



Dear Specialists:

We need you to be a member of the Academy of LDS Dentists! Your membership and participation in the Academy is needed now, more than ever. Here are a few reasons why:

1. As the number of full time missionaries has grown significantly, so has the need for helping them with their dental needs. Even the best-prepared missionaries have dental emergencies and the need for dental specialists. As members of the Academy, we volunteer to help keep them pain free while they faithfully serve as missionaries.
2. The Academy has great need of specialists to serve as mentors to young dentists and dental students. Through emails and phone conversations with them, we are having a positive impact on the future of our profession. By helping them with questions that they have and giving them sound advice, we will become their friends. As their friends, we can influence them to practice ethically and responsibly, to participate in continuing education and to see clearly the need to give back to our profession. We have more students requesting mentor specialists than we have specialists to assign to them.
3. We need your help in the Academy-sponsored dental clinics, which serve pre-missionaries, full time missionaries, orphans, and many others in great need.
4. We need your help with dental expeditions around the globe. You can choose from various expeditions in foreign countries or serve locally helping many in need right here in our own communities.
5. We need to rub shoulders with you at our annual conference held in Provo every year in August. We need your participation and comments. We need to learn with you and from you. When you are not in attendance, many great and wonderful areas of our profession are missing. When you are in attendance, we all learn more and grow more.

Please become a member of the Academy by going to our website, **academyofLDSdentists.com**, choose to serve and learn with us, and feel the wonderful camaraderie our members have been enjoying for nearly forty years.

Sincerely,