

THE CHURCH OF  
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Mr. Russ East  
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Dear Mr. East,

During the past couple of years, some of your missionaries have been attending our classes at the Ogden CES Institute adjacent to Weber State University, as well as student ward meetings, family home evening gatherings, and other activities, in a stealth evangelizing mode. They are bright, wonderful young people and we have tried to be good hosts to them. We acknowledge their desire to share a different opinion and point of view.

However, their presence in classes and other settings has become disruptive to our students who are attending for the purpose of learning more about their own religion. We respectfully request that you discontinue sending your student missionaries to witness and evangelize in these classes and meetings.

At the same time, we extend an invitation to you and your student missionaries to schedule an appointment with the Institute Director to meet with faculty members and students where they can openly discuss their missions. Additionally, we invite you and your group to be our guests on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. Part of the visit would include lunch at the Lion House and a visit with one of our General Authorities where doctrinal issues on both sides can be discussed.

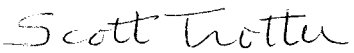
Students from Biola University, Fuller Seminary, Asuzu Pacific University and Colorado Christian Academy have been doing this same program in conjunction with Brigham Young University students and temple square missionaries with great success.

A good friend of mine from The Salt Lake Theological Seminary gave me a book called: "A New Way to Share Christ with Latter-day Saints," written by David L. Rowe, Ph.D. I would like to share one of Mr. Rowe's insights from his book:

*“One of the passions of my heart as I’ve lived here these years in Utah and ministered is to live here with a sense of respect, even though there may be some deep disagreements and deep convictions on both sides. But if we can live in mutual respect, then that will be good for all of us together, and also will open the door for us to really talk and interact with each other and share our faith on a level that is not demeaning but on a level that will encourage people to examine the claims of Christ, examine the claims of the Bible.”*

We are not asking you to step back from your mission. We are inviting you to be our friends despite our differences. We look forward to your written response to our invitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Trotter".

Scott Trotter  
Utah Community Relations Manager  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints