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ARIZONA REPUBLICANS WHO BELIEVE IN TREATING OTHERS WITH RESPECT

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We are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We also happen to be Republicans. We will be voting for Joe Biden, yes, the Democrat, in November.

Why do we mention our faith? The Trump Campaign will announce in Mesa, Arizona today a “Latter-day Saints for Trump” Coalition. We suppose members of the Church who support Biden could form a “Latter-day Saints for Biden” Coalition. But we wouldn’t advise it. Why?

As most members of our faith know, the leadership of our Church has recently and repeatedly emphasized that the name of the Church is sacred. We believe the name was revealed by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

There will be members of the Church (and we are on that list) who are offended by the politicizing of a portion of the sacred name of the Church. There will also be members who are substantially put off by the transparent effort to try and communicate that Latter-day Saints as a group are for Trump. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We understand the importance of determining which *party* will be in power. But we are most concerned about the *person* who will be in power.

What is the moral character of that person? Is he truthful? How does he treat people? Does he acknowledge differences and treat others with respect? Is there an effort to be inclusive? Do we want our children and grandchildren to be like that person?

Answering those questions, as Arizona Republicans and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we will be voting for the Democrat, Joe Biden, in November.

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