

Yigo Guam Temple Fact Sheet



Location: Corner of Marine Corps Drive and Milalak Drive, Yigo, Guam 96929

Announced: October 7, 2018

Groundbreaking: May 4, 2019

Public Open House: Wednesday, May 4, through Saturday, May 14, except for Sunday, May 8

Dedication: May 22, 2022

Architect: NWL Architects/RIM Architects

Contractor: Wadman Corporation

Landscape Architect: MGB+A & Belt Collins

Interior Design: NWL Architects

Property Site Size: 5.8 Acres

Building Size: 6,861 Square Feet

The Yigo Guam Temple is the 172nd temple for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. There are currently 282 temples worldwide that are announced, operating, or under construction. It is the first temple in Guam, an unincorporated and organized territory of the United States. It will serve the 9,600 members of the Church in Guam and on the islands of Micronesia.

EXTERIOR FEATURES

DESIGN INSPIRED BY LATTE STONES: The design of the Yigo Temple is deliberately simple and understated. While the form is reminiscent of religious and community buildings in the region, the temple retains the essence of local vernacular with hints of proportions derived from the ancient latte stones found in the area. This is subtly expressed by the piers or front flanking columns of the entry. A latte is comprised of two stones—the shaft stone, called the “haligi,” and the rounded capstone, called the “tasa.” Remnants of these latte stones come from the Chamorro culture, which was spread across Guam, Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

LIMESTONE AND STUCCO WORK: The form of the temple features an end-tower over the front entry facing east. There is a beautiful blend of a natural Portuguese limestone called Moleanos, which accents the lower watercourse as well as the window and door surrounds and the parapet details. This gives the temple a clean, contemporary style with classical proportions. A beige hand-troweled stucco makes up the body of the temple and blends nicely with the limestone.

METALWORK: Decorative grillwork provides pattern, interest, and shadow-play on the windows of the temple. Zinc-coated metal roofing covers the dome on top of the spire.

LANDSCAPING: Located on the northeastern portion of the island of Guam, the temple is adjacent to Anderson Air Force Base and is surrounded by lush tropical trees. The landscaping also includes more than a hundred shade and flowering trees as well as hundreds of decorative shrubs.

INTERIOR FEATURES

ELEGANT DESIGN: Like the exterior, the temple interior is simple and restrained. Design elements are based on a traditional approach. Decorative paint and restrained use of art glass provides a simple play of organic leaf patterns to accent the ordinance rooms.

FLOORING: Hard surfaces of tile and stone are used throughout the temple. Beautiful area rugs soften key spaces but can be removed easily for cleaning and will avoid the potential for moisture retention that would occur in fully carpeted spaces.

BAPTISTRY: The baptistry incorporates a unique, artist-designed, three-dimensional bas-relief panel depicting the oxen in this room. The font is unique, providing an intimate experience for those participating.

