

Spiritual Training and Related Educational Experiences

Name of Program & Where It Happened

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Experience as a Spiritual Counselor, Leader and/or Teacher

Position, Title, or Nature of Activity

Starting and Ending Dates

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Brief Description of Activities

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Being a Minister is Part of Your Spiritual Path

By submitting this application you are declaring that being a Minister is a part of your personal spiritual path. If you haven't already done it, take some time to meditate on how you can best go about achieving your goals, including especially spiritual goals, through your ministry. Why are you "called" to this position? What is your mock up?

Possibilities for Participation in CCSG

As you surely know, CCSG relies on the gifts of its members for essential resources. Your personal gifts of time, talent, financial support or other things are essential to enabling this church to function. Nearly any gift you are enthused about giving will be helpful. At the same time, there is an ongoing need for certain types of participation. In addition, the Board and Director of Spiritual Training would like to know what activities you value doing, so we can plan to provide time and space for those things to happen. Please consider what you might enjoy doing at CCSG, and indicate the possibilities below. This is not a commitment or a promise, but rather an expression of interest and enthusiasm. Note that every activity listed below is currently being done by volunteers. Please check all that might apply for you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak in Church Service(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the Energy of 6-Week Classes and the Clairvoyant Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organize Church Service(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Teach 6-Week Classes / Be an Assistant With an Experienced Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Church Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Teach in the Clairvoyant Program Classes / Assist an Experienced Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be a Reading Control / Learn How | <input type="checkbox"/> Teach a Workshop, Such as the Ones Offered Monthly on Sundays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give Energy Checks To Six-Week Students | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Workshops and/or Erasure Lectures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give Energy Checks To Clairvoyant Students | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn to Lead Ceremonies Such as Weddings, Memorials and Baby Blessings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exchange Energy Checks With Other Ministers | <input type="checkbox"/> Receive Training Beyond the Clairvoyant Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Publish Our Email Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the Board of Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Maintain our Facebook Page | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a Committee of the Board of Directors (plan events, work on communications, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create or Maintain a CCSG Presence on Other Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute Financially |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Maintain Our Website | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take Out the Trash Regularly | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dispose of Recycling Regularly | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum the Building Weekly | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Read at Psychic Fairs | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Control at Psychic Fairs | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do Aura Readings Regularly | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
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The Mission Statement of the COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We are a welcoming spiritual community that engages in the practice and teaching of psychic tools, meditation, clairvoyance and healing.

We Value

- One to one communication with God;
- Communication and Cooperation with other organizations, paths and traditions;
- The teachings of different religious and spiritual organizations and individuals, as well as our ability to recognize our own truth in these.

We Believe

- We are limitless and timeless beings manifest in the physical world.
- We become free through continuous growth in our knowledge, understanding and comprehension of ourselves.
- To be free is to have never-ending acceptance, everlasting patience, and abundant amusement.

The Creed of the COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We are free. We are free to learn and grow; free to make choices and be responsible for the choices we make. We are immortal beings, each with our own unique path through many lifetimes of learning. We are part of a larger whole and all of creation teaches us and supports us on our journey. We create our own reality and have the ability to manifest our intentions in the physical world. As embodied spirits, we foster growth, change and wholeness through the practices of meditation, spiritual healing, prayer, and clairvoyance. Our practice, inspired by the world's spiritual and mystic traditions, leads us to knowledge of our true selves, the capacity to see and understand others and to know that we are part of the Divine consciousness manifest as the universe.

Why we have policies on Spiritual Conflicts of Interest and Confidentiality

Teachers at CCSG, and those who might be regarded as teachers, have an unequal relationship with our students. They have power and influence, sometimes without even realizing it. Our teachers, staff and spiritual leaders should be careful not to take advantage of that relationship in ways that are not consistent with the creed, mission and purpose of CCSG. The Policy on Spiritual Conflicts of Interest describes how to remain consistent with the spirit of our creed.

The Board believes that people who come to our church for a reading or counseling reasonably expect the content of that communication to be private. There is a broad privilege of privacy between members of the clergy and the people to whom they offer counsel. A minister may cite this privilege and legally refuse to divulge the content of privileged communications. At the same time, there are standards of moral behavior legally imposed on doctors, school teachers, therapists, etc., that are designed to protect people who are vulnerable and potentially endangered. For example, if a doctor or therapist learns of or sees evidence of child abuse, they are legally mandated to report their suspicion to law enforcement. As far as we can tell, no such legal mandate applies to members of the clergy. We do believe that members of the clergy have the legal autonomy to divulge the content of privileged communication when they think the circumstances call for it. The Board believes that it would be in the best interest of both the church and our ministers that our ministers act to stop harm to the vulnerable when they believe it is going on. That would mean that activity that harms others, especially if it is illegal, such as child abuse, should be reported. It would also mean, for example, that victimless crime such as drug abuse could be kept confidential. There are plenty of examples, such as small-time drug dealing, that are difficult to judge. Therefore, application of this policy has to be taken on a case-by-case basis. The CCSG Policy on the Confidentiality of Spiritual Counselings provides guidelines for ministers and Clairvoyant Students on how to go about appropriately observing and maintaining that confidentiality.

