



### ***Come and See / Come, Follow Me***



*“Just think, across the entire world women and men can through ‘sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples ... return to the presence of God and ... be united eternally’. They do this in a beautiful, sacred sealing room available to all temple-worthy members. After they enter into these covenants, they can ‘see themselves in the temple’ mirrors that face each other. Together the temple mirrors reflect back and forth images that stretch seemingly into eternity. These reflected images help us contemplate parents, grandparents, and all previous generations. They help us recognize the sacred covenants that connect us to all generations that follow. This is incredibly significant, and it starts when you see yourself in the temple.”*

Elder Quentin L. Cook, April 2016 General Conference

### ***Come and See: Temple Open House***

The Temple Open House will be a wonderful opportunity for Heavenly Father’s children to see themselves in the Temple and catch a glimpse of their eternal nature, as well as the eternal nature of their families – past and future, reflected in those mirrors. But, this can only happen if we invite them to Come and See.

As of June 30, just over 54,000 individuals have reserved tickets to come to the Open House. This is wonderful. But, we are able to guide so many more, perhaps 100,000 more, of our brothers and sisters through those hallowed halls and into those sacred rooms.

We just need to invite - warmly invite - those around us to Come and See. It will be even more meaningful to our friends, if we are able to do so, when we show them the way by bringing them with us to the Open House.

We should invite more than one friend; invite more than two...we should invite all who we can.

### ***Open House Volunteers***

Have you done it? Have you volunteered to serve at the Temple Open House? For those who come to see themselves in the Temple and have a spiritual experience, we need you to bring your spirit and your love to serve as volunteers during the Open House.

If you have already volunteered, or are still considering it, please keep the following in mind:

- ✓ To adequately prepare, we need you to sign up sooner, rather than later
- ✓ We encourage you to consider volunteering for 3 to 5 shifts (or more), if you are able
- ✓ Don’t feel that you need to limit yourself to your own stake’s shifts. All stakes can use your help, if you are available. Note that there are several shifts not assigned to any stake where you are needed
- ✓ If you were worried about having to stand for long periods of time, note that if you are assigned to stand and greet groups as they pass by, there will be chairs nearby where you may rest, however briefly, until the next group approaches
- ✓ If mass transit is not an option, there will be free parking available to volunteers (location information to follow). Carpooling is highly recommended

So, please consider your circumstances and this unique and special opportunity to bless the lives of others, and see what you can do and if you can do more. The volunteer site is: [ldstemplevolunteer.org](http://ldstemplevolunteer.org).

- ✓ Please read and carefully follow directions on Sign-Up Genius
- ✓ If your schedule changes and you are not able to serve during a shift you had selected before, please go and cancel that appointment so there are no surprises at the Open House

When you arrive at the beginning of your shift (account for traffic and please don’t be late!), you’ll be given your specific assignment as well as some training on what to do.

If you are an instrumentalist and would like to use your talent to bring the spirit to the reception area, please contact your stake music director.

If you have food service experience and would like to help host the reception area, please contact your stake Relief Society president.




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### Come, Follow Me: Temple and Family History Work

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Our personal involvement in Family History work influences us for the better **and** turns our hearts to our fathers. Read what Elder Boyd K. Packer taught:

*“Family history work has the power to do something for the dead. It has an equal power to do something to the living. Family history work of Church members has a refining, spiritualizing, tempering influence on those who are engaged in it. They understand that they are tying their family together, their living family here with those who have gone before.*

*“Family history work in one sense would justify itself even if one were not successful in clearing names for temple work. The process of searching, the means of going after those names, would be worth all the effort you could invest. The reason: You cannot find names without knowing that they represent people. You begin to find out things about people. When we research our own lines we become interested in more than just names or the number of names going through the temple. Our interest turns our hearts to our fathers—we seek to find them and to know them and to serve them.*

*“In doing so we store up treasures in heaven.”*

*Liahona, August 2003*

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### Philadelphia Temple Presidency Organized

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Our Temple Presidency has now been fully organized. President Bruce and Sister Nancy Winn are now joined by James and Nancy Boik as well as Wynn and Pam John to serve as counselors in the temple presidency and Assistants to the Matron. President Boik currently serves as a counselor in the Williamsport stake presidency. Sister Boik is a counselor in her ward Relief Society Presidency. President John was formerly the president of the Wilmington Stake. He and Sister John currently serve as Pathway Missionaries, teach institute, and serve as Temple Ordinance Workers.

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### The Philadelphia Temple Dedication

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The Temple Dedication will be broadcast to stake centers and some additional approved meetinghouses on Sunday, September 18. There will be sessions at 9am, 12pm, and 3pm. All other Sunday meetings will be canceled. To attend a Temple Dedication broadcast, you must be a baptized member of the Church and be temple-worthy. You must obtain a Temple Dedication Recommend from a member of your bishopric or your branch president by either showing him your current temple recommend or by having a temple recommend interview.

Temple Dedication Recommends should be sent to your bishop or branch president around mid-July.

If you have a close friend or relative who does not live in the temple district or in Pennsylvania and who would like to attend the Temple Dedication Broadcast, contact Dwayne Hansen ([dwayneh@ptd.net](mailto:dwayneh@ptd.net)) and he can arrange for a Temple Dedication Recommend to be sent to your friend or relative's bishop.

During these Temple Dedication broadcasts, the meetinghouses will become extensions of the Temple and quiet reverence should prevail in the meetinghouse. Remember to be seated 30 minutes before the session is to start and to bring a clean, white handkerchief.

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### INVITATIONS

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- Invite (more) people to come to the Open House
- Search for (more) ancestors living on the other side of the veil
- Volunteer (more) to help with the Open House
- Come and visit the Temple site *before* the Open House and feel the spirit of that sacred structure
- Prepare yourself to be worthy to attend the Temple Dedication