

# Moses Lake Washington Temple Fact Sheet



**Address:** 401 East Yonezawa Boulevard  
Moses Lake, Washington 28837

**Temple Announced:** April 7, 2019

**Groundbreaking:** October 10, 2020

**Public Open House:**  
Friday, August 4–Saturday, August 19, 2023  
(excluding Sundays)

**Dedication:** Sunday, September 17, 2023  
(Two sessions: 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.)

**Property Size:** 17.2 acres

**Building Size:** 28,933 square feet

**Building Height:** 117 feet, 6 inches,  
including the spire

**Architect:** Loren Von Sadler

**Interior Design:** Lisa Ann Interiors

**Contractor:** Big-D Construction

The Moses Lake Washington Temple is the 181st operating temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The temple is situated between the Rocky Mountain and Cascade Mountain ranges. The interior design is representative of regional agriculture, such as apple blossoms, potato blossoms, alfalfa blossoms, and other fruits and grains for which central and eastern Washington are known. The beauty and uniqueness of the design reflect the location of the temple and the culture that surrounds it.

## EXTERIOR FEATURES

**BUILDING:** The temple's exterior is constructed using insulated concrete forms for the walls, with a steel roof and spire. Branco Cristal stone, a granite quarried in Portugal, makes up the entire exterior facade. The stone was fabricated by Pardais of Alpendurada e Matos, Portugal, and installed by IMS Masonry of Lindon, Utah.

**EXTERIOR ART GLASS:** The art glass was designed by the architectural team and uses an apple blossom motif. The border pattern is a prairie-style design that reflects the Native Americans who inhabited the Moses Lake area long before the first farm was settled. The subcontractor is Timeless Art Glass of Springville, Utah, with design assistance from Holdman Studios of Lehi, Utah.

**LANDSCAPING:** The landscape palette is based on materials that reflect plants common to the region. The plant selection is intended to provide shade, lushness, and beauty throughout the year. Berms on the outer edges of the property were planted with materials indicative of mountain environments common to western Washington. The landscape architect was Kelly Gillman of CRSA, located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**FENCE AND WALKWAYS:** Around the perimeter of the temple grounds is a six-foot ornamental steel fence, commonly used on many temple sites. The manufacturer is Ameristar, and the finish color is dark bronze.

On the east, south, and west edges of the property boundary is an eight-foot-high ornamental steel fence, similar to the temple grounds fence in style and color.

## INTERIOR FEATURES

**FLOORING:** The flooring throughout the temple is marble, carpet, and porcelain tile. The partnering subcontractor for the stone was Global Stone and Tile of Vineyard, Utah. The general carpets, designed by the architectural interior design team, are from Bentley Mills, located in Industry, California. The carpet was installed by ReSource Commercial Flooring Systems of Salt Lake City. The area rugs were designed by the architectural team and manufactured in Guangdong, China, by Rugs International.

**DECORATIVE PAINTING:** The decorative paint was designed by the architectural interior design team and the subcontractor Iconography Inc. out of Salt Lake City, Utah. Motifs include potato blossoms, alfalfa, and cherry blossoms.

**INTERIOR ART GLASS:** The interior art glass takes its cues from the exterior art glass, maintaining a similar border pattern and apple blossom motif. The partnering subcontractor is Timeless Art Glass of Springville, Utah (with design assistance from Holdman Studios of Lehi, Utah).

**LIGHTING:** The decorative lighting fixtures were designed by the architectural interior design team and HB Lighting, located in the Bronx, New York. The bride's room light fixtures were manufactured with blown glass from Barovier & Toso of Murano, Venice, Italy. In the celestial room and the sealing rooms, the crystal light fixtures and wall sconces were provided by Schonbek in Plattsburgh, New York.

**MILLWORK:** Masterpiece Commercial Millwork of Lindon, Utah, fabricated and installed the millwork, with design assistance from Fetzer Architectural Woodworking of West Valley City, Utah. Cherry wood was used for the stained millwork throughout the temple.