CCSG Policy on Spiritual Conflicts of Interest

(a) Prohibition of Spiritual Conflicts of Interest

Anyone who is or might be regarded as Staff of CCSG or SJPI is prohibited from engaging in any romantic relationship or financial transaction with any student of CCSG or SJPI, or with anyone who has been a student within the last 90 days.

(b) Definitions

For the purposes of this policy we define “person who might be regarded as Staff of CCSG or SJPI” as any member of the Board of Directors of CCSG, any officer of the church, or any volunteer serving in a supervisory capacity (such as class control or assistant or spiritual counseling supervisor or control). For the purposes of this policy we define “student” as any person taking classes (including but not limited to any 6-week classes or series of workshops or the Clairvoyant Class) or currently in a program at CCSG/ SJPI (including but not limited to the Clairvoyant Program or any training programs for graduates). For the purposes of this policy a “student” remains a “student” for 90 days after the completion of their most recent class. For the purposes of this policy a “romantic relationship” includes dating, private social contact, or the like. A “romantic relationship” is not to be inferred from attendance as part of a group at an event such as a party, concert, etc. A “financial transaction” would include (but not be limited to) the purchase or sale of goods or services (including spiritual counseling), business or financial partnership, or the giving or receiving of financial or investment advice.

(c) Limits and Exceptions

We note that our staff often recommends classes at CCSG to acquaintances. This practice grows our community and often benefits those acquaintances who become students. Therefore CCSG appreciates those recommendations. This policy does require staff members whose acquaintances become students to suspend their pursuit of new romantic or financial relationships with those acquaintances. This policy does not apply to the recommendation of family members, spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends, business partners, etc. That is, pre-existing relationships are excluded. The policy does apply to the recommendation of our staff’s clients or patrons who have received readings or spiritual counselings from our staff. We require that staff suspend any private therapeutic, professional reading or spiritual counseling relationship with students of the church for the entire time that they are students and at least 90 days thereafter.

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CCSG Policy on the Confidentiality of Spiritual Counselings

(a) The Privacy of those Who Receive Counseling at CCSG Should Be Protected

Ministers and ministers-in-training of CCSG, which include clairvoyant students, are entitled to assert the privilege of privacy granted to “members of the clergy” under California law. This privilege applies to the content of readings, healings and all spiritual counselings, which can and should be regarded as “penitential communications” under the law. In addition to the legal privilege of privacy, we believe that people who come to CCSG/SJPI for readings, healings and counseling have an expectation of reasonable privacy regarding the content of these communications: that they will be kept confidential except as appropriate to their own well being and the training of our students. Note that when a “member of the clergy” consults with a colleague who is also clergy, that does not constitute a breach of privacy under law. Therefore, teachers and students may discuss the content of readings, healings and counselings for training purposes without concern. At the same time, gossip and “telling stories” for purposes that do not benefit visitors to CCSG or the training of our students and staff should never take place. We do not expect our students or graduate counselors to keep their activities or experiences at CCSG secret, but that when talking about what they do here they should be sensitive to the privacy of the people who have come to them, and protect that privacy. The Board of Directors may discipline members of the church fail to honor CCSG’s value of confidentiality and privacy, as their conduct would reflect on the church.

(b) Exceptions to the general expectation of confidentiality.

Surely some people who come to CCSG will be engaging in activities that are illicit, illegal or harmful to others. We advise and expect those who read, heal or counsel at CCSG, or with any possible perception of representing CCSG, to guide those they work with toward halting any on-going activities that are illicit, illegal or harmful to others. There is no legal obligation for “members of the clergy,” which include ministers and ministers-in-training of CCSG and clairvoyant students, to report any confidentially acquired knowledge of wrong-doing to government or law enforcement. At the same time, we believe it essential, for the reputation of the church and furtherance of its creed and mission, that no impression of condoning such activity ever be given. As a general rule, we expect everyone doing counseling at CCSG who becomes aware of activities that are illicit, illegal or harmful to others to advise anyone engaged in those activities to stop them right away. In cases where one of our members becomes aware that a person may be doing harm to themselves or others, we encourage and expect that member to confer with at least two senior leaders of CCSG (members of the Board of Directors or officers of the church). In rare circumstances, the ministers consulting on the matter may determine it to be in the best interest of all concerned to voluntarily inform appropriate outside personnel, such as law enforcement, of the situation. Such circumstances might include on-going child abuse, dealing addictive drugs, etc. We note that it is impossible to write rules that can be applied clearly to every situation: these cases will call for a great deal of judgment based on the specific circumstances.