

Changes in General Church Leadership¹:

Presidency of the Seventy: Possible changes if any current members are released to fill either an area assignment away from Church headquarters or a Church headquarters assignment that would necessitate their release².

Result: Elder Jose A. Teixeira will be released and Elder Kevin R. Duncan will begin serving on August 1, 2025.

General Authority Seventies: Elders David S. Baxter, Randall K. Bennett, Kevin S. Hamilton, Rafael E. Pino, and Jorge F. Zaballos will be released from their assignments and granted emeritus status, effective August 1³; new GA Seventies will be sustained⁴.

Result: The 5 General Authorities named were released, effective August 1. The following were sustained as new GA Seventies: John D. Amos, Ronald W. Barcelos, Steven C. Barlow, Kevin G. Brown, B. Corey Cuvelier, Michael Czesla, James E. Evanson, Brik V. Eyre, Ozani Farias, Aaron T. Hall, Brian J. Holmes, Pedro X. Larreal, Clement M. Matswagothata, Eduardo F. Ortega, Edward B. Rowe, and Wan-Liang Wu.

Presiding Bishopric: Changes possible, but unlikely⁵

Result: No change.

Young Men General Presidency: Likely release of President Steven J. Lund and his counselors, Brothers Bradley R. (Brad) Wilcox and Michael T. Nelson.

Note: President Lund and Brother Wilcox have served the standard 5 years, while Brother Nelson has only served for 2 years, so it seems probable that Brother Nelson will be in the new presidency. The new president could be a current GA Seventy who will be released August 1 (when the new presidency's service will begin), either of President Lund's counselors, one of the current counselors in the Sunday School General Presidency, one of the members of either General Advisory Council, any current area seventies, or from the Church at large.

Result: The current Young Men General Presidency was released, with President Timothy L. Farnes and Brothers David J. Wunderli and Sean B. Dixon sustained.

Area Seventies: A high number of new area seventies will be called, with a slightly smaller

¹ Since we now have a centenarian prophet and he has two nonagenarian counselors, past precedent suggests that additional counselors could be called to the First Presidency at any time. But since the First Presidency in general and President Nelson in particular are delegating more to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, that in turn may negate the need for any additional First Presidency counselors going forward.

² While I don't personally anticipate any changes to the Presidency of the Seventy until 2026 (when Elder S. Mark Palmer will be 70), there is precedent for the Church releasing members of this Presidency to fill other assignments, so it feels wise to at least allow for the possibility of such a change.

³ The 5 GA Seventies listed by name above will all turn 70 at some point during 2025, which, according to recent precedent, will most likely see all 5 released and granted emeritus status, effective August 1.

⁴ New GA Seventies are almost always sustained in the April General Conferences. Past precedent suggests that any current or former area seventies, mission and temple presidencies, male General Officers, or the Church at large could be called to serve as GA Seventies, effective immediately.

⁵ As currently constituted, the Presiding Bishopric has served together since October 2015. While I personally believe there will be no change to the Presiding Bishopric at this time, in view of their 9.5 years of service together, some have opined that changes are possible, so I'm marking it down.

number presented for a release, effective on or before August 1⁶.

Note: The following area seventies are likely to be released for the following reasons:

Called as mission presidents: Vladimir N. Astashov, Christian C. Chigbundu, L. Guido Cristobal, Edmarc R. Dumas, Broc C. Hiatt, Jeffrey J. Kerr, Art Rascon, and Ricardo Spencer

Result: During the General Conference Leadership Session on the Thursday before General Conference weekend, 78 new area seventies were sustained, with another 57 announced to be released by or before August 1.

Statistical Report, 2024⁷

Stakes	3,608
Missions	430 (450)
Districts	500 (494)
Wards/Branches	31,875 (31,676)
Church Membership	17,873,562 (17,509,781)
Children of Record	92,857 (91,617)
Converts Baptized	264,726 (308,682)
Full-time Teaching Missionaries	72,436 (74,127)
Senior Service Missionaries	34,762 (31,120)
Young Service Missionaries	4,597 (4,192)
Temples Dedicated in 2024	16 (Lima Peru Los Olivos; Orem Utah; Red Cliffs Utah; Urdaneta Philippines; Puebla Mexico; Taylorsville Utah; Coban Guatemala; Salta Argentina; Layton Utah; Pittsburgh Pennsylvania; Mendoza Argentina; San Pedro Sula Honduras; Salvador Brazil; Deseret Peak Utah; Casper Wyoming; Tallahassee Florida)
Temples Rededicated in 2024	1 (Manti Utah)
Total Temples in Operation (by December 31, 2024)	202 (194, with 8 undergoing renovations)

⁶ Last year, the Church sustained 64 new area seventies and released 51 others, with the latter effective on or before August 1.

⁷ Since President Nelson became the Church President in 2018, the statistical report has not been read over the pulpit, but is usually released during the same session in which changes to general Church leadership are presented.