

[Excommunication Edict](#)

I, Sam Young, have been excommunicated from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Following is the official notification.

HOUSTON TEXAS SOUTH STAKE

September 12, 2018

Brother Young,

This letter is to inform you of the decision of the disciplinary council that was held in your behalf on 09 September 2018 at the Houston Texas South Stake Center.

We have carefully and prayerfully reviewed this matter in order to reach a decision on what action to take. It is the decision of the council that you be excommunicated for conduct contrary to the laws and order of the Church. This means that you are no longer a member of the Church and do not enjoy any privileges of Church membership. You may not hold a temple recommend, wear temple garments, pay tithes and offerings, or exercise the priesthood in any way. We welcome you to attend public Church meetings, if your conduct is orderly, but you may not serve in a Church position, speak or offer a public prayer in Church meetings, partake of the sacrament or participate in the sustaining of Church officers.

This action was not taken because of your opinion or position on protecting children. The Church has a strong desire to protect children and, as you know, issued updated guidelines for interviewing youth earlier this year. Teaching standards of morality to youth and helping them follow those standards—including in interviews with priesthood leaders—is an important responsibility of parents and of the Church. The issue is not that you have concerns—or even that you disagree with the Church’s guidelines, rather it is your persistent, aggressive effort to persuade others to your point of view by repeatedly and deliberately attacking and publicly opposing the Church and its leaders. You are entitled to your opinion or position, but you cannot remain a member in good standing while attacking the Church and its leaders and trying to get others to follow you.

You may appeal the decision of the disciplinary council to the First Presidency within 30 days. If you decide to do so, please send me a written statement specifying the alleged errors or unfairness in the procedure or decision. I will then forward your statement to the First Presidency.

Excommunication almost always lasts at least one year. In order to be readmitted to membership in the Church, you will need to demonstrate that you have stopped actions that undermine the Church and its leaders.

Please understand that this decision is an invitation for you to repent and return. The Savior loves you. We love you and your family. We invite you to return to God’s covenant path and enjoy the fullness of the blessings he has in store for you and your family. With your consent, your Bishop and Stake President will continue to assist you in that process.

With Love,

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Stake President, Houston Texas South Stake