

Chronology

- 1843 Four missionaries called to serve in the Pacific
- 1844 Work opens in French Polynesia
- 1850 First missionaries arrive in Hawaii
- 1851 Missionaries open work in Australia
- 1852–54 George Q. Cannon translates the Book of Mormon into Hawaiian Creole
- 1853 First company of Latter-day Saint emigrants leave Australia for Utah
- 1854 Missionaries carry gospel from Australia to New Zealand; these countries form Australasian Mission
- 1857 Missionaries withdrawn at outbreak of Utah War
- 1861 Walter Murray Gibson arrives in Hawaii
- 1863 Hawaiian Samuela Manoa preaches in Samoa
- 1865 Laie purchased as the new gathering place in Hawaii after Gibson's excommunication
- 1867 Gospel again taught in New Zealand
- 1873 RLDS (Community of Christ) missionaries arrive in Tahiti
- 1879–98 Three branches operating in Australia
- 1880s Great success among the Maori in New Zealand; first Church-operated elementary school opens in the Pacific
- 1888 Samoan Mission officially organized
- 1892 Society Islands Mission reopens
- 1900 Samoa divided between U.S. and German spheres of influence
- 1903 Mapusaga becomes gathering place in American Samoa; Samoan Book of Mormon printed
- 1904 Sauniatu becomes gathering place in Western Samoa
- 1913 Maori Agricultural College opens in New Zealand
- 1919 Laie Hawaii Temple dedicated
- 1919 Hawaiian Mission headquarters moved from Laie to Honolulu
- 1921–22 Elder David O. McKay visits Pacific missions

- 1922–24 Tongan government prohibits Latter-day Saints from entering country
- 1935 Oahu Stake dedicated, first outside of North America
- 1939 World War II begins in Europe
- 1940 Missionaries evacuated from Pacific missions
- 1941 Oahu Temple dedicated
- 1945 World War II ends
- 1952 Building missionaries construct Liahona High School in Tonga
- 1953 Church elementary, junior high, and high schools open in Samoa
- 1954 Missionary work begins in Fiji
- 1955 Church College of Hawaii (now BYU–Hawaii) founded
- 1955 President David O. McKay visits Pacific missions
- 1955 President Joseph Fielding Smith dedicates Guam
- 1958 Auckland Stake created, first international stake
- 1958 Hamilton New Zealand Temple dedicated
- 1963 Polynesian Cultural Center opens
- 1972 First stake in Tahiti
- 1975 Missionaries sent to Saipan in the Mariana Islands
- 1978 Early-morning seminary classes introduced in Tonga and Samoa
- 1980 Four new temples announced for the Pacific
- 1983 Papua New Guinea dedicated by Elder L. Tom Perry for the preaching of the gospel
- 2000 First small temple in Pacific dedicated in Kona, Hawaii
- 2003 Apia Samoa Temple destroyed by fire
- 2005 Apia Samoa Temple dedicated by Gordon B. Hinckley
- 2006 Announcement to close the Church College of New Zealand; Marshall Islands Majuro Mission created
- 2008 Fiftieth anniversary of the Hamilton New Zealand Temple

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