

Exit-Letter Instructions  
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The following are helpful instructions to expedite the process for having your name(s) removed from the membership records of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

1. One copy of your exit letter should be sent by U.S.P.S. Certified mail with a Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Thomas S. Monson, President  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
50 East North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

A carbon copy, also Certified mail with a Return Receipt Requested, should be sent to the home address of the Bishop or Stake President of the last Ward you attended, where your records SHOULD still be located. (Consult the Yellow Pages of LDS churches to obtain the name and home address of the Bishop.) The carbon copy to the Bishop serves the purpose of letting the Bishop know you've also contacted the President. According to procedure, the President will forward his copy to your Bishop and send you a letter informing you that he has done so. So, the Bishop will get a copy from the President in addition to the carbon copy you send him.

2. There are six points that should be in your letter (be kind and courteous, but firm):
  - A. Specifically ask that your name(s) be removed from the membership records of the LDS church. Include your birthplace and date-of-birth to prevent any unnecessary delay.
  - B. State that Joseph Smith was a false prophet and that the Mormon church is not Christian. Elaborate as much as you like, using Biblical scriptures.
  - C. Make a strong statement for Jesus Christ being the Lord of your life and for the Bible being the only Word of God. You may elaborate on this, also.
  - D. State that you have no intentions of attending any Bishop's court, because you are not guilty of anything and you don't recognize them as having any authority over you. State that their letter back to you is to contain NO mention of ex-communication because this is your decision, not theirs.
  - E. State that 45 days from the time that you sent your letter to them, is a reasonable length of time to expect them to send their letter to you, confirming your name(s) has been removed from LDS church records. State your intention to take legal action and to contact the media if your conditions are not met. This will further prevent any unnecessary delay, since they do not want to go to court over this, nor do they want public attention and scrutiny.
  - F. State that you expect them to respect your right to privacy by NOT sending anyone to your residence; nor writing, e-mailing or calling, in an attempt to change your mind, because you are firmly committed to this decision. State that you are well aware of what they believe to be the eternal consequences of your decision.
3. If, after 45 days have expired, you have not received the confirmation letter, contact Concerned Christians with the name and phone number of the Bishop you sent your letter to, and we will contact him on your behalf to resolve the delay.

NOTE: To further clarify Step 1, the first letter you'll receive will be from Salt Lake City stating that this is a matter that is dealt with at the local level and that your letter has been forwarded to the Bishop of your Ward. The next letter will be from the Bishop confirming that he has received your request. The third letter you receive *should* be from the Bishop stating your name has been removed from LDS membership records. IF the Bishop or anyone else should try to contact you to speak with you about your decision, simply state that you were quite clear in your letter that no one was to contact you. The only thing you are interest in, is getting the letter from the Bishop stating that you are no longer a member. Then politely, but firmly, end the conversation.

SAMPLE LETTER

Thomas S. Monson, President  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
50 East North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

(Date)

Dear Mr. Monson,

This is to inform you that I am requesting my (our) name(s) be removed from the records of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. (Include any Maiden name). And to help expedite this, I was born in (city, state) \_\_\_\_\_ and my birth date is M/D/Y.

It has been demonstrated to my satisfaction that Mormonism is in great error, that Joseph Smith was a false prophet and that the Book of Mormon is not from God. As I have studied Mormon history, read the Bible and prayed to God, my eyes have been opened to the deception of Mormonism and the love of Christ. Jesus is now the Lord and center of my life and I know no one goes to the Father except through Him. I rejoice that I have this assurance and joy of my salvation according to God's Word, The Holy Bible (1 John 5:10)

I will not participate in any Bishop's court as I am not guilty of anything, nor do I view the LDS church as having any authority over me. Jesus is my only judge.

In your letter communicating to me that these instructions have been carried out, I insist that there be no mention of ex-communication because this is my decision and not yours. If this action does not occur within 30 days or anything is done or said that libels my good name or causes me loss of reputation, I will proceed with legal action against the LDS church and I will contact the various local news media.

Please be assured that my decision has been the result of much prayer, and is final. I will consider any attempts by the Priesthood, Home Teachers, missionaries or any other representatives of the LDS church to contact me an infringement of my right to privacy and my free agency. I am aware of what the LDS church believes are the eternal consequences of my (our) decision.

Finally, I testify to you that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5) and the Mormon apostles, prophets and priests are false ministers (2 Cor. 11:13) and that Mormonism is the other (false) gospel that Paul warned of in Galatians 1:6-9.

Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh to the Father but by me" (John 14:6). I (we) have chosen this day to follow Him.

Sincerely,

(Send certified copies to the home of the last known Bishop or Stake President. They do not accept mail at the ward building. Send a copy to our office for our records. Note: If after 45 days you have not heard from them, send us the Bishop or Stake President's name and home phone number and we will contact him on your behalf.)