

## **PLATFORM GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines apply to musicians, singers, choir members, worship leaders, and speakers for district and sectional functions of the South Texas District.

### **Personal Relationship with God**

All participants should have the endorsement of their pastor. The pastor should ensure that they meet the following spiritual qualifications.

1. Personal faith in Jesus Christ, repentance from sin, water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
2. Conducting oneself everywhere in a manner becoming to a Christian, including morality, honesty, and integrity in every area of life.
3. Endeavoring to manifest brotherly love and fellowship toward all of God's people.
4. Supporting the local assembly with faithful attendance, prayer, tithes, and offerings.
5. Adhering to and practicing the holiness teachings of the local church.

### **Outward Appearance**

It is important to understand that holiness is both inward and outward. Holiness must come from God, and it must come from within a person. We cannot make ourselves holy by adhering to a list of rules. For the sake of public ministry, however, we ask that each person uphold the following guidelines regarding outward appearance. These guidelines are based on scriptural principles, and some are specifically for the sake of presenting an appearance appropriate to the occasion. (For specific scriptural teachings, see Deuteronomy 22:5; Jeremiah 4:30; I Corinthians 11:1-16; I Timothy 2:9-10; I Peter 3:3-4.)

1. Dress modestly and in a manner appropriate to your sex. Avoid extremely thin or tight clothing, and extravagant, showy, or extremely costly clothing.
2. Ladies should wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee, and any slits should be below the knee. Sleeves should be to the elbow. Avoid low necklines.
3. Men should wear pants, long-sleeved shirt, tie, and optionally a jacket.
4. Ladies should not cut their hair. Men should cut their hair short and should not wear facial hair. Hair should be arranged or combed neatly. Avoid extravagant, showy, or wild hairstyles.
5. Do not wear ornamental jewelry. A wedding ring is permissible if approved by the pastor.
6. Do not use makeup or hair dye.