults—and particularly in young single adult stakes—leaders may consider recommending an adjustment to provide a ward for members ages 18–25 and a ward for those ages 26–35.

The term “single adult” now describes unmarried members ages 36 and older. Where units for single members are available, they may include those ages 36–45.

Area Presidencies work with stake presidents to determine what is best for the single adult and young single adult wards in their areas, using Leader and Clerk Resources to propose changes if needed. Leaders should consider how their decision impacts a single adult ward if a significant number of members ages 31–35 transition to a young single adult ward. As needed, bishops and other leaders should counsel with individual members.

Institute classes are now available for young adults ages 18–35. Classes will be divided by ages 18–25 and ages 26–35 unless the number of participants is insufficient to justify dividing the classes. Please encourage young adults to attend institute, where they will find friends, feel a sense of belonging, and experience Christ-centered teachings. Reach out to si-online@churchofjesuschrist.org if you have further questions about the age adjustments and institute classes.

These age changes, effective now, will be published in chapters 14 and 37 of *General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* in the coming weeks.