

Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, Hollywood

Growing up in Los Angeles, I certainly remember the very impressive and distinctive building in Hollywood. To a small kid, it was overpowering and definitely elicited a "Wow!" the first time I saw it. Well, the hospital's not there anymore, but the building is.

In 1930, East L.A.'s Kaspare Cohn Hospital moved to a new building on Fountain Avenue and renamed itself the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

In 1976, The Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, after having merged with the Westside's Mt. Sinai Hospital, moved out of its building on Fountain Avenue into a new hospital complex near Beverly Hills, becoming Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Since its inception in 1902, Cedars-Sinai has evolved to become the largest nonprofit hospital in the western United States.

Today, the old Cedars of Lebanon building is now the Church of Scientology. It contains Scientology's West Coast headquarters, "Pacific Area Command Base," often referred to as "PAC Base". Adjacent buildings include headquarters of many of Scientology's internal divisions, including the "American Saint Hill Organization", the "Advanced Organization of Los Angeles" and the "Church of Scientology of Los Angeles", founded February 18, 1954. All these organizations are integrated within the corporation Church of Scientology Western United States. Also in this area are the offices of Bridge Publications, Scientology's publishing arm for the United States and Canada. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_Scientology]

