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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?

**J**esus Christ Himself named the Church (see Doctrine and Covenants 115:4).

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.

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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