



The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries

2026 Parent Handbook

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Welcome Letter

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to **The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries** family!

This ministry was created to give young people and adults a place where they can grow in God, grow in confidence, and learn how to worship Him through movement. Our goal is not to create performers — but worshippers, leaders, and young people who understand their identity in Christ. Dance is simply the tool...Ministry is the purpose.

This handbook outlines expectations, policies, and commitments for the 2026 season. Please review it carefully and keep it for reference throughout the year.

We are excited to walk alongside your child this season and thank you for trusting us with them. We look forward to a powerful season!

With love and purpose,
Founder & Director
Larecia Robinson

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Section 1 - Our Heart & Purpose

At our organization, we are more than dancers – we are vessels of worship, using the art of movement to glorify God and inspire hearts. Founded on a passion for praise and a commitment to excellence, our organization is dedicated to expressing the love, power, and presence of God through movement.

With Every graceful turn, and powerful leap, we aim to uplift, heal, and deliver a message of hope. Our Choreography blends biblical themes with contemporary and traditional dance styles, creating performances that speak to the spirit and stir the soul.

Whether ministering in church, community events, or special worship experience, The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries is honored to be apart of God’s calling to make His name known through movement.

1 Peter 2:9 says, “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. His own special people, that may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light”.

We exist to:

- Teach worship through movement
- Build self-esteem and discipline
- Encourage sisterhood and unity
- Provide a safe, uplifting environment
- Train dancers to minister, not just perform

Every rehearsal is intentional. Every movement has meaning. Every dancer has purpose.

Section 2 – 2026 Season Overview

The 2026 season of The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries is designed to provide consistent training, spiritual growth, and ministry opportunities throughout the year. Our schedule is structured to balance preparation, worship, and development while allowing dancers to grow in both skill and character.

The season will run from **February 2026 through October 2026.**

During this time, dancers will rehearse weekly, participate in ministry engagements, and prepare for special events where they will minister through dance.

Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsals will be held on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30PM – 7:30PM**

Parents will be notified in advance of any schedule adjustments, added rehearsals, or cancellations. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled prior to major ministry events to ensure readiness and excellence.

Ministry Opportunities

Throughout the season, dancers may be asked to minister at:

- Church services
- Community outreach events
- Youth services or conferences
- Special worship gatherings
- The annual showcase or presentation

Participation in ministry opportunities is an important part of training. Dancers should remain available and prepared whenever possible.

Seasonal Breaks

Short breaks may be scheduled during holidays or between major events. These breaks will be communicated ahead of time.

Dancers may still receive practice material to review during longer breaks.

Annual Presentation

The season will conclude with an end-of-year play presented by The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries.

Participation is strongly encouraged. Families should mark their calendars and prepare time in advance, so dancers are able to be part of this special moment together.

Section 3 – Membership Requirements

Enrollment in The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries is a commitment to both spiritual growth and team participation.

To remain an active member throughout the 2026 season, the following requirements must be maintained.

Registration

All dancers **must have a completed registration on file** before participating in rehearsals or ministry events. This includes:

- Registration form (online only) + Fee
- Parent/guardian contact information
- Emergency contact information
- Social Media Release Form
- Authorized Pick Up Form
- Medical or allergy disclosures (if applicable)
- Signed handbook agreement

Dancers may not participate until all required forms are submitted.

Commitment to the Season

Enrollment is for the full 2026 season (February – October).

Families should enroll with the understanding that consistency helps both individual development and team unity.

If a dancer must withdraw during the season, parents should notify leadership as soon as possible.

Participation Readiness

Dancers should arrive prepared for rehearsal each week by:

- Wearing proper rehearsal attire
- Bringing water bottles to stay hydrated
- Bringing required garments or materials when requested
- Practicing choreography between rehearsals
- Maintaining respectful behavior

Ministry Mindset

Because this is a faith-based dance ministry, dancers are expected to participate with a positive and teachable attitude. We encourage:

- Willingness to learn
- Openness to correction
- Respect for leadership and teammates
- Encouragement toward others

Skill level is never more important than attitude and effort.

Parent Cooperation

Parents/guardians agree to support their dancer by:

- Reviewing communications
- Helping dancers arrive prepared
- Maintaining respectful communication with leadership
- Supporting the values of the ministry

Section 4 – Attendance & Rehearsals Policies

Consistency is essential in a dance ministry. Each dancer's presence affects formations, timing, preparation, and the overall ability of the team to minister together. For this reason, regular attendance is expected throughout the 2026 season.

Weekly Rehearsals

Dancers should arrive:

- On time
- In proper rehearsal attire
- Hair secured and ready
- With water and any requested items

Rehearsal time is structured for instruction and preparation. Late arrivals may cause dancers to miss important teaching, warm-ups, and placement.

Absences

We understand that occasional conflicts or illness may occur. Parents should notify leadership as soon as possible when a dancer will be absent. Repeated absences may affect a dancer's readiness for certain pieces or formations, as choreography is taught progressively.

If a dancer misses multiple rehearsals and is unable to safely and confidently perform the choreography, they may be asked to sit out of that particular dance or ministry piece. This ensures both the dancer and the team are properly prepared and able to minister with excellence.

