

MEETINGHOUSE TECHNOLOGY

Newsletter



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Introduction

Welcome to another edition of our monthly *Meetinghouse Technology Newsletter!* Remember that the most current information can always be found on the Meetinghouse Technology Wiki (mhtech.lds.org).

Featured Topics

Introducing the LDS Media Library!

The LDS Media Library, a new section on LDS.org, makes it easier than ever to find and use Church media. The LDS



Media Library enables individuals, families, and organizations to find, in one trusted location, wholesome Church media they can use to invite others to come unto Christ.

Currently there are approximately 800 video files, such as the New Testament Stories, videos based on the 2011 Mutual theme, clips from general conference, and Mormon Messages. The library currently features [Joseph Smith: The Prophet of the Restoration](#), a revised, feature-length version of the motion picture shown at the Legacy Theater in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building and in visitors' centers across the globe. New videos are added regularly. Images and audio files are expected to be available later this year.

All videos on the site are viewable via online streaming, and most can be downloaded. Video not available for download typically has intellectual property restrictions that prevent their use by the general public. When downloading, users can choose from three file sizes to fit the capability and quality of their media-viewing device.

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Tips and Tricks

Adding to the MHTech Wiki

A recent contributor to the MHTech Wiki, StacyAnn Allen, from Kaysville, Utah, said, "I was intimidated to add a link to one of the articles on the satellite resource [wiki] page, but once I understood what a wiki was and learned some basics of editing a wiki, I was able to contribute to the article." Here are answers to a few questions she had that may help others when they want to add content to the MHTech Wiki.

What is a wiki? What kinds of content can I add to the wiki?

The purpose of the MHTech Wiki is for Church and community members to collaborate on various documents and technology projects sponsored by the Church. A good example of a wiki is Wikipedia.com, the free online encyclopedia that anyone can edit.

A wiki page is called an article. You can upload almost any type of file to a wiki article, including text documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and even JPEG, video, and sound files. In addition, every wiki article has a corresponding discussion page. The page serves as a forum for users to discuss issues related to the article.

All are invited to participate on the MHTech Wiki. Anyone can read the wiki, and to contribute, all you need is an LDS Account. Here are some examples of things you could add to an MHTech Wiki article:

- Any experiences you've had using meetinghouse technology.
- Links to other articles or documents within the wiki that would enhance the users' experience with the article.
- Discussions about using meetinghouse technology.

To learn how to create an LDS Account, visit https://tech.lds.org/wiki/LDS_Account.

What guidelines should I follow when contributing content?

All edits to the MHTech Wiki should be consistent. (Continued on page 2)

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In addition to the media itself, the LDS Media Library offers suggestions for using media resources at home, in Church classes, and for sharing the gospel. The site also describes many of today's media types and outlets, such as Internet TV, mobile devices, e-books, and social networking sites (such as Facebook), and provides information about how the Church is using each. The site also explains how members can create and submit meaningful, inspirational media to share with others.

Much of the media found in the Media Library is used throughout LDS.org, on the Church's [Mormon Channel](#), or iTunes. The Media Library is a Church media repository on lds.org. If you can't find what you are looking for anywhere else or you want to easily download media or find additional media, chances are the Media Library can help.

Future releases of the LDS Media Library will provide members with access to additional videos and thousands of audio files and images—in English and other languages as well! Take a few minutes to explore the new [LDS Media Library](#) and encourage others to consider adding a little media to their next lesson, activity, or family home evening.

Satellite Systems: Recent Changes to Church's Satellite Systems May Affect Your Next Broadcast

The satellite receivers in North America recently received a remote update to be compatible with the Church's reconfigured satellite network. The primary motivation for the reconfigured network and resulting receiver update was to cut costs while maintaining a robust and functional satellite system. While every effort was taken to ensure a smooth transition, some updates were unsuccessful.

To alleviate any problems that may occur during a broadcast, those responsible for satellites and Church broadcasts should **check their systems at least one week prior to any broadcast**. This will allow time to repair or replace damaged or malfunctioning components before the broadcast. With the upcoming general conference, it is

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tent with the teachings and standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Also, remember that the wiki is a public site, and private content should not be added to the articles. All the content on this site and its forums may be monitored for inappropriate content. Whenever you make an edit, click the **Watch** tab to be notified of any comments or changes to the article so you can respond to them. When creating content, always remember that others will be reading and using your articles so try to make them as accurate and as readable as possible. See more about use and permissions at https://tech.lds.org/wiki/Requirements_for_Participation.

While anybody with an LDS account can create and edit articles, only an administrator can permanently delete articles. Administrators will delete articles based on the consensus of the community.

When I click Edit, the format is unfamiliar. What is wiki markup?

