

## **CHEAT SHEET FOR DRESS CODE GUIDELINES 2009-2010**

If in doubt refer to the Dress Code Guidelines 2009-2010 for Daughters & Adults

When Bethel Standing Rules provide for more strict guidelines, the Bethel Standing Rules prevail.

### **Casual:**

- Sport or nice casual wear; clean jeans in good repair OK (not ragged or frayed)
- Tank & Cami style tops wear with proper undergarments (no belly or midriff showing)
- No “short” shorts, tattered jeans or cut-offs – go with the 3” above the knee “rule”
- Footwear – flip-flops, tennis shoes, sandals and casual shoes – hold off on the platform sandals

### **Meeting Attire & Day Wear:**

- For Women & Daughters Day Wear: Dress pants and pant suits with nice shirt or sweater. Dresses or skirt and nice shirt; skirt length should be 3” above the knee or longer, shirt should cover midriff & your bra
- For Women Meeting Attire: Dress pants and pants suit with nice shirt or sweater are acceptable
- For Daughters Meeting Attire: Your robes!! When visiting, please wear a dress for their meeting.
- No casual T-shirts (except current look-a-likes when deemed appropriate)
- No sweatshirts and hoodies during a Bethel meeting (may be ok for a fireside meeting)
- For Men Meeting Attire: Dress pants/slacks and button down shirts. Jacket and ties recommended but optional.
- For Men Day Wear: Dress pants/slacks/khakis & shirts. Jackets and Ties are not necessary.
- Footwear may include sandals, flip flops (in good repair) and casual shoes. Please no tennis shoes or platform sandals.

### **Formal Wear:**

- For Women & Daughters: Tea-length or floor length formal, dressy dresses or skirts with dressy tops. Dress/skirt slits should be no higher than 3 inches above the knee. Dresses with sheer overlay must meet length requirements. Sweaters and shawls are a nice addition. No gloves or hats in Bethel room.
- For Men: Tuxedos, dinner suits, or coats and ties.
- Footwear: Dressy shoes and sandals. Hold off on flip-flops and please wear shoes that are comfortable enough to wear during the entire event you are attending!

### **Official Bethel Regalia for Daughters:**

- Clean and pressed robe (hemmed 3” from the floor with a 4” hem) with a long white slip no shorter than 4”-6” from the floor. Cord attached securely to within 6” at the center front (3” from center in each direction).
- Appropriate undergarments – white or nude
- Clean hosiery (knee-highs OK) and shoes (not fluffy slippers)
- Jewelry may be worn in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws (B-Bethel 5, Section 2, (b)).
- Facial piercings should be removed or replace with piercing retainers unless specific arrangements have been made with your Bethel Guardian. Pierced earrings are acceptable.

### **Swim Wear:**

- No string or thong pieces. Cover your “bum” ladies!
- Swim tops should cover your body in the appropriate places. Modesty is appropriate for public pools.
- Cover-ups and footwear are required when going to and from the pool area

### **Overall:**

- No visible tattoos
- Daughters... keep it simple – one look-a-like shirt with a collar and skirt, one dressy dress or formal and one pair of nice slacks is all you need!!
- Unless your Bethel is having a “special night” honoring Masons, Eastern Star, Official Visitation, Initiation, etc. school clothes for after the meeting is perfectly acceptable.