



## **20-AUG-2024 - OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE UTAH PRIDE CENTER CONCERNING THE LDS CHURCH POLICY ON TRANS MEMBERS**

The Utah Pride Center is committed to our mission to unite, empower, and celebrate Utah's diverse LGBTQIA+ community. It is with this mission in mind that we address the recent policy update by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints concerning their transgender members.

While we respect each person's agency to worship as they may, we must express our profound disappointment and concern with the language and implications of this new policy. The policy appears to undermine a core value common to both the LDS Church and The Utah Pride Center: that ALL visitors are welcome here.

This policy forms unnecessary barriers for trans youth and adults who just want to stand in what they believe are holy places. These new rules produce a tremendous amount of shame for individuals who choose to live authentic, vulnerable, and honest lives.

To those who are affected by this policy, or who may have children impacted by it, please know that the Utah Pride Center is here to support you and provide resources as needed. Our doors are always open, and we are dedicated to providing a safe, affirming space where you will always be celebrated for who you are.

At the Utah Pride Center, we'll walk with you; we'll talk with you; that's how we'll show our love for you.

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