

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



The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, is designed to be built on the rock of Christ—Truth and Life—and to reflect the Church Triumphant.

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*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name of Applicant*

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

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## To the Applicant and Recommending Members:

Please review the sections regarding Church membership in the *Manual of The Mother Church* by Mary Baker Eddy (pp. 34-39 and 109-112). Only properly completed applications can be considered.

### Applicant

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

Name  Miss  
 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr.

Previous name(s)  Miss  
 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr.

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

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

State or Province (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

YES  NO I would like to receive emails from The First Church of Christ, Scientist, The Christian Science Publishing Society, and The Mary Baker Eddy Library, with messages about their events, activities, and publications. Such emails include a link to unsubscribe. I can revoke my consent at any time by email to Clerk@csps.com.

My teacher in Christian Science was  Miss  
 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr.

I 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.

### Recommending Members

We, the undersigned members of The Mother Church, recommend the applicant.

Miss  
 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. *Signature of Approver* *Printed Name of Approver*

Miss  
 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. *Signature of Approver* *Printed Name of Approver*

Miss  
 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. *Signature of Approver* *Printed Name of Approver*

**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.