

Today ■ 3 September 2023

COME, FOLLOW ME

“Ye Are the Body of Christ”

1 Corinthians 8–13

Next week ■ 10 September 2023

COME, FOLLOW ME

“God Is Not the Author of Confusion, but of Peace”

1 Corinthians 14–16

ELDERS QUORUM & RELIEF SOCIETY

Have I Truly Been Forgiven?

Elder K. Brett Nattress

Of the Seventy

April 2023 general conference, Saturday evening session

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD QUORUMS & YOUNG WOMEN

How Can I Find Comfort in Jesus Christ

When a Loved One Dies?

1 Corinthians 14–16

Teaching assignments

Aaronic Priesthood quorums A J Richardson

Young Women class Lana Cheong

DIRECTORY

ChurchofJesusChrist.org/directory

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Please refer instead to the ward directory in the Member Tools app or at **ChurchofJesusChrist.org/directory**

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JAMAICA 1ST WARD

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

3 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Fast & testimony meeting

Réunion de jeûne et de témoignage

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2023 ■ DIMANCHE 3 SEPTEMBRE 2023

Opening hymn | *Cantique d'ouverture*

#7 ■ ISRAEL, ISRAEL, GOD IS CALLING

#6 ■ ISRAËL, TON DIEU T'APPELLE

Opening prayer | *Prière d'ouverture*

Ward & stake business | *Affaires de paroisse et de pieu*

Sacrament hymn | *Cantique de Sainte-Cène*

#170 ■ GOD, OUR FATHER, HEAR US PRAY

#98 ■ DIEU, ENTENDS MONTER NOS VOIX

Administration of the sacrament | *Ordonnance de la Sainte-Cène*

Testimonies | *Témoignages*

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

MEMBRES DE L'ASSEMBLÉE

For more on what it means to bear testimony, see
the insert included with this program or go to

jamaica1stward.org/testimony

Closing hymn | *Cantique de clôture*

#98 ■ I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

#53 ■ OH, J'AI BESOIN DE TOI

Closing prayer | *Prière de clôture*

Presiding & conducting | *Présidée et dirigée par*

BISHOP DUSTIN TYLER JOYCE

Organist | *Organiste* FIONA JOYCE

Chorister | *Directrice de la musique*

SISTER KATHIANA JEAN-LOUIS

TODAY'S SECOND-HOUR MEETINGS ■ 10.10–11.00AM

Adult Sunday School (ages 18+)

English Relief Society room (1st floor)

Haitian Creole Room 201 (2nd floor)

New members & visitors Chapel (2nd floor)

Youth Sunday School (ages 12–17) Room 303 (3rd floor)

Primary (ages 3–11) Primary room (5th floor)

To help maintain a reverent atmosphere, please silence
all mobile phones and other electronic devices.

The Jamaica 1st Ward's usual Sunday meetings will not
take place on these Sundays:

1 October general conference

8 October stake conference

See the enclosed flyer for more details.

Because of these conferences, fast Sunday and testimony
meeting for October will take place on 24 September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

Be set apart in your calling

BISHOP'S OFFICE, ROOM 201, & ROOM 303

TODAY ■ SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER ■ 11.00AM

All members, men and women, exercise priesthood
authority as they fulfill their callings. Both the scriptures
and modern church leaders instruct bishoprics to set church
members apart in their callings under priesthood authority
— and our ward needs to catch up on this duty. If you have
not been set apart in your calling, please stay after the
second hour today so the bishopric can do so. Organization
presidencies have been given a list of members who need
to be set apart and which member of the bishopric has been
assigned to perform this ordinance. This list is also posted on
the door of the bishop's office.

Stake Primary activity: My Body Is a Temple

LITTLE NECK BUILDING

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER ■ 10.00AM

All Primary children, ages 3 and older, are invited.

