



# **MOUNT SINAI HOLY CHURCH OF AMERICA INC. OFFICIAL CLERGY DRESS GUIDELINES**

## **P R E S E N T A T I O N**

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In order that Mount Sinai Holy Church of America Inc. (MSHCA) might continue to be an effective witness of holiness and show ourselves an example in all things. The following are guidelines for appropriate Civic attire for the clergy in the MSHCA for official gatherings:

The objective of these guidelines is to offer some uniformity in the matter of Clergy and Credential Holders attire in the church as supported by the scriptural admonition:

“..let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.” -  
Philippians 3:16b



This presentation addresses the following categories of Clergy and Credential Holders:

- Presiding Prelate
- College of Bishops
- (Non-Bishops), Board of Directors, Presbyters & Presiding Elders
- Pastors
- Ordained Elders & Ordained Evangelists (Non-Pastors)
- Non-Ordained Evangelist
- Deacons & Licensed Ministers
- Adjutants



This guideline will address MSHCA Official Clergy Attire: Class A: Choir Dress & Class B: Civic. (It should be noted that a designation may be made in the future addressing proper Educational attire for clergy.) It is our prayer that this guidance will serve as an indispensable aide in effecting our public witness during our official gatherings. Clergy attire is considered as a uniform for ministry personnel during MSHCA official services. Official services included but not limited to are as follows: Holy Convocation Official Day, Ordination Services, Holy Communion Service, Consecration Services, Corporate Office Installation Services.

Clergy personnel are required to be immaculate in dress and personal hygiene. Likewise, spouses of clergy should appropriately and respectfully represent their husband or wife.



# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF MSHCA & THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS

## CLASS A: CHOIR DRESS, OFFICIAL VESTMENTS

The purple Roman style cassock with purple Normandy brocade cincture, purple sheer surplice with embroidery (cross design), purple tippet shall be worn (with embroidered patch that represents the office of the appropriate Corporate Office). A purple full collar rabat or purple clergy shirt or blouse with full clerical collar should be worn under the cassock. Female Bishops will wear a purple beretta as their head covering.

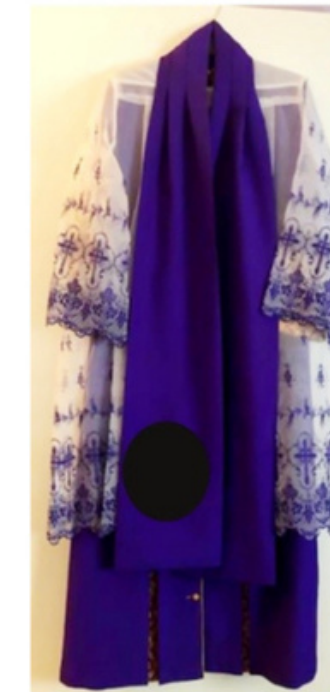




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## CLASS B: CIVIC ATTIRE

The purple shirt/blouse or rabat may be worn for formal or informal worship services where ceremonial robes are not worn. A full white clerical collar that is at least 1 ½" in height should be worn with any clergy shirts or blouses.

The Scarlet shirt is reserved for the Presiding Prelate. Bishops should maintain the purple or the lesser rank of the Bishopric so that their superior has the dignity of the Highest Garment, without contradiction. No Bishop should supersede their superior in dress in the presence of their superior unless authorized.

The gold pectoral cross and ring of the Bishop may be worn. The Episcopal ring is worn on the fourth finger of the right hand. No other rings besides a wedding ring should be worn when this ring is worn.

The Black suit without decoration or piping, is the only suit to be worn with the Episcopal or Clerical attire. The Black suit should be of a conservative cut, reasonable skirt/trouser length with black buttons. A zucchetto head covering should be worn by Female Bishops.



# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF MSHCA & THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS

## CLASS B: CIVIC ATTIRE





# (NON-BISHOPS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PRESBYTERS & PRESIDING ELDERS

## CLASS B: CIVIC

The black clergy shirt/blouse may be worn for formal or informal worship services where ceremonial robes are not worn. A full white clerical collar that is at least 1 ½” in height should be worn with any clergy shirts or blouses. The silver pectoral cross with a silver chain may be worn.

The black suit without decoration or piping is the only suit to be worn with the Episcopal or Clerical attire. The black suit should be of a conservative cut, reasonable skirt/trouser length with black buttons. A black zucchetto head covering should be worn for Female Clergy.

## CLASS A:

Robed vestments are currently not a part of the guidelines and should not be worn for ceremonial services. Civic attire guidelines should be followed.



