

2 May 2026

To whom it may concern:

This letter serves as my formal and official resignation from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I intend for my resignation to be effective on 3 May 2026. Although this letter may be signed on or before that date, my membership should be considered terminated as of 3 May 2026. As of that date, I am no longer a member. I chose this date because I identified with the organization for six-and-a-half years. I figured it would be poetic to remove my records on the six-and-a-half-year anniversary since I last attended a sacrament meeting as a believer. I request and desire that my name promptly be permanently and completely removed from the membership rolls of the Church.

I have not made this decision lightly and have given much time to considering the seriousness, severity, and consequences of this decision. I have spent much time thinking, praying, and weighing the decision. I am aware that the effects of my baptism and confirmation are canceled, my "Priesthood Authority" is withdrawn, and my temple blessings are revoked. I'm also well aware of the stipulation to be reconsidered as a member is a thorough interview and a rebaptism. My withdrawal should be processed immediately. I also acknowledge that this will break my covenant with the so-called god of this institution. I have made up my mind on this matter and will not be persuaded otherwise.

This request should not be treated as a disciplinary matter. I will not participate in any disciplinary councils, and I do not want to be contacted by local leaders, as I have done nothing wrong. After the receipt of this letter, the only communication I wish to receive from the organization is written confirmation that I'm no longer listed as a member.

I have numerous reasons for my departure from the organization.

- I object to the idea that humans can become gods. God is species-unique; humans cannot become gods. This "doctrine" is seen as repugnant to God and was clearly spoken of against in both Testaments (see, e.g., Isaiah 43:10).
- I object to the idea of works being required for salvation. Both of the Testaments that make up the Bible clearly teach against this (see, e.g., Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:4-7, cf. Psalm 51:16-17).
- I object to the idea of having to sustain leadership to gain certain access and blessings. In the New Testament, early Christians did not agree with the High

Priest and sustain him or his doctrines. Yet they still were able to access, use, and teach in the Temple in Jerusalem.

- In the New Testament, Jesus spoke against undue burdens and extrapolations. Mormonism adds significant burdens and yokes.
- The idea of excluding families from Temple Marriages and the culture of encouraging people not to have civil ceremonies prior to the sealing is harmful and causes emotional distress. The Church emphasizes families, yet a lot of family members go through significant heartache as a result of these policies.
- I object to the exclusionary policies and rhetoric of the church. The policy released in November 2015 did more harm than good. This led to children being punished for the actions of their parents and fostered a culture of exclusion, barring them from certain blessings and privileges.
- I object to the racist rhetoric taught by Church leaders and that is still taught in the Book of Mormon (found in places such as 2 Nephi 5:21-23 and 2 Nephi 30:6).
- I object to the idea of plural marriage as taught by the Church in Doctrine and Covenants 132. The Book of Mormon even rejects this in Jacob 2.
- I object to the anti-Semitic rhetoric and teachings espoused by previous Church leaders as well as their policies which included inaction to save those being persecuted during the 1930s and 1940s.
- I object to the Priesthood ban, which was only lifted in 1978 due to social pressure and potential financial repercussions.
- It is troubling that Joseph Smith married girls as young as 14, which was abnormal for the time. I also find it troubling that he coveted and married women who already had husbands of their own (see, e.g., Exodus 20:17).
- I do not believe the Book of Mormon to be Scripture, nor do I consider it to be “the most correct of any book on earth.” The first edition contains numerous theological discrepancies compared to the current edition. There is no archaeological evidence to support the existence of these civilizations that supposedly numbered in the millions (one example is Ether 15). The story behind its supposed discovery is suspect. The Book of Mormon also contains numerous anachronisms.
- I do not believe the Book of Abraham is a divinely inspired text. It has been studied by both Mormon and non-Mormon Egyptologists and determined to be nothing more than common Egyptian funeral papyri dating to thousands of years after Abraham's existence.
- I object to the legalistic mindset and teachings of the Church. Scripture clearly teaches against this (see, e.g., Matthew 23, Galatians 5:1-6, cf. Isaiah 29:13).
- I object to the idea that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only true church. Jesus founded a movement centered on principles and personal transformation, rather than a rigid, formal institution. It's also clear that Jesus did

NOT exclude people based on superficial legalistic requirements (see, e.g., Mark 9:39-41).

- I reject the notion that Joseph Smith was a legitimate prophet of God. Joseph Smith gave numerous failed prophecies. According to Deuteronomy 18:21-22, this disqualifies him as a prophet.
- It is also odd how much the First Vision narrative and other “restoration narratives” changed over time. With events as pivotal and significant as those, it seems peculiar that major details and plot points are contradictory.
- I object to the Word of Wisdom being a commandment as well as a “health code.” Doctrine and Covenants 89 clearly teaches it is not a commandment (Doctrine and Covenants 89:2).
- It is disturbing how the Church, which has hundreds of billions of dollars at its disposal, asks its most destitute members to pay tithing instead of providing for their families. Sometimes those in local leadership will even withhold access to assistance. 2 Corinthians 9 also discourages compulsion when it comes to tithing.
- I also find it disturbing that the organization hid its vast wealth behind numerous shell companies. This clearly contradicts the Church's 13th Article of Faith.
- It is disturbing how the organization refuses to hold certain people accountable and that the Church has not acknowledged its wrongs.
- I find the claim that the leadership, including current President Dallin H. Oaks, has the “Spirit of Discernment” questionable. Dallin H. Oaks offered explanations for the claims in the documents forged by Mark Hoffman in the 1980s. The Tanners, who were apostates, were able to identify them as forgeries earlier than the Brethren.
- It is immoral for the Church to excommunicate members who raise sincere questions or seek to hold the Church accountable.
- I have since found another faith community that is more doctrinally sound, consistent, transparent, and much more lovingly inclusive.

Prior to my 18th birthday, I was not baptized as a member of the organization because I did not receive parental approval. This led to me being excluded, seen as less than by others, and often belittled. This was unacceptable then—and it is certainly unacceptable now. I do not wish to absolve anyone of any accountability. These behaviors and ideas are incubated from the teachings taught by the organization. The Jesus Christ of the New Testament would understand my heart posture as opposed to an outward display of an ordinance. I was very devoted and committed to the organization, but a lack of a certain ordinance and the membership status accompanying it gave me a classification as a second-class citizen.

Having said all this, I move forward in my spiritual journey and leave certain things behind. As is written in Psalm 34:2 (NASB), "My soul will make its boast in the LORD; The humble will hear it and rejoice."

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing back soon.

In Shalom,

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