Late Arrival

Dancers arriving late should enter quietly and prepare quickly so rehearsal can continue without disruption.

Chronic lateness may limit a dancer's ability to fully learn choreography and stay in sync with the group.

Leaving Early

Dancers should plan to stay for the full rehearsal unless arrangements have been communicated in advance.

Early departures may result in missed instruction and incomplete placement in choreography.

Ministry Events & Performances

When the ministry is scheduled to minister at an event, it is **mandatory** for every dancer to attend unless communicated with leadership in advance of non-participation. These opportunities are part of the learning and growth experience of the team.

Families will receive notice as early as possible to allow for planning.

Section 5 – Dancer Development & Life Skills Training

The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries is committed to developing the whole dancer — spiritually, emotionally, and socially. While dance technique is important, our greater focus is building confident, respectful, and Christ-centered young people.

Throughout the season, dancers will participate in guided discussions, activities, and mentoring moments designed to help them grow in character and life skills. These teachings may take place during rehearsal, special workshops, or designated ministry time.

Below are the list of workshops we have planned for season 2026.

- Personal Hygiene & Self-Care
- Confidence & Identity Building
- Respect & Communication Skills

- Sisterhood & Team Building
 - Leadership & Responsibility
 - Worship Education
 - Representation & Public Conduct
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Section 6 – Dress Code

The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries maintains a standard of modesty, neatness, and uniformity. Appearance reflects discipline and respect for the ministry, the team, and the environment we serve in.

Dancers are expected to arrive dressed appropriately for every rehearsal and ministry event.

Rehearsal Attire

All dancers should wear:

- Solid black fitted top or C.G. Shirt
- Black leggings
- Hair secured away from the face
- No excessive jewelry

Ministry Attire & Garments

Ministry garments are considered sacred attire and should be handled with care and respect.

Dancers must:

- Wear assigned garments only as instructed
- Avoid altering dance attire
- Keep garments clean and wrinkle-free
- Return any borrowed items after use

Garments should not be worn outside of ministry events unless approved by leadership.

Section 7 – Behavior & Conduct

The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries strives to maintain a positive, respectful, and Christ-centered environment. Every dancer contributes to the atmosphere of the team, and behavior should reflect kindness, self-control, and consideration for others.

We aim to guide, teach, and correct with grace while helping dancers grow in maturity and responsibility.

Respect for Others

Dancers are expected to show respect to:

- Leadership and volunteers
- Fellow dancers
- Church staff and event hosts
- The rehearsal and ministry spaces

Positive Attitude

Dancers should:

- Participate willingly
- Try their best even when movements are difficult
- Accept corrections without arguing
- Encourage teammates

Negative attitudes, repeated refusal to participate, or intentional disruption may result in a conversation with leadership and parent notification.

Bullying & Conflict

We do not tolerate:

- Teasing or mocking
- Exclusion or cliques
- Gossip
- Intimidation
- Physical aggression

If conflict occurs, dancers should seek help from leadership rather than handle situations on their own. We will guide dancers through respectful resolution.

Appropriate Conduct

For safety and order, dancers should not:

- Run inside rehearsal areas
- Handle equipment without permission
- Use disrespectful language or gestures
- Disrupt rehearsal intentionally

Public Representation

Dancers are expected to demonstrate respectful behavior at all times during ministry outings.

Correction & Guidance

When behavior concerns arise, leadership will:

1. Give verbal redirection
2. Provide guidance and teaching
3. Notify parent/guardian if needed

Our goal is always restoration, learning, and growth — not punishment.

Section 8 – Parent Participation

The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries believes strong communication between leadership and families creates the best environment for dancers to grow and succeed. Parents and guardians are important partners in supporting the mission and values of the ministry

Supporting Your Dancer

Parents/guardians agree to:

- Bring dancers on time and prepared
- Pick up promptly after rehearsal

- Encourage practice and participation at home
- Review ministry communications regularly
- Help dancers follow dress code and expectations

Consistency at home helps dancers feel confident and prepared.

Respecting the Learning Environment

To allow rehearsal to run smoothly:

- Parents should avoid interrupting rehearsals unless necessary
- Corrections should be left to leadership during rehearsal time
- Conversations regarding concerns should take place before or after rehearsal, not in front of dancers

This helps preserve structure and keeps dancers focused.

Communication with Leadership

We welcome respectful and open communication.

Parents should:

- Address concerns privately with leadership
- Allow time for a response
- Avoid discussing concerns with other families before speaking with leadership

Our goal is always clarity and unity.

Positive Representation

Families represent the ministry alongside their dancer.

Parents/guardians should refrain from:

- Negative discussions about dancers or leadership
- Social media conflicts related to the ministry
- Disruptive behavior during events or rehearsals

We aim to model respect both inside and outside the ministry.

Section 9 – Financial Responsibilities & Fundraising

The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries operates as a nonprofit organization. Financial contributions help provide training materials, music, ministry garments, event preparation, and general program operations.

Our goal is to keep participation accessible while ensuring the ministry can function with excellence.

