

Notice

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To: General Authorities; Area Seventies; General Auxiliary Presidencies; Stake, District, Mission, and MTC Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents

From: Missionary Department (1-801-240-9273)

Subject: Dress and Grooming Update for Sister Missionaries

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The First Presidency has approved an update to missionary dress and grooming guidelines allowing all sister missionaries the option to wear dress slacks during regular missionary activities, including during normal training activities at missionary training centers. Sisters should continue to wear dresses or skirts when attending the temple and during Sunday worship services, leadership and zone conferences, baptismal services, and missionary training center devotionals. However, when attending Sunday worship services, leadership and zone conferences, and baptismal services in the mission field, they may wear dress slacks to the meeting location and change into dresses or skirts before the meeting begins.

In areas where it is not acceptable for women (including sister missionaries) to wear dress slacks, sister missionaries may choose to wear ankle-length skirts for additional protection from extreme weather and vector-borne diseases such as Zika, dengue fever, West Nile virus, Lyme disease, and malaria.

In missions where sister missionaries were not previously approved to wear dress slacks, the mission provides funds for young sister missionaries who entered a missionary training center before March 1, 2019, to purchase three to four pairs of dress slacks (or long skirts, as explained above). Sister missionaries who enter a missionary training center after March 1, 2019, will be instructed to purchase their own dress slacks.

Please follow the instructions below when providing funds to young sister missionaries:

1. The mission president, in consultation with his companion, determines an appropriate amount for purchasing three to four pairs of approved dress slacks (or long skirts, as noted above) for each young sister missionary.
2. The financial secretary loads a one-time payment for the determined amount on the support card of each young sister missionary who entered a missionary training center before March 1, 2019. In missions in the United States, the financial secretary uses the 400-5920 account to load these funds. In missions in all other countries, the 425-5920 account is used.

Senior sister missionaries will purchase their own dress slacks.

The updated dress and grooming guidelines can be found at www.lds.org/callings/missionary/dress-grooming.