



Missioners of The Holy Spirit

Welcome to the Order of Missioners of The Holy Spirit

Thank you for your interest in partnering as a The Third Order Member (Lay Member) in the Order of Missioners of The Holy Spirit. We have prepared this document to help you learn more about us. Further information may be obtained online at: www.missioners.info. On the following pages you will find the following:

SECTION I

This section includes links to articles about the Communion of Evangelical Episcopal Churches (CEEC). The Missioners of The Holy Spirit is an Order of the CEEC. **Please Note:** You will be joining “The Order of Missioners of The Holy Spirit” and not the CEEC. The web links to the CEEC are provided so you can get to know us better; (2) Our Doctrinal Essentials.

SECTION II

This section includes (1) An outline of the Application Process for Reception into the Order as a Third Order Lay Member, (2) Affirmations and Declarations form, and (3) An Applicant Profile, and (4) Information on how to send in the Application forms.

These documents come your way with a personal offer to help you walk through them, so please contact me if you have any questions. It will be my joy to assist you.

Your servant for the sake of Jesus,

Fr. Jon Aamodt

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SECTION I

1. CEEC Website: <https://www.ceec.org/>
 - What is the CEEC: <https://www.ceec.org/what-is-the-ceec>
 - Brief History of the CEEC: <https://www.ceec.org/history>
2. Articles on the Convergence Movement: <https://www.ceec.org/articles>



THE DOCTRINAL ESSENTIALS OF THE ORDER OF MISSIONERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We affirm decision-making based on Scripture, Tradition (that which has been generally accepted throughout Church history), Godly Wisdom (Reason), and the normative Experience of The Church throughout the ages. The Holy Scriptures are self-attesting and the essence of truth which require our unreserved submission in all areas of our lives. The infallible and trustworthy written Word of God is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts which culminated in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Bible, uniquely inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority in matters of faith and life.

The Word of God, Incarnate and written, provides the foundation for the following doctrines which we affirm- along with Apostles' and Nicene Creeds:

1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator, sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and worship forever!
2. Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is the Living Word become flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His birth of the Virgin Mary. He who is true God became true man, His two natures are united in one person forever. He lived a sinless life and died on a cross, a perfect sacrifice for our sins, according to the Scriptures. On the third day He rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, seated at the right hand of the Almighty Majesty on High, He mediates as our High Priest and Head of the Church. Jesus Christ is the exclusive Messiah. The only Way to salvation, the only Truth and the only Life in whom people may put their trust and obtain eternal life.
3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to the hearts of sinful, repentant people. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Jesus baptizes His disciples in the power of the Holy Spirit and empowers them through multiple infillings to do the supernatural work of ministry in His Name. The Holy Spirit illuminates the Holy Scriptures, instructs the hearts of believers, and guides us into all truth.
4. Being estranged from God and condemned by the brokenness and depravity of our fallen human nature, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's unmerited favor and graciousness. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifying them in His Holy Presence. Only those who are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ, in word and obedient action, as Savior and Lord, become children of God, members of the Body of Christ and heirs of eternal life.
5. The one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the true Church, is composed of all persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, are united together in the Body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the Sacraments are administered in their integrity, scriptural discipline is practiced, and loving fellowship is maintained to nurture the believers in the life of Christ. For her perfecting, the Church awaits the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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6. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth - suddenly, personally, visibly, and bodily - to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. We seek to faithfully serve Christ in the world as His ambassadors as we joyfully anticipate His appearing.
7. The Christian's mission is to follow the Messiah's first and principal command, the Great Commandment: "Hear" (take notice and follow my instruction), "O Israel" (separated unto Me and by Me, you who carry and are identified by My Holy Name), "The Lord our God is one" (The One owning exclusive and supreme authority and power in every aspect of our lives). We, individually and corporately, are commanded and therefore choose of our own God-given will, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and with all our strength. Our mission is to demonstrate that we are Christians by certifying our Holy Spirit inspired and empowered nature. Demonstrating Almighty God's gracious love (compassion, acceptance, and forgiveness) through us, individually and corporately, in word and action, by pursuing the highest and best interests of our neighbors (those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those within our sphere of influence), showing the same concern we have for ourselves.
8. As we endeavor to meet the standards of God's love, we are to fulfill the Risen Jesus of Nazareth's Great Commission: "Go make disciples (those who learn to obey) of all nations (people of every description), baptizing (initiating with water) them in The Name of the Father (Almighty God, God above every god), and of the Son (Jesus the innocent crucified, only begotten, blameless and perfect Lamb of God, promised Son of King David, who died, the conqueror of Satan, Sin, Disease and Death, and who remains the Resurrected God-Man), and of the Holy Spirit (the Clean, Divine, incorporeal Comforter, Teacher, Inspiring and Animating Person and Power in the unified Trinitarian nature of God), and teaching (by instruction and personification) them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Those who hear and follow His voice and example).
9. Human beings are not God but were created in His likeness and image. The creation serves and is sustained by the Creator. We were created for communion with God and one another in purity and in accordance with the Holy Scriptures. Communion with God and the believers is marked by love (bold and Godly), joy (secure hope in Jesus' blessings and promises), peace (seeking to resolve conflict and fleeing dissension and divisiveness), patience (continuing to encourage and instruct others despite suffering), kindness (showing love through acts of mercy), gentleness (being humble enough to warrant being approached) and self-control. Self-control includes fidelity in heterosexual marriage, abstinence from any homosexual contact, and continence (chastity) outside the bonds of marriage. Self-control includes moderation in all matters that could jeopardize the health, safety, and legal standing of the individual created in God's image. In matters where human law, custom, or reason conflict, or appear to conflict, with the God's commandments, as revealed in Scripture, the disciples' loyalty to Scripture takes precedence.
10. We affirm the Author of Life, the stewardship of creation, through environmental preservation, and the protection and validation of the irrevocable and inherent sanctity and dignity of all forms of human life, from conception to the grave. We affirm peaceful resolution and reconciliation of conflicts between persons, groups and nations, where possible.



