

Dear Autumn Ridge neighbor and ward member,

Hopefully, you will read the following in the spirit that it is offered. It is not intended to be contentious or to cause bad feelings. Recently flags of the LGBT community were flown in our neighborhood which is concerning to many of us. Therefore, please ask yourself the following questions.

Is choosing to fly the colors of the LGBT community consistent with the covenants you made with God as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints? Have you considered the message that you are sending to your non-member neighbors? Will a casual observer know or appreciate that you are trying to draw attention to gay teen suicide? Can you love and support your neighbor and others without flying a flag that actively promotes a lifestyle that is out of alignment with God's plan for the family? Are you aware of what the "Gay Pride" flag stands for? Are their values, your values? If you are unsure about any of these questions, please conduct a prayerful search to obtain your answers.

Also ask yourself, do I demonstrate the values of the church and do I honor the covenants that I made to follow the teachings of the church and Christ? Take notice of the ward members who did *not* agree to have flags placed in their yards, including our Bishop and his Counselors who are setting the example that we all should follow.

If you decide that temple attendance is an important part of your worship, and if you decide to receive or renew a temple recommend, try to truthfully answer the following question.

7. Do you support or promote any teachings, practices, or doctrine contrary to those of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints? Can you truthfully say that you do not support or promote a contrary doctrine when you fly the colors of an organization that is clearly inconsistent with these practices?

These are the observations of concerned neighbors and fellow members who desire to share our point of view. You are blessed with moral agency, and you are obviously free to act in a manner consistent with your agency. Just consider if highlighting your agency in such a public way is how you want to be known or remembered.

Sincerely,

Your Autumn Ridge neighbors and ward members