

# Mormons officially recognized in the Republic of Azerbaijan



The **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, commonly known as the Mormon Church, has been granted official permission to legally operate in the Republic of Azerbaijan. This decision marks a significant development in the religious landscape of the country, where the majority of the population practices Islam.

After a year of thorough evaluation, Azerbaijani authorities approved the Mormon Church's application, allowing the community to practice freely and recruit members. Although the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints originated in the United States and is primarily based in the Western world, it has millions of members globally, including in regions where it is not historically established.

This approval is seen as a positive step towards religious freedom and intercultural tolerance in Azerbaijan. Despite its predominantly Muslim population, the country is known for its relatively open stance on religious coexistence. The integration of new religious communities, such as the Mormons, demonstrates a commitment to respecting diverse faiths.

In a global context where religious freedom and tolerance are increasingly debated, Azerbaijan's decision sends a strong message. It suggests that, just as Muslim communities seek the right to practice their faith freely in the Americas and other parts of the world, predominantly Muslim countries can also offer a space of freedom to other religious traditions.

The official recognition of the Mormon Church in Azerbaijan may serve as a model for other predominantly Muslim nations, illustrating mutual respect for religious beliefs and a commitment to pluralism. This development is particularly notable in a region where religious minorities can sometimes face restrictions.

## Sources

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