

Latter-day Saints Temples

Chronological Order

The Early Years: 1830-1846

- Independence, Missouri** site dedicated 02 AUG 1836; one cornerstone laid; Saints delayed project; were driven out before construction started.
- Kirtland, Ohio** ... 27 Mar 1836 ... Joseph Smith JR ... abandoned as Saints were forced from Kirtland; currently owned by the Community of Christ (Reorganized LDS)
- Far West, Missouri** site dedicated 04 July 1838; all four cornerstones laid; Saints driven out before further construction
- Adam-Ondi-Ahman (Spring Hill), Missouri** site dedicated 1838; Saints driven out before any construction could begin.
- Nauvoo, Illinois** ... 30 Apr 1846 ... Orson Hyde ... destroyed by fire in 1848, after the Saints left had Nauvoo; rebuilt as #113 below.

Early Utah Period: 1847-1899

- 1 ... **Saint George Utah** ... 06 Apr 1877 ... Daniel H. Wells ... originally dedicated floor-by-floor so ordinance work could begin as the building rose; this date was the final dedication of the building as a whole
- 2 ... **Logan Utah** ... 17 May 1884 ... John Taylor ... First with 5-room presentation
- 3 ... **Manti Utah** ... 17 May 1888 ... Wilford Woodruff
- 4 ... **Salt Lake (City, Utah)** 06 Apr 1893 ... Wilford Woodruff ... longest construction period - 40 years

1900 – 1949

- 5 ... **Laie Hawaii** ... 27 Nov 1919 ... Heber J. Grant ... first with no upper assembly hall
- 6 ... **Cardston Alberta** ... 26 Aug 1923 ... Heber J. Grant
- 7 ... **Mesa Arizona** ... 23 Oct 1927 ... Heber J. Grant
- 8 ... **Idaho Falls Idaho** ... 23 Sep 1945 ... George Albert Smith ... statue of Moroni added to spire in 1983

1950-1959

- 9 ... **Bern Switzerland** ... 11 Sep 1955 ... David O. McKay ... first with film presentation; statue of Moroni added to spire in 2005
- 10 ... **Los Angeles California** ... 11 Mar 1956 ... David O. McKay ... last with 5-room 'live' presentation
- 11 ... **Hamilton New Zealand** ... 20 Apr 1958 ... David O. McKay ... #11 & #12 are the first dedicated within a year of each other
- 12 ... **London (Surrey) England** ... 09 Sep 1958 ... David O. McKay ... statue of Moroni added to spire in 2008

1960-1969

- 13 ... **Oakland California** ... 17 Nov 1964 ... David O. McKay ... first multiple-room film presentation

1970-1979

- 14 ... **Ogden Utah** ... 18 Jan 1972 ... Joseph

- Fielding Smith ... #14 & #15 are the first dedicated within a month of each other; statue of Moroni added to spire of each in 2004
- 15 ... **Provo Utah** ... 09 Feb 1972 ... Joseph Fielding Smith
- 16 ... **Washington DC** ... 19 Nov 1974 ... Spencer W. Kimball ... last with an assembly hall (until rebuilding of Nauvoo temple in 2002)
- 7a ... **Mesa Arizona** (rededication) ... 15 Apr 1975 ... Spencer W. Kimball ... although the St George temple had gone through a major remodeling in the 1930's, this was the first temple to be renovated and then reopened for a public open house before rededication.
- 1a ... **Saint George Utah** (rededication) ... 11 Nov 1975 ... Spencer W. Kimball ... renovated and enlarged
- 5a ... **Laie Hawaii** (rededication) ... 13 Jun 1978 ... Spencer W. Kimball ... renovated and enlarged
- 17 ... **Sao Paulo Brazil** ... 30 Oct 1978 ... Spencer W. Kimball
- 2a ... **Logan** (rededication) ... 13 Mar 1979 ... Spencer W. Kimball ... interior completely gutted; new building built inside old shell

1980-1989

- 18 ... **Tokyo Japan** ... 27 Oct 1980 ... Spencer W. Kimball ... statue of Moroni added to spire in 2004; statue turned 90 degrees to face the front of the building by the force of the March 2011 earthquake of the coast of Sendai
- 19 ... **Seattle Washington** ... 17 Nov 1980 ... Spencer W. Kimball
- 20 ... **Jordan River (South Jordan) Utah** ... 16 Nov 1981 ... Marion G. Romney ... President Kimball presided and wrote the dedicatory prayer but President Romney did the official dedicating

[As a member of the First Presidency, President Gordon B. Hinckley began at this time representing the President of the Church by officiating at most all temple dedications.]

