GATHERING OF TRIBES AT THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE

What to Expect

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Building kinship through Indigenous voices and perspectives

We know an invitation like this raises questions. Here are plain answers to the ones we hear most. Please ask us anything else at slc2027@gatheringoftribes.org.

What is this gathering?

A day at the Salt Lake Temple open house for Native and Indigenous families and community members on April 2, 2027, the first time the temple opens to the public in 134 years. We are all related as children of the Creator. We begin with a sunrise prayer, spend the day listening, learning, and building kinship, and close with a temple tour.

Who is organizing it?

Gathering of Tribes, an Indigenous-led nonprofit, is holding this day in collaboration with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Church leaders will also take part.

Do I have to be a Latter-day Saint?

No. People of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome. We especially hope Native families and spiritual leaders who are not members will join us.

Will I be asked to do or believe anything?

No. There will be no proselyting. You are our honored guest, and you decide how much to take part in. We come to listen as well as to share, and we honor the spirituality inherent in Indigenous traditions and cultures.

Do I need to register? What does it cost?

Attendance is free, and registration is required. Locations and arrival details are sent to registered guests. Space is limited for the 9:00 and 11:00 sessions. Attendees cover their own travel and lodging. Hotel discounts are listed on our website.

Who are the presentations for?

The 11:00 presentations, on education, humanitarian aid, conservation, language, and family history, are geared toward leaders, and space is limited. All are welcome as space allows. Stay for connection and building kinship, or use this time to explore Temple Square and the visitors' centers.

Can I bring my family?

Families are welcome at the sunrise ceremony and the temple tours. The morning sessions include longer talks and are best suited to ages 12 and older.

The day at a glance

6:45 AM	Sunrise Prayer Open to all. Families welcome.
9:00 AM	Welcome & Indigenous Voices Indigenous Latter-day Saints share the connections they see between their traditions, the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the temple. Space is limited. Best for ages 12 and older.
11:00 AM	Program Presentations Space is limited. Geared toward leaders.
12:00 PM	Lunch and Building Kinship
2:30 PM	Group Photo at the Temple
3:00 PM	Temple Tour

Times are estimates.

What is the sunrise prayer ceremony?

An open gathering at first light, hosted by Gathering of Tribes, with songs, drumming, and prayers to bless the land and all who come. We warmly invite you to pray over the land with us, and to offer your own prayer, song, or blessing. Regalia or traditional clothing is encouraged, and business casual attire is also welcome.

What will the temple tour be like?

Come inside the Salt Lake Temple on a tour. It begins with a video, and then guests are taken into several areas of the temple where ceremonies are performed. You will begin to understand why the temple is sacred to Latter-day Saints, and hear what it means to Indigenous members.

What is General Conference?

A worldwide gathering of the Church, held twice a year, where leaders speak about Jesus Christ and offer guidance. Each session is about two hours, at the Conference Center in Salt Lake City, and is broadcast around the world, interpreted into more than 100 languages, including Navajo and Apache. The next one is April 3–4, 2027. Tickets may be arranged through your local stake or ward leaders. Tickets are limited and not guaranteed.

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