



Come and See / Come, Follow Me



“Bless the people who come into this building for their sealings, marriages, anointings, and other ordinances. Bless this place that it may be a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of glory, a house of eternal marriage, a house of sealings, and the house of God, even thy house, wherein the holy saving work may be done by the living for the countless dead.

Bless those who come here, that their hands may be holy as they lift them high...

And now, our great and kind Father, accept this house, we pray. We dedicate it unto thee for thy holy and righteous purposes and put upon it thy name.”

Spencer W. Kimball, Washington DC Temple Dedicatory Prayer

President Bruce and Sister Nancy Winn, members of the Wilmington Stake, have been called to serve as the president and matron of the Philadelphia Temple. President Winn currently serves as first counselor in the Wilmington Stake Presidency. Sister Winn serves as a Primary Teacher and temple worker. They served together as mission president and wife of the Utah Salt Lake City Mission.

Come and See: Temple Open House

It is time to invite!! Member Invitation Cards are now available through your priesthood leaders. The website where you and your friends can go to reserve free tickets for a tour of the temple is now available at <http://templeopenhouse.lds.org>. To refresh your memories, the dates of the Temple Open House are:

Wednesday, August 10, through Friday, September 9, 2016
Mondays, 8am-5pm and Tuesdays-Saturdays, 8am-8pm

You have been making a list of friends, family, those you visit and home teach, new converts, and investigators that you have wanted to invite to the Open House. Now everything is ready so you can begin extending those sincere and simple invitations to Come and See the Temple.

We are hoping that 150,000 people will tour the Temple during the open house – including you!

And, if you have not done so yet, consider making a trip to see the Temple now, before the Open House. It will increase your testimony and excitement about inviting your friends and also help you to work out transportation details in advance of the trip you make with them during the open house. Bring your youth and children now. Even though the temple has not been dedicated, the temple site was dedicated by President Eyring. There is a powerful spirit that can be felt even now as you Come and See the Temple.

Come, Follow Me: Temple and Family History Work

It’s time to Find, Take, and Teach!! Young Women and Young Men...this new Temple is for you!

Elder Neil L. Anderson challenged the youth to “*prepare as many names for the temple as baptisms you perform in the temple, and help someone else to do the same.*” .

Since he issued that challenge, almost 40,000 youth have gone online at <https://www.lds.org/topics/family-history/temple-challenge?lang=eng> and accepted his challenge. Have you?

See what other youth in the Church have done to help bring saving ordinances to their ancestors living on the other side of the veil. Visit: <https://www.lds.org/youth/family-history?lang=eng>.



Volunteers Needed to Staff the Open House!

It is time to volunteer!! We need everyone who is able to volunteer to staff the various shifts of the Open House. Your priesthood leaders have distributed the link to sign up as a volunteer. If you haven't seen it, check with your leaders. Or, you can go to: ldstemplevolunteer.org.

Once you get to the link, there is a separate tab to volunteer for shifts in July, August, and September.

First – please take the time to read the instructions. You will also find a link to Frequently Asked Questions.

There is a link to a calendar that will remind you of the shifts assigned to your stake. Your stake needs you! But, you may sign up for any shift for any stake, if you are available. There are some shifts which have not been assigned to a stake. Please consider volunteering for any of those!

Scroll down and find the date and time for which you want to volunteer. Review the types of volunteers.

- Temple Open House Volunteers are those who will greet people as they start their tour, guide them to the temple, welcome people as they walk through the temple and indicate where they should go, help with parking, help people find the reception area, and thank them for coming
- Youth (ages 14-18) can assist helping people put coverings over their shoes to protect our Temple's carpets or be a welcome ray of kindness to those who may need help with a wheelchair
- Those with medical training can be ready to administer First Aid, should that become a necessity
- Any with training in security can help ensure the safety of the grounds and the temple site

When you are ready to volunteer, click the square check box to "Sign Up"! Only sign up for 1 type of volunteer per shift. Then, click "Submit"! We need lots of volunteers, so please sign up for more than one shift!

The system will ask you for information we need, such as your name, ward, stake, etc. You'll receive an email confirming your submission.

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

Suggestions on Using Social Media to Invite People to the Open House

As we continue to prepare for the Philadelphia Pennsylvania Temple Open House, we encourage members to use social media to reach out to friends and loved ones in sharing information about the temple.

When communicating online about the temple or the Church, please remember that not everyone reading social media postings will be a member of the Church. When posting, it would be good to avoid the use of words that may not be understood by someone who is not of our faith.

Here are some alternatives to use:

- ward - congregation
- stake - region
- ordinance - a religious ceremony/sacred rite
- covenant - promise/commitment
- endowment - religious ceremony/sacred rite
- testimony - personal conviction
- baptisms for the dead – special ceremonies on behalf of our ancestors
- sealing - religious ceremony binding a couple and families
- temple recommend – rather than try to explain, use something like:

“After the temple is formally dedicated, it is open only to Church members who are actively engaged in the faith.”

INVITATIONS

- Invite! Invite! Invite!
- Find, Take Teach!
- Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer!
- Come and visit the Temple site *before* the Open House and feel the spirit of that sacred structure