ILLUSTRATION OF PODIUM BY DAVID GREEN

1830

Two months after the Church was organized, Joseph Smith presided over the first general conference in Fayette, New York. About 30 members and several others attended.

1850

The *Deseret News* published the first full report of conference because a young reporter, George D. Watt, had been able to transcribe the talks in shorthand.

1867

General conference lasted four days instead of the usual three because the congregation voted to stay an extra day.
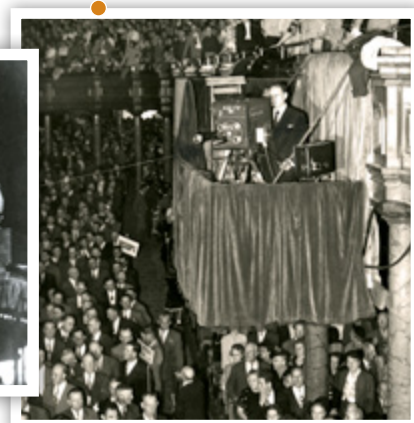
1924

Microphones were first used at the pulpit in the Tabernacle. Previously, speakers had to rely on the strength of their voices to be heard.

1949

With cameras set up in the Tabernacle, conference was first broadcast on television.

PHOTOGRAPH OF TELEVISION FROM GETTY IMAGES

1962

Talks were interpreted into other languages—German, Dutch, and Spanish—for the first time in the Tabernacle. Now talks are interpreted in over 90 languages!

1967

General conference was broadcast on TV in color. The men of the Tabernacle Choir wore light blue jackets, and the women wore salmon-colored blouses.

1977

Changing from three days and six general sessions, conference lasted two days and included five general sessions.

2000

The new Conference Center in Salt Lake City, seating 21,000 people, hosted its first general conference.

To find the talks from the current and past general conferences, visit gc.ChurchofJesusChrist .org or the "General Conference" section of the Gospel Library app.