Ward activity & youth fundraiser: Trivia night

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER ■ 6.00PM

More information and a flyer will be available soon.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES jamaica1stward.org/youth

Ward youth activity night

Friday 8 September ■ 6.00pm Cultural hall

Stake seminary kickoff

Sunday 10 September ■ 4.00pm Flushing

Ward youth council

Sunday 24 September ■ 11.15am Room 303

General conference youth breakfast

Sunday 1 October ■ 10.30am Cultural hall

REGULAR MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Missionary coordination Every Sunday ■ 11.00am

Linger longer 2nd Sundays ■ 11.15am

Ward youth council 4th Sundays ■ 11.15am

Bishopric interviews 1st & 3rd Sundays ■ 11.15am

Gospel Principles class Every Wednesday ■ 6.30pm

Sharing your testimony

Today's meeting is a fast and testimony meeting. Anyone in attendance, as guided by the Holy Ghost, is invited to share a brief testimony.

No one is obligated to bear their testimony. In fact, you may find this meeting more meaningful as you sincerely listen to others' testimonies and feel the presence of the Spirit bearing witness of the truths others share.

What is a “testimony”?

A testimony is a spiritual witness given by the Holy Ghost. The foundation of a testimony is the knowledge that Heavenly Father lives and loves us; that Jesus Christ lives, that he is the Son of God, and that he carried out the infinite Atonement; that Joseph Smith is the prophet of God who was called to restore the gospel; that we are led by a living prophet today; and that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the Savior's true church on the earth. With this foundation, a testimony grows to include all principles of the gospel.²

How do you share your testimony?

To bear testimony means to declare gospel truths as inspired by the Holy Ghost.³

In this meeting and in conversations you have with family members and friends, you may feel prompted to share your testimony. In such instances, remember that you do not need to share a long, impressive discourse. Your testimony will be most powerful when it is expressed as a brief, heartfelt conviction about the Savior, his teachings, and the Restoration. Pray for guidance, and the Spirit will help you know how to express the feelings in your heart. You will find great joy as you help others share in the hope and assurance the Lord has given you.⁴

If you choose to share your testimony, as prompted by the Holy Ghost, you may find these pointers helpful:

- **Testimonies should be brief** so that many people can participate.⁵ Generally, 2–3 minutes should be sufficient.
- This meeting should end promptly at 10:00am. This means the last testimony shared should **end no later than 9:55am** to allow time for the closing hymn and prayer.
- Reverence is an essential part of our church meetings. It is also vital to feeling the Holy Ghost — and to helping others feel the Spirit. For this reason, Latter-day Saints **do not applaud or make other loud sounds** during our Sunday services. However, it is appropriate to respond with a vocal “amen” when a speaker ends his/her talk or testimony.
- **Focus on the Savior Jesus Christ**, his Atonement, and the truths of his gospel as restored through modern prophets. You should share stories and personal experiences only when they have directly helped you gain a testimony of gospel principles.



In the April 2023 general conference, President M. Russell Ballard, acting president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, taught:

Often in our testimony meetings on fast Sundays, we hear the phrases “I am thankful” and “I love” more than we hear the phrases “I know” and “I believe.”



I invite you to bear your testimony of Jesus Christ more often. Bear testimony of what you *know* and *believe* and what you *feel*, not just of what you are thankful for. Testify of your own experiences of coming to know and love the Savior, of living His teachings, and of His redemptive and enabling power in your life. As you bear testimony of what you *know*, *believe*, and *feel*, the Holy Ghost will confirm the truth to those who earnestly listen to your testimony. They will do so because they have watched you become a peaceful follower of Jesus Christ. They will see what it means to be His disciple. They will also feel something they may not have felt before. A pure testimony comes from a changed heart and *can be carried by the power of the Holy Ghost* into the hearts of others who are open to receive it.

