

# FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, CREVE COEUR, MISSOURI

## Application for Membership for \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name)

In accordance with Article I, Section 1, of our bylaws, you must meet the following qualifications to be considered for membership. In signing this application for membership, you acknowledge that:

- I believe in and practice the teachings of Christian Science as presented in what Mary Baker Eddy refers to as the platform (*Science and Health*, Pages 330-340).
- I accept the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, the *Manual of The Mother Church*, and the other writings by Mary Baker Eddy, as my “only textbooks for self-instruction in Christian Science, and for teaching and practicing metaphysical healing.” (See *Manual* 34:17)
- I am not a member of another church denomination or religious organization other than the Church of Christ, Scientist.
- I fully subscribe to the tenets of Christian Science (*Science and Health*, Page 497:3-27):
  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.

Please check all that apply:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am at least 12 years old.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a member of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts (required for election to some church offices).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am transferring from another Christian Science branch church or society and am including a letter of withdrawal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have attended this church for six months and am joining a Christian Science branch church for the first time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have attended this church for six months and have received a letter of withdrawal from my former church (denomination other than Christian Science) and am including a copy of that letter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have attended this church for six months and do not have a letter of withdrawal from my former church; however, I have severed all ties with that church.

Upon becoming a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Creve Coeur, you will have the following responsibilities according to Article I, Section 4, of the church standing rules:

- To be introduced to the members by the membership committee as soon after joining as possible.
- To study and be familiar with the *Bible* and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, the *Manual of The Mother Church*, and the other writings of Mary Baker Eddy.
- To attend regularly the Sunday services, Wednesday meetings, and business meetings of this church.
- To keep the business of this church confidential.
- To notify the clerk of any change of address, of membership in The Mother Church, and of class instruction.
- To support this church actively, prayerfully, and financially.
- To abide by the bylaws and standing rules.
- To be given 24/7 access to a lock box for a key to the reading room.
- To participate on church committees. A complete list of active committees and their purpose will be given to each new member by the clerk.

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Name (please print)

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Email address

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Address

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Phone ( )Home ( ) Cell

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City and State

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Zip

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Signature

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Date

Please obtain endorsements from two members of this branch church with whom you have discussed your interest in becoming a member and to whom you are not related.

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Member Signature (Print name)

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Member Signature (Print name)

**Note to Endorsers:** Please ensure that (a) to your understanding the applicant is in compliance with the qualifications for membership as stated above and with the church bylaws, and (b) you are not related to the applicant.