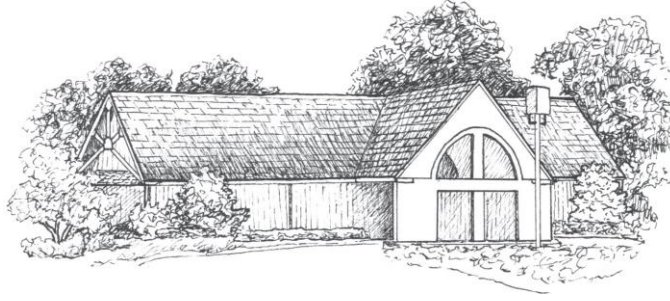


APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN  
First Church of Christ, Scientist  
Alton-Godfrey, Illinois



To the Board of Trustees:

I hereby make application for membership to First Church of Christ, Scientist, Alton-Godfrey, Illinois.

I have read, accepted, and am striving to demonstrate the teachings of Christian Science as given in its textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy. I have read the *Manual of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts*, by Mary Baker Eddy and the Bylaws of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Alton-Godfrey, Illinois.

If elected to membership, I will abide by the *Manual of The Mother Church* and by the Bylaws of this branch church.

**Before signing, please see \*Article III, Section 2. *Eligibility*; and \*\*Article IV *Responsibilities of Members* from the Bylaws of this branch church. (See \* and \*\* below.)**

My signature indicates my willingness, readiness, and eligibility to join with the members of this church.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

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Print Name in Full

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Address

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City/State/ZIP

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Home Phone

Business Phone

Cell Phone

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Email Address

If applicable, I have attached a letter of withdrawal from a branch church of Christ, Scientist, or a church of another denomination.

1. Please share with us why you love Christian Science.

2. Please share with us why you want to be a member of this church

To the Two Application Endorsers:

By signing this application, you are declaring that this person meets all the eligibility requirements for membership as stated in our Bylaws, *Article III, Section 2, Eligibility* (\*see below), and that you highly recommend the applicant for membership in this branch church.

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Signature of Endorser

Date

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Signature of Endorser

Date

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**\*ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 2**

**ELIGIBILITY.** To be eligible for membership in this Church, an applicant must:

- A. Be at least 12 years of age;
- B. Be free from other religious denominations;
  1. It is understood that membership with another denomination or with another branch of The Mother Church shall be dissolved before making application for membership in this Church.
  2. In case of membership in a church which will not dismiss its members, copies of letters asking for withdrawal from that church shall be presented to the Board.
- C. Acknowledge our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, as the Discoverer, Founder and Leader of Christian Science;
- D. Accept the organized form of church government established by our Leader and set forth by her in the *Manual of The Mother Church*;
- E. Have been a student of the Bible and the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures*, for at least one year.
- F. Have attended this Church for a period of six months prior to the date of application, with the following exception: any applicant with a letter of withdrawal from another branch of The Mother Church need not have attended this Church for any specified period of time.
- G. Have studied the *Manual of The Mother Church* and the Bylaws of this Church, and evidenced a willingness to abide by the rules contained therein;
- H. Accept the letter and the spirit of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount;
- I. Strive to live the teachings of Christian Science.

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**\*\*ARTICLE IV**

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**

As the government of this Church is distinctly democratic, with equal rights and privileges for all, it is the duty of every member to do the following:

- A. Study the *Manual of The Mother Church* and abide by its teachings;
- B. Give active and unselfish service to this Church and to the Cause of Christian Science through attendance and participation in church services, and committee work;
  1. Committee Chairs will:
    - a. Prepare a written report of committee activities for the January Business Meeting, and for any other business meeting, when appropriate;
    - b. Hold committee meetings to effectively carry out duties of the committee;

- c. Read and follow their committee's job description. The job description shall be revised by the committee chair when necessary, with Board approval;
- C. Give metaphysical and financial support to the activities of this Church;
- D. Study and observe these By-Laws;
- E. Promptly notify the Clerk in writing of any change of name, address, admission to membership of The Mother Church, and completion of Class Instruction;
- F. Communicate semi-annually with the Board should any cause prevent regular attendance at the services and meetings of this Church;
- G. Refrain from distributing circulars or professional cards of any nature to the members of the congregation at the Church, or from solicitation for personal, charitable, or political ends.