**Oral Life History Suggested Questions**

Part One  –  Personal History

* How did you come to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints? Your conversion process? What about the church was the most appealing to you?
* Tell me about your early life. What was your childhood like? Who were your parents?
* Please tell me about your marriage (if married), your children, and your family life.
* What has been your work experience? Who earns income for your household? What has been your experience working with the community? (volunteering, political work, etc.)
* What have been your main challenges in life? Have you faced poverty, violence, war, or disease in your life? If so, how did you cope with those challenges?
* Are there important things you would have done differently? Did your life go according to plan?
* Tell me about a time you had to make a difficult decision. How did you make it? Have you ever made a decision that conflicted with the church’s position?
* What are your hopes and aspirations for your life?

Part Two – Experience in Church and Society in your Country

* What is it like to be a Mormon woman (or man) in your country? Difficulties? Rewarding aspects? What are the particular struggles that people in your country face? What are the positive things about life in your country?
* How would you describe women’s and men’s roles in Mormonism? How do you feel about Relief Society (or Elders Quorum)?
* What has been your experience with the male priesthood authority and its role in home and church leadership?
* Do people in your ward or branch get along? Any issues with cliques or exclusions due to different ethnicities, class, etc.?
* If you have a child, how do his or her attitudes and experiences in life compare to your own? Your parent’s?

Part Three – Personal Thoughts on Mormonism

* What scriptural stories and figures mean the most to you? Why?
* What are your favorite Mormon doctrines/teachings? Which teachings are the hardest for you? What would you change about the church if you could? Do traditional beliefs and practices in your country play any role in your religious life? If so, how?
* How do you envision God? Please describe your conception of God.
* Are you familiar with “The Family: A Proclamation to the World?” If so, what are your thoughts on the Proclamation?
* Would you like to share an experience with personal revelation?
* Do you feel any distance between yourself the church leaders in Utah, due to distance, race or culture. Why or why not? To what extent do you feel that church leaders speak from a North American perspective?
* What changes have you seen occur in your ward or branch over the last years or decades?
* Do you have any last thoughts, insights, or stories you would like to close this oral history with?