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Message from President Sager

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Concerning: Summer dress policy for all missionaries in the Switzerland-Geneva Mission.

All missionaries, senior companions, District Leaders and Zone Leaders are responsible to insure that all missionaries constantly reflect at all times their divine calling as Ambassadors of the Savior by their manner of action and dress.

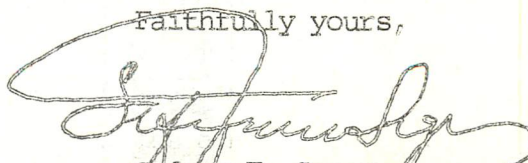
In our constant striving for excellence, Switzerland-Geneva Mission policies concerning dress are the following:

- Missionaries are to wear suits, white shirts and ties at all times outside their apartment.
- In areas of the mission where summer temperatures are above normal, missionaries are allowed to proselyte wearing conservative, dark colored slacks, white shirts and ties.
White shirts are to be clean and neatly ironed. Short sleeve shirts are permissible. Long sleeve shirts are not to have sleeves rolled or turned up. This gives a look of negligence.
- Suits are to be worn all year long to all Church meetings on Sunday or week-days.
- Suit coats should be worn to protect from the coolness of the evening when feasible.
- Missionaries are not to wear levis or jeans outside of the apartment, even on preparation day. This clothing is for cleaning the apartment and relaxation inside the apartment.
- Proper dress for excursions or picnics with missionaries, members or investigators is suits, or in the summer, dress slacks with white shirts and ties, and eventually a sweater (not a "sweat-shirt").
- Sister missionaries may correctly wear slacks on excursions or picnics. This is an exception to the rule that they wear knee-length dresses or skirts. No levis or jeans are to be worn by sisters outside of their apartment.

I am confident that the Lord will bless us with more and greater opportunities to teach the gospel to families and friends at all times as we strive for excellence in all things.

We love you for your faithful efforts and diligence in all things.

Faithfully yours,



Sydney F. Sager
Mission President

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Dear Sisters and Elders,

It was wonderful to have had the opportunity last month to sit and talk with each of you about your progression and experiences in the Lord's service. Then, what a great opportunity we had to listen to the words of Elder and Sister Hinckley. We were very blessed to have them with us and they also enjoyed greatly their association with you and the members of the mission.

Now, it is necessary that we evaluate the work that we have accomplished so far this year in order to keep on progressing and to be sure that we are accomplishing our calling. Great efforts have been made to create an excellent companion unity and then together with your companion magnify your stewardship. Our members are becoming more and more conscious of their responsibility to share their testimonies and blessings with their neighbors and friends. Then also, a great many of you have been very creative in your work - that is truly magnifying your calling. All of this must continue and increase in efficiency as we become more effective.

The test of a missionary's effectiveness in all of the above areas is to measure the amount and quality of his TEACHING. A truly united companionship will be teaching! A companionship that understands their stewardship will seek and succeed in teaching a greater number of families. Missionaries that are truly working with members will be teaching the members' families and friends the gospel. Of course, the goal of "creative contacting" is to increase the number of hours we are teaching the gospel to fathers and families!

Elders and Sisters, will you evaluate your work so far and remember that our call is to SEEK and TEACH. The result obtained through "a prayer of faith" will be the direction of the Holy Ghost and more families joining the Church. No greater satisfaction comes to a missionary than to teach and see the results of his teaching. Let's be more effective in all our efforts to become greater teachers.

Greater companion unity is to find more families to teach.

Our stewardship is to seek people to teach.

If we seek diligently with a prayer of faith, we will teach.

Our work with members is to teach their families and friends.

Open Houses should fill our agendas with teaching rendez-vous.

Business contacting is done to teach fathers and families in their homes.

Street contacting is to take positive rendez-vous to teach families the gospel.

Boards are an excellent way to make appointments to teach families.

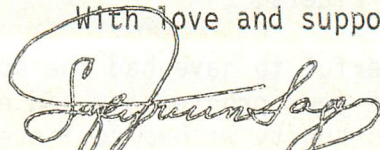
We only have a few months to become true Disciples of Christ and teach the gospel to as many as possible.

LET'S ALL BE TOTALLY DEDICATED TO OUR CALLING AND STRIVE TO DO MORE AND BETTER TEACHING IN THE HOMES OF THESE WONDERFUL FRENCH AND SWISS FAMILIES.

WE CAN MEASURE OUR EFFECTIVENESS AS MISSIONARIES BY MEASURING WEEKLY OUR "TEACHING OF GOSPEL DISCUSSIONS."

We love each one of you dearly and appreciate the efforts you are making, but feel that we can do better. We pray for the Lord's help in so doing.

With love and support,



Sidney F. Sager
Mission President