Fees & Contributions

Families are responsible for certain seasonal costs, which may include:

- Registration contribution
- Monthly tuition or participation fee
- Ministry garments or apparel
- Event or presentation costs (if applicable)

Specific amounts and due dates will be communicated separately at the beginning of the season. All contributions support the operating needs of the ministry and are non-refundable.

Payment Expectations

- All payments are digital/online using C.G. website.
- Payments should be submitted by the communicated due date
- Parents should notify leadership if a payment concern arises
- Consistent communication is important to avoid participation interruptions

Fundraising Opportunities

Throughout the season, fundraising opportunities may be offered to help families offset costs and support ministry activities. All dancers are required to participate in fundraising events.

Participation may include:

- Group fundraisers
- Donation drives
- Event support

Financial Communication

Questions regarding payments or balances should be directed privately to leadership.

To protect family privacy, financial matters will not be discussed in front of dancers or other parents.

Section 10 – Communication Policy

Clear and consistent communication is essential for the ministry to operate smoothly. The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries will provide important information regarding rehearsals, events, schedule changes, and reminders through designated communication channels. Parents and guardians are responsible for staying informed.

Official Communication Methods

Information will be shared through:

- Group messaging platform
- Email announcements
- Official ministry social media pages (for reminders only)

Please ensure your contact information remains current throughout the season.

Parent Responsibility

Parents/guardians agree to:

- Check messages regularly
- Respond when confirmation is requested
- Review announcements in a timely manner
- Notify leadership if contact information changes

Not seeing a message does not remove responsibility for the information provided.

Group Communication Etiquette

To maintain organization and respect:

- Keep messages ministry-related
- Avoid debates or complaints in group chats
- Address personal concerns privately with leadership

Section 11 – Social Media Policy

The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries recognizes that social media is a part of daily life. Because dancers represent the ministry both in person and online, we ask all families to help maintain a respectful and positive digital presence.

This policy applies to dancers and parents/guardians when referencing the ministry, its members, or events.

Representation of the Ministry

When posting photos, videos, or comments related to The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries, content should reflect respect, kindness, and good character.

Please avoid:

- Negative or disrespectful comments
- Arguments involving dancers or families
- Posting private ministry matters publicly
- Misrepresenting leadership decisions

Posting Choreography & Rehearsal Content

To protect the work and preparation of the team:

- Do not post full routines or choreography without permission
- Short clips may be shared unless otherwise instructed
- Live streaming rehearsals is not permitted

Photos & Media Use

Photos and videos taken during rehearsals or events may be used by the ministry for:

- Announcements
- Promotional materials
- Social media posts

If a parent prefers their child not be featured, leadership must be notified in writing.

Online Conduct

Dancers should not use social media to:

- Speak negatively about teammates or leadership
- Engage in bullying or gossip
- Create conflict connected to the ministry

Online behavior that disrupts team unity may require a parent conversation.

Section 13 – Safety & Emergency Procedures

The safety and well-being of every dancer is a top priority for The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries.

Parents/guardians must keep all emergency and medical information current throughout the season.

Emergency Contact Information

Each dancer must have:

- At least one emergency contact on file
- Updated phone numbers
- Medical conditions or allergy disclosures (if applicable)

Parents must notify leadership immediately if any information changes.

Medical Needs

If a dancer requires medication during rehearsal or an event:

- Parents must inform leadership in advance
- Medication should be clearly labeled
- Dancers should be able to self-administer when appropriate unless prior arrangements are made

Leadership does not provide medical treatment beyond basic first aid.

Injury & Illness

If a dancer becomes injured or ill:

- The dancer will be supervised and cared for
- A parent/guardian will be contacted immediately
- Emergency services will be called if necessary

Dancers who appear sick may be asked to sit out or be picked up for the safety of others.

Facility Safety

Dancers are expected to:

- Follow all building rules
- Stay within designated areas
- Avoid running or unsafe activity indoors
- Respect equipment and property

Drop-Off Procedures

- Dancers should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before rehearsal unless instructed
- Parents must ensure the dancer safely enters the building before leaving
- The ministry is not responsible for dancers left unattended before rehearsal begins

Pick-Up Procedures

- Dancers must be picked up promptly at dismissal time
- Only authorized individuals listed on the emergency contact form may pick up a dancer
- Identification may be requested if unfamiliar to leadership

Late Pick-Up

Dancers must be picked up on time. If dancers are **not picked up 20 minutes after rehearsal ends , a fee \$15 will be applied and must be paid promptly.**

Change in Pick-Up Person

If someone different will pick up your dancer:

- Notify leadership in advance
- Provide the individual's name
- ID may be required before release

For safety reasons, dancers will not be released without confirmation.

Section 15 – Parent & Dancer Agreement

Agreement

We have read and understand the policies, expectations, and procedures outlined in the 2026 Parent Handbook for The Chosen Generation Dance Ministries.

We agree to support the mission and values of the ministry and will do our best to follow the guidelines provided.

We understand these policies exist to help create a safe, respectful, and encouraging environment for all dancers.

Dancer Name: _____

Dancer Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____