

Small & Simple Things

*“Out of small things proceedeth that which is great”
(D&C 64:33).*

CHURCH HISTORY AROUND THE WORLD



The Marshall Islands

Although Church members visited the Marshall Islands during World War II, official missionary work did not begin there until February 1977. That year Elder William Wardel and Elder Steven Cooper from the Hawaii Honolulu Mission were assigned to work in the area. With the assistance of Eldred Fewkes, a member of the Church who had moved to the Marshall Islands for work, they arranged to hold Church services in a building of another church.

That first year the missionaries baptized 27 converts. Three years later the Marshall Islands became part of the Micronesia

Guam Mission. In 1984 the Majuro Marshall Islands District was formed. Church membership continued to grow, leading to the formation of a second district in 1991 on the atoll Kwajalein. In 2006 the Marshall Islands Majuro Mission was created. The next three years saw a large increase in active membership due to activation efforts, convert baptisms, and strengthening local leadership. The result was that on June 14, 2009, the Majuro Marshall Islands Stake was organized.

To read stories of faith and conversion of members in the Marshall Islands, see page 32.

Learning from Conference

Our children are now grown and have their own homes and families, but we have found a great method of learning together from the words of the prophets. During the month following each general conference, I study the addresses on www.conference.lds.org and select quotations that give direction, guidance, and comfort. I collect enough that there is one quote for each day during the upcoming six months. (For example, during April, I find a quote a day for May 1–October 31.) Then I give copies of these quotes to each of our children.

As a complement to their own study of conference, these quotes of the day often become a topic of conversation among family members. It is a wonderful experience to review the counsel of the prophets during the months following general conference, even when we live miles apart.

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THE CHURCH IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS	
Membership	4,486
Missions	1
Stakes	1
Districts	1
Wards/Branches	11

J. Reuben Clark Jr.: A Man of Uncommon Gifts



Joshua Reuben Clark Jr. was born in Grantsville, Utah, on September 1, 1871. Though he had little formal education and was unable to attend high school, his mother had tutored him, and he loved learning. He graduated first in his class from the University of Utah with a bachelor of science degree and went on to receive a law degree from Columbia University law school in New York City.

Brother Clark married Luacine Annetta Savage in the Salt Lake Temple in 1898, and they became the parents of four children.

Armed with his law degree and a brilliant mind, J. Reuben Clark Jr. went on to a distinguished legal and civil service career that culminated in his being named U.S. ambassador to Mexico in 1930. That career ended, however, when Brother Clark was sustained as Second Counselor to President Heber J. Grant in the First Presidency on April 6, 1933. Although he was a high priest at the time, he was not a General Authority. He was ordained an Apostle when he was subsequently sustained as First Counselor to President Grant in October

President Clark (left) with Lamont Toronto, mission president.



The First Presidency in 1945 (from left): J. Reuben Clark Jr., Heber J. Grant, and David O. McKay.

1934. President Clark went on to serve as a counselor to Presidents George Albert Smith and David O. McKay.

Among his many contributions to the Church, one that stands out is the example of humility he set when David O. McKay became President of the Church. He called President Clark to be his Second Counselor. Because President Clark had been serving as First Counselor in previous First Presidencies, some apparently thought he had been slighted, but President Clark explained: “In the service of the Lord, it is not where you serve but how. In The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, one takes the place to which one is duly called, which place one neither seeks nor declines.”¹

President Clark died on October 6, 1961.

NOTE

1. J. Reuben Clark Jr., in Conference Report, Apr. 1951, 154.

LDS EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE SERVICES WORKSHOP

LDS Employment Resource Services offers a workshop to help those who are looking for work, wanting to enroll in school, or starting a business. The workshop helps people define their career goals and develop confidence in their ability to succeed. It is designed to be instructional, interactive, motivating, and fun. Individuals who apply what they learn in the workshop are often able to

find work in less time than they would otherwise.

The workshop includes topics such as identifying career goals, finding resources to achieve one’s goals, writing résumés, and succeeding in a new job.

To find if there is a workshop location near you, ask your bishop or branch president or visit www.ldsjobs.org and click on “Find a Center.”

“REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH” (ECCLESIASTES 12:1)

The scriptures chronicle the ministries of the prophets and apostles. Many of these leaders knew God from their youth. Here are five scriptural accounts that describe the experiences of some of these future leaders.



- John the Baptist, who was called to prepare the people for “the coming of the Lord,” was “ordained by the angel of God at the time he was eight days old unto this power” (D&C 84:27–28).



- King Josiah, crowned at age eight, spent his 31-year reign helping the Jews become converted to the gospel (see 2 Kings 22).

- Mormon was about 10 years old when Ammaron chose him to be the next keeper of the records (the plates of Nephi). At about age 16 Mormon led the Nephite armies. (See Mormon 1:2–4; 2:1–2.)



- David was a mere “stripling” (a young man) when he slew Goliath, perhaps the same age as the soldiers in Helaman’s army (see 1 Samuel 17:49–56; Alma 53:22).



- Joseph was 17 when he was sold into Egypt, where “the Lord was with Joseph” (see Genesis 37:2, 27–28; 39:2).



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