**BAPTISMAL FONT RAILING:** The font railings are made of bronze and glass, fabricated and installed by Sheet Metal Specialties of West Valley City, Utah.

**DOORS AND HARDWARE:** Doors are stained in a cherry finish and painted maple. The decorative door hardware is made of bronze and brass. The partnering subcontractors are Architectural Building Supply of Salt Lake City, Utah, and ASSA Abloy Door Security Solutions, also in Salt Lake City. The balanced entry door is fabricated by Ellison Bronze, located in Falconer, New York, and the subcontractor is Skaug Brothers, out of Moses Lake, Washington.

**WALLS:** The general walls are painted throughout the temple, with some wood-stained wainscot. The wood is cherry, a species indigenous to North America. Wallcoverings are used in the instruction room, celestial room, sealing rooms, and bride's room.

**CEILINGS:** The ceilings are gypsum board, wood, and glass-fiber-reinforced gypsum. The celestial room's ceiling features decorative paint, coffers, and a dome. Crown molding and coffered ceilings are used in various areas of the temple.



# A Brief History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Moses Lake Washington



Quetalican, or Chief Moses

## EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE MOSES LAKE AREA

In the early 19th century, the native Sinkiuse people, led by Chief Moses (1829-1899), camped along the shores of a large lake in central Washington, collecting camas roots and waterfowl eggs. Long summers, fertile ground and access to natural waterways eventually drew white settlers in the late 1800s. These settlers named the lake in honor of Chief Moses, a peace-loving man, and years later a city bearing his name was incorporated.

With the settlements came orchards, and apple trees soon blanketed the countryside like patchwork. However, the Great Depression, drought and falling apple prices halted production in the 1930s. Pioneer farmers recognized the agricultural potential of the rich soil, but with annual rainfall averaging less than 20 inches, farming was difficult and irrigation was needed.

The Columbia Basin Project, begun in 1943, would revive the countryside by pumping water from the reservoir behind the Grand Coulee Dam into a network of more than 300 miles of main canals and 2,000 miles of lateral canals. This irrigation water increased farmable land and sustainable living in the area.

To spread the news and attract prospective new citizens to the area, locals began holding promotional events. One such event was called Farm-in-a-Day, in which 300 volunteers built, supplied and planted a functioning new farm in only one day for a single lucky winner.

On May 29, 1952, the first irrigation water began to flow into the project canals. News of Farm-in-a-Day and the arriving water was carried across the nation. Increased water brought not only new citizens but new agricultural products—potatoes, grain, alfalfa, corn, beans, sugar beets and seed crops joined the orchards.



1925 apple picking crew

## CHURCH GROWTH

The first members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came to the Columbia Basin looking for land.

An early Church member named Albert Goodrich remembered, "I persuaded Jacob Lybbert, Frank Goodrich, Earl Goodrich and Arthur Merrell to make a trip with me to Moses Lake, Washington, to look over this Grand Coulee project, which I had seen advertised in the 'Western Farm Life' magazine" (punctuation standardized).

Jacob Lybbert said: "We decided to be as skeptical as we knew how to be, but when we saw these beautiful

stretches of farmland and saw the dam and had them explain the project, we fell. Before we left to go home, we lined up to buy a section of land.”

They purchased land at 7 to 20 dollars per acre, even though they would have to wait for water to arrive before they could farm it.

Word spread to family, friends and neighbors, inspiring several other members of the Church to come to Moses Lake seeking farmland and opportunity. Some even came with heirloom cantaloupe seeds in their pockets. Of the original 17 priesthood holders in Moses Lake, three had been missionary companions in the Southern States Mission in 1922-1924.

Early on, Church meetings were held in a local Presbyterian church and at the nearby air base until an official meetinghouse was constructed. Many fund-raising efforts were held for a new building. More than 100 children from the Primary (the Church’s organization for children) performed a musical called “Toyland Fantasy” for a small admission fee. The Relief Society (the Church’s organization for women) cooked, served, and sold meals. And the Mutual organization (the Church’s organization for youth) sold food in booths and at cattle auctions. The most labor-intensive project was members’ harvesting over 200 tons of sugar beets by hand. Tractors topped and dug the beets as members walked the rows and threw the beets into waiting truck beds. All proceeds from these efforts were donated to the building fund. On April 8, 1951, the members held a Church meeting in their own building for the first time.



