

CCMC-Cary Dress Guidelines

At CCMC-Cary, we strive to promote an atmosphere that is God-glorifying and people-edifying. These principles and guidelines are meant to help us focus on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and be free from all distractions in all church sponsored gatherings including Sunday service, small group gathering, retreat, etc. We hope that these guidelines will clarify what is respectful and appropriate to wear not only to church, but in everyday life. As you pray and ask the Lord about your style and manner of clothing, He will give you clear guidance and insight as to what is honoring to Him.

Principles (based on the two Greatest Commandments)

- Let us be of the conviction that God is kingly and endearing, honorable and personable, both Lord and Lover of our souls, therefore worthy of us putting our best dress forward while not stepping into vanity, self-attention and luxury.
- Let us be of the conviction that our brothers and sisters, like ourselves, are sinners presently still susceptible to the lust of the flesh and eyes as well as the pride of life (1 Jn 2:16). Therefore, what and how we dress should be directed by our passion to respect them as well as to care and safeguard the purity and sanctity of one another, even if at the expense of our personal preferences and comfort.
- Let us be of the conviction that as much as our present external adorning could possibly showcase the aesthetics and creativity that is of God, ultimately it is adorning ourselves in Christlikeness, such as compassion or a gentle spirit, that will be the God-glorifying, people-edifying divine beauty that will never go out of style (Isa 53:2; Gal 5:22-23; 1 Pe 3:3-4).

Guidelines (for both brothers and sisters)

Please be mindful of the length, cut, fit, graphics, and design for both tops and bottoms.

- **Length**

For tops, the hem should *at least* rest low enough in order not to expose the midriff. For bottoms, the hem should *at least* rest past the tip of the middle finger when the arm is fully extended straight by the side of the body.

- **Cut**

For tops, please refrain from wearing tops that will expose the shoulders, chest, midriff and back, even the sides, e.g. spaghetti straps, tank straps, tank tops, camisoles, backless dress, deep V-necks tops, and so on. For bottoms, please refrain from those which are low riding at the waist.

- **Fit**

Please refrain from tight-fitting clothing, which inadvertently draws out and draws attention to the silhouette of the respective anatomies. Please refrain also from clothing that is overtly loose or saggy, which lends itself easily to indecent exposure, even when unintended.

- **Graphics**

Please refrain from graphics that explicitly or implicitly propagate godless messages and lifestyle e.g., alcoholism, tobacco, illegal drugs, secular music groups, racism, sexism, hatred of any human, and so on.

- **Design**

Please be cautious of the exposure of inner garments and private body parts, such as through laced/translucent fabric, layering, even body postures and movements.

We praise God and appreciate your understanding and partnership. To God be the glory.

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Cor 10:31