

**SERVICE MILESTONE**

President Monson speaking at his first general conference as the prophet in April 2008.



Served as a General Authority  
for almost

54  
YEARS

2008–2018

Thomas S. Monson served as the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the Church.

**WORDS OF WISDOM**  
Scripture Vocabulary

**PRUDENCE:** good judgment; self-discipline

*“Every herb in the season thereof, and every fruit in the season thereof; all these to be used with prudence and thanksgiving” (D&C 89:11).*

**HOSANNA:** save now

This word was used during the Lord’s triumphal entry.

*“And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord” (Mark 11:9).*

**APPELLATION:** a name

*“And thus Moroni put an end to those king-men, that there were not any known by the appellation of king-men” (Alma 51:21).*

**WHO KNEW?**

Church facts, news & trends

**PRESIDENT THOMAS S. MONSON**  
Improvement Era, Feb. 1967, p. 48

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**Guideposts to Living**



1

When you see sin, shun it.

2

When you have a duty, do it.

3

When you enjoy freedom, protect it.

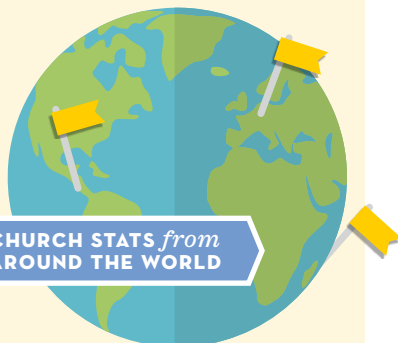
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When you have the truth, live it.

5

When you have a testimony, share it.

**CHURCH STATS from AROUND THE WORLD**



**POLAND**

**1,940**

Total Church Membership

**13**

Congregations

**1**

Missions

**0**

Temples

*In 1989, Sister Urszula Adamska was the first missionary called from Poland.*

**COSTA RICA**

**47,474**

Total Church Membership

**75**

Congregations

**2**

Missions

**1**

Temple

*Missionaries first arrived in Costa Rica in 1946.*

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

**25,856**

Total Church Membership

**76**

Congregations

**2**

Missions

**0**

Temples

*The first stake on the island was created in 1995.*