

Predictions for Changes in General Church Leadership

Presidency of the Seventy: Possible release of 1-3 current members, depending on unknown factors.

Note: Since 2018, there have been 8 changes in the membership of the Presidency of the Seventy. 5 of those 8 changes were presented and ratified during the April General Conference before becoming effective on August 1, and 3 of those 5 were nowhere near 70 at the time of their releases. Although I do not necessarily anticipate such a change this time around, it seems wiser to allow for the potential thereof. Those most likely to be called are any whose service started between 2006 and 2018¹.

Result: No changes.

General Authority Seventies: With a few recent exceptions, most new GA Seventies have been sustained during each April General Conference. Past precedent indicates that any new GA Seventies may be called from among the current or former area seventies, current or former members of the Sunday School and/or Young Men General Presidencies, any current or former mission or temple presidency member, any current or former stake presidency members, or from the Church at large.

Result: Elders Ahmad S. Corbitt, Robert W. Daines, J. Kimo Esplin, Christophe G. Giraud-Carrier, and Alan T. Phillips were sustained as new GA Seventies. The Church also noted the release of Elders Benjamin De Hoyos, Juan A. Uceda, and Kazuhiko Yamashita as GA Seventies and that they will be designated as emeritus GA Seventies effective August 1.

Area Seventies: Typically, the April General Conference sees only a few area seventies released. As per the new tradition established last year, any changes in area seventies will be presented in the General Conference leadership Sessions, with those changes ratified as a group during the Saturday Afternoon Session of General Conference.

Result: The Church sustained 61 new area seventies and announced the release of 50 others to be effective on or before August 1, 2023.

Young Women General Presidency: General President Sister Bonnie H. Cordon and her respective First and Second Counselors, Sisters Michelle D. Craig and Rebecca L. Craven released; new Young Women General President and counselors called; changes to be effective August 1.

Result: The current Young Women General Presidency was released. The new Young Women General Presidency will be Sisters Emily B. Freeman, Tamara W. Runia, and Andrea M. Spannaus, effective August 1.

Relief Society and Primary General Presidencies: Potential changes could be made if either of the counselors in those two presidencies is called to serve as the new Young Women General President.

Result: No changes were made to either presidency.

Sunday School and Young Men General Presidencies: There is always a possibility that any current members of the Sunday School or Young Men General Presidencies could be sustained

¹ If any changes are announced for the Presidency of the Seventy, the most likely current members to be released are Elders Carl B. Cook, Jose A. Teixeira, Carlos A. Godoy, and/or Brent H. Nielson. If any of these Brethren are released, they could be replaced by any GA Seventies called between April 2005 and April 2018.

as new GA Seventies. If that happens, new members of the affected presidency (or presidencies) would be called.

Result: With Elder Ahmad S. Corbitt called as a GA Seventy, Brother Bradley R. (Brad) Wilcox succeeded him as First Counselor in the Young Men General Presidency, and Michael T. Nelson succeeds Brother Wilcox as Second Counselor, effective immediately.

Statistical Report, 2022 (corrected figures in parentheses)²

Stakes	3,519 (3,521)
Missions	410 (411)
Districts	520 (517)
Wards & Branches	31,405 (31,330)
Total Church Membership	17,024,859 (17,002,641)
Increase in Children of Record	92,604 (89,059)
Converts Baptized	158,296 (212,172)
Full-Time Missionaries	56,478 (62,544)
Church Service Missionaries	32,987 (27,070 Young Service Missionaries; 2,736 Senior Service Missionaries)
Temples Dedicated during 2022	5 (Rio de Janeiro Brazil, Yigo Guam, Praia Cape Verde, Belem Brazil, and Quito Ecuador)
Temples Rededicated during 2022	4 (Hong Kong China, Tokyo Japan, Washington D.C., and Hamilton New Zealand)
Temples in Operation by the end of 2022	175

Information about temples was not included in this 2022 report.

² The number of missions was clearly defined [here](#), so with 6 new missions opening this year, the Church now has 410. The number of stakes was taken from the Church Temples site [statistics page](#) at the end of the year. With the exception of the total number of temples, including those dedicated and rededicated, all figures are estimated, based on a somewhat complex algorithm.