SECTION II

1. Application Process for Reception as a Lay Member
2. Affirmations and Declarations
3. Applicant Profile
4. How to get the forms to us

Application Process for Reception as a Third Order Lay Member of The Missioners of The Holy Spirit

1. Either initiate a personal contact with the bishop of our Order, or submit a formal email letter of Request for Reception as a Third Order Member addressed to the bishop. The letter should include a narrative summary of your Christian faith journey (Testimony) and the reason you are desiring Third Order Membership in the Society.
2. Sign and date the ***Affirmations and Declarations*** on the application.
3. Complete and the ***Application Information Profile***, sign and date the form.
4. Email/Attach the completed Affirmations, Declarations, and Application to the Order's Office.
5. Have your references submit Letters of Recommendation to the bishop. They may be submitted by email attachment.
6. Typically, after receiving the completed information, our bishop will contact you and scheduled a cordial visit (usually by video call), if this has not already happened.
7. Following the video visit, a decision will be made regarding your reception, or more information might be requested, and then a final decision will be made.
8. Upon your reception as a Third Order member, a Letter of Reception will be issued. Public recognition of your reception will be accomplished as soon as mutually convenient.
9. Recommendations for further reading/ formation which may be beneficial to you may be provided. These will be based upon your application responses and personal interview.



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Affirmations, Declarations, Monthly Freewill Contribution

Please Read, Sign, and Date the Following:

Affirmation of Doctrinal Essentials

It is by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, by the witness of the Holy Spirit, trusting in the inspiration and supremacy of the Holy Scriptures and with a confirming heart and mind that I affirm the Doctrinal Essentials of The Order of The Missioners of The Holy Spirit. By my signature I will endeavor, with God's help, to live and teach in concord with the spirit and intention of the Doctrinal Essentials. I understand that, if in the future, I disagree with the Doctrinal Essentials, I will notify the bishop and submit to his pastoral care; and if asked to do so by the bishop, I will resign my membership in the Order.

Print Name: _____ Signed _____ Date _____

Commitment to Purity

Before God, I pledge my commitment to a historical, traditional view of purity, as understood in the Historical Christian Church since the earliest of times. I reject the move of recent times where portions of Christendom have embraced and accepted practices such as intoxication, homosexuality, polyamory, transsexuality, promiscuity, fornication, adultery, and incestuous relationships as Biblically acceptable or tolerable. I embrace the heterosexual view of marriage as God designed and God ordained.

I also affirm that God created humanity in two distinct sexes: female and male. Further, our biological sex, and gender identity of either female or male, is determined at birth (with the rare exception of morphologic ambiguity) and is not fluid.