# PASTORS

The black clergy shirt or blouse should be worn for formal or official worship services. The Pastor should always wear a full collar and not a tab collared shirt in formal or official services. A full white clerical collar that is 1 ¼ " in height should be worn with any clergy shirts or blouses. The silver pectoral cross with a black and white cord may be worn. A conservative head covering such as a zucchetto should be worn for Female Clergy.

All female clergy should wear dress suits with skirts during any formal or official services. Females should wear closed in shoes when in clergy attire.

The black suit without decoration or piping, is the only suit to be worn with the clerical attire. The black suit should be of a conservative cut, reasonable trouser/skirt length and with black buttons. All Clergy should wear black socks/flesh-tone or black nylon stockings and shined black shoes.

Robed vestments are currently not a part of the guidelines for Pastors and should not be worn for ceremonial services. Civic attire guidelines should be followed.



# PASTORS





# ORDAINED ELDERS & ORDAINED EVANGELISTS (NON-PASTORS)

The black clergy shirt or blouse should be worn for formal or official worship services. Ordained Elders & Evangelists should always wear a full collar and not a tab collared shirt in formal or official services. A full white clerical collar that is 1 ¼ " in height should be worn with any clergy shirts or blouses. A conservative head covering such as a zucchetto should be worn for Female Clergy.

All female clergy should wear dress suits with skirts during any formal or official services. Females should wear closed in shoes when in civic or ceremonial attire.

The black suit without decoration or piping, is the only suit to be worn with the clerical attire. The black suit should be of a conservative cut, reasonable trouser/skirt length and with black buttons. All Clergy should wear black socks/flesh-tone or black nylon stockings and shined black shoes.

Robed vestments are currently not a part of the guidelines for ordained Elders & Evangelists and should not be worn for ceremonial services. Civic attire guidelines should be followed.



# ORDAINED ELDERS & ORDAINED EVANGELISTS (NON-PASTORS)





# NON-ORDAINED EVANGELISTS

The black tab clergy shirt or blouse should be worn for formal or official worship services. Non-Ordained Evangelists should always wear a tab collared shirt or blouse in formal or official services. A full white clerical collar should not be worn. A conservative head covering should be worn for female clergy.

All female clergy should wear dress suits with skirts during any formal or official services. Females should wear closed in shoes when in civic or ceremonial attire.

The black suit without decoration or piping, is the only suit to be worn with the clerical attire. The black suit should be of a conservative cut, reasonable trouser/skirt length and with black buttons. All clergy should wear black socks/flesh-tone or black nylon stockings and shined black shoes.



# NON-ORDAINED EVANGELISTS





# DEACONS & LICENSED MINISTERS

Clergy shirts or vestments of any type are not permitted to be worn by licensed ministers or deacons for formal or official services unless requested by the Presiding Bishop or College of Bishops. The exception being for active and serving adjutants.

The black suit without decoration or piping should be worn. The black suit should be of a conservative cut, reasonable trouser/skirt length and with black buttons. For men, a white dress shirt with or without a conservative styled necktie should be worn. For women, a white blouse should be worn. A black zucchetto head covering should be worn by female deacons and ministers.

All female clergy should wear dress suits with skirts during any formal or official services. Females should wear closed in shoes when in civic or ceremonial attire.



# DEACONS & LICENSED MINISTERS



BROTHERS COLLARETTE



# ADJUTANTS

## CLASS B: CIVIC

The black suit without decoration or piping should be worn. The black suit should be of a conservative cut, reasonable skirt/trouser length with black buttons. For men, a white dress shirt with or without a conservative styled necktie should be worn. For women, a white blouse should be worn. A zucchetto head covering should be worn for female adjutants.

For adjutants who are Ordained Elders, Ordained Evangelists or Non-Ordained Evangelists: The appropriate clergy shirt or blouse with proper collar representing one's office should be worn.

## CLASS A

The black Roman style cassock, Vienna or Genoa styled surplice shall be worn. The black tippet may be worn by the Chief Adjutants and Ordained Clergy (Elders, Evangelists & Deacons). A black non collared dress shirt or blouse and black slacks or dress should be worn under the cassock. For Elders & Evangelists: The appropriate clergy shirt or blouse with proper collar representing one's office may be worn.



# ADJUTANTS







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THESE GUIDELINES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A "LIVING DOCUMENT" WITH "ADJUSTING PROTOCOLS".  
CHANGE TO THIS DRAFT AND FUTURE DRAFTS WILL REMAIN UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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