

In 2015 the Mormon Church leader in a radio interview: "LDS apostle Jeffrey R. Holland predicts 100,000 Mormon missionaries by 2019." As of Feb. 2018, the number of Mormon missionaries has dropped down to 68,000.

Archive from Recovery from Mormonism (RfM) discussion forum

Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Britboy** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 01:35PM

<https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/mission-adjustments-2018>

Including England London South!

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Gheco** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 01:44PM

Logan, Utah? Times must be tough.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Bamboozled** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 02:09PM

I think the church had to open a bunch of new missions to accommodate the surge of 18 year old youth suddenly going on missions.

It would appear the surge has finished its surging and is now limping.

What a fine specimen of optimistic mormonspeak.

Posted by: **Visitors Welcome** ()

Date: February 03, 2018 05:09PM

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You know how in some years, you have more insects, or vermin, or moles in your garden than in other years? Some years there's just more inconvenience than other years? To most nevermos in the mission field, that "surge" was the same thing. More creepy-crawlies in your front yard than usual, but luckily, only for a season.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **praydude** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 02:16PM

I remember when I was TBM and on my mission that the end-of-days would come when the mormons had a mission force of 144,000. Sort of like the JW's. I loved to see the growth in the missionary force in the 80's and 90's.

I would love to see the church go away but it will never totally leave. There will always be sheeple who want it to continue.

Interestingly, I could still be right about that crazy prophesy...

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Badassadam1** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 02:28PM

I hated that end of days talk. It was an effective control mechanism.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **isthechurchtrue** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 03:27PM

The troubling part of this report for the Mormons is that the 19 missions being closed are in the first world while the 5 missions being opened are in Africa and the Philippines...

This is just the LDS Church trying to prop itself up with large third world baptism rates...

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **knight2284** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 04:23PM

It appears I am the only filipino mormon in this exmo community living in the Philippines. I abandoned the mormon faith just recently!

Edited 1 time(s). Last edit at 02/01/2018 04:24PM by knight2284.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Welcome.

Posted by: **You Too?** ()
Date: February 01, 2018 05:23PM

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **lilburne** ()
Date: February 03, 2018 05:01PM

The more you can tell people the truth the more you can save from being robbed of their earnings and lied to. Share the CES Letter out there. You can do a lot to prevent others being abused.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **lilburne** ()
Date: February 03, 2018 05:02PM

What happens when your missionary force, your prime face to face sales people are now in fewer numbers and younger?

If they thought they had issues before with obedience and maturity i think they're probably about to enter a car crash era that they'll have to spin over.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Elyse** ()
Date: February 01, 2018 03:39PM

Note how they are calling it adjustment and realignment. LOL.

When it comes to euphemism the morg takes the cake.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Eric K** ()
Date: February 01, 2018 06:18PM

An interesting note (as least to me): "The initial wave of missionaries has since receded to about 68,000 missionaries, as anticipated."

I don't follow Mormon propaganda except when it shows up here. I thought the expectation was to have 100,000 missionaries in the near future not 68,000. I may remember incorrectly. In any case, this number, 68,000, includes senior missionaries which seem to be making a larger share of the missionary force. The number of missionaries seems to be dropping in proportion to claimed memberships.

Holland predicted 100k missionaries, per 2015 sltrib article

Posted by: **Investigating atheism** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 09:31PM

<http://archive.sltrib.com/article.php?id=2249417&itype=CMSID>

"We're projecting out probably within four years," apostle Jeffrey R. Holland told a radio interviewer, "the base-line number for the missionary force will be something around 100,000."

Re: Holland predicted 100k missionaries, per 2015 sltrib article

Posted by: **Eric K** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 07:40AM

Thanks for finding the 100k quote. I will archive this as a good example of prophecy.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **ehemaliger** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 02:43PM

We have always been at war with Eastasia.

In the Morridor, TSCC looks like Nineteen-Eighty Four...