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- 21 ... **Atlanta Georgia** ... 01 Jun 1983 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... first 'International-Size' temple
- 22 ... **Apia (Western) Samoa** ... 04 Aug 1983 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... destroyed by fire on 09 July 2003 as remodeling was nearing completion; new building dedicated in 2005.
- 23 ... **Nuku'Alofa Tonga** ... 09 Aug 1983 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... #22 & #23 are the first dedications within week of each other
- 24 ... **Santiago Chile** ... 15 Sep 1983 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 25 ... **Papeete Tahiti** ... 28 Oct 1983 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 26 ... **Mexico City D.F. Mexico** ... 02 Dec 1983 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 27 ... **Boise Idaho** ... 25 May 1984 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... first second-generation 'International-size'
- 28 ... **Sydney Australia** ... 20 Sep 1984 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... statue of Moroni added to spire in 1985; neighborhood had at first objected to it
- 29 ... **Manila Philippines** ... 25 Sep 1984 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 30 ... **Dallas Texas** ... 19 Oct 1984 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 31 ... **Taipei Taiwan** ... 17 Nov 1984 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 32 ... **Guatemala City Guatemala** ... 14 Dec 1984 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 3a ... **Manti Utah** (rededication) ... 14 Jun 1985 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... original portions of building restored; new entrance annex constructed
- 33 ... **Freiberg Germany** ... 29 Jun 1985 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... first built in a Communist country, then East Germany; statue of Moroni added to spire in 2002 renovation
- 34 ... **Stockholm Sweden** ... 03 Jul 1985 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 35 ... **Chicago Illinois** ... 09 Aug 1985 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 36 ... **Johannesburg South Africa** ... 24 Aug 1985 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 37 ... **Seoul South Korea** ... 14 Dec 1985 ...

- Gordon B. Hinckley
 38 ... **Lima Peru** ... 10 Jan 1986 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 39 ... **Buenos Aires Argentina** ... 17 Jan 1986 Thomas S. Monson
 40 ... **Denver Colorado** ... 24 Oct 1986 ... Ezra Taft Benson
 41 ... **Frankfurt Germany** ... 29 Aug 1987 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 42 ... **Portland Oregon** ... 19 Aug 1989 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 43 ... **Las Vegas Nevada** ... 16 Dec 1989 ... Gordon B. Hinckley

1990-1999

- 44 ... **Toronto Ontario** ... 25 Aug 1990 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 6a ... **Cardston Alberta** (rededication) ... 06 Jun 1991 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... restored and renovated; new entry added
 12a ... **London** (rededication) ... 18 Oct 1992 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... extensive renovation; 1 large ordinance room remodeled into four smaller ones. Statue of Moroni added to spire in 2008.
 9a ... **Swiss** (rededication) ... 23 Oct 1992 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... extensive renovation; 1 large ordinance room remodeled into four smaller ones. Statue of Moroni added to spire in 2005.
 45 ... **San Diego California** ... 25 Apr 1993 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 46 ... **Orlando Florida** ... 09 Oct 1994 ... Howard W. Hunter
 47 ... **Bountiful Utah** ... 08 Jan 1995 ... Howard W. Hunter

[President Gordon B. Hinckley became President of the Church prior to the dedication of the Hong Kong temple.]

 48 ... **Hong Kong China** ... 26 May 1996 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... built before reunification; currently only temple in a communist country
 49 ... **Mount Timpanogas Utah** ... 13 Oct 1996 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 50 ... **Saint Louis Missouri** ... 01 Jun 1997 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 51 ... **Vernal Utah** ... 02 Nov 1997 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... built inside walls of the former Uinta tabernacle
 52 ... **Preston England** ... 07 Jun 1998 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... first temple dedicated by person who was missionary there in their youth
 53 ... **Monticello Utah** ... 26 Jul 1998 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... first 1-room 'Smaller' temple; originally had a white porcelain angel statue; was replaced with a gold figure; original statue was gold-leafed and put on the Columbus Ohio temple
 54 ... **Anchorage Alaska** ... 09 Jan 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 55 ... **Colonia Juarez Chihuahua Mexico** ... 06 Mar 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 56 ... **Madrid Spain** ... 19 Mar 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 57 ... **Bogota D.C. Columbia** ... 24 Apr 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 58 ... **Guayquil Ecuador** ... 01 Aug 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 59 ... **Spokane Washington** ... 21 Aug 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... first 2-room 'Smaller' temple
 60 ... **Columbus Ohio** ... 04 Sep 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... Monticello Utah temple's original white porcelain angel was replaced with a gold figure; original Monticello statue was gold-leafed and put on the Columbus Ohio temple
 61 ... **Bismark North Dakota** ... 19 Sep 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 62 ... **Columbia South Carolina** ... 16 Oct 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 63 ... **Detroit Michigan** ... 23 Oct 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
 64 ... **Halifax Nova Scotia** ... 14 Nov 1999 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... #64 & #65 are the first

