

## 华人福音基督教会服饰规范（浓缩版）

华人福音基督教会是以敬拜和服侍神为主旨的团体，在本质上与社交团体和世俗场合完全不同。虽然教会会对会友在穿着上没有严格的要求，但敬请所有会众，本着荣耀神，并造就他人的精神，在选择服饰上遵循以下的原则和规范。

原则（根据基督所教导的最大的诫命）：

- 我们所敬拜的神是万王之王，万主之主，远超出世上一切的尊位。因此，与祂相会，值得我们为祂选择最上好及最庄重的服饰。
- 与我们一同相聚的弟兄姊妹，与我们一样都是正在成圣当中的罪人，他们均面对世上各种情欲的挑战（约一 2：16）。在服饰选择上，我们当考量如何保全弟兄姊妹的圣洁，免于使任何人堕入试探当中。
- 每位弟兄姊妹都是神独特的创造，均具备体现这一奇妙创造的表征。但圣经告诉我们，我们真正吸引人之处在于活出基督的样式，并展示诸如怜悯和温柔等等使神得荣耀的属天品格（赛 53：2；加 5：22-23；彼前 3：3-4）。

规范（供弟兄姊妹参考）：

- 请留意服饰总体的长度。上身服饰的长度应当至少遮盖整个肚腹。下身服饰的长度应当至少低于两手自然下垂时中指指尖的位置。
- 请留意服饰之中的开口。特别对于上身的服饰，请避免袒露肩膀、胸口、肚皮、甚至上身两侧的衣服，比如小背心、女内衣、无背装、深 V 领等等。对于下身的服饰，请避免裤带低于腰部的着装。
- 请留意服饰贴身的松紧。不论是上衣还是下衣，不拘衣料和长短，那些特别紧身以突出身体轮廓的衣服，以及特别宽松以致于在无意中容易曝光的衣服，均不合宜。
- 请留意服饰当中的图案。请避免一切宣扬世俗文化和生活形态的口号及图案，例如酗酒、吸烟、毒品、世俗音乐团体、种族歧视、性别歧视、仇视他人等等。
- 请留意服饰穿着的方式。当避免容易显露内衣或身体的隐私部位的服饰，比如一些带网眼或透明的衣服，或不适合于某些姿势和动作的着装。

谢谢大家的理解和配合，愿赞美归于真神，使祂的名得荣耀。

此版本为中文浓缩版，欲了解圣经中对信徒在衣着上更全面的教导，请继续阅读以下的扩充版（目前只有英文版本）。

## CCMC: For Whom & Which We Dress

### The Teaching

*Gen 3:21      The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.*

*Mt 22:11-12      But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, "How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?" The man was speechless.*

*Rom 13:14      Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. (Cf. Eph 4:20-24)*

Clothing entered into human history when Sin entered into human history.

Clothing entered into human history as God's gracious act toward us – to undo our own feeble attempt to redeem ourselves (Gen 3:7a) and to effect a superior covering up of the shame we felt of our nakedness (**Gen 3:21**; 7a), a shame that came when Sin entered into human history by our rebellious act against God.

Clothing remains as God's (historically) manifested grace toward us, not only as material provision, but symbolically, the spiritual sanctification and glorification now and into eternity (Rev 7:13-14). In our personal and communal life of living faith, we are to be humbled before God as we dress ourselves, in gratitude not just for God's material provision but the mercy God has toward our souls and ultimate destiny.

Clothing too remains as God's (historically) manifested call for us to be godly, that the physical expression of clothing is the spiritual expression of His holiness (Exo 28; Lev 19:19), and hence, ours, as God's people. In our personal and communal life of living faith, we are to be obedient to God as we dress ourselves, in trust of God's particular set up to set apart His people from the World.

Clothing then, far from being merely a utilitarian staple, is the spiritual battle ground for God's glory, as is apparent today. From the designs of fashion houses to the photographs of fashion influencers, the Flesh-World continues to take what God has given for our worship of Him in remembrance of His love to be that which esteems ourselves. The Flesh-World continues to emphatically desire sensuality and personal comfort, while propagating the meme of shameless self-expression and self-governance. It is prime for the individual to look good and feel good as one so determines, accountable to no one, and if accepted and applauded by many others, all the better.