Builders of the first meetinghouse in Moses Lake for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (1950)

## THE COMMUNITY AND CHURCH TODAY

Almost exactly 68 years later, the Moses Lake Washington Temple was announced on April 7, 2019, by Church President Russell M. Nelson.

Today Moses Lake is a thriving agricultural and industrial area. The rich land, plentiful water and early settlers created a place where families grow and thrive. Latter-day Saints who will worship in the Moses Lake temple figuratively drink from wells they did not dig and eat from fields they did not plant (see Deuteronomy 6:11). They appreciate the faith and courageous efforts of the many natives, settlers and pioneers who prepared this area for abundant living and to be a place where a temple could be built.

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1. Chief Moses, <https://www.cityofml.com/116/History-of-Moses-Lake>
2. Picking crews, Birchmount Orchard, American Fruit Growers, Inc., ca. 1925. Courtesy Washington State Historical Society (1994.0.298)
3. Builders, The Grand Coulee & Moses Lake Stake History (The First Fifty Years 1954-2004). © 2003, Douglas Earl



# SHAYNE M. BOWEN

*General Authority Seventy*



Elder Shayne M. Bowen was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 1, 2006. At the time of his call, he had been serving as an Area Seventy in the Idaho Area. He previously served in the South America South Area Presidency, in the Philippines Area Presidency, in the North America Southeast Area Presidency and

at Church headquarters in various capacities. He is currently serving as the priesthood adviser of the Welfare and Self-Reliance Services Department and as a member of the Family History Committee.

Elder Bowen graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a minor in Spanish from Brigham Young University in 1977. He studied insurance and finance at the American College, becoming a chartered life underwriter in 1984 and a chartered financial consultant in 1999. Prior to his call to the Idaho Area Presidency, he pursued a career in insurance, owning and operating his own agency.

Elder Bowen has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Chile Santiago Mission, president of the Spain Barcelona Mission, stake president twice, high councilor, bishop, high priests group instructor, elders quorum president and Varsity Scout leader.

Shayne Martell Bowen was born in Rigby, Idaho, on Aug. 29, 1954. He married Lynette Mortensen in December 1976. They are the parents of seven children, one of whom is deceased.



# GARY B. SABIN

*General Authority Seventy*



Elder Gary B. Sabin was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 2, 2016. He has served as a counselor and President of the Europe Area and is currently serving as assistant executive director of the Temple Department, member of the Welfare and

Self-Reliance Committee, member of the Boundary and Leadership Committee, and member of the North America West Area Presidency.

Elder Sabin received associate and bachelor's degrees from Brigham Young University and a master's degree from Stanford University. He was the founder, chairman, and CEO of two New York Stock Exchange-listed companies focused on commercial real estate ownership. He was also the founder and chairman of Sabin Holdings, an international real estate firm. He has served as a director on several public company and nonprofit boards and is the founder of the Sabin Children's Foundation, which provides children's health care in third-world countries.

Elder Sabin has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Belgium/Netherlands Mission, elders quorum president, bishop, stake president and Area Seventy.

Gary Byron Sabin was born in Provo, Utah, on April 7, 1954. He married Valerie Purdy in August 1976. They are the parents of six children, two of which are deceased.



# Temples throughout the World

*More facts and statistics can be found at [Newsroom.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://www.Newsroom.ChurchofJesusChrist.org)*

