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Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

The members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles are special witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Why does the Church have such a long name?

The words *Church of Jesus Christ* declare that it is His Church.

Of Latter-day explains that it is the same Church as the Church that Jesus Christ established when He lived on earth but restored in these latter days.

Saints means that we follow Him and strive to do His will.

Jesus Christ Himself named the Church (see D&C 115:4).

Our members have been called *Mormons* because we believe in the Book of Mormon, but we should use the full name of the Church whenever possible.



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