We believe that God, having commenced his Work, will continue to reveal and make manifest his will to his
Priesthood, to his Church and kingdom on the earth, and that among this people there will be an embodiment of
virtue, of truth, of holiness, of integrity, of fidelity, of wisdom, and of the knowledge of God. We believe that there will
be a temporal kingdom of God organized that will be under the direction and auspices of the Lord of Hosts, and that
in all our affairs, whether they relate to things temporal or things spiritual, shall be under the direction of the Lord.
John Taylor

Doctrine & Covenants 84: 36-37
FOR HE THAT RECEIVETH MY SERVANTS RECEIVETH ME: AND HE THAT RECEIVETH ME RECEIVETH MY FATHER;

Biographies

Jesus Christ

Original Apostles

Apostasy

Christian Reformers

Why should been be embittered against you because of this, because of your belief in Joseph Smith? Why should they become your enemies because you declare your faith in a new revelation from the Father and from the Son to mankind for their guidance? Why should they? Let me tell you why: Because it laid the ax at the root of the tree of error, of superstition, and of tradition, of lack of faith, and unbelief. It laid the ax at the root of the tree of wickedness, in the world, and of ignorance of God and his principles, and the plan of life and salvation, and the world hated the disciples because of it, and they hated the Son of God because of it, and they crucified him. They hated the disciples because of it, and they put them to death. That is why they hate you, for the same reason; that is, those who do hate you, those who have exercised their power, their will and their thoughts or minds sufficiently to be imbued with the spirit of persecution and hatred against the light and the truth.
Joseph F Smith - CR, October 1911

Francis M. Gibbons

The Presidency of the Church ... appointed and ordained to that office, and upheld by the confidence, faith, and prayer of the church
D&C 107

Joseph Smith

For I had seen a vision; I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it, neither dared I do it; at least I knew that by so doing I would offend God, and come under condemnation. Joseph Smith History

Brigham Young

Why are you so preoccupied with reading the life and teachings of Joseph Smith? One answer, and it is the most powerful one, in my heart, is because he is like a window, through which I can see the living Christ. He was no mystic, he was a prophet, he gave us the truth.
Truman G. Madsen

Apostles in 1835

In order of meeting Joseph

Succession

I only wish that you could have the same privilege that I have each week of meeting with the Twelve and the First Presidency in the upper room of the temple. I think if you could catch the vision of the great harmony there is at the top of the Church by men who love each other and would give their lives if called upon for the thing which they so firmly believe, that it would increase your testimony.
Howard W. Hunter

Apostles

As the least of those who have been sustained by you to witness the guidance of this Church foretold, I say with all the fervor of my soul that never in my personal or professional life have I ever associated with any group who are so in touch, who know so profoundly the issues facing us, who look so deeply into the old, stay so open to the new, and weigh so carefully, thoughtfully, and prayerfully everything in between. I testify that the grasp this body of men and women have of moral and societal issues exceeds that of any think tank or brain trust of comparable endeavor of which I know anywhere on the earth. I bear personal witness of how thoroughly good they are, of how hard they work, and how humbly they live. It is no trivial matter for this Church to declare to the world prophecy, seership, and revelation, but we do declare it. It is true light shining in a dark world.
Jeffery R. Holland - October 2006

Prior Day Apostles

1 Thomas Bladwin Marsh - none
2 David Wyman Patten
3 Brigham Young
4 Heber Chase Kimball
5 Orson Hyde
6 William Earl McLellin - none
7 Parley Parker Pratt
8 Luke Samuel Johnson - none
9 William Smith
10 Orson Pratt
11 John Farnham Boynton - none
12 Lyman Eugene Johnson - none
13 John Edward Page - none
14 John Taylor
15 George Albert Smith - none
16 Wilford Woodruff
17 Willard Richards
18 Lyman Wight
19 Amasa Mason Lyman
20 Ezra Taft Benson
21 Charles Cardson Rich
22 Franklin Dewey Richards
23 Erastus Fairbanks Snow
24 Lorenzo Snow
25 George Quayle Cannon
26 Joseph Fielding Smith
27 Brigham Young Jr. - none
28 Albert Carrington - none
29 Moses Thatcher - none
30 Francis Marion Lyman
31 John Henry Smith
32 Heber Jeddy Grant
33 George Teasdale - none
34 John Whittaker Taylor
35 Abraham Hoagland Cannon
36 Anthon Henrik Lund
37 Marriner Wood Merrill
38 Matthias Foss Cowley - none
39 Abraham Owen Woodruff - none
40 Rudger Judd Clawson
41 Reed Smoot
42 Hyrum Mack Smith - none
43 George Albert Smith
44 Charles William Penrose
45 David Oman McKay
46 George Franklin Richards
47 Orson Ferguson Whitney
48 Anthony Woodward Ivins - none
49 Joseph Fielding Smith
50 James Edward Talmage
51 Stephen Longstreth Richards
52 Richard Roswell Lyman - none
53 Melvin Joseph Ballard
54 John Andreasen Widtsoe
55 Joseph Francis Merrill
56 Charles Albert Callis
57 Joshua Reuben Clark Jr.
58 Alonzo Arza Hinckley - none
59 Albert Ernest Bowen - none
60 Spencer Woolley Kimball
61 Harold Bingham Lee
62 Spencer Woolley Kimball
63 Ezra Taft Benson
64 Mark Edward Petersen
65 Matthew Cowley
66 Henry Dinwoodey Moyle
67 Delbert Leon Stapley - none
68 Marion George Romney
69 Leonard Richards
70 Adam Samuel Bennion
71 Richard Louis Evans
72 George Quayle Morris - none
73 Hugh Brown Brown
74 Howard William Hunter
75 Gordon Bitner Hinckley
76 Nathan Eldon Tanner
77 Thomas Spencer Monson
78 Marvin Jeremy Ashton
79 Boyd Kenneth Packer
80 Bruce Redd Mcconkie
81 David Bruce Haight
82 Lowell Tom Perry
83 James Esdras Faust
84 Neal Ash Maxwell
85 Russell Marion Nelson
86 Dallin Harris Oaks
87 Melvin Russell Ballard
88 Jeffrey Richard Holland
89 Richard Gordon Scott - none
90 Robert Dean Hales - none
91 Jeffrey Roy Holland
92 Henry Bennion Eyring
93 Dieter Friedrich Richtdorf - none
94 David Allan Bednar - none
95 Quentin Lamar Cook - none
96 David Todd Christofferson - none
97 Neil Linden Anderson - none
98 Ronald A Rasband - none
99 Gary Evan Stevenson - none
100 Dale Gunnar Renlund - none
101 Gerrit Walter Gong - none
102 Ulisses Soares - none
103 Patrick David Kearon - none
104 Gérald Jean Caussé - none
105 Clark Gordon Gilbert - none

The fundamental principles of our religion are the testimony of the Apostles and Prophets, concerning Jesus Christ, that He died, was buried, and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven; and all other things which pertain to our religion are only appendages to it.
Joseph Smith

The divine genius of the organization of this work and of calls to leadership is evident... The General Authorities are all individuals, each with his own personality. Each brings to his responsibilities a wide variety of experience and background. When matters come up for discussion in the leading councils of the Church, each is free to express his views. As one observes that interesting process at work, it is fascinating to witness the power of the Holy Spirit influence these men.
Gordon B. Hinckey
April 1983

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
Ephesians 2

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.
Ephesians 4

Church Leaders

Educational Leaders

3 Nephi 15–11-12