same-day multiple dedications

- 65 ... **Regina Saskatchewan** ... 14 Nov 1999 ...
Boyd K. Packer
- 66 ... **Billings Montana** ... 20 Nov 1999 ... Gordon
B. Hinckley
- 67 ... **Edmonton Alberta** ... 10 Dec 1999 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 68 ... **Raleigh North Carolina** ... 18 Dec 1999 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley ... fastest construction time
- six months

2000-2009

2000 ... *the most temple dedications in one year –
34 temples dedicated.*

- 69 ... **St Paul Minnesota** ... 09 Jan 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 70 ... **Kona Hawaii** ... 23 Jan 2000 ... Gordon B.
Hinckley
- 71 ... **Ciudad Juarez Mexico** ... 26 Feb 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 72 ... **Hermosillo Sonora Mexico** ... 27 Feb
2000 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 73 ... **Albuquerque New Mexico** ... 05 Mar
2000 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 74 ... **Oaxaca Mexico** ... 11 Mar 2000 ... James E.
Faust
- 75 ... **Tuxtla Guitierrez Mexico** ... 12 Mar
2000 ... James E. Faust
- 76 ... **Louisville Kentucky** ... 19 Mar 2000 ...
Thomas S. Monson
- 77 ... **Palmyra New York** ... 06 Apr 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley ... first dedication
broadcast by satellite to stake centers in the
U.S. and Canada
- 78 ... **Fresno California** ... 09 Apr 2000 ... Gordon
B. Hinckley
- 79 ... **Medford Oregon** ... 16 Apr 2000 ... James
E. Faust
- 80 ... **Memphis Tennessee** ... 23 Apr 2000 ...
James E. Faust
- 81 ... **Reno Nevada** ... 23 Apr 2000 ... Thomas S.
Monson

- 82 ... **Cochabamba Bolivia** ... 30 Apr 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 83 ... **Tampico Mexico** ... 20 May 2000 ... Thomas
S. Monson
- 84 ... **Villahermosa Tabasco Mexico** ... 21 May
2000 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 85 ... **Nashville Tennessee** 21 May 2000 ... James
E. Faust
- 86 ... **Montreal Quebec** ... 04 June 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 87 ... **San Jose Costa Rica** 04 June 2000 ... James
E. Faust
*[#88-91 - most temples dedicated in a single
traveling 'tour']*
- 88 ... **Fukuoka Japan** ... 11 June 2000 ... Gordon
B. Hinckley
- 89 ... **Adelaide Australia** ... 15 June 2000...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 90 ... **Melbourne Australia** ... 16 June 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 91 ... **Suva Fiji** ... 18 June 2000 ... Gordon B.
Hinckley
- 92 ... **Merida Yucatan Mexico** ... 08 July 2000 ...
Thomas S. Monson
- 93 ... **Veracruz Mexico** ... 09 July 2000 ...
Thomas S. Monson
- 94 ... **Baton Rouge Louisiana** ... 16 July 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 95 ... **Oklahoma City Oklahoma** ... 30 July
2000 ... James E. Faust
- 96 ... **Caracas D.F. Venezuela** ... 20 Aug 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 97 ... **Houston Texas** ... 26 Aug 2000 ... Gordon
B. Hinckley
- 98 ... **Birmingham Alabama** ... 03 Sep 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 99 ... **Santo Domingo Dominican Republic** ... 17
Sep 2000 ... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 100 ... **Boston Massachusetts** ... 01 Oct 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley ... dedicated without spire
as lawsuits were pending; was added later
- 101 ... **Recife Brazil** ... 14 Dec 2000 ... Gordon B.
Hinckley
- 102 ... **Porto Alegre Brazil** ... 16 Dec 2000 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley

