

Based on what my research shows, any number of temples could be announced in any of the following locations¹

Africa Central²: Mbuji-Mayi Democratic Republic of the Congo; Kampala Uganda

Africa South³: Antananarivo Madagascar; Maputo Mozambique; Cape Town South Africa; Luanda Angola

Africa West⁴: Monrovia Liberia; Kumasi Ghana; Yamoussoukro Ivory Coast; Lome Togo

Asia⁵: Jakarta Indonesia; Singapore; Taichung Taiwan; Kuala Lumpur Malaysia; Hanoi Vietnam

Asia North⁶: Ulaanbaatar Mongolia; Osaka Japan

Brazil⁷: Belo Horizonte, Florianopolis, Ribeirão Preto, or João Pessoa Brazil

Caribbean⁸: Santiago Dominican Republic; Port of Spain Trinidad; Kingston Jamaica

Central America⁹: Villa Nueva or Mixco Guatemala

Europe¹⁰: Edinburgh Scotland; Berlin Germany; Barcelona Spain; Bristol England; Oslo Norway; Vienna Austria

Mexico¹¹: Torreon, Durango, or Queretaro Mexico

Pacific¹²: Tarawa Kiribati; Savaii Samoa; Ipswich Australia; Port Vila Vanuatu; Bora Bora Tahiti; Christchurch New Zealand

Philippines¹³: Tacloban or Angeles Philippines

South America Northwest¹⁴: Santa Cruz Bolivia; Iquitos Peru; Cali Colombia; Maracaibo Venezuela

South America South¹⁵: Osorno Chile; Ciudad del Este Paraguay

North America (including the United States and Canada)¹⁶:

North America Central¹⁷: Missoula Montana; Lethbridge Alberta; Green Bay Wisconsin; Wichita Kansas; Des Moines Iowa; Pueblo Colorado; Rapid City South Dakota

North America Northeast¹⁸: Cleveland Ohio; East Brunswick New Jersey; Concord New Hampshire

North America Southeast¹⁹: Jackson Mississippi; Knoxville Tennessee; Charlotte North Carolina; Shreveport Louisiana; Jacksonville Florida

North America Southwest²⁰: Flagstaff Arizona; Las Cruces New Mexico; Elko Nevada; Fort Worth Texas

North America West²¹: Fairbanks Alaska; Bakersfield California; Victoria British Columbia; Eugene Oregon

Utah²²: Herriman Utah; Evanston Wyoming; Heber Valley Utah; Preston Idaho;

Hurricane/Washington City Utah; Mapleton Utah; Holladay Utah

Note: During his remarks which concluded the October 2020 General Conference, President Nelson announced 6 new temples in the following locations: Tarawa Kiribati; Port Vila Vanuatu; Lindon Utah; Greater Guatemala City Guatemala; Sao Paulo East Brazil; Santa Cruz Bolivia

14/18=77.78%

References

¹ President Nelson announced 19 temples during 2018, 16 last year, and 8 last April. Recent information of which I became aware in late April indicates that his goal is to announce 18-20

temples per year, which means anywhere from 8-12 temples could be announced this go-round. But for the first time, I have opted not to list a specific number in conjunction with my temple location predictions.

²The entire African continent has seen significant Church growth in recent years. That is specifically demonstrated by the fact that this area has split from the now-renamed Africa South Area effective August 1 of this year. This area has 1 operating temple, with 2 others announced. Based on the fact that Nigeria went from having one temple before the October 2018 General Conference to having 3 after last April's General Conference, it seems likely that the DR Congo's third temple could be announced this go-round. A temple announced in Mbuji-Mayi would also fulfill an apostolic promise made by Elder Andersen in February of 2016 to the Saints in the Kasai region. And since Uganda now ranks second on the list of the top ten nations with the strongest Church presence without a temple in any phase, a temple in Kampala seems likely sooner rather than later, perhaps even before the temple announced for Kenya is dedicated.

³ The note about major Church growth in Africa is also true of this area, as a result of which the Africa Central Area split off from this renamed area, with those changes going into effect this year. A temple for Madagascar is needed since it is isolated from the rest of the African continent through a body of water. Above and beyond that, Mozambique and Madagascar now rank third and fifth on the aforementioned top 10 list. It also appears likely that a third temple for South Africa may be announced soon, and a temple for Angola has made this list as a dark-horse candidate for which, based on some recent trends in Nelsonian temple announcements, could be feasible in the near future.

