Area Technology Specialist Description – South Africa

Summary

Area Technology Specialists (ATSs) assist with Church technology spanning multiple stakes and districts. They encourage local Church units to have a sufficient number of technology specialists called. They assist with training and supporting technology specialists and fill in where needed. They may also support general authorities, area offices, or facilities management groups with technology needs if needed. The position can be a calling, a Church Service Missionary, or a Full-time Missionary.

Location

The ATS is based in the area office in Johannesburg, South Africa. Daily assignments and reporting will be to the Area ICS Manager for the Africa Southeast Area.

Local Mission

South Africa, Johannesburg, Mission, reporting ecclesiastical to the Mission President.

Language Requirements

Fluency in English is mandatory.

Time Frame

In country by October/November 2015 for 18 to 23 months.

Description

- Stays current on meetinghouse technology products, services, and policies
- Encourages stakes and districts to have at least one functioning technology specialist wherever possible
- Maintains a list of technology specialists within the local units covered
- Helps to assess needs for additional technology specialists and communicates these needs to local Church leaders
- Works with local unit leaders to develop stake and district technology plans
- Acts as technology specialist for local units where technology specialist does not exist
- Provides training for technology specialists
- Assists with technology needs for multi-stake broadcasts and events
- Assists facilities management groups with planning, implementing, and maintaining standard technology in meetinghouses
- Periodically conducts meetinghouse technology reviews
- Acts as escalated support for technology specialists
- Looks for additional resources that may be able to assist with area technology needs

Requirements

- Temple worthy adult
- Comfortable with the following technologies:
    - Computers
    - Printers, copiers, and scanners
    - Wired and wireless computer networks
    - The Internet
    - Audiovisual equipment
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Good problem-solving skills
- Well-organized
- Comfortable and effective training others
- Enjoys working with people

Helpful Additional Experience

- Experience serving as a stake technology specialist or clerk
- Expertise with any of the following:
    - lds.org tools
    - LDS applications for mobile devices
    - Webcasting
    - Personal Video Conferencing (PVC)
    - Satellite systems
    - Telephone systems
    - Classroom technologies
- Experience with the following websites
    - mhtech.lds.org
    - tech.lds.org
    - Other Church websites
    - Lds.org

Training Info

- All individuals called to this position will go through a formal training delivered by the Church's Meetinghouse Technology Coordination team.
- Those called as full-time missionaries will receive meetinghouse technology training as part of the Missionary Training Center experience.
- Those not called as full-time missionaries will receive meetinghouse technology training via online training.

If you have questions about serving as an ATS, please contact mht@ldschurch.org.

Please visit with your Bishop if you have interest in this or any other missionary opportunity.