- 103 ... **Montevideo Uruguay** ... 18 Mar 2001 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 104 ... **Winter Quarters** (Florence, Nebraska) ...
22 Apr 2001 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ...
dedication broadcast to stake centers in the U.S.
& Canada
- 105 ... **Guadalajara Mexico** ... 29 Apr 2001...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 106 ... **Perth Australia** ... 20 May 2001 ... Gordon
B. Hinckley
- 107 ... **Columbia River (Richland) WA** ... 18
Nov 2001 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... first Third
Generation "Smaller" temple
- 108... **Snowflake Arizona** ... 03 Mar 2002 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 109 ... **Lubbock Texas** ... 21 Apr 2002 ... Gordon
B. Hinckley
- 110 ... **Monterrey Mexico** ... 28 Apr 2002 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 111 ... **Campinas Brazil** ... 17 May 2002 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 112 ... **Asuncion Paraguay** ... 19 May 2002 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 113 ... **Nauvoo Illinois (rebuilt)** ... 27 Jun 2002 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley ... anniversary of the
martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum; first temple
dedication to be broadcast worldwide
- 33a ... **Freiberg Germany** (rededication) ... 07
Sep 2002 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... renovated
and enlarged; statue of Moroni added to spire
- 114 ... **The Hague Netherlands** ... 08 Sep 2002 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 53a ... **Monticello Utah** (rededication) ... 17 Nov
2002 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... first of the 1-
Room "Smaller" temples; remodeled into a 2-
Room plan
- 115 ... **Brisbane Australia** ... 15 Jun 2003 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 116 ... **Redlands California** ... 14 Sep 2003 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 117 ... **Accra Ghana** ... 11 Jan 2004 ... Gordon B.
Hinckley
- 54a ... **Anchorage Alaska** (rededication) ... 08 Feb
2004 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... 1-Room
"Smaller" temple remodeled into a 2-Room
plan
- 17a ... **Sao Paulo Brazil** (rededication) ... 22 Feb
2004 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... remodeled,
renovated: additions added
- 118 ... **Copenhagen Denmark** ... 23 May 2004 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley ... constructed within the
shell of the former Priorvje Chapel in
downtown Copenhagen.
- 119 ... **Manhattan New York** ... 13 June 2004 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley ... constructed within an
existing building that already housed a stake
center, Family History center, and area offices
- 120 ... **San Antonio Texas** ... 22 May 2005 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 121 ... **Aba Nigeria** ... 07 Aug 2005 ... Gordon B.
Hinckley
- 122 ... **Newport Beach California** ... 28 Aug 2005
... Gordon B. Hinckley
- 22a ... **Apia Samoa (rebuild)** ... 04 Sep 2005 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley ... entirely new building
replaced temple destroyed in 2003 fire; original
angel statue survived and is on new temple
- 24a ... **Santiago Chile** (rededication) ... 26 Feb
2006 ... Gordon B. Hinckley ... extensive
renovation and enlargement
- 123 ... **Sacramento California** ... 03 Sep 2006 ...
Gordon B. Hinckley
- 124 ... **Helsinki Finland** ... 22 Oct 2006 ... Gordon
B. Hinckley
- 25a ... **Papeete Tahiti** (rededication) ... 12 Nov
2006 ... L. Tom Perry ... extensive renovation and
enlargement
- 23a ... **Nuku'alofa Tonga** (rededication) ... 04
Nov 2007 ... Russell M. Nelson ... extensive
renovation and enlargement

- [Upon assignment from the First Presidency, a
young Gordon B. Hinckley devised the plan of
presenting the temple endowment using film
technology with multi-language sound tracks,
changing the face of temple presentation and
architecture, beginning with the Bern Switzerland
temple (#9). As a counselor in the First
Presidency as well as the President of the Church,
President Gordon B. Hinckley dedicated/re-*

dedicated 96 temples; acting under his authority his counselors and other assigned Apostles dedicated/rededicated 16 others. At the time of his death on January 27, 2008 there were 15 more temples he'd announced and/or begun construction on ... and who knows how many waiting to be announced.]