⁴ This area of the Church has seen substantial growth as well. Liberia currently ranks fourth on the aforementioned top ten list. Second temples being announced for Ghana and the Ivory Coast seem likely. And Togo is a dark-horse candidate for which recent Nelsonian temple announcements appear to make it a feasible prospect in the near future.

⁵ Within this area of the Church, renderings have been released for both the Phnom Penh Cambodia and Bengaluru India Temples, at least one of which might have a groundbreaking before the end of this year. Whether or not that happens, each of the candidate cities on this list have strong arguments in favor of a temple. Last year, President Nelson promised the Saints in Indonesia and Vietnam that, in due time, temples could be built in their midst. President Hinckley had made a similar promise to the Saints in Singapore 20 years ago. Malaysia and Indonesia now also rank seventh and tenth on the aforementioned top ten list. A second temple in Taiwan could be necessary soon, and even with Vietnam being more of a long-shot, I wanted to include it on the list based on President Nelson's recent visit to the Saints there.

⁶ In July of last year, Mongolia was transferred from the Asia Area to this area. Because Mongolia now ranks sixth on the aforementioned top ten list, and due to the extreme distance members there need to travel to any temple to which they are currently or may yet be assigned, a temple in Mongolia is needed sooner rather than later. And if and when a fifth temple is announced for Japan, Osaka appears to be the most likely location for it.

⁷ Brazil currently has seven temples operating, with its eighth (in Rio de Janeiro) anticipated to be dedicated within the next year. Construction is underway on the Belem and Brasilia Brazil Temples, and more details may soon be released for the Salvador Brazil Temple. It has been 2 years since the last Brazilian temple was announced. The four candidates listed here are all pulled from large temple districts with a high level of activity and extensive distances involved

for the Saints to participate in temple worship. Therefore, any one or two of these four could have temples announced this go-round.

⁸The candidate cities listed for this area are relatively new additions. Based on President Nelson's concept of smaller temples with multipurpose spaces, a temple in Jamaica might be simply a matter of time. The same is true for Port of Spain Trinidad. Based on the fact that Santiago is almost 100 miles from Santo Domingo, a temple in Santiago (which would be the second for the Dominican Republic) seems likely sooner rather than later.

⁹The Central American Area of the Church currently has 3 announced temples, and construction has not yet begun on 2 of those 3. Based on information I received from my Church member contact in Central America, each of those 2 temples could see construction begin within the next year or less, if all goes well. This same Church member indicated that a third temple was likely to go to either Villa Nueva or Mixco, which is why both cities are on this list. For the time being, I could not find any other prospects in Central America that seem feasible in the near future.

¹⁰Although Europe has seen some stagnation in terms of Church growth throughout the continent, in the last year alone, 2 new European temples have been dedicated. As I examined the prospects, I realized that any one of these locations could use a temple in the near future. The first temples for Scotland and Norway appear to be imminent prospects, as does a second temple for Spain and the third temples for England and Germany. The biggest question that comes to my mind is how likely a temple in Austria might be before the temple announced for Budapest is at least under construction, but for now, I have felt confident enough to include it here.

¹¹With the Puebla Mexico Temple having been announced in October 2018, and with that temple now under construction, according to information provided by my Church member contact in Mexico, these 3 cities, in any order, are likely to be the next ones in Mexico to have a temple announced. The reasoning for each appears to be the distances involved to their assigned temples, along with the rigors and expense to get there.

¹²Four new temples have been announced in this area of the Church during President Nelson's prophetic administration thus far. So I have no doubt other temples will be needed for this area. Kiribati and Vanuatu now rank first and eighth among the top ten nations with the strongest Church presence that do not have a temple in any phase, so a temple in one or both nations is likely. Second temples for Samoa and Tahiti seem likely, as does a third for New Zealand. And because it has been at least 20 years since a new temple was announced for Australia, the prospect of a new temple for that nation seems extremely likely as well.

