

# TCVC Music Ministry Choir Etiquette Guidelines

## 1. Attendance

Singing in a choir is a commitment; to God, the pastor, the director and the other members of the choir. Your voice is just as important as the next person's voice and everyone has to get used to hearing everyone else. If you miss two or more rehearsals per term, you might want to reconsider your commitment to the choir. The decision is up to you. Please notify the choir administrator if you intend to miss a rehearsal. Additionally, if you are sick, plan to stay home or observe the rehearsal from the congregation.

## 2. Rehearsal Time

Three simple words: ***be on time!*** Each rehearsal begins immediately following Bible Class on Wednesday nights (approx. 8:45 p.m.). Special call rehearsal will be scheduled as needed and communicated as far in advance as possible. Please note, arriving late is distracting to the director and other choir members and causes you to miss out on potentially important portions of the rehearsal.

## 3. Be Prepared

Come ready to work hard at every rehearsal. It is important that your mind, body and spirit are prepared for rehearsal; rehearsal is a part of our worship. Be prayerful and attentive at all times. Also, take advantage of the schedule, lyrics and song files that have been made available on the [Music Ministry webpage](#). ***Review song lyrics in advance and bring a copy to reference and take notes during rehearsal.***

## 4. Paper and Pencils

Always bring paper and a pencil/pen to rehearsal in order to record notes and instructions. Several songs will be covered in each rehearsal and it's impossible to remember from week to week the special direction for each. Also, take advantage of the lyrics and song files that have been made available on the [Music Ministry webpage](#).

## 5. Talking During Rehearsal

***There is no talking during rehearsal, unless solicited from the director.*** Choir singing is a sociable pastime and choirs are full of sociable people! The camaraderie in a choir is one of the most important aspects. Feel free to make merry to your heart's content before and after rehearsal and during breaks. It's really easy to start up little conversations with your neighbor during rehearsal. Such conversations are distracting to the director and other choir members. When this happens, the director has to either talk over you or wait until you're quiet. ***Chatter slows down rehearsal and will result in early dismissal for participants.***

## 6. Attire for Choir Members

- Always be in uniform unless otherwise indicated.
- Uniforms must be kept clean, pressed and in good repair; hems must never be hanging.
- Never wear tight-fitting or revealing attire.

- Never wear bulky jewelry or gaudy make-up that will allow your expressions and appearance to attract more attention than the spirit of worship.
- For Women – Always wear a skirt with a length below the knee; pants are not permitted. (Note: Black skirts should be worn with both black and purple choir tops unless otherwise indicated.)

### ***7. Strong Scents***

Please be aware that many people are sensitive or allergic to strong scents. The deep breathing that accompanies singing worsens the effects of strong perfumes and other personal products.