I commit myself to purity of life and purity of expression in my gender identity and sexuality; through fidelity in marriage, and abstinence in singleness.

I understand that if I violate the Commitment of Purity, I agree to submit to the bishop's pastoral care, and if asked to do so by the bishop of our Order, I will resign my membership in the Order.

Print Name: _____ Signed _____ Date _____

Commitment to Practice the Order's Rhythm of Life

I agree to join in unity with the brothers, deacons, priests, and sisters of our Order in practicing the Rhythm of Life as outlined on the Order's website <https://www.missioners.info/rhythm-of-life>

Print Name: _____ Signed _____ Date _____

Certificate of Declaration

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~ THE ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH

I do solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation and to be the inspired Word of God.

I do believe the teachings and doctrine of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church as they come to us from the Ancient Historical Faith.

I do solemnly purpose to conform to the doctrine and discipline of Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church as the CEEC has received them, and if I ever differ in the Affirmations and Declarations that I have signed above, I will immediately inform the bishop of our Order and submit to his pastoral care; and if ask to do so by the bishop, resign my membership in the Order.

Print Name: _____ Signed _____ Date _____

Monthly Contribution

All members agree to a monthly contribution to help support the work of the Order. The monthly amount will be solely determined by you, and is to be regarded as a monthly freewill offering (not a tithe). Third Order members can increase or decrease the monthly amount at any time by notifying the Bishop or Order Coordinator. Our main concern is commitment, rather than money. "My Monthly Freewill Offering will be \$_____."



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Applicant Profile

Address			
Name:			
Address:			
City:		State/Province	
Country:		ZIP	

Telephone & Internet Contact Information			
Home:		Work:	Cell:
Email:		Web Site:	

Family Information				
Marital Status	Single	Married	Divorced	Widow(er)
Name of Spouse				Date of Marriage:
Names of Dependent Children				
				Age:
				Age:
				Age:
				Age:
				Age:

Note: If you have been divorced, or the marriage was annulled, please discuss this with the Bishop; or you may send a brief email/letter explaining the circumstances of the divorce or annulment.

Local Churches Attended for the last 10 years			
Please list the parishes you have regularly attended, in present to past chronological order.			
PARISH/LOCAL CHURCH	FROM	TO	ANY RESPONSIBILITIES?

Ministries you have served			
What ministries/Christian organizations (if any) have you served? Please list in present to past chronological order.			
MINISTRY	FROM	TO	RESPONSIBILITIES



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Education: High School/GED. Colleges/Schools/Universities Attended			
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	FROM	TO	DIPLOMA/DEGREE

Three References:			
One must be clergy, preferably, your current local church pastor. All references must be Christians.			
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State/Province	ZIP	
Phone:			
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State/Province	ZIP	
Phone:			
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State/Province	ZIP	
Phone:			
IMPORTANT: Please have each reference send an email Letter of Recommendation to Bishop Jon. Your reference may also be contacted to schedule a phone or video call with Bishop Jon.			

Please answer the following questions:			
Have you ever been investigated by law enforcement for suspicion of committing a felony or misdemeanor?	Yes	No	If you answered "Yes," please explain in an attachment.
Have you ever been investigated (or fired) by a church, employer, denomination, professional agency, board, or commissioning agency regarding sexual harassment or sexual impropriety?	Yes	No	
Have you ever been investigated (or fired) by a church, employer, denomination, professional agency, board, or commissioning agency regarding financial impropriety or misappropriation?	Yes	No	

Attestation: Please read, sign, and date the following attestation.
I attest that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate. I authorize the Order of Missioners of The Holy Spirit to confirm this information through background checks, with agencies, bureaus, churches, institutions, ministries, and with the references listed above. I understand that I may be asked to provide a release for further information if deemed necessary.
Print Name: _____ Sign: _____ Date: _____



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How to Get Your Application to Us

Fill out the Affirmations, Declarations, Monthly Freewill Contribution, and Applicant Profile by either:

1. Downloading: Filling out by hand, Scanning, and Return by email attachment.
2. Downloading: Completing with a fillable PDF application (requires PDF software), and Returning by email attaching.
3. Downloading: Filling out by hand, and Mailing or Shipping to our office.

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Thank you for your application. We will contact you shortly after we receive all of your application materials. Please contact us if you have questions.



Christus Victor!