

CHRONOLOGY OF THE HISTORY OF THE LDS CHURCH IN MICHIGAN

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- 1831 - (D & C 52:7-8): Lucy Mack Smith, Hyrum Smith & three other elders visit Detroit; also first branch was organized in Pontiac
- 1834 - Joseph Smith visited Pontiac; also, Zion's Camp, a thousand mile march from Kirkland to Missouri included 14 members from Michigan
- 1837 - Hosea Stout baptized in Pontiac; he later was police chief in Nauvoo and the first missionary to China
- 1844 - Two apostles, George Albert Smith & Wilford Woodruff visit Kalamazoo & Detroit; also, James J. Strang called himself as prophet to succeed Joseph Smith
- 1856 - James J. Strang, "America's Only King" was assassinated on Beaver Island.
- 1908 - Two missionaries jailed in Grand Rapids for selling the Book of Mormon
- 1928 - First church building in Michigan at 13259 Sorrento in Detroit
- 1943 - First church building in Grand Rapids: purchased on 242 Carleton
- 1952 - November 9: The Detroit Stake , first stake in Michigan and later named the Bloomfield Hills Stake, organized by apostles Ezra Taft Benson & Henry D. Moyle with 2,700 members, 8 wards and 5 branches. George Romney called as first stake president (he later served two terms as governor of Michigan)
- 1959 - Dedication of Detroit Stake Center on Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills by President David O. McKay
- 1961 - Grand Rapids meetinghouse (later stake center) built on Bradford Avenue
- 1962 - February 18: Second stake in Michigan organized in Lansing
- 1965 - Lansing stake center built. Destroyed by fire in 2002 & rebuilt
- 1975 - October 12: President Thomas Monson organized Grand Rapids Stake. LDS Living Center in East Lansing dedicated by President N. Eldon Tanner
- 1979 - Kalamazoo Stake organized by President Gordon B. Hinckley
- 1986 - Existing Grand Rapids Stake Center built on Leonard at the I-96 intersection
- 1999 - October 23: Detroit Temple dedicated by President Hinckley
- 2017 - Membership in Michigan reaches 44,662 with 94 congregations & 2 missions