

RootsTech 2026: World's largest family history event bring people 'Together'

The best family history conference in the world shines better than ever before. Now in its 15th year of production, it may be difficult to output in words what you missed. For a snapshot of the March 16th Church News at <https://www.thechurchnews.com/members/2025/12/17/rootstech-2026-theme-together-global-emcees-worldwide-family-history-genealogy/>, here are some highlights to share from their Newsroom.



Evolution of RootsTech over the Years: 'The Lord's work is moving forward'

Three significant things are working together simultaneously to accelerate temple and family history work, Elder Hamilton said during the conference.

First, millions of people worldwide — both members of the Church and those not of the Latter-day Saint faith — are adding billions of names to build family trees on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org).

"That has been staggering to watch," he said.

The Church is also collaborating with archives, organizations and volunteers globally at an increasing pace to scan, digitize and publish more previously unavailable collections.

In recent decades, first came the internet, followed by mobile technology which allowed people to carry the FamilySearch app and an individual's family history in his or her pocket. DNA testing then opened new doors

and interest as it showed people where they came from and connected some to family members they didn't know. Artificial intelligence is the latest advancement to help genealogists break through the so-called brick walls.

“At that very moment it is needed, the Lord provides this data or technology to handle it,” Elder Hamilton said. “Generative AI is a good example. We are doing things today that we couldn't have done two years ago, and two years from now, we will be doing things we couldn't do today.”

The third force at work is the unprecedented rate of building temples. The Church as of early 2026, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has **383 total temples** in its portfolio, which includes 211 dedicated temples (currently operating or under renovation), 62 under construction, and 110 announced. Seven new temples are scheduled for dedication throughout 2026. Elder Hamilton said [President Russell M. Nelson](#) has taught many times that temples are nourished with names. Without genealogies and the names of kindred dead, temple ordinances could be performed only for the living. “As temples get closer and closer to the people, you need proxy names. Otherwise, what will you do when you go to the temple?” Elder Hamilton said. Those three elements coming together — more records and names being added to the tree, advanced technology and more temples — are hastening the Lord's work.

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Make Plans for RootsTech 2027

RootsTech 2027 is scheduled for **March 4–6, 2027**, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and online. As the world's largest genealogy conference hosted by FamilySearch, it offers in-person,, and virtual sessions focusing on family history, DNA, and technology. Registration generally opens in the fall of 2026, offering both in-person and free virtual options.

