



The Church of
Jesus Christ
in Christian Fellowship



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It should be clear that the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship is a nondenominational Christian ecumenical movement, and is a part of the larger Latter Day Saint/Mormon movement. The official name of the organization is The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. The full name was given by revelation from God to the prophet David in 2015.

- In the first reference, the full name, or the abbreviated name of the movement is preferred: “The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship,” or “the Fellowship of Christ.”
- When a shortened reference is needed, the terms “the Fellowship” or the “Church of Christ” are encouraged. The “restored Church of Christ” is also accurate and encouraged.
- While the term “Mormon Church” has long been publicly applied to many Latter Day Saint denominations as a nickname, it is not an official title. The Fellowship is fine with its use, when used correctly. Thus, please use “a Mormon denomination” or “a Mormon movement” to avoid confusion. Using the abbreviation “LDS” or the nickname “Mormon” as substitutes for the name of the Fellowship, as in “Mormon Church,” or “LDS Church,” can be confusing and lead people to believe we are a part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as they are the largest and one of the oldest denominations, having formed in 1851.
- When referring to Fellowship members, the terms “members of The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship,” “Fellows,” “disciples of Christ,” “disciples,” “Latter Day Saints,” or “Saints” are preferred. The terms “LDS” or “Mormons” may be used as we are proud of our relationship and ties to our founder and the original Church of Christ, known at the time of its disbandment as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It should be made clear however that LDS refers to Latter Day Saints, and not Latter-day Saints, as we are not a part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Even when referring to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that are also members of the Fellowship, it should be made clear we are not the same organization.
- “Mormon” is correctly used in proper names such as Mormon, one of the authors of the Book of Mormon, or when used as a place, such as the waters of Mormon, or adjective in such historical expressions as “Mormon Trail.”
- The term “Mormonism” should not be used to describe any one denomination’s beliefs or culture. When describing the combination of doctrine, culture and lifestyle unique to multiple Latter Day Saint denominations, the term “Mormonism” is accurate and preferred. However, when referring to Latter Day Saints stemming from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, now Community of Christ, and their off shoots, the terms “Mormon” or “Mormonism” should not be used, per their preference.
- When referring to people or organizations that practice polygamy, it should be stated that the Fellowship welcomes all, including polygamists, but does not teach these types of marriages are required for salvation or exaltation. The Fellowship is not affiliated with any polygamous groups. We believe that anyone in any type of marriage should be of legal age; consenting adults. No one should ever be forced, coerced, or manipulated into any type of marriage. And, those wishing to enter relationships with multiple parties must have consent from all involved.

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