

This is the first part of the two-part update on current apostolic statistics. As has been customary, all data is current as of today (Sunday December 6, 2020). The update today constitutes my last update for this information in 2020. The last time I provided such an update was on Sunday October 18, and with my continuing efforts to provide these updates roughly every 7 weeks, my next such update (the first for the new year) will be made available on January 24, 2021.

Hopefully this information 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, 10 months, and 22 days. As detailed in my [last update](#) he remains in the 15th spot on that tenure length list, and he will not be observing any other milestones in that respect until mid-February 2022. I will detail the specifics of that milestone more fully in my last update for 2021 or first for 2022, whichever is closer to the date involved..

Next, we turn our attention to President Nelson. I am flipping the script somewhat from what I've typically done. Since my last update, I have reversed the order of data on Church Presidents in my document that tracks that. So I will be highlighting President Nelson's prophetic age information before discussing his tenure, starting with today's update. The life of our beloved prophet has now spanned 96 years, 2 months, and 27 days.

He remains the third-oldest prophet in Church history, and will be observing his first (and only) prophetic age milestone between today and my next update. On January 19, 2021, his lifespan will match that of President David O. McKay, at which point, President Nelson will then become the second-oldest prophet in Church history. He will not be observing his next (and final) prophetic age milestone until mid-April of 2022, which I will detail in around 15 months or so.

Having noted that, let's discuss the prophet's tenure. With Presidents Oaks and Nelson setting each other apart for their respective new assignments on the same day, our current prophet's tenure has also spanned 2 years, 10 months, and 22 days. He hasn't observed any tenure milestones since my [last update](#), nor will he do so until February of next year. Consequently, in my next planned update (which will, again, be published on Sunday January 24 of next year), that milestone will be detailed more fully.

In the meantime, as 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, 6 months, and 2 days from today, so I will be outlining their future milestones on that list closer to that time.

As for the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the current members will mark 3 years together on March 31, 2021 (which is now 5 months and 13 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 3 months and 21 days away). I will continue to provide information on how soon those milestones will be reached, and will detail those and future ones on the same list closer to the dates on which they will be observed.