

# The True and Living Church

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught:



The Lord has declared that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is “the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth” (D&C 1:30). This restored Church is true because it is the Savior’s Church; He is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). And it is a living church because of the workings and gifts of the Holy Ghost. (David A. Bednar, “Receive the Holy Ghost,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2010, 97)

President Dallin H. Oaks of the First Presidency taught:



Three features—(1) fulness of doctrine, (2) power of the priesthood, and (3) testimony of Jesus Christ—explain why God has declared . . . that this is the only true and living Church upon the face of the whole earth. . . .

The restored gospel of Jesus Christ is comprehensive, universal, merciful, and true. . . .

Having the power of the priesthood, the leaders and duly authorized members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are empowered to perform the required priesthood ordinances, such as baptism, the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the administration of the sacrament.

The keys of the priesthood, held by our beloved prophet . . . and every other prophet and President of the Church, entitle him to revelation in behalf of the entire Church. This Church is “living” because we have prophets who continue to give us the word of the Lord that is needed for our time.

The third reason why we are the only true Church is that we have the revealed truth about the nature of God and our relationship to Him, and we therefore have a unique testimony of Jesus Christ. (Dallin H. Oaks, “The Only True and Living Church,” *New Era*, Aug. 2011, 3–5)