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- 125 ... **Rexburg Idaho** ... 10 Feb 2008 ... Thomas S. Monson ... dedication delayed a week by the death of President Hinckley
- 126 ... **Curitiba Brazil** ... 1 June 2008 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 127 ... **Panama City Panama** ... 10 Aug 2008 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 128 ... **Twin Falls Idaho** ... 24 Aug 2008 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 26a ... **Mexico City D.F. Mexico** (rededication) ... 16 Nov 2008 ... Thomas S. Monson ... extensive renovation
- 129 ... **Draper Utah** ... 20 Mar 2009 ... Thomas S. Monson ... The first time you can stand at one temple and see another! From this temple you can see the Jordan River temple and the Oquirrh Mountain temple
- 130 ... **Oquirrh Mountain (South Jordan) Utah Temple** ... 14 Aug 2009 ... Thomas S. Monson ... Two temples in the same city! This and the Jordan River temple are both in South Jordan, Utah.

[In his opening address at the October 2009

General Conference, President Thomas S. Monson announced that 83% of church members currently live within 200 miles of a temple that is either built or announced. And then he announced five more temples to bring more members closer to temples.

2010 – 2019

- 131 ... **Vancouver British Columbia** ... 2 May 2010 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 132 ... **Gila Valley Arizona** ... 23 May 2010 ...

- Thomas S. Monson
- 133 ... **Cebu Philippines** ... 13 June 2010 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 134 ... **Kyiv Ukraine** ... 29 Aug 2010 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 5b ... **Laie Hawaii** (2nd rededication) ... 21 Nov 2010 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 21a ... **Atlanta Georgia** (rededication) ... 01 May 2012 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 135 ... **San Salvador El Salvador** ... 21 August 2012 ... Henry B. Eyring
- 136 ... **Quetzaltenango Guatemala** ... 11 December 2011 ... Dieter F. Uchtdorf
- 137 ... **Kansas City Missouri** ... 06 May 2012 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 138 ... **Manaus Brazil** ... 10 June 2012 ... Dieter F. Uchtdorf
- 39a ... **Buenos Aires Argentina** (rededication) ... 09 Sep 2012 ... Henry B. Eyring
- 139 ... **Brigham City Utah** ... 23 Sep 2012 ... Boyd K. Packer
- 140 ... **Calgary Alberta Canada** ... 28 Oct 2012 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 27a ... **Boise Idaho** (rededication) ... 18 Nov 2012 ... Thomas S. Monson
- 141 ... **Tegucigalpa Honduras** ... 17 Mar 2013 ... Dieter F. Uchtdorf
- 142 ... **Gilbert Arizona** ... 2 March 2014 ...

ANNOUNCED/UNDER CONSTRUCTION ...
 Arequipa Peru / Barranquilla Colombia / Cedar City Utah / Concepción Chile / Cordoba Argentina / Durban South Africa / Fort Lauderdale Florida / Fort Collins Colorado / Fortaleza Brazil / / Hartford Connecticut / Indianapolis Indiana / Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo / Lisbon Portugal / Meridian Idaho / Paris France / Payson Utah / Philadelphia Pennsylvania / Phoenix Arizona / Rio de Janeiro Brazil / Rome Italy / Provo (Utah) City Center / Sapporo Japan / Star Valley Wyoming / Tijuana Mexico / Trujillo Peru / Tucson Arizona / Urdaneta Philippines / Winnipeg Manitoba (Canada)

Geographical Locations

Totals for number of temples in each locality includes those announced and under construction.

AFRICA (5)

CONGO: *Announced: Kinshasa*

GHANA: Accra

NIGERIA: Aba

SOUTH AFRICA (2): Johannesburg / *Announced: Durban*

ASIA (8)

CHINA: Hong Kong China

JAPAN (3): Fukuoka / Tokyo / *Under Construction: Sapporo*

KOREA: Seoul South Korea

PHILIPPINES (3): Cebu / Manila / *Announced: Urdaneta*

TAIWAN: Taipei

AUSTRALIA (5)

Adelaide / Brisbane / Melbourne / Perth / Sydney

CANADA (10)

ALBERTA (3): Calgary / Cardston / Edmonton

BRITISH COLUMBIA: Vancouver

ONTARIO: Toronto

MANITOBA: *Announced: Winnipeg*

NOVA SCOTIA: Halifax

QUEBEC: Montreal

SASKATCHEWAN: Regina

CARIBBEAN (1)

Santo Domingo Dominican Republic

CENTRAL AMERICA (6)

COASTA RICA: San Jose

EL SALVADOR: San Salvador

GUATAMALA (2): Guatemala City / Quetzaltenango

HONDURAS: Tegucigalpa

PANAMA: Panama City

EUROPE (13)

