

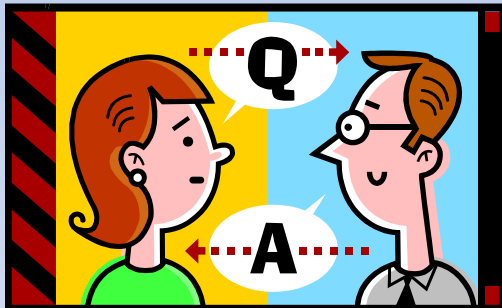
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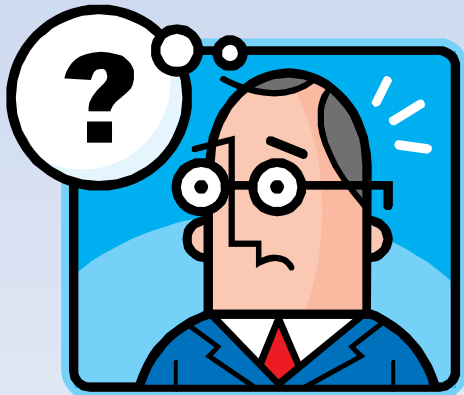
Agenda for the next 30 or so minutes ...



Exercising our right or
“obligation” to vote



Importance of “Speaking
With One Voice”



Preparing for the tough
questions ... and “tools”

Question

What percentage of active members of our church are registered to vote?

We have a responsibility to vote

We believe that governments were instituted of God for the benefit of man; and that he holds men **accountable** for their acts in relation to them, both in making laws and administering them, for the good and safety of society.

Registered Voters in Clark County

County Name	Democrat	Green	Indep. American	Libertarian	Non-Partisan	Other	Republican	Total
Clark	317,013	1,511	30,914	4,078	118,759	2,036	235,647	709,958

Political Neutrality

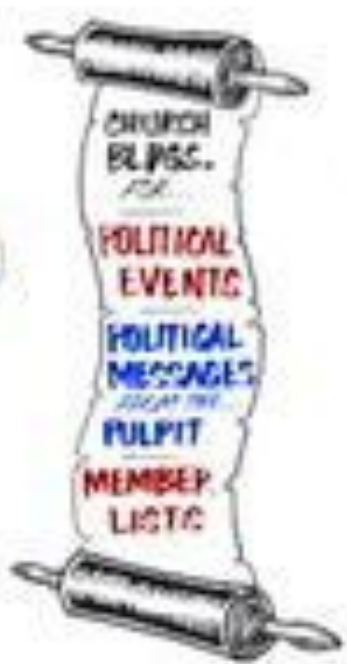
The Church's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, not to elect politicians. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is neutral in matters of party politics. This applies in all of the many nations in which it is established.

The Church does not:

- Endorse, promote or oppose political parties, candidates or platforms.
- Allow its buildings, membership lists, other resources to be used for partisan political purposes.
- Attempt to direct its members as to which candidate or party they should give their votes to. This policy applies whether or not a candidate for office is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Attempt to direct or dictate to a government leader.

The Church does:

- Encourage its members to play a role as responsible citizens in their communities ...
- Expect its members to engage in the political process in an informed and civil manner, respecting the fact that members of the Church come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences ...
- Request candidates for office not to imply that their candidacy or platforms are endorsed by the Church.
- Reserve the right as an institution to address, in a nonpartisan way, issues that it believes have significant community or moral consequences or that directly affect the interests of the Church.

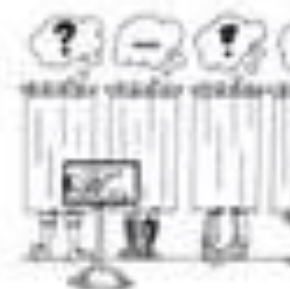


CHURCH LEADER
ELDER M. RUSSELL BALLARD



THE CHURCH MUST NOT ...

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So ... How can I help in this effort?

- Make sure you are registered to vote
(easy to check on-line at
<https://nvsos.gov/votersearch/>)
- Check with family members, friends to see if they are registered to vote
- Be sure and vote!

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- “We are at war with the influences of Satan.”
- “Things are hard and they are going to get worse.”
- “Our doctrines are going to be challenged.”
- “We are trying to move the message of the restoration through a spiritually dead society.”



Bloomberg Businessweek

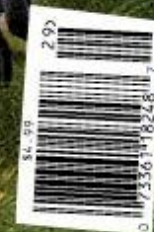
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...And thou shalt
build a shopping mall,
own stock in Burger King,
and open a Polynesian
theme park in Hawaii that
shall be largely exempt
from the frustrations
of tax...

