

The Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

COLORADO

Brief History

- 1846:** A wagon train of 43 Latter-day Saints camps at Fort Pueblo for the winter
- 1896:** Missionaries arrive in Denver
- 1911:** The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, based in Utah, tours Colorado
- 1986:** Church completes the Denver temple
- 1993:** Church members give hundreds of hours of volunteer service during the visit of Pope John Paul II to Denver
- 1997:** Church President Gordon Hinckley visits Denver to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first branch of the Church in the city
- 1999:** Members participate in dozens of service projects as part of a statewide “day of service” instituted by Church leaders under the direction of Gov. Bill Owens
- 2005:** Mormon Tabernacle Choir performs to sold-out crowd at the Pepsi Center
- 2013:** Church responds to “millennial flood” along the Front Range
- 2016:** Church completes Fort Collins temple



At a Glance:
151,884: Total Church Membership
in CO/ 2.7% Of the State Population
4: Missions
309: Congregations

628: Number of missionaries serving in Colorado
64: Family History Centers
2: Temples

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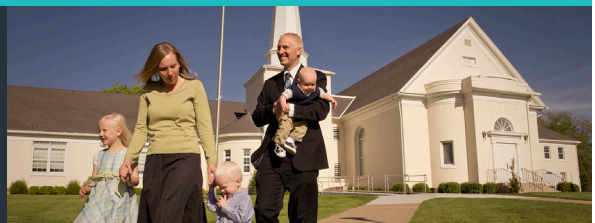
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SELECTED HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

REACHING OUT DURING NORTHERN COLORADO FLOODS

In September 2013, heavy rain caused massive flooding along Colorado's Front Range, and LDS congregations responded. When a Red Cross shelter flooded, local authorities needed an urgent replacement in the Denver area. Within three hours, an LDS church was approved for use and filled with cots. When the crisis was over, the church had provided over 8,000 volunteers who performed more than 50,000 hours of flood response - representing 17 percent of the total volunteer hours recorded in the State - along with over \$100,000 of emergency materials to victims and other service organizations.



PARTNERING WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES TO HELP THE HOMELESS

Serving the underprivileged is more effective with a friend, and we found one in Catholic Charities. In 2017, we shipped 3,000 Thanksgiving turkeys to the Samaritan House shelter in Denver, provided large-scale cooking equipment for the Marian House Soup Kitchen in Colorado Springs, and supplied \$35,000 worth of furniture and financial support for the opening of the Mission Shelter for the homeless in Fort Collins.

Article: Truckloads of Turkeys to Boost Thanksgiving Turkey Drive,

<https://ccdenvr.org/truckload-of-turkeys-to-boost-thanksgiving-turkey-drive-2/>

PREPARING FOR THE WORST WITH EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

From floods and wildfires to tornadoes and active shooters, Colorado is no stranger to natural disasters, so being prepared is critical. As a Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (VOAD) participant, LDS Church members have contributed more than 10,000 hours of service since 2014 to help the community prepare for emergencies. The Church has participated in pre-emergency planning with government agencies and lent a building to first responders for a mock crisis.