

# Application for Membership in The Mother Church The First Church of Christ, Scientist



If you have not been taught by a loyal student who has received a certificate from the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, or by one who has passed an examination by the Board of Education, fill in this form.

One who is not a member of any church, excepting a branch church of Christ, Scientist, who loves Christian Science, and reads understandingly the Bible, and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Reverend Mary Baker Eddy, and other works by this author, and who is Christianly qualified and can enter into full fellowship with the Tenets and Rules of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, is eligible to membership.

*To The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts  
The Clerk of The Mother Church*

I hereby make application for membership, and subscribe to the Tenets and the By-Laws of the Church.



**Tenets of The Mother Church**  
from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*  
by Mary Baker Eddy (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.

*Mary Baker Eddy*

Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

*To be signed by those uniting with The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.*

**To the Applicant:**

Your name and address will be used by both the Clerk and the Treasurer of the Church. If you are a reuniting member and your name has changed, indicate your previous name(s). **Please print.**

Name <sup>Miss</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>Mrs.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>Mr.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Previous name(s) <sup>Miss</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>Mrs.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>Mr.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or Postal Box)

Town or City \_\_\_\_\_

State or Province \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Zip or Postal Code (where required) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to The First Church of Christ, Scientist's using my email address to contact me about church events, activities, and publications. These emails also include a link to unsubscribe. I can revoke my consent at any time by email to clerk@christianscience.com. (Required for compliance with international law.)

I have not studied Christian Science with a teacher, and am not a member of any church excepting \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Christ, Scientist, at \_\_\_\_\_.

I was formerly a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ denomination, but have definitely severed my connection therewith.

If you are a minor, written permission of a parent or guardian is required.

**I give my son/daughter/ward permission to join The Mother Church.**

<sup>Miss</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>Mrs.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>Mr.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent or Guardian*

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*Printed Name of Parent or Guardian*

**To the Applicant, Approver, and Countersigner:**

Please review the section on "Church Membership" and the instructions for completing applications in the *Manual of The Mother Church* by Mary Baker Eddy (pp. 34–39 and 109–112). Only properly completed applications can be considered.

**I cordially approve this applicant.**

<sup>Miss</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>Mrs.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>Mr.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Approver*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name of Approver*

<sup>Miss</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>Mrs.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>Mr.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Countersigner (C.S.B.)*

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*Printed Name of Countersigner (C.S.B.)*

**Once the form is properly completed, please mail it to:**

The First Church of Christ, Scientist  
Clerk, Membership Applications P06–10  
210 Massachusetts Avenue  
Boston, MA 02115-3195 U.S.A.