Hallelujah

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What Is Our Message?

1. Our beliefs are centered on Jesus Christ and His teachings
2. This leads us to live Christ-centered lives
3. We follow Jesus Christ

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Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can be found at every level of society — in business and charity, education and the sciences, political parties and government, the entertainment industry and news media.

Describing the character of Latter-day Saints, [Newsweek](#) magazine wrote: “No matter where Mormons live, they find themselves part of a network of mutual concern; in Mormon theology everyone is a minister of a kind, everyone is empowered in some way to do good to others, and to have good done unto them: it is a 21st century covenant of caring. This caring is not limited to Church members alone, but extends far beyond.”

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the fourth largest Christian church in America. More than half of its 14 million members live outside the United States. Yet despite the faith’s growth and presence, survey results continue to show that relatively few people are familiar with Mormon beliefs.

As an institution, the Church has the responsibility to publicly and clearly articulate its official teachings. In turn, reporters can help inform the public by accurately reporting on these doctrines. But in doing so journalists should be aware of some common pitfalls. For instance, reporters pressed for time tend to take peripheral aspects of the faith and place them front and center as if they were

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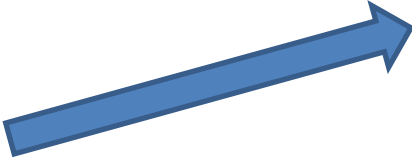
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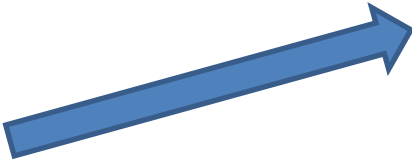
Yes. All women are daughters of a loving Heavenly Father. Women and men are equal in the sight of God. The Bible says, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” ([Galatians 3:28](#)). In the family, a wife and a husband form an equal partnership in leading and raising a family.

From the beginning of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints women have played an integral role in the work of the Church. While worthy men hold the priesthood, worthy women serve as leaders, counselors, missionaries, teachers, and in many other responsibilities— they routinely preach from the pulpit and lead congregational prayers in worship services. They serve both in the Church and in their local communities and contribute to the world as leaders in a variety of professions. Their vital and unique contribution to raising children is considered an important responsibility and a special privilege of equal importance to priesthood responsibilities.



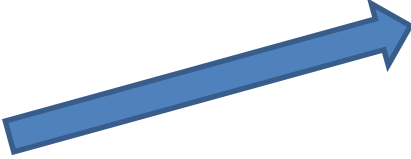
Do Latter-day Saints believe they can become “gods”?

Latter-day Saints believe that God wants us to become like Him. But this teaching is often misrepresented by those who caricature the faith. The Latter-day Saint belief is no different than the biblical teaching, which states, “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together” ([Romans 8:16-17](#)). Through following Christ's teachings, Latter-day Saints believe all people can become “partakers of the divine nature” ([2 Peter 1:4](#)).



Do Latter-day Saints believe that they will “get their own planet”?

No. This idea is not taught in Latter-day Saint scripture, nor is it a doctrine of the Church. This misunderstanding stems from speculative comments unreflective of scriptural doctrine. Mormons believe that we are all sons and daughters of God and that all of us have the potential to grow during and after this life to become like our Heavenly Father (see [Romans 8:16-17](#)). The Church does not and has never purported to fully understand the specifics of Christ's statement that “in my Father's house are many mansions” ([John 14:2](#)).



Do some Latter-day Saints wear temple garments?

Yes. In our world of diverse religious observance, many people of faith wear special clothing as a reminder of sacred beliefs and commitments. This has been a common practice throughout history. Today, faithful adult members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints wear temple garments. These garments are simple, white underclothing composed of two pieces: a top piece similar to a T-shirt and a bottom piece similar to shorts. Not unlike the Jewish *tallit katan* (prayer shawl), these garments are worn underneath regular clothes. Temple garments serve as a personal reminder of covenants made with God to lead good, honorable, Christlike lives. The wearing of temple garments is an outward expression of an inward commitment to follow the Savior.

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The Mormon Tabernacle Choir is one of the oldest and largest

So ... What Can I do?

1. Know that you will be asked questions
2. Know about the tools available
3. Review the LDS.ORG website and go to the “newsroom” section
4. Be prayerful and ask for opportunities to serve & communicate
5. Register to vote ... and VOTE!

Elder M. Russell Ballard

“We are among the weak and simple but have the power to bring the message to kings and rulers. The Lord has declared it.”