Clothing then, in such a time as ours, is a very visible mark that we – both the brothers and sisters, from the young to the elder – are not owners but stewards of our bodies and our wardrobes, that the assembly of what and how we wear ought to testify that we are Christ's sacred assembly (church), no longer conformed to the World (Rom 12:2) but accountable to his lordship (**Mt 22:11-12**). As we walk by the Spirit, it is prime for us then to dress to express our wholehearted worship of God rather than the flesh (Deut 6:5-6; Mt 22:38); included, is our neighborly love for others rather than the self (Mt 22:39). Such expression is not merely on sacred occasions and sacred grounds, but each day and place that Jesus has redeemed by his cross, testifying that all of each of us is redeemed by his blood.

It is by this brief survey of God's word and truth on clothing, while being cautious and critical of the current clothing ills of the World, that the deacon board of CCMC (which has been bestowed spiritual authority to lead the church) now appeals to all Christ-followers of CCMC to dress in a manner that will outwardly testify to our new identity and life in Jesus Christ (**Rom 13:14**), that the act of dressing will be for God and our soulful love for Him and His people, whenever, wherever, however, in keen and thankful remembrance that He not only never forsook us in our own guilt and shame but also initiated the giving of His manifold grace and mercy to us – temporarily by the garments of skin, then absolutely by the righteousness of His only begotten and beloved Son, Jesus our Christ.

## The Practice

The following principles and guidelines that will be given, while non-exhaustive, exemplify what the deacon board has discerned to be God-glorifying and people-edifying, bearing His image and bearing selfless love for His sons and daughters. These principles and guidelines are in effect not only for Sunday service but at least on other sacred occasions such as small group gathering and retreat, if not a daily choice. The deacon board is hopeful that these principles and guidelines are directive in their conception but not legalistic in their intention and execution. The deacon board is hopeful also that as we seek the Spirit's counsel in prayer, the Lord will give each of us the guidance and conscience on our sensibility on clothing – even (godly) creativity, aesthetics and comfort – by which we can honor him.

### Principles (based on the two Great Commandments)

- Let us be of the conviction that God is kingly and endearing, honorable and personable, both Lord and Lover of our souls, therefore worthy of us putting our best dress forward while not stepping into vanity, self-attention and luxury, just as we would (and should) in the presence of e.g., an esteemed figure, a date and so on.
- Let us be of the conviction that our brothers and sisters, like ourselves, are sinners presently still susceptible to the lust of the flesh and eyes as well as the pride of life (1 Jn 2:16). Let us recognize too that we are to be the keepers of our brothers and sisters. Therefore, what and how we dress should first and foremost be directed by our passion to honor them as well as to care and safeguard the purity and sanctity of one another, even if at the expense of our personal preferences and comfort.
- Let us be of the conviction that **as much as our present external adorning could possibly showcase the aesthetics and creativity that is of God**, ultimately it is adorning ourselves in Christlikeness, such as compassion or a gentle spirit, that will be the God-glorifying, people-edifying divine beauty that will never go out of style (Isa 53:2; Gal 5:22-23; 1 Pe 3:3-4).

### Guidelines (for both brothers and sisters)

- Please be mindful of the **length** of both the tops and bottoms. In particular for tops, the hem should rest low enough to not expose the midriff. In particular for bottoms, the hem should rest past the tip of the hands when the arm is fully extended straight by the side of the body.
- Please be mindful of the **cut** of both the tops and bottoms. In particular for tops, please refrain from wearing tops that will expose the shoulders, chest, midriff and back, even the sides e.g., tank tops, camisoles, backless dress, deep V-necks tees, and so on. In particular for bottoms, please refrain from that which is low riding at the waist.
- Please be mindful of the **fit** of both the tops and bottoms. In particular, please refrain from figure hugging clothing, regardless of material and length, which inadvertently draws out and draws attention to the silhouette of the respective anatomies. Please refrain also from clothing that is overtly loose or saggy, which lends itself easily to indecent exposure, even when unintended.
- Please be mindful of the **graphics** on both the tops and bottoms. In particular, please refrain from graphics that explicitly or implicitly propagate godless messages and lifestyle e.g., alcoholism, tobacco, illegal drugs, secular music groups, racism, sexism, hatred of any human, and so on.
- Please be cautious of the **exposure of inner garments and intimate body parts**, such as through laced/ translucent fabric, layering, even body postures and movements.

We praise God and appreciate your understanding and partnership. To God be the glory.

*“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Cor 10:31*

Yours, in Christ, CCMC Deacon Board

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