

Thinking About Membership in this Branch Church?

**We welcome
your interest!**

Membership in a Christian Science church
is rewarding and nurtures spiritual growth.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Los Altos
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WE ARE A BRANCH OF THE MOTHER CHURCH

We are affiliated with The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, known to us as The Mother Church. As a branch of this church, we are organized in accordance with *The Manual of The Mother Church*, by Mary Baker Eddy.

OUR MISSION

To continue the healing works of Christ Jesus in our community through the understanding of God's ever-presence and unconditional love, based on the Bible and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy.

OUR COMMITMENT AS CHURCH MEMBERS

As members, we form a community that supports and encourages each other in our spiritual growth and demonstration of Christian healing. We recognize that each individual is working out his or her own salvation and that personal issues are between the individual and God alone. In that spirit, the following commitments express the working relationship we have with each other and with the larger community.

We are committed to:

- The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Golden Rule, and the teachings of Christ Jesus
- The Tenets and teachings of Christian Science, as found in our textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, and the "Rule for Motives and Acts" from the *Church Manual*
- Gratefully acknowledging Mary Baker Eddy as the Discoverer, Founder, and Leader of Christian Science
- Increasing our understanding of the teachings of Christian Science as found in the Bible and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy
- The conscientious application of Christian Science to meet every human need, including the need for physical healing
- Our branch church mission statement and bylaws
- Sharing with our community the spirit and love of Christianity
- Prayerfully supporting our services and activities, and participating to the best of our ability
- Financially supporting our church to the extent we are able

MEMBERSHIP INTEREST CARD

Today's date _____

I am interested in meeting with the Welcoming Committee to discuss uniting with this church. Please contact me:

Print Name

Street Address

City, Zip Code

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

STEPS TO MEMBERSHIP

1) To further consider and discuss becoming a member of this church, fill in the Membership Interest Card portion of this brochure, and take or mail it to the Clerk's office.

2) Shortly thereafter, a member of the Welcoming Committee will contact you to answer any questions you have about our church and the membership process. As two members are required to endorse your Affirmation of Membership, this will be an opportunity to identify those individuals and get acquainted with other members.

3) The Welcoming Committee will then set up a time to meet with you. They'll give you a general overview of our branch church and its activities, and review the commitments one makes in joining this branch church. They can also answer your questions.

4) At the conclusion of this orientation meeting, you'll be offered an Affirmation of Membership Form and a copy of our Bylaws to take with you.

5) Further questions can be answered by your endorsers or anyone on the Welcoming Committee.

6) When you and your endorsers have signed the Affirmation Form, please give it to the Clerk.

7) The Clerk will notify the members that we have a new member, and that you will be signing the Membership Register on a particular Sunday after church. The members will be there to welcome you into membership at that time!

8) At a time convenient for you after the signing, you'll be invited to come to a new member orientation to share further information about our membership and our activities, and to discuss how you might like to begin participating as a member.