DENMARK: Copenhagen

ENGLAND (2): London (Surrey) / Preston

FINLAND: Helsinki

FRANCE: *Under Construction: Paris*

GERMANY (2): Frankfurt / Freiberg

ITALY: *Under Construction: Rome*

NETHERLANDS: The Hague

PORTUGAL: *Announced: Lisbon*

SWITZERLAND: Bern

SPAIN: Madrid

SWEDEN: Stockholm

UKRAINE: Kyiv (Keiv)

MEXICO (13)

Ciudad Juarez / Colonia Juarez Chihuahua /

Guadalajara / Hermosillo Sonora / Merida Yucatan

/ Mexico City D.F. / Monterrey / Oaxaca /

Tampico / Tuxtla Guitierrez / Veracruz /

Villahermosa Tabasco / *Under Construction: Tijuanna*

PACIFIC (5)

(Hawaii is listed under 'United States'.)

FIJI: Suva

NEW ZEALAND: Hamilton

SAMOA: Apia (Western) Samoa (1983; rebuilt 2005)

TAHITI: Papeete Tahiti

TONGA: Nuku'Alofa Tonga

SOUTH AMERICA (21)

ARGENTINA (2): Buenos Aires / *Under Construction: Cordoba*

BRAZIL (8): Campinas / Curitiba / Manaus / Porto Alegre / Recife / Sao Paulo / *Under Construction: Fortaleza / Rio de Janeiro*

BOLIVA: Cochabamba

CHILE (2): Santiago / *Announced: Concepción*

COLUMBIA (2): Bogota D.C. / *Announced: Barranquilla*

ECUADOR: Guayaquil
 PARAGUAY: Asuncion
 PERU (3): Lima / *Under Construction: Arequipa /
 Trujillo*
 URUGUAY: Montevideo
 VENEZUELA: Caracas D.F.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Alabama: Birmingham
 Alaska: Anchorage
 Arizona (6): Gila Valley / Mesa / Snowflake /
*Announced/Under Construction: Gilbert /
 Phoenix / Tucson*
 California (7): Fresno / Los Angeles / Newport
 Beach / Oakland / Redlands / Sacramento /
 San Diego
 Colorado (2): Denver / *Under Construction: Fort
 Collins*
 Connecticut: *Under Construction: Hartford*
 Florida (2): Orlando / *Under Construction: Fort
 Lauderdale*
 Georgia: Atlanta
 Hawaii (2): Kona / Laie
 Idaho (5): Boise / Idaho Falls / Rexburg / Twin
 Falls / *Announced: Meridian*
 Indiana: *Under Construction: Indianapolis*
 Illinois (2): Chicago / Nauvoo (1847; rebuilt 2002)
 Kentucky: Louisville
 Louisiana: Baton Rouge
 Maryland: Washington DC (Silver Springs,
 Maryland)

Massachusetts: Boston
 Michigan: Detroit
 Minnesota: St Paul
 Missouri (2): Kansas City / Saint Louis
 Montana: Billings
 Nebraska: Winter Quarters (Florence)
 Nevada (2): Las Vegas / Reno
 New Mexico: Albuquerque
 New York (2): Manhattan / Palmyra
 North Carolina: Raleigh
 North Dakota: Bismark
 Ohio (2): Columbus / Kirtland (abandoned)
 Oklahoma: Oklahoma City
 Oregon (2): Medford / Portland
 Pennsylvania: *Under Construction: Philadelphia*
 South Carolina: Columbia
 Texas (4): Dallas / Houston / Lubbock / San
 Antonio
 Utah (17): Bountiful / Brigham City / Draper /
 Jordan River (South Jordan) / Logan / Manti /
 Monticello / Mount Timpanogas / Ogden
 (currently undergoing total remodeling) /
 Oquirrh Mountain (South Jordan) Utah /
 Provo Utah / Saint George Utah / Salt Lake
 (City, Utah) / Vernal Utah / *Under
 Construction: Cedar City / Payson / Provo
 City Center*
 Washington (3): Columbia River (Richland) /
 Seattle / Spokane
 Wyoming: *Announced: Star Valley*

Temple Trivia and Firsts

CANCELLED/CHANGED PROJECTS

Far West, Missouri site dedicated 04 July 1838; all four cornerstones laid; Saints driven out before further construction.