¹³3 new temples for the Philippines have been announced thus far by President Nelson. For both Tacloban and Angeles, any temple that is currently operating, or any other announced temple, is not within an easy distance. Therefore, one or both of these cities could see a temple announced this go-round.

¹⁴President Nelson has not announced any new temples in this area thus far during his prophetic administration, so that could change this go-round. Since the last temple was announced in this area, the growth of the Church has been mixed. But President Hinckley publicly proposed a temple for Maracaibo a while ago. And Santa Cruz seems to be the most likely location for the second temple in Bolivia, while Cali seems most likely to be the best place for Colombia's third temple. Iquitos has emerged from my research as the next most-likely Peruvian temple prospect.

¹⁵New temples have been announced in this area of the Church during 4 of the last 5 General Conferences, making it likely that another will be announced again this go-round. Osorno seems

to be the most likely Chilean city to get a temple this go-round. And a temple in Ciudad del Este would bridge the gap between the temples in Asuncion Paraguay and Montevideo Uruguay. With Argentina having seen 3 new temples announced in the last 5 sets of temple announcements, I am assuming the focus may be on getting them further along before additional cities in that nation have temples announced.

¹⁶ From April 2017 through April 2019, two new United States temples were announced every time new temples were announced. But in October 2019, a grand total of 4 temples were announced, 2 each in 2 of the 6 North American Areas of the Church. And last April, 3 new temples were announced for the United States. So it appears that any number of temples could possibly be announced in any of these 6 areas. And since the last Canadian temple was announced in 2011, new temples there may also be a feasible possibility.

¹⁷ A temple for Missoula was reportedly publicly proposed by Elder Bednar in 2016, and the Church also reportedly has land for such a prospect, so a temple there may just be a matter of time. The other prospects listed here also appear feasible, mainly due to the distance factor., especially the first temples for Wisconsin, Kansas, Iowa, and South Dakota. The next temple in Alberta appears likely to go to Lethbridge, and Colorado's next temple seems likely to be built in Pueblo.

¹⁸ President Nelson has announced two new temples within this area thus far, and a few more may be needed in the near future to serve the needs of the Saints in this area. After doing research on the most likely candidate locations for the first temples in New Jersey and New Hampshire, East Brunswick and Concord emerged as the most likely respective candidates for the two states. And a second temple in Ohio seems most likely to go to Cleveland, though I am uncertain whether or not the Church would announce a second temple for Ohio while the temple in Columbus is undergoing renovation.

¹⁹ Only one new temple has been announced within this area thus far, so there appears to be several other candidates, a few of which are listed here, that could feasibly see temples announced in the near future. A first temple announced for Mississippi seems likely to be built in Jackson. Second temples for North Carolina and Louisiana seem to make sense, with the candidates listed here being a somewhat lengthy distance from the temples to which the Saints in each location are presently assigned. A third temple in Tennessee would help to serve the needs of the Saints in that state, and although a temple was just announced in April for Tallahassee, that does not seem likely to eliminate the need for a temple in Jacksonville, so that city remains on this list for now.

²⁰ This area of the Church comprises most of the "Mormon corridor", and as such, new temples are likely. Most of these cities have made the list due to the distances involved when the Saints journey to their currently-assigned temples. Upon reflection, I was able to narrow down the candidates in this list to just one location per state.

²¹ Two new temples have been announced in the states in this area thus far under President Nelson's leadership. Victoria is on this list as it was recommended to me by name by a Church member living in British Columbia. Bakersfield and Fairbank were suggested to me by name several years ago by someone else who had done the research to verify the necessity for them. And further study on my part verified that Eugene was a feasible addition to my list this go-round given the factors of mileage and the reported levels of activity in the other temple districts in Oregon.

²² With six sets of temple announcements since April 2017, a total of 7 new Utah temples have been announced (with 2 having been announced last October). The site of the Southwest Salt Lake Valley Temple mentioned in 2005 by President Hinckley appears to fall under the borders of Herriman City currently. Evanston and Preston both seem likely due to the mileage metric. Most of the other candidate cities listed here were suggested by name through the comments on my blog as a result of analysis done on Nelsonian temple announcements for Utah thus far. And according to the Temple Department, even with the Red Cliffs Utah Temple beginning construction in the near future, the need for a third temple in Washington County appears imminently likely.