

Four Steps to Consider in Dealing with Apostates

1. Have brother or sister formally meet with Bishop and receive a 'call to repentance'. Invite them to draw closer to the Savior through prayer and Book of Mormon study. Encourage humility and change.
2. Give #1 some time and if not working then go to 'informal probation'-->no sacrament participation, no temple, no prayers, no participation verbally in any church meetings
3. Give #2 some time and if not working kindly offer to have their name removed from the Church records. "Brother/Sister apostate, it appears that we are going in different directions here...your views/beliefs are in opposition to what the Church teaches. Would you like me to facilitate the removal of your name from the Church records?" This is also their civil right. Some may want to stay in the Church to have more influence on others.
4. Church Court (call Elder Von Keech before this step so he can walk us through the 'circus' atmosphere that may develop i.e. supporters on church grounds during court, request for several days to present their side, calling witnesses etc.)

The above process may take 6 months before arriving at step #4. Let your heart and the Spirit direct individual application. If you see progress towards repentance then obviously further steps not necessary or can be put on hold to see how they do, hopefully back to more participation.

[Per phone conversation with Elder Von Keech, of the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy and partner in Kirton McConkie Law Firm, 31 March 2015, can call him anytime for further advice, direct line is [REDACTED].]