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## **Thank you for your interest in applying for membership in our church!**

Our members endeavor to practice the teachings of Christian Science in every aspect of our lives. We seek to live in obedience to the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17) and the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). We strive to be free of dependency on drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and any habit or addiction that keeps us from expressing our highest sense of our spiritual identity as God's children.

Our church is run democratically and we abide lovingly by the decisions of the majority. Please contact the clerk at [clerk.cschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:clerk.cschurch@yahoo.com) for a copy of the bylaws that govern our church so you can review them before submitting your application.

According to Article II Membership, Section 4 Duties of Members of our bylaws, members will

- attend services and business meetings,
- work prayerfully for the best interests of this church,
- bear your share of responsibility for church activities,
- contribute regularly to the financial support of this church,
- base reading for self-instruction in the practice of Christian Science on the Bible, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy and other writings by this author,
- subscribe to the periodicals issued by The Christian Science Publishing Society in accordance with the Manual of The Mother Church, Article VIII, Section 14,
- keep the Clerk notified of your address, and
- notify the Clerk if you join The Mother Church.

Day to day activities of the church are carried out by committees. Every member is asked to participate in committee work. Our committees at present are Audit, Building and Grounds, Care, Childcare, Collection Counters, Finance, Flower, Lecture, Literature Distribution, Metaphysical, Monitor Subscriptions, Music, Parliamentarian, Substitute Readers, Reading Room, Sunday School, Technology/Zoom, Usher, and Website/Social Media. We appoint representatives to participate in regional or state-wide committees: Washington State Institutional Committee (correctional facilities), Washington Outreach Committee (CSWashington.com, Facebook, Instagram), Seattle Metropolitan Reading Room, and Sunrise Haven (care facility). We also appoint an Assistant Committee on Publication.

An application for membership accompanies this letter. Please fill it out completely after you have read our bylaws and then ask two members not currently serving on our Executive Board for endorsements. Please email the application to [clerk.cschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:clerk.cschurch@yahoo.com) or mail it to Clerk, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 551 Maple Street, Edmonds, WA 98020. If you are currently a member of another branch Church of Christ, Scientist, please obtain a letter of withdrawal and send that to the clerk, too. Shortly after receiving your application the clerk will contact you to schedule an interview with the Board. A month after the interview you will be notified about the status of your application. Membership takes effect once the membership roll has been signed.

The Clerk would be happy to answer any questions you may have about Christian Science and church membership. If you need a copy of the Bible or *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* or *The Manual of The Mother Church* by Mary Baker Eddy or if you would like help learning to read the weekly Christian Science Bible Lesson, please contact the Clerk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

### ***Tenets of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist***

- 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 casts 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 of 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.*

*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 496*