## 315 TEMPLES: DEDICATED, UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND ANNOUNCED

### NORTH AMERICA

Albuquerque New Mexico	Ephraim Utah	McAllen Texas
Anchorage Alaska	Farmington New Mexico	Medford Oregon
Atlanta Georgia	Feather River California	Memphis Tennessee
Austin Texas	Fort Collins Colorado	Meridian Idaho
Bakersfield California	Fort Lauderdale Florida	Mesa Arizona
Baton Rouge Louisiana	Fort Worth Texas	Missoula Montana
Bentonville Arkansas	Fresno California	Modesto California
Billings Montana	Gilbert Arizona	Monticello Utah
Birmingham Alabama	Grand Junction Colorado	Montpelier Idaho
Bismarck North Dakota	Grand Rapids Michigan	Montreal Quebec
Boise Idaho	Halifax Nova Scotia	<b>Moses Lake Washington</b>
Boston Massachusetts	Harrisburg Pennsylvania	Mount Timpanogos Utah
Bountiful Utah	Hartford Connecticut	Nashville Tennessee
Brigham City Utah	Heber Valley Utah	Nauvoo Illinois
Burley Idaho	Helena Montana	Newport Beach California
Calgary Alberta	Houston Texas	Oakland California
Cardston Alberta	Idaho Falls Idaho	Ogden Utah
Casper Wyoming	Indianapolis Indiana	Oklahoma City Oklahoma
Cedar City Utah	Jacksonville Florida	Oquirrh Mountain Utah
Charlotte North Carolina	Jordan River Utah	Orem Utah
Chicago Illinois	Kansas City Missouri	Orlando Florida
Cleveland Ohio	Knoxville Tennessee	Palmyra New York
Cody Wyoming	Kona Hawaii	Payson Utah
Columbia River Washington	Laie Hawaii	Philadelphia Pennsylvania
Columbia South Carolina	Las Vegas Nevada	Phoenix Arizona
Columbus Ohio	Layton Utah	Pittsburgh Pennsylvania
Dallas Texas	Lethbridge Alberta	Pocatello Idaho
Denver Colorado	Lindon Utah	Portland Oregon
Deseret Peak Utah	Logan Utah	Prosper Texas
Detroit Michigan	Lone Mountain Nevada	Provo City Center
Draper Utah	Los Angeles California	Provo Utah
Edmonton Alberta	Louisville Kentucky	Raleigh North Carolina
Elko Nevada	Lubbock Texas	Red Cliffs Utah
	Manhattan New York	Redlands California
	Manti Utah	Regina Saskatchewan

Reno Nevada  
Rexburg Idaho North  
Rexburg Idaho  
Richmond Virginia  
Sacramento California  
Salt Lake  
San Antonio Texas  
San Diego California  
San Jose California  
Saratoga Springs Utah  
Seattle Washington  
Smithfield Utah  
Snowflake Arizona  
Spokane Washington  
Springfield Missouri  
St. George Utah  
St. Louis Missouri  
St. Paul Minnesota  
Star Valley Wyoming  
Syracuse Utah  
Tacoma Washington  
Tallahassee Florida  
Tampa Florida  
Taylorsville Utah  
The Gila Valley Arizona  
Toronto Ontario  
Tucson Arizona  
Twin Falls Idaho  
Vancouver British Columbia  
Vernal Utah  
Washington D.C.  
Wichita Kansas  
Willamette Valley Oregon  
Winchester Virginia  
Winnipeg Manitoba  
Winter Quarters Nebraska  
Yorba Linda California

## **AFRICA**

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Aba Nigeria  
Abidjan Ivory Coast  
Accra Ghana  
Antananarivo Madagascar  
Beira Mozambique  
Benin City Nigeria  
Brazzaville Republic of the Congo  
Cape Town South Africa  
Durban South Africa  
Eket Nigeria  
Freetown Sierra Leone  
Harare Zimbabwe  
Johannesburg South Africa  
Kananga Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
Kinshasa Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
Kumasi Ghana  
Lagos Nigeria  
Lubumbashi Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
Monrovia Liberia  
Nairobi Kenya  
Praia Cape Verde

## **ASIA**

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Alabang Philippines  
Bacolod Philippines  
Bangkok Thailand  
Bengaluru India  
Busan Korea  
Cagayan de Oro Philippines  
Cebu City Philippines  
Davao Philippines  
Dubai United Arab Emirates  
Fukuoka Japan  
Hong Kong China  
Iloilo Philippines  
Jakarta Indonesia

