

Memorandum

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THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Date May 1, 2007
To The First Presidency
Copy To Public Affairs Committee
From Elder Lance B. Wickman *LBW*
Subject GENEVA — GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MISSIONARIES

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The Office of General Counsel and the Public Affairs Department recommend the calling of a Church-Service couple to serve as government relations missionaries in Geneva, Switzerland. As the First Presidency may recall, a similar call was extended a few months ago to Elder and Sister [REDACTED] for service in Brussels concerning the European Union. The length of the call would be eighteen months. This recommendation has been reviewed with Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf, who fully supports it.

Geneva is a center for the United Nations regarding human rights and the rule of law. Initiatives flowing from UN organizations headquartered there are very influential with the European Union and other nations around the world, especially relating to religious liberty. Geneva is also a headquarters for many NGOs interested in such matters. The responsibilities of this couple would be to monitor the activities of these organizations, especially as they relate to religious freedom and discrimination against religious minorities. Of particular importance would be developing a cordial relationship with the office of the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief.

We recommend that Elder and Sister George Kirkham Jarvis of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, be called to this assignment. Elder Jarvis holds a bachelor of arts degree from Brigham Young University and a PhD from the University of Michigan. He has held faculty positions at the University of Alberta, the University of Western Ontario, BYU-Hawaii and the University of Hawaii. He served in the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs, Health and Welfare in Ottawa, Canada, and of particular significance, he has been a consultant in residence to the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

Sister Kathryn Snow Jarvis has an undergraduate degree from BYU and graduate degrees from the University of Michigan and the University of Hawaii in elementary education and French literature.

Elder and Sister Jarvis presided over the Romania Bucharest Mission from 1999 to 2002. Elder Jarvis speaks German with reasonable fluency. Both of them speak French and Romanian. Elder Jarvis also has some proficiency in Russian and Spanish.

I have visited with Elder and Sister Jarvis, and they are willing to accept such a call if extended. They would commence their service in or about August 2007. With the approval of the First Presidency, we will extend the call. Please advise.

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Date May 3, 2007
To Elder Lance B. Wickman, Office of General Counsel
From F. Michael Watson *fmw*
Subject Geneva - Government Relations Missionaries

Dear Elder Wickman:

At the meeting of the First Presidency on May 3, 2007, the Brethren approved your recommendation of May 1, 2007, that Elder and Sister George Kirkham Jarvis serve as government relations missionaries in Geneva, Switzerland.