

TPIBC Policies—Church Attire

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1. Scope

This policy covers the topic of Church attire.

2. Definition

Refers to what is generally considered to be appropriate Church attire.

3. Rationale

- a. We are called to be a holy people serving a holy God. Sanctification is the term used to describe the growth in holiness or beauty of Christ-likeness. It has to do with separation from corrupting worldly influences and living with the transformed mind and spirit we have in the Holy Spirit, the indwelling Christ.
- b. 1 Peter is an exhortation to Christians to be vigilant about Christian lifestyle. We are to avoid the excesses of extravagant lifestyle and the temptations of unhealthy sensuality. Some temptations are obvious: debauchery, drunkenness, and idolatry. Some are more subtle: love of power over others, love of money, and personal vanity.
- c. Each generation must work out its particular lifestyle: the ways we dress, we play, we eat, the ways we spend our money and time, the ways we do courtships, we talk, we disagree, and the friends we choose.

4. Guidelines

- a. We do not have an official Church mandate on dress codes or lists of forbidden activities. But we need a consensus so that people recognize the particular presence and witness we bear.
- b. A general guideline for the way we dress: modesty and reverence. We come to Church with holy reverent waiting on God. We do not expose large parts of the body or dress in ways that distract from the spiritual focus of creating a reverent atmosphere: Holy God is Centre Stage.