

## Current Apostolic Statistics: Part One—Updated Data for President Oaks, President Nelson, and Longest-Serving Apostolic Groups

Hello again, everyone! While I continue to welcome comments on any previous posts, it is time once again to bring you all updated information on the latest apostolic statistics. This data will again be published in two posts. As has been customary, all data is current as of today (Sunday July 12, 2020). My last such update was published here on Sunday May 24, and with my continuing efforts to provide these updates roughly every 7 weeks, my next such update will be posted to this blog on Sunday August 30.

Hopefully the information I share in this update will be interesting and enlightening to at least some of you. But if any of you would prefer to skip over these updates, that's not problematic. This first part of the latest update as has previously been the case, will address President Dallin H. Oaks' tenure as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, then shift to explore where Church President Russell M. Nelson currently stands in terms of his age and tenure length among his prophetic predecessors.

That will be followed by some observations about the tenure lengths of the First Presidency, Quorum of the Twelve, and the various apostolic groups.. The more specific data about upcoming apostolic birthdays, the long-form and decimal ages of our 15 current apostles, their average ages as groups, and details about current and future apostolic nonagenarians will then follow in a second update, which will be linked to in the same blog post into which this document is linked.

There is a lot to get to, so let's jump right in. President Oaks has now served as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles for a period of 2 years, 5 months, and 28 days. On Sunday June 28, his tenure as such matched that of Harold B. Lee, who served under the same circumstances as does President Oaks currently (simultaneously being the Quorum President and the First Counselor in the First Presidency). As a result, President Oaks has now become the 17th longest-serving Quorum President.

He is set to observe his final two 2020 Quorum Presidential milestones over two consecutive days. On July 24 and 25, President Oaks' tenure as Quorum President will match the respective tenures of Marion G. Romney (who served in the First Presidency prior to serving as Quorum President, and whose ill health necessitated Howard W. Hunter's service as Acting President during the entirety of his tenure as Quorum President), and that of President Oaks' immediate predecessor, President Russell M. Nelson). Reaching those milestones will move President Oaks up to the 15th spot on that tenure list. After those milestones are observed, he will not be observing any others until mid-February 2022, so I will detail that milestone more fully in 1.5 years or so.

Turning now to President Nelson, who was ordained and set apart as Church President by President Oaks before the new prophet subsequently set apart President Oaks as his First Counselor and as President of the Quorum of the Twelve, President Nelson's prophetic tenure has likewise spanned 2 years, 5 months, and 28 days as well. He recently observed his only 2020

prophetic tenure milestone. On Tuesday June 23, President Nelson's tenure length as prophet became equivalent to that of President Joseph Fielding Smith, at which point President Nelson became the 14th longest-serving prophet. His next tenure milestone won't be observed until February of next year, and will be detailed closer to that time.

Regarding his age, his life has now spanned 95 years, 10 months, and 3 days. He is approaching his next prophetic age milestone. Just over a month from now (on Saturday August 22), the length of his lifespan will match that of Joseph Fielding Smith, and President Nelson will thereby become the third oldest-living prophet in Church history. It won't be until mid-March of next year that his next prophetic age milestone will be observed.

In the meantime, as also noted previously, I have been keeping lists of the longest-continuously serving First Presidencies, Quorums of the Twelve Apostles, and apostolic groups as a whole. Those lists include 13 of each of those groups that have served together for the longest continuous periods of time. The current First Presidency will only be joining the list of other First Presidencies on Saturday April 20, 2024, which is currently 3 years, 9 months, and 8 days from today, so I will be outlining their future milestones on that list closer to the time.

As for the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the current members will mark 3 years together on March 31, 2021 (which is now 8 months and 19 days away), at which point they will join the list of the longest-serving Quorums of the Twelve Apostles in Church history. I will likewise be providing updates on those future milestones closer to that time. Interestingly enough, less than two months prior to March 31, 2021, the 15 apostles will be joining the list of the longest-serving apostolic groups. The exact date on which that will happen is February 8, 2021 (which is now 6 months and 27 days away)

With that said, I want to conclude this portion of the update. That does it for now. Any and all comments are, as always, welcome and appreciated, on any post at any time, as long as such feedback is in compliance with the established guidelines. Thank you for the privilege of your time. If you enjoyed what you read here and would like to stay informed of newly added content, please feel free to subscribe. Until my next post, I wish each one of you all the best and pray that the Lord will bless you all in everything you do.