Adam-Ondi-Ahman (Spring Hill), Missouri site dedicated 1838; Saints driven out before any construction could begin.

Los Angeles (original project) ... The site was purchased and the project announced in 1937. The pre-World War II design work was done at the same time as the design work for the Idaho Falls temple and appeared to be a similar design but twice as big. Church population in the area grew so rapidly during World War II that a new, much larger design was created.

Pago Pago, American Samoa ... announced late 1977; canceled in April 1980 in favor of a temple in Apia, Western Samoa as temples for Tonga and Tahiti were also announced at that time and Apia was a better site for the remaining temple district.

Bogota Columbia (original project) ... originally announced in 1984 as one of President Kimball's "International-Size" temples - a large, A-frame building of 10,000 sq ft. But by the time the building was approved by the government and ground was broken in 1993, the design had been upgraded to a large, "traditional size" temple of 53,500 sq ft.

Hartford, Connecticut ... announced in 1992; Church was unable to obtain site or permits due to extreme public opposition; the project was canceled in 1995 with announcement of temples for Boston, Massachusetts and Harrison, New York to take its place. In 2010 President Monson announced another temple project for Hartford, which is currently under construction.

Boston Massachusetts (original project) ... Original plan was to have been an 89,000 sq. ft.

design with six towers. The design slowly shrank to 69,000 sq. ft with one steeple to compromise with the surrounding community.

White Plains / Harrison NY / New York New York (original project) ... Announced in 1995, the project was tied up seeking building permits for seven years. The original plan was to have been a 97,000 sq. ft. structure. But by the time the Church received permission to build it was downscaled to a 28,400 sq. ft. building with a single spire instead of six. At the time this compromise was reached (2002) the temple in downtown Manhattan had just been announced and was under construction, eliminating the population of downtown New York city from this temple's district. Although permission was granted to build, construction for this temple has yet to begin. Listing of this temple project has been dropped from the LDS Church's website, but there has been no formal announcement of it being canceled.

Nashville, Tennessee (original project) ... a large traditional-size temple was planned, but the Church was unable to obtain permits due to community opposition - the community felt it had enough religious buildings and did not want more; building was canceled and replaced with "smaller temple" at another location. NOT that this has to do with anything, but a month after the Church announced this change in the project a tornado destroyed all four churches in the community where the original site for this temple had been planned. An interesting coincidence I only mention and put no more emphasis other than the fact that it's an interesting coincidence.

Monterrey Mexico (original project) ... A large, traditional-size temple was announced 1995; the Church unable to obtain permits due to extreme opposition led mainly by local Catholic priests; in

2000 it was canceled and replaced with a "smaller temple" at another location.

Redlands California (original project) ... the design was enlarged by an extra 1,000 square feet after initial city approval and before construction began.

Sacramento California (original project) ... originally planned to be a large traditional-size temple, the project was scaled down to at 17,000+ sq feet "smaller temple" after 16 months of negotiations to compromise with the local

community's concerns.

Un-named temple for the Salt Lake Valley ... At the same time that the Oquirrh Mountain Utah Temple site was announced, the Church announced another temple would also be built in the southwest corner of the Salt Lake Valley, but all mention of this one was dropped after an outgoing mayor in one of the communities announced to the press where that second site was going to be, doubling and tripling real estate prices for a new subdivision he had a financial stake in.

Serious Trivia

Oldest temple in *continuous* use:

Saint George Utah, 1877

Tallest temple:

Washington DC, 288 feet high

Largest actual structure:

Los Angeles

Most square footage:

Salt Lake (taking into account the annex and that huge basement that takes up a quarter of Temple Square)

Longest construction time:

Salt Lake, 40 years

Shortest construction time:

Raleigh North Carolina, 6 months

Longest Waiting Period between Announcement and Ground-Breaking:

The Kyiv (Keiv) Ukraine temple was announced 20 July 1998 and ground was broken and construction started on 23 June 2007 - nine years. (Bogota Columbia temple has eight years between announcement and ground-breaking; the Salt Lake temple 6 years.)

Most Unique Groundbreaking:

President Kimball broke ground for the Jordan River temple with a bulldozer instead of the traditional shovel to emphasize his motto of "Lengthen Your Stride".

Most extensive change:

Logan Utah temple was completely gutted and a new building built within the original exterior shell. The Atlanta Georgia temple's interior was also completely gutted (except for the baptistery) and rebuilt. The Ogden Utah temple is currently having its complete exterior removed, the interior mostly gutted, and is being rebuilt in a completely different architectural style.

