

Progress on Temples Continues

“When all the previously announced temples are constructed and dedicated, we will have 170 operating temples throughout the world,” President Thomas S. Monson said during the October 2014 general conference. “Because we are concentrating our efforts on completing temples which were previously announced, we are not at the present time announcing any new temples. However, in the future, as we identify needs and locate properties, announcements of additional temples will be made.”

When President Monson rededicated the Ogden Utah Temple in September 2014, it brought to 143 the number of operating temples of the Church worldwide.

The Fort Lauderdale Florida Temple was dedicated in May 2014 by President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency.



The Ogden Utah Temple was rededicated on September 21, 2014.

The Phoenix Arizona Temple will be dedicated on November 16, 2014, and at least five other temples will be dedicated or rededicated in 2015. ■

MINISTERING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO COUNCILS

Stake and ward council members now have access to a new Church web page called Ministering Resources, available at ministering.lds.org, to help individuals and families with their temporal and spiritual needs, including difficult and sensitive issues. Access is available to those with current callings in stake and ward councils through their LDS account.

Resources previously available only to bishops and stake presidents have been updated and expanded with specific guidance about how to help victims of abuse, those who struggle with addictions, single expectant parents, pornography users, those who experience same-sex attraction, and those struggling with financial and employment issues.

Under the direction of the bishop, ward councils can use Ministering Resources to counsel together for the benefit of individuals and families within their ward boundaries. ■

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Teachings for Our Time

From November 2014 through March 2015, Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society lessons on fourth Sundays should be prepared from one or more talks given in the October 2014 general conference. In April 2015, talks may be selected from either the October 2014 or the April 2015 conference. Stake and district presidents should

choose which talks will be used in their areas, or they may delegate this responsibility to bishops and branch presidents.

Those attending fourth-Sunday lessons are encouraged to study the selected talks beforehand. Conference talks are available in many languages at conference.lds.org. ■