Posted by: **Visitors Welcome** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 05:52PM

... But out in the mission field, it's more like Animal Farm.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **MRM** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 06:24PM

When the church announced that the age to go on a mission was lowered it created an influx of available young men. Not only 18 year old were leaving but also 19 year old who had not left yet.

A friend of mine was in charge of the living arrangements for the mission in this area. He was renting apartments and finding beds, etc.

I asked him what were the plans once the wave of missionaries was over. He looked at me like he had never thought about it before.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Levi** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 07:26PM

I guffawed with great glee when I first heard of the so-called "Washington Federal Way Mission". Lol bye Felicia.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **elderolddog** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 09:23PM

How easy is it for someone in the know to look at a new missionary's call letter and tell him or her about how many converts they'll have, and what percentage of their time they will be spending on 'less actives'?

On this 'less active' thing, we would have been verbally scolded back in the day if we'd 'wasted time' on less actives, given that there was this vast field of people ripe for the harvesting.

And regarding the photo at the top of the cited article, the three native elders: The odds are so dang close to 100% that they are receiving a monthly stipend from the church during their mission and that it will have been the best job they'll ever have.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **elderolddog** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 09:35PM

(I used this already in another thread, but I'm right pleased with it!)

They could get to their 'projected missionary force (of) something around 100,000' if they lowered the missionary age to almost 15.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **edzachery** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 08:58AM

...don't give 'em any ideas, EOD! Besides, they'll be bragging that 68,000 is "around" 100,000, just to save face for Jeffrey "Jowls" Holland.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **BeenThereDunnThatExMo** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 09:23PM

Hey ElderOldDog how goes it?

I believe what you meant to say was...

They could get to their 'projected missionary force (of) something around 100,000' if they lowered the missionary age to "several months before their 15th birthday."***

Or so it seems to me...

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***Most of those sealed to Joseph Smith were between 20 and 40 years of age at the time of their sealing to him. The oldest, Fanny Young, was 56 years old. The youngest was Helen Mar Kimball, daughter of Joseph's close friends Heber C. and Vilate Murray Kimball, "who was sealed to Joseph several months before her 15th birthday."

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **elderolddog** ()

Date: February 03, 2018 01:00AM

Bingo! Thanks for the exactitudiousness!!

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **deja vue** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 09:55PM

Well that reduces the outlay in benefits to Mission Presidents and their family by 19. Another indication that the cult is tightening their belts as they lose members.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **anon - so sue me** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 10:17PM

"...as anticipated"

Funny, Prez Newsroom didn't mention anything in 2012 about expecting a subsequent rollback:

<https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/church-lowers-age-requirement-for-missionary-service>

I live within the boundaries of the CA San Fernando Mission. It's been around for about 25 years, so its closing isn't related to the end of the surge. Will the missionaries have to order new name tags?

Five new missions that will contribute next to no tithing for the foreseeable future... works for me.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Tevai** ()

Date: February 01, 2018 11:45PM

anon - so sue me Wrote:

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> Fernando Mission.

Valley girl here...

Is this (the MORMON-designated CA San Fernando Mission) a serendipitous name...

...or---perchance, or by design--- do the boundaries of the MORMON CA San Fernando Mission have any relationship to the historical boundaries of the REAL San Fernando Mission?

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **anon - so sue me** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 12:15AM

I think simply because its major territory is the San Fernando Valley. The internet gods say that the mission home is in Santa Clarita, so I assume it would also include the Newhall-Valencia area as well.

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Date: February 02, 2018 12:47AM

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I was thinking this as well...but it would have been kind of neat to have some historical overlap somewhere. :)

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- > bet.

You are right!...Mulholland seems like an excellent bet.

So many times it seems like there is a whole different world on the other side of the mountain!

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Bentaylor23** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 03:13PM

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Nice, I live in Santa Clarita.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Dave the Atheist** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 12:50AM

I want nineteen temples to close

They will, they will – eventually (n/t)

Posted by: **Soft Machine** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 03:46AM

I don't. Let 'em keep up all the loss-making operations! (n/t)

Posted by: **Visitors Welcome** ()

Date: February 03, 2018 10:29AM

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Villager** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 12:54AM

Is London South area a high income part of the city where homes are gated etc?

