

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
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To: General Authorities; General Officers; Area Seventies; Stake, District, Mission,
and Temple Presidencies; Bishoprics and Branch Presidencies

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Civil Marriages and Church Officers

Effective immediately, Church officers may only perform a civil marriage for a man and a woman when the following conditions apply: the bride or the groom is a member of the Church, either the bride's or the groom's membership record is assigned to the unit over which the Church officer presides, and the Church officer is legally authorized to officiate at a civil marriage in the jurisdiction where the marriage will take place. This policy applies to stake presidents, mission presidents, district presidents, bishops, and branch presidents.

If a Church officer has already received authorization from the Office of the First Presidency to officiate at a civil marriage that falls outside the restrictions described above, he may do so.

Sincerely yours,

Russell M. Nelson

Dallin H. Oaks

Henry B. Eyring
The First Presidency