



Zimbabwe



THE CHURCH IN ZIMBABWE¹

1937

First Church presence

49 600

Current membership

116

Number of congregations

69

Number of meetinghouses

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a global church, with more than 17 million members who gather in more than 31 000 congregations across 190 countries and territories.

We believe that the Church is a restoration of the Savior's original church as established during his earthly ministry, led by prophets, apostles, bishops, and others. Consistent with the pattern Christ set, there is no professional clergy. Those called to senior leadership positions leave their professional pursuits and consecrate themselves to serving the Savior and ministering to his children.

Likewise, Church members volunteer their time to help sustain their local congregations and to serve one another.

As Christians, members of the Church strive to follow the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. Members are taught to provide for themselves and their families in a self-reliant manner, to love and serve their neighbors, to honour and obey the law, and to be active citizens of the countries and communities in which they live.

The Church has a long presence in Africa since 1853, when its missionaries first began arriving to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, more than 933 500 members worship in more than 2 900 congregations across all parts of Africa.

Early Church presence in Zimbabwe began in the 1920s as immigrants were baptized in what was then called Southern Rhodesia. They held worship services in their homes and encouraged other locals to participate in those services.

In 1963, the government of Zimbabwe formally recognized the Church in the country. Elder James E. Faust, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, traveled to Zimbabwe and dedicated the country for preaching the Gospel. Church membership grew steadily over the years, and today there are over 49 000 members worshipping in more than 90 congregations.

In December 2020, ground was broken on the region's first temple. Construction followed soon after, with the temple projected to serve thousands of Church members in the near future.

¹As of September 2025



EDUCATION AND LEARNING

"The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth."
(Doctrine and Covenants 93:36)

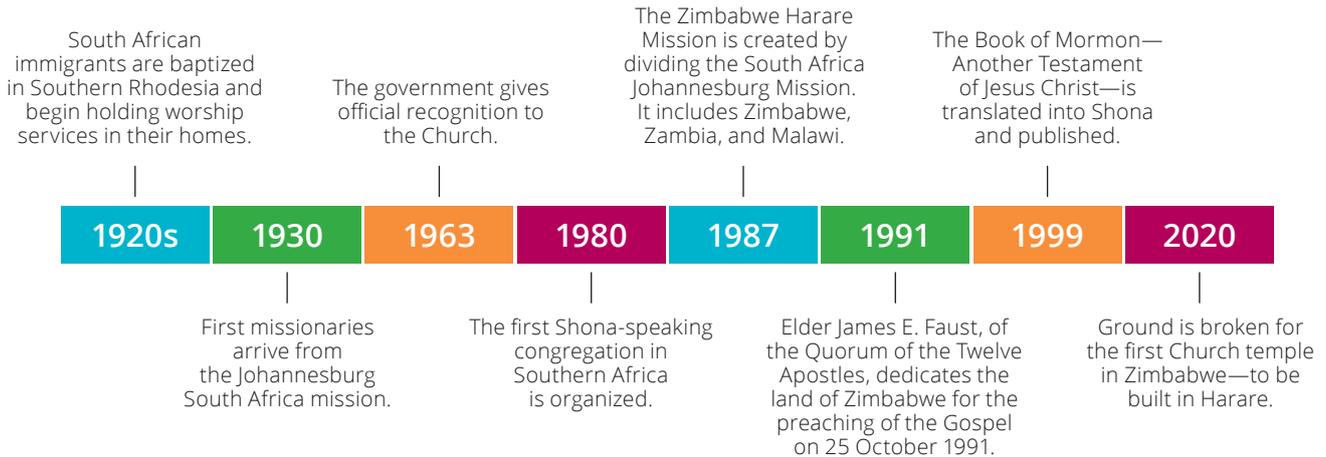
Since its organization in 1830, Church leaders have always emphasized lifelong learning and obtaining as much education as possible. As we become acquainted with truth in good sources of all kinds, we are better prepared to work in the world and serve in the kingdom of God. Members are taught that education and literacy are the keys to personal growth, living a self-reliant life, building strong families, and making meaningful contributions to society.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

"...by small and simple things are great things brought to pass..."
(Alma 37:6)

There are two great commandments—first, that we should love God, and second, that we should love and serve each other. Church members try to follow Jesus Christ's example of caring for the poor and those in need. The humanitarian efforts of the Church offer hope in the form of funds and volunteer service to millions of people around the world who struggle with disease, poverty, civil conflict, and despair. The Church provides resources regardless of race, nationality, or religion.

CHURCH MILESTONES IN ZIMBABWE



CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

Number in parentheses indicates multiple congregations

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| Arcturus | Kwekwe |
| Bindura (9) | Marondera (2) |
| Borrowdale | Masvingo |
| Bulawayo (15) | Mufakose |
| Chegutu | Mutare (7) |
| Damafalls phase 3 (2) | Penhalonga |
| Domboshawa, Goro-monzi | Pumula |
| Gweru (6) | Rusape |
| Harare (31) | Tafara |
| Kadoma (3) | Zvishavane |
| Kaguvu | |



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