



The priesthood line of authority for those performing ordinances can be traced back to the Savior.

Members Can Request Priesthood Line of Authority

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The Church can now provide priesthood line of authority information as a service to members upon request. Priesthood line of authority is a sequential pattern of ordinations that can be followed back to the early beginnings of the Church and ultimately to the Savior.

Though a priesthood holder with the office of Seventy may be included in a member's personal line of authority, no separate line of authority is maintained for the office of Seventy. Also, priesthood line of authority for ordained bishops and patriarchs is traced through their high priest ordination.

Only information about Melchizedek Priesthood lines of authority can be requested from the Church; Aaronic Priesthood lines are not available. Members may request Melchizedek Priesthood line of authority information only for themselves, a child living at home, or a young missionary who is currently serving. These documents are not official Church records.

If you wish to request your priesthood line of authority, include your full legal name, birth date, membership record number (available on a temple recommend or from your ward clerk), the name of the individual who ordained you to the office of elder or high priest (if known), and your return address and telephone number or email address.

Send your request to:

Priesthood Line of Authority

Global Service Center

120 North 200 West

Salt Lake City, Utah 84103-1514

Fax: 1-801-240-6816

Telephone: 1-800-453-3860, extension 2-3500

Email: Send an email to lineofauthority@ldschurch.org with PLA in the subject line. In return you'll receive a form to fill out and return (there is an automated reply to any message that contains "PLA" in the subject line). ■