

## New Meetinghouse Video Distribution System Qualifications Guidelines

When the Heritage 09T Series of approved standard plans were implemented, the capacity of the assembly area in stake centers (chapel and cultural center) was reduced in size, as a cost saving measure. Technology to stream stake conference sessions and other meetings to additional meetinghouses in the stake made this possible. To accommodate this, full building video distribution systems were included in the designs for all meetinghouses, allowing video generated from the stake center to be broadcast to the chapel of these buildings and also to other overflow rooms in the building. Observation of meetinghouses constructed with full building video distribution systems indicates that most streaming needs to overflow buildings can be accommodated with a laptop and projector in the chapel with audio/visual overflow to the cultural center, and audio only overflow to other assembly rooms in the building (relief society room, primary room, etc.). Significant savings (up to \$20,000 per building) can be realized by not providing a full building video distribution system to overflow meetinghouses.

At a project initiation meeting for a new meetinghouse project, the project manager and stake president should use the following criteria to determine whether a full building video distribution system is needed:

1. All stake center buildings in the United States and Canada will be equipped with a full building video distribution system.
2. Non-stake centers which qualify for a satellite system may also be equipped with a full building video distribution system provided either of the following conditions exist:
  - a. The chapel and cultural center or main assembly space will not accommodate the number of members expected to attend stake or general conferences at the building.
  - b. Units meeting in the building will require more than one remotely translated language (English, Spanish, ASL, etc.) which originates off-site for stake or general conference events.
3. Non-stake center meetinghouses without a satellite system may be equipped with a full building video distribution system only if the combined chapel and cultural center seating capacity (or assembly area seating capacity) is less than the number of members expected to participate in stake or general conference within that building, and other overflow rooms will be needed to accommodate attendees.

Even if a new meetinghouse qualifies for a full building video distribution system under criteria 2 or 3 above, wise judgment should be used to determine if one needs to be included in the project. Meetinghouses with insufficient chapel and cultural center capacity do not need a full building video distribution system if some of the anticipated meeting attendees can be accommodated at other buildings with adequate seating capacity, which are receiving the streaming feed.

Whether or not a satellite or full building video distribution system is installed in a new building, the necessary cable pathways which will allow future installation, if necessary, will be included in all new construction projects, to minimize the cost of future necessary technology additions.