

WORLD BRIEFS

Two Area Presidencies Changed

The First Presidency announced changes in the Pacific and Europe East Area Presidencies at the end of 2009. Elder Tad R. Callister will serve as President of the Pacific Area, with Elder James J. Hamula as First Counselor and Elder Brent H. Nielson as Second Counselor. Elder Wolfgang H. Paul will continue as President of the Europe East Area, with Elder Gregory A. Schwitzer as First Counselor and Elder Aleksandr N. Manzhos, Area Seventy, as Second Counselor.

Vancouver Temple Dates Announced

The Vancouver British Columbia Temple open house will be held from April 9 through April 24, 2010, except Sundays, and a cultural celebration will be held on May 1. The dedication will take place in three sessions on Sunday, May 2, at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. The three sessions will be broadcast to all Church units within the temple district. The temple will open for ordinances the next day.

Philadelphia Pennsylvania Temple Site Selected

In November 2009 the First Presidency announced that the Philadelphia Pennsylvania Temple will be located at 1739 Vine Street in downtown Philadelphia. The site is adjacent to the Vine Street Expressway near Logan Square, a prominent Philadelphia landmark. The temple was announced in October 2008. Currently there are 130 operating temples in the world, with another 21 announced or under construction. ■