I am wondering why that part of London took the hit.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Visitors Welcome** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 06:01PM

My guess is that there's a London South and a London North mission which are being merged into one.

Not that I care, it's time for bed.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **koriwhore** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 06:43PM

The Truth doesn't require a sales force of 90,000 salesmen to go out every day to sell it in order for it to get established. The truth gets established as myths get

debunked and end up with all the other debunked myths, on the dustheap of history, where they belong.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **donbagley** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 06:59PM

Truth

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Stubborn Apostate** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 07:29PM

^^^ This!

+1!

Posted by: **Visitors Welcome** ()

Date: February 03, 2018 03:13AM

And that is why religions are so fond of BLASPHEMY LAWS.

Blasphemy laws prevent the people from thinking for themselves, or even from comparing two faiths and concluding, "both can't be right. Both could be wrong..."

+10! (n/t)

Posted by: **ipo** ()

Date: February 03, 2018 05:18AM

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **unbelievable2** ()

Date: February 02, 2018 09:45PM

19 less missions and 20k less missionaries means the cult is losing big \$. They are cutting their losses regardless of the cover story they use. That's good for the 20k less missionaries who can live their lives.

Other great missions in the list...

Posted by: **Visitors Welcome** ()

Date: February 03, 2018 10:56AM

They are closing Porto and Málaga, caralho!

First Porto. Portugal used to be the European succes story for TSCC. It had four missions at the turn of the century. There is only one left now.

Spain also had Madrid, BCN, Bilbao and Málaga when I was little. Now they are down to two.

So between them, the two Iberian countries have gone from 8 to 2 in only 15 years. Italy went from 6 to 2, btw.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: never mind how many members or even congregations TSCC claims. The number of stakes is a better indication and if you really want to follow the money, count the missions.

Re: Other great missions in the list...

Posted by: **CA girl ()**

Date: February 03, 2018 06:04PM

I served in the Malaga mission when there were missions in Bilbao, Madrid, Barcelona and Las Palmas too. They made Bilboa part of the Barcelona mission and Las Palmas part of the Malaga mission years ago. Are they only having the Barcelona and Madrid missions now?

Oh yeeh, the Las Palmas mission, too!

Posted by: **Visitors Welcome ()**

Date: February 04, 2018 03:33AM

CA girl Wrote:

> Are they only having the Barcelona and Madrid missions now?

Yes. And I had forgotten Las Palmas so I miscalculated in my earlier post.

So Spain went from 5 to 2 and Portugal from 4 to 1. Italy from 6 to 2 and similar stories elsewhere in Europe. Little Belgium once had TWO missions entirely within its own borders (the size of Maryland, the population of Ohio) but now the Brussels mission covers not only Belgium but the whole of the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The good news for Euromos is that overthere, the "realignment" happened over 15 years ago, so there is now a whole generation of Euromos who do not remember the heydays of the 1980s and 1990s and who can be duped into thinking it was always thus, and elsewhere we are growing even faster.

Or as someone quoted: we have always been at war with East Asia.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **CA girl** ()

Date: February 03, 2018 06:07PM

"The initial wave of missionaries has since receded to about 68,000 missionaries, as anticipated."

Please! That quote from the article is pure spin.

Re: Nineteen missions to close!

Posted by: **Britboy** ()

Date: February 04, 2018 08:09AM

By combining the London East and London south there will not be enough missionary's to put two in every Ward or Branch! So even more Wards branches to the wall in the UK ! Last year seven units closed to my knowledge! Let's set a goal of 14 for 2018! The population of the area is seventeen million! That's 250,000 per missionary couple!

Mormon missionaries are having fewer and fewer converts in developed countries. Many missionaries are returning home early. In 2017 there was no net increase in the number of congregations in the Mormon church.

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