

Temple Construction Progress Report (current as of 4/1/21)

Preliminary Notes: The Church has **231** temples in various phases. Of those, **168** are currently operating. Opening dates for **2** temples are expected to be announced once large gatherings are deemed safe. Another **29** are in various phases of construction. Additionally, full-scale construction is pending for **4** other temples.

A total of **9** previously-dedicated temples are in various stages of renovation. That includes **2** completed temples for which reopening arrangements have been delayed due to COVID-19; **2** more anticipated to be completed in 2021; **2** others for which completion is anticipated during 2022; and **2** pioneer-era temples, with the closure of **1** other pioneer-era temple set to occur later this year.

Groundbreakings have been scheduled for **2** more temples, and there is enough information on **7** others to consider them as being in a “Groundbreaking Anticipated” status. The announcement of official details is pending for **5** more temples. The remaining **14** temples are announced.

Thus far in his prophetic administration, President Nelson has announced 49 new temples. Recent statements from apostles (including and especially President Nelson himself) have noted that the total number of temples will increase ten-fold. With no signs of slowing down, the Church is well on track to have a minimum of 200 operating temples by or before the Church’s bicentennial anniversary (which will be observed on Saturday, April 6, 2030).

Between today and that day, there are 9.01 years within which to dedicate the remaining 32 temples, which could be done if an average of 3.55 temples were dedicated each year. And within the next year alone, if COVID-19 conditions permit, a minimum of **8** temples could be dedicated

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on large public gatherings, all temple open houses and dedications/rededications have been postponed and may continue to be postponed until the last four or five months of 2021. The completion estimates below reflect the fluctuation of circumstances based on if, how, and to what extent COVID-19 has impacted or may yet impact those events.

Dedication Postponed¹:

169. Rio de Janeiro Brazil Temple: Completed; public open house and dedication postponed until large public gatherings deemed safe; awaiting the announcement of revised opening dates.

170. Winnipeg Manitoba Temple: Completed; public open house and dedication postponed until large public gatherings deemed safe; awaiting the announcement of revised opening dates.

Temples For Which COVID-19 may delay a dedication window:

171. Quito Ecuador Temple: Planting flowers and shrubs around the temple; interior work progressing; completion estimated sometime during *mid-2021*.

¹ Although the temples in this section have been completed and are awaiting dedications, those events will take place once it is safe to do so in each temple city. The temples in this section are listed in their completion order, but the subsequent dedication order for any or all of them may differ, based on COVID-19 conditions and the resulting regulations for large public gatherings in any of these cities.

172. Yigo Guam Temple: Construction barrier replaced by the ornamental fence; roof deck installed on meetinghouse; some landscaping underway; completion estimated sometime during *mid-to-late 2021*.

173. Praia Cabo Verde Temple: Attaching insulating boards to temple; trusses installed on meetinghouse; installing hard landscaping; completion estimated sometime during *late 2021*.

174. Pocatello Idaho Temple: Angel Moroni installed on March 10, 2021; art glass installation continues; cladding of temple exterior nearly completed; millwork and other interior work progressing; completion estimated sometime during *late 2021*.

Temples Under Construction (completion estimated sometime during 2021-2022):

175. San Juan Puerto Rico Temple: Plastering exterior walls; building tower base; preparing to pour footings for meetinghouse; completion estimated sometime during *late 2021-early 2022*.

176. Belém Brazil Temple: Curbing poured for parking lot; stone cladding of exterior walls continues; trees being planted; completion estimated sometime during *late 2021-early 2022*.

Temples Under Construction (completion estimated sometime during 2022):

177. Saratoga Springs Utah Temple: Attaching panels to the base of the steeple and at the entrances; completion estimated sometime during *mid-2022*.

178. Abidjan Côte d'Ivoire Temple: Interior work underway; preparing for landscaping around the temple; structural frame in place for Church services building; completion estimated sometime during *mid-2022*.

179. Bangkok Thailand Temple: Installing precast concrete panels on the first floor; structural framing completed for all six floors of the temple and multipurpose building; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022*.

180. Urdaneta Philippines Temple: Scaffolding erected around the exteriors of the temple and accommodation center; interior framing progressing; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022*.

181. Richmond Virginia Temple: Stone cladding begins on south side of temple; power lines buried; roof deck attached to stake center; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022*.

Temples Under Construction (completion estimated sometime during 2022-2023):

182. Lima Peru Los Olivos Temple: Structural walls in place for the temple and housing buildings; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022-early 2023*.

