

Introductory Fact Sheet about
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
(The Mormon Church)

President, Prophet, Seer and Revelator – Russell M. Nelson

Current worldwide membership – 16,805,400 (2021)

Rate of growth – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was formally organized in a small log cabin in upstate New York in 1830. It took 117 years (1947) to grow from the initial six members to one million. The two-million-member mark was reached just 16 years later (1963) and the three-million mark in eight years more (1971). This accelerating growth pattern has continued with about one million new members now being added every three years or less.

Missionaries – More than 67,000 full time missionaries are serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in 399 missions throughout the world. Single men serve missions for two years and single women serve missions for 18 months.

There are currently estimated to be 14.7 million people of the Jewish Faith in the world (as of 2019). There are currently more members of the LDS Church in the world than there are members of the Jewish faith. The graph below depicts the growth of the LDS Church.

