

= Church Administration Building =

The Church Administration Building (CAB) is an administrative office building in Salt Lake City , Utah , serving as the headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter @-@ day Saints (LDS Church) , the fourth @-@ largest Christian denomination in the United States . Completed in 1917 , the building is adjacent to Temple Square , between the Joseph Smith Memorial Building and the Lion House , on South Temple Drive . It differs from the Church Office Building in that it is much smaller and furnishes offices for the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles . It also houses offices for other general authorities and their personal staff .

Only church officials and their guests are permitted to enter . The CAB has been used for meetings between church leaders and political and community leaders .

= = Use and special events = =

Initially , the Church Administration Building housed all administrative offices of the LDS Church , but as membership grew and leadership and staff expanded , the workers were scattered in office buildings throughout downtown Salt Lake City ? some as far away as the Granite Mountain Vaults in Little Cottonwood Canyon and at Brigham Young University , forty miles to the south in Provo . With construction of the Church Office Building to the east , the Church Administration Building was freed up for offices exclusively for general authorities , and it continues to serve as the church 's headquarters .

The Church Administration Building furnishes offices for the president of the LDS Church , as well as for his counselors in the First Presidency , the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles , and other general authorities , along with their staff . The building is overseen by the Church Security Department , with only certain employees , church officers and their guests are permitted to enter .

A variety of events have been held at the CAB , as well as receiving distinguished visitors . As part of the festivities for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City , the Olympic torch was passed through the hands of members of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles on the steps of the CAB . It is also a tradition that funeral processions of past LDS Church presidents pass in front of the Church Administration Building . The building has hosted visitors including Michelle Obama and George W. Bush .

= = Construction = =

Constructed between 1914 and 1917 , the building is built of quartz monzonite from the same quarry in Little Cottonwood Canyon as the stone used for the Utah State Capitol and the nearby Salt Lake Temple . The Mt . Nebo Marble Company supplied marble and travertine for the interior of the CAB . According to the Utah Geological Survey , " the company quarried Birdseye marble in the Thistle area of Utah County , and travertine and onyx at Pelican Point near Utah Lake in Utah County and in the Cedar Mountains of Tooele County . "

Twenty @-@ four ionic columns form a colonnade around the structure , each weighing eight tons . The building 's exterior is constructed from 4 @ , @ 517 granite blocks .