183. Feather River California Temple: Attaching precast concrete panels to exterior; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022-early 2023*.

184. Layton Utah Temple: Installation of precast wall panels underway on north side of temple; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022-early 2023*.

185. Brasilia Brazil Temple: Structural framing underway for the temple, meetinghouse, and accommodation center; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022-early 2023*.

186. Bentonville Arkansas Temple: Structural framing started; stake pavilion relocation completed; renovation of stake center nearing completion; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022-early 2023*.

187. McAllen Texas Temple: Foundation and utility work underway; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022-early 2023*.

188. Orem Utah Temple: Structural steel framing begins; pouring main level footings; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022-early 2023*.

Temples Under Construction (completion estimated sometime during 2023):

189. Auckland New Zealand Temple: Foundation work underway; completion estimated sometime during *early 2023*.

190. Moses Lake Washington Temple: Forming the basement and foundation walls; completion estimated sometime during *early 2023*.

191. Okinawa Japan Temple: Site clearing and excavation underway; crane arrives on site; completion estimated sometime during *early 2023*.

192. Puebla Mexico Temple: Foundation work underway; completion estimated sometime during *early-to-mid 2023*.

193. Salta Argentina Temple: Foundation work underway; completion estimated sometime during *mid-2023*.

194. Taylorsville Utah Temple: Structural framing for superstructure underway; pouring main level footings; installing support columns for parking facility; completion estimated sometime during *mid-2023*.

195. Alabang Philippines Temple: Tower crane installed; setting the reinforcing bar for structural framing; completion estimated sometime during *mid-to-late 2023*.

196. Red Cliffs Utah Temple: Pouring basement walls and additional footings inside temple footprint; completion estimated sometime during *mid-to-late 2023*.

197. Davao Philippines Temple: Site clearing and grading underway; completion estimated sometime during *late 2023*.

Temples Under Construction (completion estimated sometime during 2023-2024):

198. San Pedro Sula Honduras Temple: Excavation for foundation underway; completion estimated sometime during *late 2023-early 2024*.

199. Antofagasta Chile Temple: Demolition underway for final residence on-site; completion estimated sometime during *late 2023-early 2024*.

Full-scale Construction Pending:

200. Coban Guatemala Temple: Groundbreaking ceremony held on Saturday, November 14, 2020; full-scale construction pending.

201. Bengaluru India: Groundbreaking ceremony held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020; stake center razed.

202. Harare Zimbabwe Temple: Groundbreaking ceremony held on Saturday, December 12, 2020; full-scale construction pending.

203. Mendoza Argentina Temple: Groundbreaking ceremony held on Thursday, December 17, 2020; full-scale construction pending.

Rededication Postponed:

16. Washington D.C. Temple: Completed; public open house and rededication postponed until large public gatherings deemed safe; awaiting the announcement of revised opening dates.

18. Tokyo Japan Temple: Completed; public open house and rededication to be announced when large public gatherings deemed safe; annex building dedicated on January 10, 2021; awaiting the announcement of opening dates.

Undergoing Renovation (rededication anticipated during 2021):

7. Mesa Arizona Temple: Interior finish work nearing completion; furnishing and decorating of the interior underway; landscaping receiving final touches; completion estimated sometime during *early-to-mid 2021*.

11. Hamilton New Zealand Temple: Interior and exterior renovations continue; completion estimated sometime during *mid-to-late 2021*.

Undergoing Renovation (rededication anticipated during 2022):

48. Hong Kong China Temple: Interior and exterior renovations underway; completion estimated sometime during *mid-2022*.

60. Columbus Ohio Temple: Waterproofing the exterior wood sheathing; deliveries of stone underway; completion anticipated sometime during *mid-2022*.

Pioneer-era Temples Closed for Extensive Renovation:

1. St. George Utah Temple: Replacement cupola installed; construction continues inside temple and annex; completion estimated sometime during *late 2022-early 2023*.

4. Salt Lake Temple: Additional renovation plans announced on March 12, 2021; removing stones from the top of the temple; preparing for the tunnel between Conference Center parking and underground temple entrance; demolishing Church Office Building plaza fountain; completion estimated sometime during *late 2024-early 2025*.

Preliminary Renovation Plans Announced:

3. Manti Utah Temple: Preliminary renovation plans announced on March 12, 2021; temple will close for renovation in *mid-to-late 2021*; completion estimated sometime during *late 2024-early 2025*.

