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**Media Advisory**

April 16, 2018

**Mormon Temple Closes for Renovation**  
*Opportunity for B-roll and Interviews on Tuesday, April 24*

The Washington D.C. Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently closed for an extensive renovation. The Kensington, Maryland, landmark has been in service since 1974 and needs significant upgrades to its mechanical system. In addition, the finishes and furnishings of the temple will be refreshed.

The project is expected to be completed sometime in 2020. Following the remodel, the public will be invited to tour the temple during an open house. After the open house, the temple will be rededicated.

In conjunction with the closure, media are invited to attend a briefing on **Tuesday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m.** During this event, interviews will be available with the temple renovation project manager, an expert in the temple's architecture and history and a representative of the construction company in charge of the project.

Opportunities will also be provided to shoot b-roll of the temple grounds and the construction zone. **This will be the primary opportunity for media access to the construction site during the two-year renovation, so your attendance at this event is strongly encouraged.**

Media wishing to attend this event should contact:

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The address of the temple is **9900 Stoneybrook Drive, Kensington, Maryland**. Please enter through the visitors' center entrance, which is off Stoneybrook Drive, east of the main temple gate and marked by a sign. Once you pass through the gate, please park in the lot. The media briefing will be held in the visitors' center, which is the smaller white building located on the southeast corner.

The visitors' center will remain open throughout the renovation. The annual Festival of Lights in December will also continue, although the display may be impacted by the construction.

The temple serves 123,000 Mormons in Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. During the renovation, Church members will worship in other nearby temples, such as Philadelphia and Manhattan.

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Latter-day Saint temples are considered houses of God where faithful Mormons participate in sacred ceremonies such as marriage and the uniting of families for eternity. Temples differ from meetinghouses or chapels, where all are welcome to attend Sunday worship services and other activities.

More information about the purpose of temples is available on [www.mormonnewsroom.org](http://www.mormonnewsroom.org), including downloadable, high-resolution photos of the Washington D.C. Temple.