

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

May 24, 1949

Elder Gordon Leslie Belnap  
1111 - 21st Street  
Ogden, Utah

Dear Brother Belnap:

You have been recommended by the bishopric of your ward and by the presidency of your stake as one worthy to be trusted as a missionary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is a great compliment to be so chosen. The Lord has said:

"Hearken, O ye who have given your names to go forth to proclaim my gospel, and to prune my vineyard.

"Behold, I say unto you that it is my will that you should go forth and not tarry, neither be idle but labor with your might -

"Lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trump, proclaiming the truth according to the revelations and commandments which I have given you.

"And thus, if you are faithful ye shall be laden with many sheaves, and crowned with honor, and glory, and immortality, and eternal life."

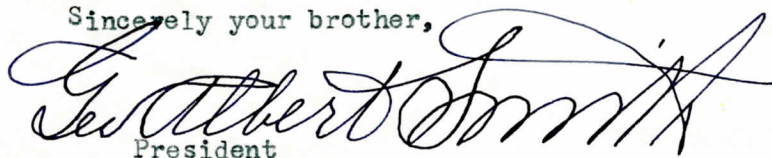
Trusting that you will do your utmost to discharge honorably the responsibility herewith placed upon you, and always strive to be a loyal, devoted servant of the Lord, we now extend to you this official call to labor as a messenger of truth in the Finnish Mission.

For further instructions, prior to your departure for the mission field, you will please report at the Missionary Home, 31 North State Street, Salt Lake City, at 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 20, 1949.

Will you please send us a letter, endorsed by your bishop, indicating whether you are willing to accept this call and assuring us that you are in harmony with the standards and ideals of the Church, including the keeping of the Word of Wisdom, honesty in your dealings with your fellowmen, and that you are in all respects morally clean and upright.

We commend you for having lived so worthily as to merit the trust now given you. Excellent opportunities and greater blessings await you as you serve the Lord humbly and prayerfully as one of His authorized servants.

Sincerely your brother,



President