

# Mesa Arizona Temple Renovation

## Fact Sheet

- The 75,000-square-foot Mesa Arizona Temple will close in May 2018 and will reopen in 2020 following needed repairs and upgrades.
- This is the second renovation for the 91-year-old temple in Mesa. It was rededicated in 1975 by President Spencer W. Kimball following refurbishment. It was originally dedicated by President Heber J. Grant in 1927.
- The new renovations will include site improvements, exterior maintenance, interior finishes and building system maintenance for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and electrical systems.
- The temple was originally designed in a neoclassical style by architects Ramm Hansen and Don Carlos Young. Church design teams are preserving and, in some cases, returning to this original design.
- Improvements throughout the interior of the temple will bring more consistency with the historic character and feel of the original design. Special care is being taken to clean and protect historic murals throughout the temple. Murals are also being added in some locations to complement the originals.
- Improvements will be made where possible to make the temple more accessible to those with disabilities.
- Roofing and drainage systems will be replaced.
- Windows will be replaced to provide better temperature control and be more energy efficient while keeping the look and character of the historic windows.
- The temple grounds will also undergo a major renovation to be more consistent with the character of the landscape design immediately around the temple. Efforts are being made to preserve the shade trees and the garden feel of the grounds, while also introducing additional garden areas.
- The visitors' center and the water feature to the north of the temple will be replaced with a new reflection pool and side gardens, opening the view toward Main Street. The site will also be improved to better accommodate the Easter pageant and make the area more enjoyable to walk the rest of the year with the inclusion of additional paths and walkways.
- The reflection pool at the temple entrance will be repaired in its current location.

- The new combined FamilySearch Center and Temple Visitor Center will be conveniently located on the southwest corner of LeSueur and Main Street. It will be home to various interactive exhibits and events, historical information about the temple, as well as family history research and teaching facilities. The facility will be free and open to the public.