





Appendixes

TIME LINE OF KEY EVENTS

- 1830** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is organized in western New York (April 6)
- 1846** Ship *Brooklyn* sails from New York (February 4)
Mormon Battalion is recruited in Iowa (July 15)
Brooklyn Saints arrive at San Francisco Bay (July 31)
- 1847** Mormon Battalion arrives at San Diego (January 29)
Brigham Young and Mormon pioneers arrive at Salt Lake Valley (July 24)
President Young sends epistle to California Saints (August 7)
- 1857** Brigham Young calls Saints to return to Utah (fall)
- 1895** Los Angeles Branch is organized (October 20)
- 1906** San Francisco earthquake (April 18); mission headquarters is moved to Los Angeles
- 1917** United States enters World War I (April 6)
- 1921** President Grant approves Saints settling in California (October 29)
Church leaders inspect but ultimately decline temple site offered by Harry Culver (December)
- 1923** Los Angeles Stake is organized (January 21)

- 1937** Temple site is purchased on Santa Monica Boulevard (March 23)
- Board of architects is appointed to design temple
- 1947** Leaders visit site and apply for building permit (November)
- 1949** Plan to build temple is announced at meeting of California leaders (January 17)
- Edward O. Anderson is named as sole temple architect (January)
- 1950** Colored rendering of temple appears on *Church News* cover (December 13)
- 1951** Final approval is given by city (January 9)
- Groundbreaking with small group of invited guests (September 22)
- Presiding Bishop LeGrand Richards breaks ground for ward chapel on site (January 13)
- 1952** Kick-off meeting for fund-raising campaign (February 3)
- City permit authorizes temple construction to begin July 7
- Actual construction begins (August 11)
- 1953** Edward Anderson moves office to temple site (January)
- Groundbreaking for mission home by President McKay (January 5)
- Pouring cement for temple's first floor is completed (February)
- Westwood chapel is dedicated by Elder Harold B. Lee (April 12)
- Bureau of information construction begins (July)
- Heating plant construction begins (October)
- Temple cornerstone laying (December 11)

- 1954** “Topping out” of tower steel structure (February 12)
- Moroni statue is placed on tower (October 19)
- Los Angeles Temple Mission is organized (December)
- 1955** Bureau of information begins receiving visitors (spring)
- Benjamin L. Bowring is named first temple president (November)
- First outside group tours temple (November 11)
- Two thousand Church leaders meet in upper assembly room then tour temple (November 25)
- Open house begins (December 19)
- 1956** Open house concludes after 662,631 had visited (February 18)
- Hour-long television program features new temple (March 4)
- Temple is dedicated by President David O. McKay (March 11–14)
- First baptisms for the dead (Saturday, March 24)
- First couple is sealed for eternity (Friday, March 30)
- First endowments are given, by audio recording (Saturday, April 14)
- 1957** Church produces film on Los Angeles Temple
- 1958** Films are used in presenting endowment (January)
- Temple grounds are cited as contribution to civic beauty
- 1961** Sculpture of family group is placed on temple grounds
- 1964** Branch family history library is established in visitors’ center basement
- 1966** Statue of the Christus is placed in visitors’ center lobby (November 21)

Temple patrons apartments open

- 1967** Visitors' center is rededicated after being substantially upgraded (June 3)
- 1970** Merthus W. Evans, second temple president
- 1975** Richard C. Stratford, third temple president
- 1978** Deaf patrons perform first sealings
- 1980** Thirteen miniature statues of women are placed in sunken garden (August)
- Robert L. Simpson (emeritus General Authority Seventy), fourth temple president
- 1981** Temple opens overnight to mark twenty-fifth anniversary and remodeling (March 20–21)
- 1982** Allen C. Rozsa, fifth temple president
- 1985** Japanese television features Los Angeles Temple and Mormon concept of eternal marriage
- 1986** Jack B. McEwan, sixth temple president
- 1989** Wayne A. Reeves, seventh temple president
- 1992** H. Von Packard, eighth temple president
- 1993** Dedication of San Diego Temple (April) cuts district and hence activity
- 1994** Powerful earthquake causes some damage at the temple (January 17)
- 1995** Glen H. Walker, ninth temple president
- 1998** Nile A. Sorenson, tenth temple president
- 2001** Paul R. Hatch, eleventh temple president
- 2004** Richard M. Andrus, twelfth temple president

- 2006 Stake commemoration Saturdays mark fiftieth anniversary
- 2008 Grant R. Brimhall, thirteenth temple president
Hostile demonstrations follow passage of Proposition 8 defining marriage (November)
- 2011 R. Randall Huff, fourteenth temple president
- 2012 Homes are built for temple and mission presidents
- 2014 William F. Reynolds, fifteenth temple president
- 2015 Lawn is allowed to yellow to conserve water during severe drought
- 2017 Larry J. Larsen, sixteenth temple president