

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
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To: General Authorities; General Officers; Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, District, and Temple Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents; Stake and Ward Councils

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Adjustments in Temple Ceremonial Clothing

We are pleased to announce adjustments to the sacred ceremonial clothing worn only in the temple. These clothing adjustments do not change temple doctrine or symbolism but are designed to enhance members' experience in the temple and make the ceremonial clothing easier to put on, care for, and afford.

If preferred, members may continue to use their current ceremonial clothing. It need not be replaced by the new style. For additional information, see "Improving Our Temple Experience" at [Liahona.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://Liahona.ChurchofJesusChrist.org) or go to [store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/ceremonialclothing](http://store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/ceremonialclothing).

We express our gratitude for members' faithful efforts to worship in the temple. We know that regular attendance will bring increased joy and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

  
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The First Presidency

# Enclosure: Frequently Asked Questions

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## 1. Why is the design of the temple ceremonial clothing being changed?

The adjustments to the temple ceremonial clothing are intended to make the temple experience more simple, comfortable, and accessible. The adjusted ceremonial clothing is easier to put on, care for, and afford. The adjustments do not change temple symbolism or doctrine.

## 2. What changes are being made to the ceremonial clothing?

The adjustments include a simpler design for the veil and robe, removing the plastic insert from the cap and the tie from the cap and veil, and using a more durable fabric for the robe, cap, and sash so that they last longer and are easier to care for. The robe, cap, sash, and envelope will be made of the same material. The apron will not be changed.

## 3. When and where can I purchase the new clothing?

The adjusted ceremonial clothing will be available Churchwide beginning March 31, 2020. For pricing and availability in your area, go to [store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/ceremonialclothing](https://store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/ceremonialclothing) or visit a Distribution Services store.

## 4. Can I continue to use the ceremonial clothing I already have?

Yes. You can continue using previous styles of ceremonial clothing until it needs to be replaced.

## 5. Can I alter my existing ceremonial clothing to reflect the adjustments?

The only approved alteration to existing clothing is for men to remove the string from the cap. Other alterations are not approved. For more information, visit a Distribution Services store and ask a store clerk or go to [store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/ceremonialclothing](https://store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/ceremonialclothing) and log in with your Church Account.

## 6. I just purchased new ceremonial clothing. Can I exchange the clothing I just bought for the new style?

Yes. Until June 30, 2020, you may return temple ceremonial clothing purchased from December 1, 2019, through March 30, 2020, and exchange it for the new style of clothing. While it is preferred that you present a purchase receipt, you may make the exchange even if you no longer have your receipt.

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Exchanges can be made at a Distribution Services store or through the Online Store. To return items online, please contact customer support by following the instructions at [store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/contact](https://store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/contact).

### **7. How do I appropriately discard old ceremonial clothing?**

“To dispose of worn-out temple ceremonial clothing, members should destroy the clothing by cutting it up so the original use cannot be recognized” (*Handbook 2: Administering the Church*, 21.1.42, ChurchofJesusChrist.org).

### **8. Can I donate ceremonial clothing?**

When appropriate, you may give gently used clothing to endowed family members or friends. However, ceremonial clothing, regardless of condition, should never be donated to a temple, charity, or thrift store.