Most remodelings:

Saint George Utah began as a design similar to Nauvoo - an upper and a lower assembly hall with the endowment being presented in curtained compartments in the lower assembly hall. In 1937 the lower hall and part of the basement was remodeled into the five muraled Ordinance Rooms used to make up the "live" session. In 1975 it was remodeled to accommodate the "film" session, with a huge annex to the north and a stairwell annex added on the west side of the structure. But through it all it still has much of the original wood flooring and hand-made glass in the original structure.

Only temples not yet utilizing the "film" session:

Salt Lake and Manti Utah temples

Only temples left without an Angel Moroni

statue on the spire:

Logan Utah, Manti Utah, Hamilton New Zealand, Oakland California have spires but no angel statues. Laie Hawaii, Cardston Alberta, and Mesa Arizona were built without spires or towers and have no place to put such a statue.

Most Temples Dedicated in One Year:

2000 - 34 temples

Closest temples

The Jordan River Utah temple and the Oquirrh Mountain Utah temple are apx. three and a half miles apart; both in South Jordan, Salt Lake County, Utah. On any given day you can stand at the front of the Oquirrh Mountain temple and see the Jordan River temple *and* the Draper Utah temple. On a clear day and knowing exactly where to look, you can also see the Salt Lake temple. I never thought I'd live to see the day you could see one temple from another, but *four*...?! Outside of Utah, the Mesa Arizona temple and the Gilbert Arizona temple are only 14 miles apart.

First temple in -

- **North America:** Kirtland, Ohio, 1836
- **the Pacific:** Laie Hawaii, 1919
- **Europe:** Bern Switzerland, 1955
- **South America:** Sao Paul Brazil, 1978
- **Asia:** Tokyo Japan, 1982
- **Mexico/Central America:** Mexico City D.F. Mexico, 1983
- **Australia:** Sydney Australia, 1984
- **Africa:** Johannesburg South Africa, 1985

First with baptismal font:

Nauvoo, 1846

First with muraled ordinance rooms for "live" sessions:

Logan, 1884

First utilizing motion picture technology for "film" sessions:

Bern Switzerland, 1955

First temple baptismal font with no oxen:

Atlanta Georgia, 1983 (has since been remodeled into a traditional baptistry)

First with two spires/towers:

Logan Utah

First with five spires/towers:

Oakland California

First with six spires/towers:

Salt Lake

First with no spires/towers:

Laie Hawaii

First with an Angel Moroni on the spire/tower:

Nauvoo - it was a weather vane... Salt Lake had the first statue.

First to have an Angel Moroni statue added to its spire *after* its dedication:

Idaho Falls Idaho - dedicated in 1945, statue added in 1983

First Angel Moroni statue to lose its trumpet:

Tokyo Japan temple's statue lost its trumpet in a wind storm several months after receiving the statue. (Since the 1980's the statues have all been made of fiberglass and with most of them the trumpet is a separate piece put in place just before it's put in place.)

First Temple built within the shell of a non-temple building:

Vernal Utah - the former Uintah Tabernacle.

First to reopen for a public open house before rededication following a remodeling:

Mesa Arizona, 1975

First temple to hold an Open House *before* construction even began:

The Vernal Utah temple was built within the walls of the former Uintah tabernacle - an open house was held for the local residents to see the inside of the tabernacle one last time before the building was gutted and the temple was constructed.

First to be destroyed and rebuilt:

Nauvoo, Illinois: dedicated 1846, destroyed 1848; rebuilt 2002

First non-English endowment session:

Spanish - performed in the Mesa Arizona temple

First Spanish-speaking temple:

Santiago Chile ... yes, it was dedicated even before the Mexico City temple.

First Temple with baseball fields:

The Gila Valley Arizona temple was built on the local stake recreation property, which had four baseball fields. Two of the fields were destroyed to build a new stake center, the temple being built on the other side of the stake center.

First temple with its own boat dock:

Manaus Brazil temple is on the shores of the Rio Negro River and has a boat dock for

patrons arriving by boat.

First city with two temples:

South Jordan, Utah is the home of the Jordan River temple and the Oquirrh Mountain temple.

Provo, Utah is soon to follow with the Provo Utah temple and the Provo City Center temple

Most temples in one county:

Salt Lake (Utah) County with 4 ... Utah County soon to follow with four (2 currently under construction)