Groundbreaking Scheduled:

204. Deseret Peak Utah Temple: Seeking conditional use permit from City Council; preparing for groundbreaking, which is scheduled to occur in **May 2021**; completion estimated sometime during *mid-2023*.

205. Syracuse Utah Temple: Preliminary construction completed; preparing for groundbreaking, which is scheduled to occur in **June 2021**; completion estimated sometime during *late 2023-early 2024*.

Groundbreaking Anticipated:

206. Lindon Utah Temple: Planning and approval phase; site location announced; preliminary site activity underway; groundbreaking anticipated in *mid-2021*.

207. Pago Pago American Samoa Temple: Government approval phase; site location confirmed and exterior rendering released on August 14, 2020; groundbreaking anticipated in *mid-2021*.

208. Neiafu Tonga Temple: Government approval phase; site location confirmed and exterior rendering released on August 14, 2020; groundbreaking anticipated in *mid-2021*.

209. Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Temple: Planning and approval phase; site location confirmed and exterior rendering released on January 19, 2021; conditional use permit under review; groundbreaking anticipated in *mid-2021*.

210. Port Moresby Papua New Guinea Temple: Planning and approval phase; site location confirmed and exterior rendering released on September 15, 2020; groundbreaking anticipated in *mid-2021*.

211. Tallahassee Florida Temple: Planning and approval phase; site location confirmed and exterior rendering released on January 13, 2021; groundbreaking anticipated in *mid-2021*.

212. Phnom Penh Cambodia Temple: Planning and approval phase; site location confirmed and exterior rendering released on November 19, 2020; groundbreaking anticipated in *mid-to-late 2021*.

Announcement of Official Details Pending:

213. Bahia Blanca Argentina Temple: Planning and approval phase; candidate site identified; site preparation activities underway; official details anticipated to be announced in *mid-2021*.

214. Salvador Brazil Temple: Planning and approval phase; site acquired (awaiting official confirmation); official details anticipated to be announced in *mid-2021*.

Note: In early October 2020, a featured image of the rumored location indicated that site preparation activities were underway. Based on that fact, it seems likely that the confirmation of official information may be forthcoming sooner rather than later.

215. Lagos Nigeria Temple: Planning and approval phase; site acquired (awaiting official confirmation); official details anticipated to be announced in *mid-2021*.

216. Nairobi Kenya Temple: Planning and approval phase; site acquired (awaiting official confirmation); official details anticipated to be announced in *mid-2021*.

217. Managua Nicaragua Temple: Planning and approval phase; site acquired (awaiting official confirmation); official details anticipated to be announced in *mid-2021*.

Announced Temples (for which more information is needed before I provide a groundbreaking estimate):

218. Cagayan de Oro Philippines Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement.

219. Budapest Hungary Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement.

220. Freetown Sierra Leone Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement.

221. Bacolod Philippines Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement.

222. Lubumbashi Democratic Republic of the Congo Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement.

223. Benin City Nigeria Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement.

224. Dubai United Arab Emirates Temple: Planning and approval phase; general location information confirmed in conjunction with temple announcement on April 5, 2020; additional

information anticipated to be released upon the conclusion of Expo 2020 Dubai (which is anticipated to wrap up on March 31, 2022)

225. Tarawa Kiribati Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement.

226. Port Vila Vanuatu Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement.

227. Greater Guatemala City Guatemala Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement; awaiting official name announcement.

Note: A short time after this temple was announced, some information from my Church member contact in Central America indicated that the temple in this area was likely to be built in either Villa Nueva or Mixco.

228. Sao Paulo East Brazil Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement.

Note: A short time after this temple was announced, someone living near Sao Paulo Brazil mentioned on the Church Growth blog that this temple could potentially be built in Guarulhos, Santo André, or Diadema.

229. Santa Cruz Bolivia Temple: Planning and approval phase; awaiting official site announcement.

230. Russia Temple: Planning and approval phase; city not yet specified; awaiting official site announcement.

Note: Although it may be some time before the location of this temple is announced and construction can get underway, information of which I became aware a few months after this temple was announced indicated that the most likely location for it would be in Moscow, the Russian capital city.

231. Shanghai China Temple: Status unknown.

Key:

Temples whose numbers are established from prior dedications (those that are closed for renovation), or are certain due to a scheduled dedication, as well as definitive information, such as specific dedication or groundbreaking dates, appear in **bold text**.

Temples for which the numbering may change based on the order in which future dedications or groundbreakings are scheduled, appear in *italicized text*.

Temples for which the numbers may change based on the release of more official information appear in underlined text.

The most recent changes appear in red text.