

# Farmington New Mexico Temple Facts



**Address:** 4400 College Boulevard,  
Farmington, New Mexico 87402

**Temple Announced:** April 4, 2021

**Groundbreaking:** April 30, 2022

**Public Open House:** July 17–Aug. 2, 2025

**Dedication:** Aug. 17, 2025

**Property Size:** 6.63 acres

**Building Size:** 29,066 square feet

**Building Height:** 126 feet, 6 inches

**Architect:** Barton Architecture; JRW & Associates

**Interior Design:** Cahoon Design; Lisman Studio

**Contractor:** Porter Brothers Construction

## EXTERIOR FEATURES

**BUILDING:** The building features structural steel with a stone rain screen. The exterior stone is Portuguese white granite with a warm undertone.

**LANDSCAPE:** The landscape design is influenced by the geometric shapes found in the buildings and designs of the area. The Ameristar fencing is bronze and complements the walkways and plazas.

## INTERIOR FEATURES

**DESIGN MOTIFS:** The colors and designs throughout the building draw inspiration from the local Native American influence and native flora. This includes elements such as the piñon pine cone and globemallow flower. The design motifs feature Native American feather patterns, organic chevron and diamond running patterns, geometric line work, and stepped pyramid shapes.

**FLOORING:** The carpet features muted turquoise, honey gold, cream and beige in 24-by-24 carpet tiles, with carvings of native floral, organic chevron and diamond running patterns. These elements were chosen for their significance to the Native American population and their reference to local flora. The rugs display the same motifs, with the addition of stepped pyramids, in vibrant colors including coral, turquoise, green, orange and warm creams. The stone materials used include Crème Ella marble, JuraGold limestone, Rosso Asiago marble, Amazonite granite, saffron marble and serpeggiante marble.

**LIGHTING:** The lighting fixtures are made of crystal, brass and resin. The brides' room features a Murano glass chandelier and vanity.

**MILLWORK:** The millwork is crafted from sapele wood, featuring designs that incorporate native geometric patterns and piñon pine cone floral motifs.

**FONT RAILINGS:** The baptismal font railings are bronze-colored prefinished metal with glass panels.

**DOORS AND HARDWARE:** The doors are made of sapele wood with hardware finish. The hardware designs and details continue the native geometry and floral motifs that appear throughout the temple.

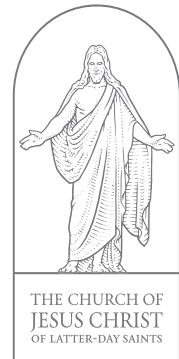
**CEILINGS:** The ceiling medallions are constructed of glass-fiber-reinforced gypsum and incorporate the temple's native floral design motif and geometric stepping

patterns. The baptistry, brides' room, sealing room and celestial room all feature a ceiling medallion at the connection of the main decorative light fixture in the center of the room.

**ART GLASS DESIGN:** The interior art glass, designed by Holdman Studios and installed by Progetto Arte Poli, features a palette of cream, turquoise, coral, yellow, gold, green, blue, clear and frosted colors. The designs

incorporate the native floral motifs, organic chevrons, diamond running patterns and stepped pyramids found throughout the temple.

**ARTWORK:** Original artwork used in the interior includes "A Child's Prayer" by Kwani Povi Winder, "Looking Toward Cortez, Colorado" by Frank Magleby and "Sunset in Silver and Gold" by Wilson Hurley.



# History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Farmington, New Mexico



Photos courtesy of Major W. Graham, Farmington, NM

“I wept great tears of joy when the Farmington temple was announced, as well as during the groundbreaking ceremony.” — Kent Applegate

Many members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the San Juan Basin had similar reactions of shock, awe and rejoicing when the Farmington New Mexico Temple was announced during the Church’s April 2021 general conference.

“I love the temple! We, the Diné, are blessed to have this temple in our area to have the opportunity to attend and do work for our ancestors. T’áá íiyisí baa shił hózhó. (It brings me joy.)” — Ethel Talley

The Farmington temple will serve people from northwest New Mexico, southwest Colorado and northeast Arizona, bringing rich diversity from the Native American, Hispanic and European cultures, as underscored in the dedicatory prayer at the temple groundbreaking ceremony on April 30, 2022.

Elder Anthony D. Perkins, the General Authority Seventy who offered the groundbreaking prayer, stated, “We are grateful Thy temple will be built in this city where three rivers come together and leave as one.” We anticipate having people from each culture flowing to the temple and leaving with greater joy and unity.

## EARLY SETTLEMENT

Farmington’s history dates back over 2,000 years, starting with the Anasazi. The area was later inhabited by the Navajo, Apache and Ute tribes. Spanish settlers arrived in the late 1700s, and in the mid-1870s, pioneers founded Farmington. It grew into an apple farming community and was incorporated on July 15, 1901.



## CHURCH GROWTH

In 1879, a pioneer caravan of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, known as the Hole-in-the-Rock Company, established communities along the San Juan River in Southern Utah. Finding limited resources,



they continued, eventually settling in the Farmington and Durango areas.