Those who feel something as a result of your testimony may then ask the Lord in prayer to confirm the truth of your testimony. Then they can know for themselves.¹

1 “Remember What Matters Most”, April 2023 general conference, Sunday afternoon session

2 *True to the Faith: A Gospel Reference* (2004), pages 178–9

3 *General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (August 2022), 29.2.2

4 *True to the Faith*, page 180

5 *General Handbook*, 29.2.2

JAMAICA 1ST WARD



BUILDING CLEANING

SEPTEMBER 2023

We invite all ward members to participate in
at least one cleaning session during the month

Saturday 2 September ■ 9:00am

Note that this cleaning session will take place at the same
time as our service project to clean 163rd Street.

Friday 8 September ■ 6:00pm

Saturday 16 September ■ 9:00am

Friday 22 September ■ 6:00pm

Friday 29 September ■ 6:00pm

For more information and to volunteer:



[jamaica1stward.org/
cleaning](https://jamaica1stward.org/cleaning)

Sign-up forms will also be passed around in
second-hour meetings throughout the month.

*Thank you for helping maintain this building as a
place where everyone can feel the Spirit of the Lord.*



Manhattan New York Temple to close for renovations

These are excerpts from a press release issued by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 28 August 2023.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced that the Manhattan New York Temple will close in 2024 for extensive renovations.

Renovations to the Manhattan New York Temple are expected to begin in 2024 and be completed in approximately three years. The meetinghouse on the third floor of the temple will also be upgraded. Local congregations will be relocated to other meetinghouse spaces in the area during the renovation period.

A rendering of the updated Manhattan New York Temple has also been released.

During the temple's renovation, Latter-day Saints in the Manhattan New York Temple district are encouraged to attend the Philadelphia Pennsylvania Temple or the Hartford Connecticut Temple.

Dates for the public open house and dedication following the renovation will be announced closer to the completion date.

The Manhattan Temple was dedicated by President Gordon B. Hinckley in June 2004 and is the 119th dedicated temple in operation. It is the second temple built in the state of New York, following the Palmyra New York Temple in April 2000.

Much of the early history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints occurred in New York. In 1820, Joseph Smith received his First Vision just outside Palmyra. The Church of Jesus Christ was organized in Fayette, New York, on April 6, 1830. In the mid-1800s, many converts to the Church from Europe passed through New York Harbor on their way to join the Latter-day Saints out west. Today, the state of New York is home to more than 84,000 Latter-day Saints in over 140 congregations.

FALL 2023

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

30 SEPTEMBER–1 OCTOBER 2023

FROM THE CONFERENCE CENTER
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

General conference takes place twice a year, in April and October, and is an opportunity for us to hear from our worldwide church leaders, including the prophet, President Russell M. Nelson, members of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and other general authorities and general officers of the church.

SCHEDULE

Saturday 30 September	Sunday 1 October
12.00–2.00pm EDT	12.00–2.00pm EDT
4.00–6.00pm EDT	4.00–6.00pm EDT
8.00–9.30pm EDT	

HOW TO WATCH

Live video streams in English, French, Haitian Creole, Spanish, and numerous other languages will be available on the church's website, YouTube, BYUtv on cable and satellite, the Latter-day Saints Channel mobile and smart TV apps, and other means. For more information, visit ChurchofJesusChrist.org

Note that the Jamaica 1st Ward's regular Sunday meetings will not take place on Sunday 1 October 2023.



OCTOBER 2023

STAKE CONFERENCE

OF THE LYNBROOK NEW YORK STAKE

7–8 OCTOBER 2023

Stake conference is the twice-yearly meeting of the Lynbrook New York Stake, which consists of Latter-day Saint congregations in eastern Queens and western Nassau County.

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

Sessions will take place in person at the Flushing building

Priesthood leadership meeting 4.00pm

For the bishopric, ward clerk, ward executive secretary, elders quorum presidency and secretary, Aaronic Priesthood quorum advisers, and ward mission leader

Adult session 7.00pm

For all members 18 and older

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

Via video in our building

General session 10.00am–noon

For all members

FLUSHING BUILDING

145-15 33rd Avenue · Flushing, Queens
Transit: Q44 bus to Union Street & Bayside Avenue

Note that the Jamaica 1st Ward's regular Sunday meetings will not take place on Sunday 8 October 2022.