

Application for Membership

TENETS OF THE MOTHER CHURCH

- 1) As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal life.
- 2) We acknowledge and adore one supreme and infinite God We acknowledge His Son, one Christ; the Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God's image and likeness.
- 3) We acknowledge God's forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin and the spiritual understanding that cast out evil as unreal. But the belief in sin is punished so long as the belief lasts.
- 4) We acknowledge Jesus' atonement as the evidence o' divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man's unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower; and we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life, and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming sin and death.
- 5) We acknowledge that the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection served to uplift faith to understand eternal Life, even the allness of Soul, Spirit, and the nothingness of matter.
- 6) And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure.

Note: These Tenets are from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy "age 497:3-27



THIRD CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Austin, Texas

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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AFFIRMATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 1) I subscribe to the Tenets of Christian Science as outlined on page 497 of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy.
- 2) I strive to practice the teachings of the Bible and Christian Science as explained in Science and Health.
- 3) I accept the obligation to uphold the By-Laws of this Branch Church, the Third Church of Christ, Scientist, Austin, TX

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City. _____ State _____ Zip. _____

Telephone Number/s _____

Email _____

If member of The Mother Church, year joined _____ Membership No. _____

Signatures of two members of this branch church are required prior to consideration for Membership by the Executive Board.

I, the undersigned member of Third Church of Christ, Scientist, Austin, Texas have discussed branch church membership with this applicant and recommend his/her approval for membership.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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MEMBERSHIP BY-LAWS

2.2 Qualifications

- 2.2(a)** An applicant for membership shall be a student of the Bible, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* and other writings by Mary Baker Eddy.
- 2.2(b)** An applicant shall abide by the Tenets of The Mother Church and the By-Laws of this Church.
- 2.2(c)** An applicant shall be free from the use of drugs, tobacco, and intoxicating drinks.
- 2.2(d)** An applicant shall not hold membership in any other church or religious organization except The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2.2(e)** An applicant shall have attained the age of twelve (12) years
- 2.2(f)** An applicant shall have attended the services or Sunday School of this Church for at least six months immediately prior to applying for membership.
- 2.2(g)** An applicant, if coming from another branch Church of Christ, Scientist, may present a current letter of withdrawal and the attendance requirement will automatically be waived.

2.3 Application and Acceptance Procedure

- 2.3(a)** All persons desiring to unite with this Church shall complete the application form obtained from the Clerk. The application endorsement shall be by two (2) Members of this Church who are not related by blood or marriage to the applicant. The completed application form shall be returned to the Clerk.
- 2.3(b)** Each applicant shall be given a copy of the By-Laws of this Church.
- 2.3(c)** The Executive Board may elect to interview any applicant directly or the Executive Board may authorize the Membership Committee (convening with no less than three committee members err) to interview applicants and make a prompt report back to the Executive Board with its findings. If the Executive Board is satisfied that the applicant meets the qualifications for membership, then the name of the applicant will be recommended for consideration by the Membership by written communication.
- 2.3(d)** Members objecting to an applicant must present written objections to the Clerk within two weeks from the date of the recommendation notice. The Clerk shall inform the Executive Board that an objection was submitted.
- 2.3(e)** If the Executive Board determines that any objection is valid or significant, the name of the applicant in question shall be removed from the list of recommended applicants. If the objection is found not valid or significant or if there was no objection, the Clerk will inform the applicant by letter of his acceptance into membership.
- 2.3(f)** A new Member shall sign the Church Membership Roll within 30 days of acceptance.

2.4 Duties of Members

- 2.4(a)** The Members shall prayerfully support and serve the activities of this Church.
- 2.4(b)** The Members shall attend services and meetings regularly and keep all Church business confidential.
- 2.4(c)** The Members shall support this church financially as an expression of gratitude.
- 2.4(d)** The Members shall abide by the By-Laws of this Church.
- 2.4(e)** The Members shall notify the Clerk in writing of any changes of address, telephone number, or any status of Membership in The Mother Church.