



July 1, 2007

Dear Bishop:

**Subject: Bishop's Confidential Recommendation for Mormon Tabernacle Choir Audition**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The above member of your ward is auditioning to become a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. A critical part of the application package is your confidential recommendation. Would you please fill out the information listed below and return it to the applicant in the sealed envelope provided? **The applicant must have their completed application postmarked by July 31, so your prompt attention is appreciated.**

By way of background, individuals must meet the following requirements to become a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir:

- Be a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in good standing and able to qualify for a temple recommend.
- Be between 25 and 55 years of age. (The mandatory Choir retirement age is 60).
- Currently reside within a 100-mile radius of Temple Square.
- Be in good health to permit consistent participation in long rehearsals, demanding travel, and other performance-related requirements.
- Be able to commit to maintaining the required levels of attendance *while still being able to take care of all family and work responsibilities*. Choir membership will mean between 5 – 20 hours of rehearsal per week depending on the projects and schedules.

Singers in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir are called and set apart as musical missionaries by authority of the First Presidency of the Church through the Choir President. This call becomes the individual's primary Church calling, precluding other service in the ward, except as a home teacher or visiting teacher. We encourage choir members to be active in their own wards, to attend their meetings as often as possible given Sunday performance schedules, and to keep their lives in harmony with the teachings of the Gospel.

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In order to be able to evaluate this application for membership in the Choir, we ask that you consider if the applicant meets the following requirements for membership:

1. Observes the principles of the gospel in his or her personal life;
2. Is an active member in his or her ward;
3. Has no conflict between family responsibilities and choir membership.
4. Is a worthy representative of the Church in all personal actions.
5. Can otherwise accept what the First Presidency considers a mission call.

You may wish to interview the Choir member (and spouse, if married) to insure unified support of this potential call to missionary service in the Choir. Let me assure you that your response will be held in confidence. **Please place this completed letter in the envelope provided, sign across the back flap and return to the applicant for submission to the Choir Office.**

Sincerely,

Mac Christensen  
President

The applicant named above lives the principles required for membership in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the demonstrated commitment of this individual to the Church.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Bishop's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Stake: \_\_\_\_\_