

NEW HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM AT PLYMOUTH

Plymouth is upgrading the hearing assistance devices in the sanctuary and in the process of providing hearing assistance in the Folsom Room. In addition to our members, we have many visitors who wear hearing aids and attend our various programs who will be able to hear clearly with the new system. The upgrade is a hearing loop system that augments hearing in auditorium size rooms for those who have a telecoil receiver in their hearing aids. (Most hearing aids come with this coil today.) Hearing aids do a fine job in close situations, but large rooms are noisy, and sound bounces off the walls.

The hearing loop “magnetically transfers the microphone sound signal to hearing aids with the receiver.” The advantage over what we currently have at Plymouth is that each person uses his/her hearing aid which is designed for their individual hearing losses resulting in the best sound transmission possible today. Most individuals who wear hearing aids need clarity of sound matched to their hearing loss not more general loudness and this is what the magnetic loop will provide for them. The system is over 70 years old and used successfully around the world.

Funds have been identified to install the loop system in the sanctuary. To install the loop system in the Folsom Room approximately **\$4,400 is still needed**. If you are willing to support this project, please send your contributions to the church and put Hearing Loop on the memo line, or designate the contribution so the funds can be placed in the proper account. The loop system will be installed in the sanctuary this fall, and we hope the loop can be installed in the Folsom Room this fall or by mid-January. If you have questions about this upgrade please contact Lucy Hess or John Escosa.