Wiki content is created and edited in a format called [wiki markup](#). Some of the codes used in wiki markup may be unfamiliar to you, but you can always preview your addition before you submit it so you can see what it will look like. Some of the most commonly used markup language looks like this:

Meetinghouse Technology Basic Wiki Markup	
What you type	What it does
<code>"italic"</code>	<i>italic</i>
<code>'''bold'''</code>	bold
<code>''''bold and italic''''</code>	<i>bold and italic</i>
<code>== heading ==</code>	Heading
<code>=== level 2 ===</code>	Level 2
<code>==== level 3 =====</code>	Level 3
<code>* One</code>	• One
<code>* Two</code>	• Two
<code>* Three</code>	• Three
<code># One</code>	1. One
<code># Two</code>	2. Two
<code># Three</code>	3. Three
<code>[[Link to another wiki page]]</code>	Internal link to another MHTech page
<code>[[Link different title]]</code>	Internal link using "different title" as the link
<code>http://www.text.org</code>	External link
<code>[http://www.test.org Text]</code>	Link with description
<code>[[Image:file.jpg text]]</code>	Image with alternative text
<code>[[Image:file.jpg frame Text]]</code>	Image framed with caption
<code>[[Image:file.jpg thumb Text]]</code>	Thumbnail with caption
<code>[[Media:file.ogg]]</code>	Link to uploaded media file
<code>[[Category:Example]]</code>	Add article to category "Example"

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anticipated that some stakes may have problems with their satellite broadcast because their receivers did not successfully update.

Before you use your receiver to broadcast any event, please follow the steps below to ensure that it was successfully updated:

1. Check the receiver's light. If the light is green, the receiver is functioning properly.
2. If the light is flashing red, check the carrier settings on the receiver. *(This process will vary slightly depending on your receiver model.)*
 - Open the **Onscreen Menu** on the TV screen.
 - Navigate to the **Carrier Settings** page.
 - Check the numbers on the **Carrier Settings** page against the numbers listed below:

G-19

FEC: 3/4
Carrier Frequency (Mhz): 3922.36
Data Rate (Mbp/s): 4.736
Tag Site: 0 or 15
Program#: 00000

G-19 ASL

FEC: 5/6
Carrier Frequency (Mhz): 3926.62
Data Rate (Mbp/s): 5.760
Tag Site: 15
Program#: 00002

G-28

FEC: 2/3
Carrier Frequency (Mhz): 11886.5
Data Rate (Mbp/s): 8.190
Tag Site: 15
Program#: 00020

If these numbers match the numbers on your receiver, then your receiver successfully updated.

If the numbers on your receiver's screen do not

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Local Highlight

Note: Guidelines for technology vary by area, and not all solutions are appropriate in all areas. Please be sure to check with your area office before implementing any new solutions.



Young single adult wards of the University Fifth Stake in Salt Lake City, Utah, have been using wireless Internet and laptops to promote family history among its members. At every ward

social event, a member of the stake family history committee sits at a table with a laptop and asks ward members if they have signed up for an LDS Account and if they would like to learn more about doing family history. With wireless Internet access in the meetinghouse, members can immediately create an LDS Account and sign up to attend a ward family history class. They can also explore FamilySearch.org and ask the committee member questions about family history.

Members of this stake have been holding monthly indexing parties at members' homes on Sunday mornings. Everyone is invited—all they need is an LDS Account and a laptop. Since most members of the University Fifth Stake are students, many have their own laptops, and those who don't share with someone else. These parties usually last an hour, and breakfast is served. Members with wireless Internet access take turns hosting the party. "Indexing is very popular among the YSAs in our area," says the stake family history chairperson. "I think it is because it is fun and easy to do. Indexing parties are getting quite a crowd."

Other family history activities have been held in the meetinghouses, where members can bring their laptops and log on to FamilySearch.org. Wireless Internet in the meetinghouses

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match the numbers listed above, use the front panel inputs to manually update the receiver's carrier settings. When making the changes, please call the Global Service Center at 801-240-3454, option 2.

If you need help, go to mhtech.lds.org for help, or call the global service center.

Language ID will no longer be available during the week

The language ID has changed for the receivers as well. Receivers will have language ID available on weekends only—not on weekdays. If you regularly receive language ID during the week and are now not receiving language ID, you can check your receiver by following the steps below:

1. Open the **Onscreen Menu** on the TV screen.
2. Navigate to the **Carrier Settings** page.
3. Navigate to the **Language Setting** page.
4. Check the language ID. If the language listed is between **a10** and **a14**, then you will no longer have language ID during the week.

When calling the Global Service Center about the language ID, navigate to the **Carrier Settings page** on the receiver, and verify that only **program number 2** is listed.

If you need help [troubleshooting your installation](#) during the week, contact your FM group. If you need help during a broadcast, contact Satellite Support at 1-801-240-3454, option 2. Because calls are high during broadcasts, wait times can be long, so avoid last-minute issues by testing your system early.

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has provided for the spirit of Elijah to inspire the young single adults in the University Fifth Stake. To find out ways to improve your meetinghouse's wireless connection, please go to mhtech.LDS.org.

How has your stake or ward used technology to bless the saints in your area? Share your story with us at MHTechNewsletter@LDSChurch.org, and we may include it in an upcoming newsletter!



Training Calendar

On October 13th we will hold a Meeting Place and Meetinghouse Training Webcast on Meetinghouse Internet.

This training will be broadcast multiple times throughout the day to accommodate everyone. See mhtech.LDS.org for future updates and to learn how to participate in monthly training Seminars.



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