Kaohsiung Taiwan  
Manila Philippines  
Naga Philippines  
Okinawa Japan  
Phnom Penh Cambodia  
Santiago Philippines  
Sapporo Japan  
Seoul Korea  
Shanghai People's Republic of China  
Singapore Republic of Singapore  
Tacloban City Philippines  
Taipei Taiwan  
Tokyo Japan  
Tuguegarao City Philippines  
Urdaneta Philippines  
Yigo Guam

## **CARIBBEAN**

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Port-au-Prince Haiti  
San Juan Puerto Rico  
Santo Domingo Dominican Republic

## **CENTRAL AMERICA**

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Cobán Guatemala  
Greater Guatemala City  
Guatemala City Guatemala  
Huehuetenango Guatemala  
Managua Nicaragua  
Panama City Panama  
Quetzaltenango Guatemala  
Retalhuleu Guatemala  
San José Costa Rica  
San Pedro Sula Honduras  
San Salvador El Salvador  
Tegucigalpa Honduras

## **EUROPE**

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Barcelona Spain  
Bern Switzerland  
Birmingham England  
Brussels Belgium



Budapest Hungary  
Copenhagen Denmark  
Frankfurt Germany  
Freiberg Germany  
Hamburg Germany  
Helsinki Finland  
Kyiv Ukraine  
Lisbon Portugal  
London England  
Madrid Spain  
Oslo Norway  
Paris France  
Preston England  
Rome Italy  
Russia  
Stockholm Sweden  
The Hague Netherlands  
Vienna Austria

## **MEXICO**

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Ciudad Juárez Mexico  
Colonia Juárez Chihuahua Mexico  
Cuernavaca Mexico  
Culiacán Mexico  
Guadalajara Mexico  
Hermosillo Sonora Mexico  
Mérida Mexico  
Mexico City Benemérito Mexico  
Mexico City Mexico  
Monterrey Mexico  
Oaxaca Mexico  
Pachuca Mexico  
Puebla Mexico  
Querétaro Mexico  
San Luis Potosí Mexico  
Tampico Mexico  
Tijuana Mexico  
Toluca Mexico  
Torreón Mexico  
Tula Mexico

Tuxtla Gutiérrez Mexico  
Veracruz Mexico  
Villahermosa Mexico

## **OCEANIA**

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Adelaide Australia  
Apia Samoa  
Auckland New Zealand  
Brisbane Australia  
Hamilton New Zealand  
Melbourne Australia  
Neiafu Tonga  
Nuku'alofa Tonga  
Pago Pago American Samoa  
Papeete Tahiti  
Perth Australia  
Port Moresby Papua New Guinea  
Port Vila Vanuatu  
Suva Fiji  
Sydney Australia  
Tarawa Kiribati  
Wellington New Zealand

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

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Antofagasta Chile  
Arequipa Peru  
Asunción Paraguay  
Bahía Blanca Argentina  
Barranquilla Colombia  
Belém Brazil  
Belo Horizonte Brazil  
Bogotá Colombia  
Brasília Brazil  
Buenos Aires Argentina  
Buenos Aires City Center Argentina  
Cali Colombia  
Campinas Brazil  
Caracas Venezuela  
Chiclayo Peru  
Cochabamba Bolivia  
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Córdoba Argentina  
Curitiba Brazil  
Cusco Peru  
Fortaleza Brazil  
Guayaquil Ecuador  
Iquitos Peru  
La Paz Bolivia  
Lima Peru  
Lima Peru Los Olivos  
Londrina Brazil  
Maceió Brazil  
Manaus Brazil  
Mendoza Argentina  
Montevideo Uruguay  
Natal Brazil  
Porto Alegre Brazil  
Quito Ecuador  
Recife Brazil  
Ribeirão Preto Brazil  
Rio de Janeiro Brazil  
Salta Argentina  
Salvador Brazil  
Santa Cruz Bolivia  
Santiago Chile  
Santiago Chile West  
Santos Brazil  
São Paulo Brazil  
São Paulo East Brazil  
Teresina Brazil  
Trujillo Peru  
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