Luther C. Burnham was assigned as a missionary to settle his family in Fruitland, New Mexico. In 1881, Luther became the first bishop of the Burnham (Kirtland) congregation. A Sunday School was held at his daughter's house in Farmington.

In June 1885 the San Juan Stake (a group of congregations similar to a diocese) was organized. It comprised congregations from Farmington, Kirtland, Bloomfield, Aztec, Durango and areas of Southern Utah.

## THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY

In the 1950s, development of a gas pipeline from the San Juan Basin to the West Coast brought a population boom. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints also continued to grow during this time. Today, Church membership in the area totals over 11,350.

## THE TEMPLE SITE

In the early 1980s, Marlo L. Webb, a local Church leader in Farmington, selected a six-plus-acre site for a new chapel on College Boulevard. The chapel was removed to make room for the Farmington New Mexico Temple and a new chapel for Sunday services that will serve four congregations.

## UNITING PEOPLE

Before demolishing the original College Boulevard chapel, it was determined that the usable assets inside and

outside the building would be donated to local churches of many denominations. Lives were blessed through this distribution, including one local pastor who was remodeling his church and in need of a wheelchair lift but couldn't afford one. Excitedly finding one that fit his needs, he exclaimed, "I knew the Lord would provide!"

Another church pastor said the donated tables, chairs, whiteboards and library supplies were a "literal answer to prayers" for her congregation. Pianos, an organ, pews for seating, doors and door frames, bathroom fixtures, kitchen appliances, TVs, pictures, lighting fixtures, parking lot lights, basketball standards, carpet and anything that could be removed was donated to these other faith groups.

In the past few years, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has provided donations to at least 25 charity organizations in the Four Corners area. They have received food, commodities, home and shelter furnishings, and cash to help provide services for those in need. The Church also delivered semitruck loads of food across tribal lands in the area to offset food shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Farmington New Mexico Temple district hosts multiple Spanish-speaking congregations and numerous congregations from the surrounding Native American reservations.



# FARMINGTON NEW MEXICO TEMPLE

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EXTERIOR



STAINED GLASS/WINDOW DETAIL



ENTRY/RECOMMEND DESK



BAPTISTRY



INSTRUCTION ROOM



SEALING ROOM



CELESTIAL ROOM



ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL



BRIDAL ROOM



# ELDER STEVEN R. BANGERTER

*General Authority Seventy*



Elder Steven R. Bangerter was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on March 31, 2018, at age 56. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy in the Utah South Area. Elder Bangerter is currently serving in the North

America Central Area Presidency. Previously, he served in the Philippines, North America West and North America Northwest Area Presidencies.

Elder Bangerter has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Canada Vancouver Mission, ward Young Men president, elders quorum president, high councilor, bishop, counselor in a stake presidency, stake president and Area Seventy.

Elder Bangerter received a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies from Arizona State University in 1989. In 1993 he received a Juris Doctor degree from the Western State University College of Law. He practiced law with Cooksey, Toolen, Gage, Duffy & Woog from 1993 to 2003. From 2004 to 2018 he served as managing partner for Bangerter Frazier & Graff, PC. His legal career has focused on representing churches and other faith-based organizations.

Steven R. Bangerter was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 29, 1961. He married Susan Alexis Hughes in 1983. They are the parents of six children.



# ELDER ANTHONY D. PERKINS

*General Authority Seventy*



Elder Anthony D. Perkins 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 was serving as president of the Taiwan Taipei Mission. He served for five years in the Asia Area Presidency in Hong Kong, with three years as President. He currently serves as the President of the Middle East/Africa North Area.

Elder Perkins earned a master's degree in Asian studies and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania after completing undergraduate studies in finance at Brigham Young University. Prior to his call as mission president, Elder Perkins worked 15 years for the international management consulting firm McKinsey & Company, with the last eight years as a senior partner in Beijing, China.

Anthony Duane Perkins was born in 1960. He married Christine Dee Abbott in 1981. They are the parents of six children.



# ELDER JOSE L. ALONSO

*General Authority Seventy*



Elder Jose L. Alonso was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 2, 2011. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Fourth Quorum of the Seventy in the México Area. He has served as a member of the México, Central America and Caribbean Area

Presidencies. He is currently serving as President in the North America Southwest Area Presidency.

Elder Alonso received a medical degree in 1986 as a homeopathic physician and surgeon. In 1991 he received a degree in pediatric development from the National Institute of Pediatrics. He has worked with the Red Cross Emergency Unit, the San Francisco Medical Clinic and the Church Educational System as an area director.

Since joining the Church in 1974, Elder Alonso has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the México Hermosillo Mission, counselor in a bishopric, bishop, stake mission president, stake president, counselor in a mission presidency, president of the México Tijuana Mission (2002–2005) and Area Seventy.

Jose Luis Alonso was born in Mexico City, Mexico, on Nov. 17, 1958. He married Rebeca Salazar in February 1981. They are the parents of two children.

